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Istvan, Bell win 2004 presidential election

Candidates react to results of Student Senate vote

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
News Writer

The Student Senate broke the election deadlock Sunday afternoon, electing Adam Istvan the next student body president by a 15-13 vote.

While senators were constitutionally bound to vote for the candidate that the majority of their dorm voted for, they were not informed of their dorm's vote until Sunday's meeting.

Judicial Council President Elliot Poindexter declined to release dorm vote totals to The Observer.

Poindexter announced the Senate's vote to Istvan's vice president Karla Bell and to candidate Charlie Ebersol and his running mate James Leito following the Senate's meeting. Istvan did not attend the announcement, as he was returning from a planned trip to Michigan to visit his fiancée.

"I am very excited, very happy. I think we're going to do

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ND STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT ELECTION RESULTS			
VOTING FOR ADAM ISTVAN:		VOTING FOR CHARLIE EBERSOL:	
MEN'S HALLS			
ALUMNI	O'NEILL	CARROLL	SIEGFRIED
DILLON	ST. EDWARD'S	KEOUGH	
FISHER	SORIN	WOMEN'S HALLS	
KEENAN	STANFORD	BADIN	MCGLINN
KNOTT	ZAHM	BREEN-PHILLIPS	PANGBORN
MORRISSEY		CAVANAUGH	PASQUERILLA EAST
WOMEN'S HALLS		LEWIS	PASQUERILLA WEST
FARLEY	OFF CAMPUS	LYONS	WELSH FAMILY
HOWARD	WALSH		
15 VOTES		13 VOTES	
2004-2005 STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT			
ADAM ISTVAN			

SOURCE: Judicial Council

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Student body vice president-elect Karla Bell reacts to the news of Adam Istvan's and her election to office. Istvan was in Michigan visiting his fiancée at the time of the announcement.

Student senators debate constitutional procedure, equal representation

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
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Many of the 28 senators who cast votes to elect Adam Istvan student body president Sunday criticized the system that required them resolve the election by casting their votes

according to how their dorm voted, and one senator even left the emergency meeting early when he realized the senators' presence was merely a formality.

Citing constitutional procedure, Judicial Board president Elliot Poindexter said all senators were required to vote for

the candidate who received a plurality of the votes in their dorms and, in the event that the candidates tied, then the dorm's senator would choose which candidate the dorm would vote for. The constitution also states that had there been a tie in the Senate vote that student body vice presi-

dent Emily Chin would break the tie.

But Poindexter said there was a clear winner in each dorm, leading to a 15-13 decision in favor of Istvan. Yet while Poindexter released information about how each

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Monologue demonstrators asked to shut down table in LaFortune



SHAWNA MONSON/The Observer

Members of the V-Day movement work from a booth Friday after being relocated by LaFortune management. The action was taken in response to Carole Kennelly's wearing of a bikini laced with "Rape Free Zone" red tape.

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

A group of Notre Dame students promoting Saturday's performance of "The Vagina Monologues" were told to leave the LaFortune Student Center on Friday.

The group had reserved a table across from the Huddle on the first floor of LaFortune for Friday afternoon in order to promote "The Monologues," but the event turned into a demonstration that offended guests of the student center,

said Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities.

"They said they were going to be promoting the ... event this weekend and it was really much more of a demonstration," he said. "They reserved [the table] under one purpose and did something different."

Coughlin said that his office received several complaints, both by phone and in person, from individuals shopping at the Huddle who said they were upset with what they considered aggressive behavior on the part of the group. Witnesses in LaFortune at the

time of the incident characterized the group's actions as "intimidating."

Some members, including Notre Dame junior Carole Kennelly, came dressed in bikinis wrapped in police-style tape with the words "rape free zone."

"There were a couple of people who weren't exactly thrilled with us being there," she said.

Kennelly said that one woman in particular approached her and asked if she had ever been raped. She

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Queer Film Festival ends without protests

By ANDREW THAGARD
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame's first Queer Film Festival concluded Saturday after drawing large crowds but none of the protests that some had anticipated on the campus of a Catholic university.

"It was very successful," said Liam Dacey, a senior Film, Television and Theater major who organized the event. "It's been the best weekend I've had at Notre Dame."

The four-day festival opened Wednesday evening to a sold out crowd in the Hesburgh Library auditorium. A showing of the film "Jim in Bold" was followed by a question-and-answer session with director Glenn Holsten. The remainder of the festival featured additional films and sessions with directors, producers and screenwriters, though these events did not sell out, Dacey said.

Notre Dame students, faculty and alumni attended the festival, which featured a screenwriting workshop with alumnus Don Roos, a director and writer and two panel discussions titled "Gay

Hollywood: Still in the Closet" and "Film and the Construction of Sexual Identity," in addition to the films.

The two most popular events, Dacey said, turned out to be on Thursday and Saturday nights.

On Thursday, director John Cameron Mitchell came to campus to showcase his film "Hedwig and the Angry Inch." The film and its director drew a busload of fans from Chicago and some of the attendees dressed up in costumes featured in the movie. Saturday's event was also significant as it featured a screening of the film "The Opposite of Sex" Roos.

Dacey said that the event marked one of few times that Roos had returned to campus since he was a student here several decades ago and that his visit left him more impressed with his alma mater.

"After this weekend his whole viewpoint on Notre Dame changed," Dacey said.

Students who attended the festival also said they were pleased with the event.

Junior Ryan Metheny said he

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INSIDE COLUMN

Tunnel vision

I know what's down there. I've now seen the inside of Notre Dame's worst-and-best-kept secret: the tunnels. Worst-kept: you'd have to be oblivious not to notice the selective snow-melting that streaks across South Quad and snakes past Stonehenge. Best-kept: they've been sealed off for years, leaving students with only speculation about what lies beneath—until now.



Claire Heiningger

Assistant News Editor

Let's start at the middle of it all: the tunnel more than 400 feet below the Golden Dome.

Here we find the ghosts of alcohol policies past, from a pyramid stacked high with the kegs that satiated the student sections of the 1970's to the lingering stash of hard alcohol forced to depart the dorms only two years ago.

Head down the branch towards the Stadium, and you'll uncover the football team's A-list recruits, right next to Leprechaun Mike's coordination. And if you look hard enough, you might glimpse the charred remnants of a green jersey or two.

Take a right over to North Quad, and you've hit the tunnel jackpot: leather couches, music, soft lighting, and thousands of those utterly seductive Lion King valentines from Knott Hall. It's the anti-dorm lounge, the ultimate 24-hour space, the pit where parietals come to perish — let the digging begin.

Straight past the den of sin lies LaFortune underground, where Starbucks is bottomless and quarter dogs cost a nickel. The feast just keeps getting better when you round the corner into Grab n' Go gourmet, with a selection that puts Willy Wonka to shame.

The gluttony comes to a sobering halt, however, when you reach the final stop on our tunnel tour: Big Brother. It's the above-ground e-mail censoring we've all been warned about times a hundred, with bugged microphone links to every salt shaker, every showerhead, and of course, every post-ResLife hearing, sorrows-drowning commiserating session.

Got a dirty little secret? No you don't. Big Brother knows. Notre Dame knows. And the tunnels let them keep it that way. Leaving the headquarters — feeling pretty violated, I might add — you'll pass the four people who remember in-hall SYRs and the three people who still care about student government. You'll find half the cabs in the city of South Bend, and maybe even that freshman hookup you left in one. You'll stumble upon motivation, positive gender relations, sunny skies, and all those phrases we toss around that up here, don't really exist. If you're lucky, you might even find a computer cluster stapler.

Given the uproar surrounding that idea lately, maybe it's better that the tunnels stayed shut.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Claire Heiningger at cheining@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error, the information included in election results published in a Feb. 13 graphic incorrectly listed Adam Istvan receiving 48 percent of the vote and Charlie Ebersol receiving 45 percent of the vote. The correct totals were included in the accompanying article, with Istvan receiving 48.9 percent and Ebersol receiving 43.6 percent. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IN HONOR OF PRESIDENTS' DAY, WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE PRESIDENT AND WHY?



Andrew Kawalski

Freshman Keenan

"George Washington because he had wooden teeth."



John Middleton

Senior off-campus

"Taft because he was a big fat man that got stuck in a tub."



Laura MacGregor

Sophomore Cavanaugh

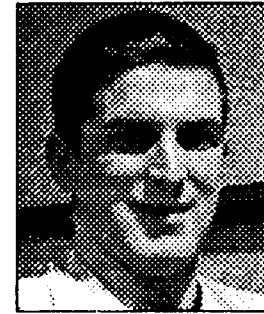
"George W. Bush because he's from Texas. Gotta love southern accents."



Natasha Sarkisian

Sophomore off-campus

"Father Hesburgh, President Emeritus of ND, because he has so many degrees."



Noah Babin

Freshman Stanford

"Colin Campbell, president of the NHL, because hockey rules!"



Wes O'Neill

Freshman Morrissey

"Paul Martin, current Prime Minister of Canada, because in Canada we don't have presidents."



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

"The Amazing Christopher" performs to during the halftime show at the Notre Dame-Seton Hall men's basketball on Saturday. The act danced to songs by the Village People and a variety of other artists, and posed for pictures with the Notre Dame cheerleaders when they finished.

IN BRIEF

Attend the Faculty Debate on Affirmative Action from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. Professors representing several different viewpoints will present their opinions on a recent issue of controversy on campus.

Come and hear from ND faculty students who recently traveled to Nigeria at the Catholic Church in Africa presentation tonight from 9:15 to 10:30 p.m. in the lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center. They will relate their experiences with the people and church of Africa and provide time for questions.

Sharpen your interviewing skills at an interviewing workshop from 5 to 5:45 p.m. in 114 Flanner Hall. The workshop is sponsored by the Career Center.

Come to the Saint Mary's Post-Graduate Service Fair from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Noble Family Dining Room on Tuesday. Students of all class levels from both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame are encouraged to attend and speak with experienced professionals about volunteer and service opportunities.

Juniors, pick up your Junior Parents Weekend tickets from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. Tickets will also be available for pick-up at the same location beginning at 1 p.m. Friday.

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

OFFBEAT

Sleepless in Shakespeare

WELLESLEY, Mass. — A college drama group with a soft spot for William Shakespeare began a marathon session Sunday evening to read all the legendary playwright's works in 24 hours. Unabridged.

The Wellesley College Shakespeare Society is hoping their efforts don't turn out to be "The Comedy of Errors" and instead land them in the Guinness Book of World Records as the first to read the works in such a short amount of time.

"It's a huge overnighter. We are going to be crazy

with iambic pentameter," said Alison Buchbinder president of the society at the all-women's college outside Boston.

Mongo regains title

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Mongo the steer may now be Mongo the steak, but it isn't too late to give the dethroned state fair champion his title back, a judge has ruled.

Officials ruled at last year's Illinois State Fair that Mongo's owners had given him banned medicine to treat a sore hoof. They stripped him of his ribbon and gave the title — and

the thousands of dollars it generates — to the runner-up.

Mongo's owner, 14-year-old Whitney Gray, sued officials — accusing the state Agriculture Department of failing to follow its own procedures for publishing the rules for exhibitors' at the fair.

In his decision Friday, Sangamon County Circuit Judge Patrick Kelley agreed that the state failed to follow those procedures and ruled that the disqualification should be reversed.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 26 LOW 19	HIGH 20 LOW 17	HIGH 32 LOW 16	HIGH 38 LOW 21	HIGH 45 LOW 34	HIGH 43 LOW 24

Atlanta 44 / 33 Boston 27 / 13 Chicago 29 / 19 Denver 46 / 31 Houston 60 / 43 Los Angeles 73 / 53 Minneapolis 25 / 12 New York 32 / 21 Philadelphia 33 / 20 Phoenix 76 / 46 Seattle 52 / 44 St. Louis 37 / 25 Tampa 68 / 48 Washington 34 / 22

CORRECTION

In a Feb. 13 article "Controversy swirls around Monologues" Pangborn Hall rector Heather Rakoczy did not say that her dorm decided to discontinue the collection in support of the Vagina Monologues and to match the collection with dorm funds because of a decision rendered by the Office of Student Affairs. Rakoczy

said Student Affairs was not involved in this decision-making process and that the decision was handled within the hall after residents expressed concern about using hall funds to match the amount the collection raised. The money raised in Pangborn's collection was instead donated to the group anonymously.

Mendoza sponsors annual Ethics Week

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

In the wake of corporate scandals involving formerly respected firms like Enron, Tyco and Martha Stewart Omnimedia, the Mendoza College of Business is calling "time out."

The theme of this year's ethics week, which begins today, is "Time Out for Ethics," said accounting professor Ken Milani, who is organizing the week's activities. From today through Thursday, the College will host speakers to discuss various points of ethical behavior in modern business, both in the U.S. and beyond.

Today at 12:30, the college will host a panel discussion entitled "Enron: A Multi-Dimensional Examination of an Unethical Enterprise." Bill Schwartz, dean of the business school at Indiana University-South Bend, will moderate a panel of speakers including Matt Barrett, from the Notre Dame Law School, as well as Tom Frecka and Jim Seida, both from the Mendoza College of Business.

Milani said the downfall of Enron, the Houston-based former giant in energy trading, was a wake-up call for the entire business field.

"Enron proved that if you don't have an ethical underpinning, you'll find yourself on the outside looking in," Milani said. "It was a Fortune 20 company and basically disappeared overnight."

Tuesday's event will be a presentation on "Ethical Dimensions of Corporate Governance" by Larry Rieger, a partner at Crowe Chizek and Company. Crowe Chizek, based in South Bend, is the eighth-largest accounting firm in the U.S.

On Wednesday, John Gschwind will discuss "Ethical Implications of Operating a Multi-National Corporation." Gschwind is general counsel of General Electric Supply, and is no stranger to international business, as GE Supply's parent company General Electric is a \$134 billion company with operations in over 100 countries worldwide.

The week will wrap up with Thursday's presentation by Steve Watts, president and CEO of Sobieski Bank, a South Bend-based financial

institution. The bank was hit by a scandal in 2002, when it was revealed that Thomas Gruber, a loan officer at the bank, distributed nearly \$10 million in unauthorized loans to his cronies. In August 2002, Gruber pleaded guilty to federal bank fraud charges in connection with the scheme.

While the college is focusing on ethics this week, Milani said the work goes on year-round.

"This [week] is one more thing that says ethics is important to the college of business at Notre Dame," he said. "It's one more brick in the wall."

Father Oliver Williams, who runs the MCOB's Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business, agreed by saying ethics permeates the university and its business school.

"Enron proved that if you don't have an ethical understanding, you'll find yourself on the outside looking in."

Ken Milani
accounting professor

"Father Sorin's vision was to train not only the head, but the heart," Williams said. "We want to teach not only competence, but compassion, generosity and integrity."

He noted that undergraduate business students are required to take two courses in ethics: one about general ethical concepts, and one covering ethical implications within their respective fields of study. In addition, MBA students have a similar requirement.

Williams said the problem of business ethics is one that should be addressed at all levels of society. "You have to look at ethics not only on the individual level, but the organizational level and the systemic level," he said. "You cannot underestimate the problem."

"[Without accountability,] a small number of people can do a lot of harm to a lot of people," Williams continued. "You have to have accountability structures, so that if you do get a bad apple once in a while, the system will catch up with him."

He said Ethics Week is vital to raising the idea of trust in contemporary business.

"Trust is essential for capitalism to work," Williams said. "People don't presuppose as much trust anymore, and that's the major problem of our time."

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Cool Water, SI sponsor pageant

Mr. Keenan, John Hart, wins Mr. Cool Water title

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Getting into the role reversal spirit, Mr. Cool Water male beauty pageant emcee Cheryl Turski declared, "I think I'm ready for a walk-off!"

Keenan resident John Hart prevailed, winning the title of "Mr. Cool Water" out of a group of men from 13 dorms, as well as an off-campus resident. The event was sponsored by Sports Illustrated on Campus and Cool Water Cologne and hosted by Legends.

A diverse assortment of men competed in casual wear, evening wear and short answer competitions before the field was narrowed down to Hart, runner-up Judah Wilson of Keough, and second-runner up Marques Bolden of Siegfried. Each winner and his dorm received \$100, \$50 and \$25, respectively.

The other finalists were Drew Updike of Zahm Hall and Jon Puposar of Alumni. Semi-finalists were Michael Riess of Morrissey, Collin O'Keefe of Sorin, Kevin Phipps of St. Edward's and John Lyons of Knott Hall.

Also participating were Andre Valdivia of Carroll Hall, Christian Brown of O'Neill, Dave Welch of Stanford, Russell Morton of Fisher and Peter Boldin, representing off-campus students.

The judges were representatives from the women's residence halls.

"It was a really pleasant surprise," said Valerie Ralph, a sophomore and the Cavanaugh hall president, "because originally it was something I had to do ... but it turned into a front-row seat at the most hilarious display of attractive men I have seen in my life."

The standing-room-only crowd at Legends attended for a variety of reasons.

"I came to support Collin O'Keefe," said Walsh junior Laura Fraczek. "The pageant was run really well. There was a really good turnout."

The contestants were presented in the first round, with a variety of dance moves and runway styles. Updike channeled John Travolta with a cigarette and "Stayin' Alive," while Lyons par-



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Mr. Keenan, John Hart, is crowned Mr. Cool Water at a pageant held Saturday at Legends. The event was also sponsored by Sports Illustrated.

odied the movie "Zoolander" and Riess simply removed his shirt.

Eight contestants moved on to the final round, with crowd response selecting the final semi-finalist: Alumni's Puposar. The evening-wear phase allowed each contestant to show his sophisticated side, with Riess modeling a shirtless tuxedo and Wilson distributing flowers and chocolates.

The final five contests were each asked a question and allowed a set amount of time to respond. Puposar was asked which cartoon superhero best suited his personality.

"Clark Kent, because when he's not Superman, he dresses really well as a reporter," Puposar said. At the crowd's laughter, he elaborated, "I'm a metrosexual, yes. ... Superpowers mean nothing when you look good."

Bolton described his dream date with a Sports Illustrated swimsuit model, explaining that "she doesn't have to wear a swimsuit, just not a lot of clothes ... we'd go back to her place and play some Monopoly."

Hart then explained his dream vacation to the Australian

Outback, and Wilson answered a question regarding a hypothetical pet monkey.

"I'm a big fan of Frank Sinatra, so I would name it Frank," Wilson said. "I don't know if monkeys can sing, but I'd try to teach him to do this," he said, breaking into Sinatra's classic hit "The Way You Look Tonight."

"It would be a really cool monkey," he concluded.

Hart said he was pleasantly surprised to be named Notre Dame's Mr. Cool Water, having entered on a whim.

"I thought I'd have a lot of fun with it, I'd go out there and be ridiculous," he said. "[Winning] was kind of surprise."

The event also featured three raffle winners, gift bags for attendees and free blue martinis for audience members of legal age. Notre Dame was the first school to host the Mr. Cool Water event, with Sports Illustrated on Campus also traveling to the University of Colorado and the University of Virginia for similar events.

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SMC celebrates heart month

By MICHELLE EGGERS
News Writer

In recognition of American Heart Month, Saint Mary's College Health and Wellness Services is sponsoring "Heart Truth for Women" activities this week to educate women about heart disease.

One out of three American women dies of heart disease, making it the number one killer of women nationwide.

"This seemed like something new to do that interested the Saint Mary's community," Health and Wellness staff member Cathi DeCleene said. "Since heart disease is the number one killer of women, you can't start becoming aware about it too soon."

The activities kick off today with a "Heart Healthy Breakfast and Conversation." Certified dietitian Anna Ubran-Waserski and

Health and Wellness staff will appear at a heart-healthy breakfast with a discussion about preventing heart disease and recognizing risk factors.

Every day this week, a "Daily Heart Walk" will be held in the Angela Athletic facility between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Students, faculty and staff are challenged to walk at least 30 minutes at least four out of five days. Those who meet these requirements will receive a free "My heart beats for Saint Mary's" T-shirt and are entered into Friday's "red" raffle.

The week's events conclude on Friday with a "Heart Smart Lunch," where nutrition information will be posted next to each food station in Noble Family Dining Hall. DeCleene said Ubran-Waserski worked with the dining to create a heart healthy menu.

At 12:30 p.m., a "Wear Red

Fashion Show" will take place. Red outfits donated from local businesses such as Marshall Fields, Casual Corner, Kohl's and Inspire Me will be modeled by students. During the show, the "red" raffle will occur.

In addition to the week's activities, all month "Heartfelt Thanks" are available. For one dollar, Health and Wellness staff provides stationary with a heart fact, an envelope and postage that can be personalized to send a message of appreciation. Funds collected will be donated to "WomenHeart: The National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease."

"Response has been good so far," DeCleene said. "A lot of people have sent someone a message of appreciation."

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Reaction

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a great job," Bell said. Istvan later said he was happy the popular vote was followed.

"At this point, I was just glad that what the will of the students was is what happened. I was excited on Thursday when we got a large victory in the popular vote and I'm glad that we got the victory from the students," Istvan said.

Ebersol said that the results were not unexpected, as Istvan had captured 1,723 votes as compared to his 1,538 in Thursday's runoff election.

"I didn't think we were going to win, the numbers just didn't work out in the dorms. There is no way the numbers could have worked out," Ebersol said.

Istvan received 975 more votes in the runoff election than he did in the first election, which he attributed to the merits of his ticket, among other factors.

"The endorsements [of the other tickets] ... helped us build our own support in addition to the 'anyone but Charlie' [mind-

set among some students]. But [Ebersol has] never been anything but completely pleasant and [Leito] is a spectacular student leader and I would expect to see him in student government in the future," Istvan said.

Ebersol said he could not imagine changing the way he campaigned.

"I don't think we could have run any different a campaign. I think that we did everything that could have been thought of in running a presidential election and I think at this point we have to just move forward," Ebersol said.

Istvan said he planned to incorporate the some of the ideas of the other candidates, saying that student government is "all about great ideas."

"Ryan [Craft] and Steve [Lynch] had the staplers in the computer clusters, I gotta go with it. I haven't spoken with them yet, but if [Ebersol] says he can get a student on the Board of Trustees, that is something no one can afford to overlook. Any help in that area he can give me would be greatly appreciated," Istvan said.

Ebersol said his campus involvement next year would likely take the form of work

with the Kroc Institute. Leito said he was open to speaking with Istvan and Bell about working in student government next year.

Istvan, whose previous experience with student government is limited to serving as a dorm dance commissioner, said he would work in the next weeks to overcome this inexperience.

"I have to ask the current administration a million questions. I want to surround myself with an experienced staff. We are not in office by ourselves," Istvan said.

Istvan said he would also benefit from the efforts to streamline student government that took place and that he would keep the main idea of the changes in place.

"The general idea of the changes ... to streamline student government, to get our own house in order, is a positive step," Istvan said. "It's going to make my job easier, especially being a less experienced president. It's going to make our job much easier having a new structure in place."

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Film

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enjoyed attending the film screening on Thursday night and thought that the festival was a step in the right direction for the University.

"I think Notre Dame especially needs to see how people who aren't part of the homogenous Notre Dame group live their lives because it's very different," he said.

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also called the group's actions inappropriate.

"I was wearing a bikini and I had the 'rape free zone' tape wrapped around me," she said. "She thought that was lewd and inappropriate."

Shortly after this encounter, Kennelly said, representatives from Student Activities approached the table and told the group to close it. The group then relocated to a booth not far from the original table where they continued to hand out literature.

"That really made them mad and they came down an hour later and told us [that] we needed to leave," Kennelly said.

Coughlin said that Friday's dismissal resulted from the group's decision to deviate

from the agreement they made in reserving the table through Student Activities, not the students' choice of clothing. He said, however, that there is an expectation that visitors will take care in how they dress while in the building.

"We would just ask any guest of LaFortune to dress in a manner appropriate," he said.

Controversy continued to surround the production of "The Monologues" on Saturday. Members of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Right to Life and area churches converged outside of Stephen Center before the performance to protest against it, waving signs and distributing miraculous medals.

WNDU contributed to this story.

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Three mules cloned successfully

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Three young mules who are the first members of the horse family to be cloned are all healthy, normal and energetically enjoying life, say researchers who put them on display here Sunday.

Idaho Gem, born May 4, 2003, was the first successful cloning of an equine. He was followed by siblings Utah Pioneer on June 9 and Idaho

Star on July 27. The clonings were a project of the Northwest Equine

Reproduction Laboratory at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho.

All three were born to surrogate mares from embryos that were cloned using eggs from horses and cells taken from the 45-day-old fetus of a mule. The cloned mules are the true siblings of Taz, a famous rac-

ing mule. Researchers bred Taz's parents, a jack donkey and a horse mare, and allowed the resulting fetus to grow for 45 days. This provided the DNA needed for the clones.

Gordon Woods, director of the University of Idaho laboratory, said the animals undergo intensive medical tests every three months and all three appear to be normal and healthy.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rare snowstorm hits Middle East

AMMAN, Jordan — A rare storm dumped more than two feet of snow on parts of the Middle East, breaking power lines in Lebanon, collapsing a wall at a holy site in Israel and delaying talks between Israelis and Palestinians. At least one person was killed.

In the capital of this desert kingdom, snowmen lined the streets of Amman on Sunday, and children sledged on plastic tubs and bowls. Parts of Jordan received as much as 2 1/2 feet of snow, and more was reported in outlying Lebanese and Syrian villages.

The wintry blanket stranded motorists and closed schools and businesses Sunday, the first day of the work week for much of the region.

Iran to sell nuke fuel worldwide

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran has offered to sell nuclear reactor fuel on the international market as a way to demonstrate that it has the technology, a senior foreign ministry official said Sunday.

Iran has the technology to enrich uranium for the fuel, but hasn't done so, the official said, in remarks signaling Iran soon may resume uranium enrichment, which it suspended last fall.

Once it produces nuclear fuel, Iran would market it under the supervision of the United Nations nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the official added, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The United States seeks to restrict countries from acquiring uranium enrichment technology if they have not already done so.

NATIONAL NEWS

Cruise ship virus strikes 300

GALVESTON, Texas — A Carnival Cruise Lines ship returned from a five-day cruise to Mexico on Saturday with more than 300 people sick with a gastrointestinal illness.

Carnival officials said preliminary tests show the outbreak might have been caused by a norovirus. The virus is spread through contaminated food, contact with infected people or poor hygiene. It can be prevented by regular hand-washing.

"They did try to handle it very well, from a cleaning perspective and disinfecting and sanitizing things," passenger Christal Davis said after leaving the ship.

Bush attends Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — President Bush throttled up his re-election campaign Sunday by donning a racing jacket and opening the Daytona 500, NASCAR's most prestigious event in a sport that draws a prized voter profile.

"Gentlemen, start your engines!" Bush said, squinting up from pit road to the grandstands, where some 180,000 fans roared. They were promptly drowned out by the scream of stock car engines roaring to life.

Bush seemed to relish a chance to see what he called "one of America's great sporting spectacles."

STATE NEWS

Drug makers recruit students

INDIANAPOLIS — A 19-year-old woman who committed suicide this month while participating in an Eli Lilly and Co. drug trial was among the hundreds of college students recruited to become human research subjects.

Although it is uncertain how many college students offer themselves for the tests, they are exposed on their campuses to notices for the thousands of ongoing research projects via e-mails, Web sites, fliers and word of mouth.

Traci Johnson, a former student at Indiana Bible College in Indianapolis, was one of 25 local healthy volunteers taking higher-than-normal doses of duloxetine, a compound developed by Lilly to treat incontinence and depression.

Advisers: Dean close to quitting

Campaign chairman says nominee 'likely to be John Kerry;' Dean stays defiant

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Howard Dean is preparing to abandon his race for the Democratic presidential nomination if he loses Wisconsin's primary, several advisers said Sunday, despite the candidate's assertions to the contrary.

Steve Grossman, national chairman of Dean's campaign, said the former Vermont governor will seek to convert his grass-roots network into a movement that helps expand the party and elect the Democratic nominee — "and, obviously, that looks likely to be John Kerry."

The sentiments were echoed by other high-ranking campaign officials, though they differed on how much — if any — direct help Dean would be willing to give Kerry. Polls show the Massachusetts senator, who has won 14 of 16 contests to date, holding a wide lead in Wisconsin, site of Tuesday's contest.

The comments came as Dean struck a defiant tone hours before debating his rivals in Milwaukee. "We're going to keep going, no matter what, because I think there are a lot of people all over this country who want to rebuild the party and rebuild America in a different way," Dean said on "Fox News Sunday."

Dean had told supporters via e-mail that a defeat Tuesday would end his bid for the nomination, but he has backed away from that statement in recent days.

Several advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Dean has privately acknowledged that his prospects for the presidency will effectively end if he suffers another major defeat Tuesday. They leave open the remote possibility that he will waver again, but said it's highly unlikely given his comments in recent meetings.

And, for the first time, there is growing consensus among advisers that it would be foolhardy for Dean to continue fighting for the nomination beyond Wisconsin. The circle of die-hards has shrunk, and most confidants are telling Dean it's time to begin making plans to convert his Internet-fueled network into a long-term political movement.

"I have no doubt he'll support the nominee in any way he can, no matter who the nominee is and obviously that nominee looks to be John Kerry," Grossman said in a telephone interview from Vermont. "He may say that Tuesday night. He may wait until Wednesday or Thursday to say that."

Grossman said Dean feels just as strongly that he is obligated to press for reforms supported by voters who made him last year's front-runner. "In what form that movement takes, I can't spell that out to you and I don't think Howard could right now, either," said Grossman, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

"I believe that work will effectively be in concert with ... and fairly supportive of John Kerry, should he become the nominee, and it appears he will," Grossman said.

Other top advisers said they had doubts whether Dean would ever work directly on Kerry's behalf this year. They are discussing ways to use Dean's network to help elect Democrats to Congress who would support Kerry's agenda as president, several officials said. Scores of



Reuters

Presidential candidate Howard Dean speaks Saturday during a campaign stop in Racine, Wis. Some of Dean's close advisers have said he will bow out of the race if he loses Tuesday's Wisconsin primary.

campaign aides were making plans to leave their jobs after Tuesday.

Campaign manager Roy Neel did not dispute the assertions of Grossman and other advisers, but said it was premature to write Dean's campaign obituary.

"Any and all options are on the table," Neel said. "The results Tuesday night will help dictate what he does but he is still passionately committed to continuing the message. What form he does it in, any option for that is on the table."

Advisers say Dean is torn between his pragmatic conclusion that the race is about over and his emotional attachment to the fight itself and his supporters. His staff is looking at several options — such as suspending, not technically ending, the campaign — that would give Dean a

voice in the process even after he concedes.

"This is a delicate balancing act that has to be struck for Howard Dean," Grossman said. "His supporters, they will not want him to give up and will want to carry out the cause. His name is on the ballot in many states whether he campaigns or is less engaged. The fact is Howard Dean will do everything possible to help the nominee. He will do nothing to undercut the nominee's success."

The advisers sought to square their perceptions with Dean's public remarks.

"When Howard Dean says he's not going to quit, what he means is the battle to restore democracy and citizen participation is long-term and he's not going to quit on that battle," Grossman said.

IRAQ

Leaders promise not to interfere

Associated Press

KUWAIT CITY — Iraq's neighbors pledged Sunday not to meddle in Iraqi affairs but urged U.S.-led coalition forces to fulfill their duty in providing security there.

Foreign ministers from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Kuwait, Syria plus politically influential Egypt wrapped up a two-day meeting at a luxury hotel in the Kuwaiti capital Sunday about the repercussions of developments in Iraq on their region.

The group has met four times since U.S. forces overthrew Saddam Hussein in April, but this weekend's talks were the first to include an Iraqi representative. Bahrain also attended as a representative of the Arab League.

The nations affirmed "their commitment to the principal of noninterference in domestic affairs" and urged others to do the same.

The group's final communique vowed to support Iraqis as they assume control of their country from U.S.-led forces July 1 and respect the wishes of the Iraqi people. They urged the United Nations to "carry out its pivotal responsibilities" in hastening the transfer of power and carrying out the country's elections.

The group also expressed the importance of a unified Iraq.

Arab nations had expressed concern about a proposal by the U.S.-led coalition to reorganize Iraq into a federal system before transferring power, fearing it may empower ethnic groups and lead to the country's partition and regional instability.

But Iraq's Foreign Minister, Hoshiyar Zebari, assured the ministers that would not happen and asked them to keep out of Iraqi affairs.

He told The Associated Press they should "leave it for the Iraqis themselves to decide their own political future, and not dictate."

The issue of securing borders with neighboring countries did not figure in the final communique. That is most pressing for Iraqis who fear foreign fighters will cross the border and stir up trouble.

However, the ministers condemned acts of terror in Iraq, saying those who carry them out must be identified and punished. They called on the U.S.-led coalition to "assume [its] responsibilities ... according to international agreements." They did not elaborate.

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senator voted, he did not release actual dorm-by-dorm voting figures based on Thursday's election, a practice the Judicial Board has followed in the past.

Poindexter said that he and director of student activities Brian Coughlin knew the exact breakdowns on Thursday. But the Judicial Board president didn't tell each senator how they were required to vote until the Sunday meeting.

In a 20-minute debate about the constitutional process before the election, Knott senator Brain Agganis said that senators questioned their role in the process and discussed their opinions regarding the election procedure. Agganis said he was disappointed in the system and believed that this election was proof there are flaws in the procedure and structure.

Several senators expressed concern regarding representation through the Senate's vote.

Amy Chambers, the off-campus senator, said that questions about the disproportionate off-campus representation on Senate had not been an issue prior to the election, but became critical when the emergency meeting was called.

"It's pretty ridiculous," Chambers said. "I was kind of fired up about this. Carroll gets one vote and they have a

hundred people. I get one vote and I have 1,600 people — so my people are one-sixteenth as important as Carroll's people. It just seems strange because we're all supposed to have an equal voice, and Carroll students in this election were 16 times as important as [off-campus] students."

Brin Anderson, senator from Howard — the second smallest women's dorm on campus — said she was not opposed to the current system where each hall had one vote regardless of size. Anderson said that not necessarily everyone in those larger dorms voted to warrant proportional representation.

Anderson added that senators raised concerns regarding the meeting's purpose.

"It was difficult when we went in because we knew [Poindexter knew] how the votes were going to fall and I think a lot of senators felt trapped," Anderson said.

However, senators entered Sunday's meeting unaware of the vote they would have to cast.

Chin said she thought that Poindexter would have informed her prior to the meeting if it was a possibility she would have to make the deciding vote.

"It would be a huge burden to take on that responsibility," Chin said. "I think I would have been informed if I had to make that decision prior. I wasn't very concerned about making that decision."

Keenan senator Dan Zenker said after talking with sever-

al other senators that a common concern arose over whether it was right to vote strictly following dorm totals, even if a majority of the student population was not in favor of the chosen candidate. Zenker was one of two senators, the other being Natasha Mikah from Lyons, who were not present at the actual meeting because of personal reasons, Chin said.

Zenker, who also sits on the Council of Representatives, said he believes that election procedures would be addressed at Wednesday's Senate meeting, even though Senate voted to transfer its power to amend the Student Union Constitution to the Council.

While Chin said senators would have been reprimanded for misconduct had they decided not to vote based on their dorm's decision, they were given the option to leave after Poindexter distributed the envelopes informing the senators of the vote they were required to cast.

Siegfried senator Mike Maus opted to leave because he did not believe the process was representative of dorm population.

"It was merely a fact that we didn't have a say in our vote and we had to vote how our dorm did, which isn't necessarily a bad thing," Maus said. "But without the proper representation regardless of size, it was basically unnecessary to have the meeting."

Maus said he was uncertain prior to the meeting whether

he would leave, but that after it became apparent that issues regarding the voting procedure would not be resolved, and that his presence was merely a formality, he decided to leave.

"It was nothing personal," Maus said. "It was just the principle as to how the votes were to be counted — it just didn't feel right with the way the votes were to be counted."

Poindexter likened the current student government structure to the U.S. government's Electoral College, but added that the main difference was that had a stalemate been reached in a national election, the House of Representatives — the body based on proportional representation — would render the decision.

Poindexter said he was confident in the current system and offered his hope that this year's election will influence a greater amount of students to vote in subsequent elections. Less than half of the undergraduate population voted in this election, with a total of 3,524 ballots being cast.

Poindexter said he and Coughlin met Thursday to review election guidelines.

Coughlin said he believes this is the first time that a candidate has not received the needed 50 percent plus one vote to be named to the top student government position and that the decision was left to the Senate.

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Gunshot linked to series of shootings

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The day after the chief investigator said authorities were closing in on a serial highway shooter, a man stood in plain view on an overpass and fired a handgun at cars below. He then walked to his car and slipped into traffic.

Ballistics testing has confirmed that the Saturday morning shooting was the 24th in a series in the Columbus area, investigators said Sunday. No one was injured in that shooting.

The bullet recovered from the battery of a sport utility vehicle struck on Interstate 70 matches eight others recovered during the investigation, including the one that killed a woman in November, according to a release. The others have been linked by factors including location and circumstances.

Experts said the shooter is becoming bolder after evading capture for three months, when authorities first established a pattern in the shootings.

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MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	+3.32	+0.10	26.59
INTEL CORP (INTC)	+0.52	+0.03	30.14
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-0.78	-0.19	24.06
CORVIS CORP (CORV)	-3.16	-0.95	2.11

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.34	-0.17	49.22
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.25	-0.10	40.48
5-YEAR NOTE	-1.86	-0.57	30.09
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IN BRIEF

U.S. trade deficit hits new high

WASHINGTON — America's trade deficit ballooned to an all-time high in 2003, reflecting the hearty U.S. appetite for foreign-made cars, clothing and TVs.

The total deficit was \$489.4 billion, 17.1 percent larger than the previous record, set in 2002, the Commerce Department reported Friday. The deficit with China alone was close to \$124 billion, also a record.

The value of foreign goods and services sold to the United States swelled to a record \$1.5 trillion for the year, an 8.3 percent increase, as the economy gained momentum in the second half of the year.

Feds to indict Enron ex-CEO

HOUSTON — Federal prosecutors are preparing criminal charges against former Enron Corp. chief executive Jeffrey Skilling for an indictment expected to be handed up this month, perhaps as early as next week, sources close to the case told The Associated Press Friday.

The two sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the government focused on Skilling after securing a guilty plea to two counts of conspiracy from former Enron finance chief Andrew Fastow last month. But they said the process was delicate and public revelation of the new case could be delayed.

The Houston Chronicle first reported in its online edition early Friday that prosecutors were finalizing possible charges against Skilling.

Lawyer grilled in Parmalat probe

ROME — A longtime lawyer for Parmalat's jailed founder Calisto Tanzi is being investigated for possible money laundering, as investigators in the fraud probe of the dairy giant keep digging into the company's intricate finances.

Lawyer Michele Ributti denies he laundered money for Tanzi, his attorney said Friday.

Prosecutors questioned Ributti in his office Thursday night in downtown Milan, searching the office and seizing some documents, said his attorney, Vittorio D'Aiello. They are looking at the transfer of money — reportedly more than \$1 million — from Parmalat to Ributti's accounts in 2001 and 2002.

SOFTWARE

Critics slam Microsoft culture

Security expert decries 'monoculture,' says worldwide computer security at risk

Associated Press

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Dan Geer lost his job, but gained his audience. The very idea that got the computer security expert fired has sparked serious debate in information technology.

The idea, borrowed from biology, is that Microsoft Corp. has nurtured a software "monoculture" that threatens global computer security.

Geer and others believe Microsoft's software is so dangerously pervasive that a virus capable of exploiting even a single flaw in its operating systems could wreak havoc.

Just this past week, Microsoft warned customers about security problems that independent experts called among the most serious yet disclosed. Network administrators could only hope users would download the latest patch.

After he argued in a paper published last fall that the monoculture amplifies online threats, Geer was fired by security firm @stake Inc., which has had Microsoft as a major client.

Geer insists there's been a silver lining to his dismissal. Once it got discussed on Slashdot.org and other online forums, the debate about Microsoft's ubiquity gained in prominence.

"No matter where I look I seem to be stumbling over the phrase 'monoculture' or some analog of it," Geer, 53, said in a recent interview in his Cambridge home.

In biology, species with little genetic variation — or "monocultures" — are the most vulnerable to catastrophic epidemics. Species that share a single fatal flaw could be wiped out by



Microsoft corporate headquarters in Redmond, Wash. is pictured in this file photo. The world's leading software maker has come under fire, as security experts criticized what they call a dangerous 'monoculture' that could threaten security.

a virus that can exploit that flaw. Genetic diversity increases the chances that at least some of the species will survive every attack.

"When in doubt, I think of, 'how does nature work?'" said Geer, a talkative man with mutton chop sideburns and a doctorate in biostatistics from Harvard University.

"Which leads you, when you think about shared risk, to think about monoculture, which leads you to think about epidemic. Because the idea of an epidemic is not radically different from what we're talking about with the Internet."

Geer isn't the first to argue that the logic of living viruses also applies to the computer variety, and that the dominance and tight integration of Microsoft

operating systems and software makes the global computing ecosystem vulnerable to a cascading failure.

Geer's paper did little more than make the point with particular fervor — which only intensified when Geer was fired.

"The hoopla around him losing his job gave the story some extra frisson," said Internet security expert Bruce Schneier, a co-author of Geer's. "He got fired because @stake wanted to be nice to their masters. But it's like the Christian Church boycotting a movie — everybody wants to see it now."

Microsoft, which denies pressuring @stake to fire Geer, says the comparison between computers and living organisms works only so well.

"Once you start down the road with that analogy, you get stuck in it," said Scott Charney, chief security strategist for Redmond, Wash.-based Microsoft.

Charney says monoculture theory doesn't suggest any reasonable solutions; more use of the Linux open-source operating system, a rival to Microsoft Windows, might create a "duoculture," but that would hardly deter sophisticated hackers.

True diversity, Charney said, would require thousands of different operating systems, which would make integrating computer systems and networks virtually impossible.

Without a Microsoft monoculture, he said, most of the recent progress in information technology could not have happened.

CORPORATE SCANDAL

Tyco trial continues, tests jurors

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the trial of two former executives of Tyco International entered its fifth month, key testimony in the Manhattan courtroom played like Economics 101.

Defendant Mark Swartz, Tyco's former chief financial officer and first defense witness, opined on such topics as pretax income and bonus plans. Two jurors leaned forward and took notes. But most made no attempt to conceal long faces and yawns during last week's testimony.

No wonder: The jury has seen five prosecutors call nearly four dozen witnesses and offer 700 exhibits — an approach that legal observers consider risky.

"They have a huge amount of proof," said Paul Summit, a former federal prosecutor in Boston. "But

it's a delicate balance. You have to wonder how much of the initial proof the jurors are going to remember months and months later."

Ronald Fischetti, a veteran Manhattan defense attorney, said prosecutors may have miscalculated by "throwing everything up in the air, hoping something would stick."

Swartz, 43, and former Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski, 57, are charged with grand larceny and enterprise corruption, accused of stealing about \$600 million from the electronic and medical supply conglomerate. Each faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

At times, the white collar case has lived up to its high-profile billing, with enough sensational allegations of greed, excess and sex to steal headlines from Martha Stewart.

Jurors have watched a videotaped

tour of an \$18 million, company-owned apartment on Fifth Avenue highlighting now-infamous decorating flourishes: a \$6,000 shower curtain, \$15,000 umbrella stand and \$2,200 wastebasket.

Two former Tyco employees — an events planner and a secretary — admitted having affairs with Kozlowski, and described getting perks such as rent-free apartments and severance packages in the high six figures.

Another secretary alleged that the ex-CEO raided corporate coffers to lavish his wife with a \$5 million diamond ring and a \$2.1 million birthday bash on the Mediterranean island of Sardinia.

The evidence is designed to convince jurors that the defendants were "absolutely hedonist," said a former federal prosecutor in Manhattan, William Cunningham III.

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Elections reveal student apathy

What a farce.

That sums up the entire 2004 student body presidential election campaign that ended Sunday night, when the Student Senate elected Adam Istvan and Karla Bell president and vice president. From personal attacks directed toward one candidate to an electoral system that was placed in a lose-lose situation, this election ended in a way fitting for a campus thick with student apathy toward its elected leaders.

Every candidate's platform this year focused on combating student apathy toward student government. Now Istvan will face one of the toughest challenges of any student body president in simultaneously trying to fix the disenchantment with campus government demonstrated in this election and the flawed election procedures that helped propel him into power.

Even those who believed in student government have to shake their heads at the election itself. Under the Student Union Constitution, when election results fail to yield a majority winner, representatives in the Student Senate pick the winner by casting their votes according to which candidate won a plurality in their dorm. Additionally, had there been a tie in the Senate vote, the student body vice president — Emily Chin, who was not elected to the position — would have made the tie-breaking decision.

That meeting took three days to happen, even though dorm results were instantly available after the election. Whether the constitution was followed is anybody's guess. The voting was closed to the public, and student government officials only revealed how each senator voted. Student body president Jeremy Lao, vice president Emily Chin and Judicial

Council chairman Elliot Poindexter refused to release the dorm-by-dorm breakdown to The Observer — as has been done with every other election in at least the last three years, including the 2004 election primary — without giving a concrete reason. That isn't exactly the best method for developing a closer relationship with students.

Want to find out other places where this election fell short? Look at about the abuse Charlie Ebersol endured during his campaign, which far exceeded the amount of reasonable criticism a candidate encounters while running. Look at the 1,000-vote gain Istvan received in the run-off election, which leads one to wonder if people were voting for Istvan or against the unpopular Ebersol. Has student apathy reached such a point that students will pass up the most qualified yet least popular candidate — Ebersol — in favor of a candidate whose only experience with student government comes as a dorm commissioner — Istvan — because they believe student government doesn't accomplish anything anyway?

This attitude only fosters a cyclical relationship between students and their elected leaders. When a fundamentally flawed procedure is used to settle the election instead of actual vote totals, students have a reason to feel apathetic. In turn, they have a hard time taking candidates seriously because they don't believe it will make difference. And in this instance, students' votes led to the election of a president who is inexperienced in dealing with the inner workings of student government functions — and thus at a disadvantage when it comes to combating some of the problems that cause student apathy in the first place.

The Observer Editorial

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Run-off process inherently flawed

While today's closed Senate meeting chose the winner that coincided most with the wishes of the Student Body in Thursday's run-off, Adam Istvan, I would like to remark that I have never seen a more unfair, nonsensical and poorly designed process.

As the off-campus senator, I represent 1,600 people. Let's say every member of my constituency voted and they all voted for one candidate. And let's say every member of Dillon Hall, that has over 300 residents, also all voted for that same candidate. That's 1,900 votes, which is more than the 50 plus one percent needed to secure the presidency in a run-off, even if every other voter chose the other candidate. Let's hypothetically say that happened.

For fun, if that vote was taken to Senate, the outcome would be grossly different than what students wanted. While that first candidate with over 1,900 votes would have over 50 percent of student's support, he would only procure a shocking 7 percent in a Senate meeting like today's. The fact that a process like this could turn someone's majority into a mere 7 percent is pretty disgusting to me.

In Friday's Observer, Charlie Ebersol said, "I think it's important that each dorm has equal representation and equal voices." While the article suggested that Charlie shares my sentiments that the system is

inherently flawed, this comment does not.

By saying that "it's necessary that each dorm has an equal voice," Charlie is advocating that students do not have an equal voice. If every dorm is to have an equal voice, then Carroll's some 100 members are more than three times important and influential in today's election than Dillon's 300 members (and 16 times more important than my off-campus students). The fact that students are made unequal in choosing their own president sickens me.

Candidates run on platforms — promises that will benefit and hurt individual students, not

dorms.

The promises are things that impact the students. And the students, not the dorms, have a right to pick who they want leading them, whose policies they like better and want to go into effect.

Today, a president who got fewer votes than his opponent could have been chosen, and while I did not overtly favor the candidate who won, I would have been quite upset if I had, and the Senate could not have chosen him because of our constitution.

Amy Chambers
senior
Off-campus senator
Feb. 15



OBSERVER POLL

Should the student government constitution be amended so that, in the future, the Senate will not decide an election in which a candidate does not achieve a majority?

Vote by 5 p.m. Thursday at
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A young man who does not have what it takes to perform military service is not likely to have what it takes to make a living."

John F. Kennedy
U.S. president

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reacting to the Queer Film Festival

Notre Dame students have duty to respect faith

I am not a graduate of Notre Dame, but I am a Catholic — a convert — and am sensitive to how our Church appears to the “separated brethren.” A top-notch university which bears the name of the Mother of God should be especially conscious of its duty to present a bold witness to the world of what the Church means.

I am writing with regard to the gay/lesbian film festival, which I would not be shocked to see on a campus such as Indiana University-Bloomington, but at a school named after Our Lady? Representing a Church founded by Christ who was not ashamed to admit the existence of objective evil, and was not tolerant in the face of such evil?

I think you have a duty before God to clearly represent the faith on which your school was founded. Anything else is dishonesty and capitulation. Your school is not the correct forum for the gay/lesbian lobby to find its voice.

Laurel DeStefano
 Carmel, Ind.
 Feb. 15

Condemnation ignores Christ's teachings on salvation, grace

I find it remarkable and humorous that a man who is the president of a group called “Christ or Chaos” does not use Christ’s teachings to back up his condemnation of gay and lesbian students and the film festival here at Notre Dame.

Mr. Drolesky, your use of the Immaculate Conception, Mary and teachings from Genesis and Exodus completely ignore the Christ whose message offers salvation and grace.

Never did Jesus condemn homosexuality, because in a world full of hatred and bigotry, whom you choose to love is a non-issue. Instead, it is how you love them, and trying to live your life with

peace, compassion and equality.

Maybe you should take a look at what Christ says before you try to defend his message, specifically, “Let those without sin throw the first stone” (John 8:7) and most importantly, “Love thy neighbor as thyself” (Matthew 22:39).

Live your life in accordance with God’s plan for you, and allow others to do the same. And please do me a favor and keep your hateful, bigoted, incoherent rhetoric to yourself.

Michael McReynolds
 senior
 Stanford Hall
 Feb. 13

Let controversy bring a greater understanding of Catholicism

I would like to respond to the Feb. 13 editorial “Festival a step in the right direction.”

The discussion of the administration’s policies towards homosexuality has long been discussed at Notre Dame. Under the guise of “academic enlightenment,” students, alumni and friends of the University have pushed for greater acceptance of non-Catholic values at Notre Dame.

I would challenge students at Notre Dame to pursue an understanding of Catholicism while at Notre Dame. Very few people understand why the Church stands by its antiquated teachings of a celibate, male-only priesthood, anti-birth control teachings, no sex before marriage, social teachings, or homosexuality. Is it simply because the Church is an old institution with old and dated ways?

The author of the editorial would likely answer “yes.” The editorial stated Notre Dame’s policies are still “far from perfect” but that Notre Dame is starting to see the light. I suggest that this is

incorrect and that perhaps much can still be learned from Catholic teachings. Let the Queer Film Festival inspire debate and understanding of Catholic teachings. Do not let it be a vehicle to bring Notre Dame to the standards and thinking of the rest of the world.

Upon graduation (if not already), most Notre Dame students will find that many Catholic teachings, such as its position on homosexuality, are not popular and are considered laughable by many. Because of this, I think true “academic enlightenment” will be found in understanding why the Church has and holds its unpopular teachings in the face of a world with very strong and popular opposing beliefs. There are very few places to learn about Catholicism on a high intellectual plane. Notre Dame is one of those places. Do not waste your time reaffirming society’s common sense.

Mario Suarez
 class of 2001
 Feb. 13

Whither Lieutenant Bush?

In the contest between George W. Bush and Al Gore four years ago, hindsight reveals, the press patently neglected its duty to the public. By glossing too mercifully over the rolling litany of Bush’s less-than-presidential lapses and tics, the press left voters under-informed. America — or, at least, the Supreme Court — plumped in the end for W. The country, as a result, got stuck with a cowboy blueblood whose biography brims with episodes of mendacity and recklessness, for which he was scarcely held respon-

Roque Strew

sible. Precious little has changed. Curiously warm Big Business relations, the fraud of “No Child Left Behind,” his mammoth tax-plan swindle, the pandering shams called “Clean Skies” and “Healthy Forests,” his Top Gun photo-op theatrics, and, of course, WMD and the Iraq war — Bush’s taste for illusion, and elite distaste for accountability, has not only been preserved intact, but bolstered by the license of White House fiat.

Straight, No Chaser

What should we expect from a “war president” who dodged the draft? It’s an intriguing irony, and worth our scrutiny. To get a clearer grasp of Bush’s character, we should turn to a revealing chapter of our president’s life — a chapter more or less passed over by the mainstream media in 2000: his “service” in the Air National Guard. National security, of course, wasn’t issue number one back then. One thing’s certain: he got a free pass from the media last time (which Clinton never got), but he’s not getting off so easily this year.

Of the countless measures of electability, a candidate’s military history has survived to become a perennial issue. The campaigns of decorated vets John Kerry and Wesley Clark drew special attention to this matter, reviving the storm swirling around Bush’s non-stint. Both Democrats hold military credentials infinitely more impressive than Bush’s. For this reason, both Kerry and Clark have been forced to confront the controversy head on.

Kerry was drawn in, undoubtedly, by his crack campaign staff, who saw the advantage of pitting Kerry’s sterling record against Bush’s hazier one. Clark was drawn in by the bothersome Michael Moore’s antics, who framed the prospect of a forensic scuffle between Bush and Clark one-dimensionally: “The General versus The Deserter.” Soon Clark drew wide criticism for refusing to reject Moore’s slander. Draft dodger, sure, but “deserter?” Not technically, under Article 85 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Rewind back to 1973. The ordeal of Vietnam was finally ending, as the anti-war movement and the sheer military triumph of the North Vietnamese had taken its toll. Nixon ordered a ceasefire in January, announcing a peace deal later in the month. By the end of March, the last American troops had left Vietnam.

At the beginning of October 1973, Bush was relieved of his commitment to the National Guard eight months early so he could attend Harvard Business School. This despite his annual performance review, dated May 2, 1973, indicating he did not report for duty to his home base for an entire year. In his defense, Bush says he worked on a campaign in Alabama, doing service at the Air National Guard base there. Bush wants us to believe that he “did the duty necessary” to merit the honorable discharge he received.

The reality isn’t so cut-and-dry. Bush’s commander in Alabama, William Turnipseed, reportedly said, “Had he reported in, I would have had some recall, and I do not. I had been in Texas, done my flight training there. If we had had a first lieutenant from Texas, I would have remembered.”

Bush’s discharge papers agree, showing no record of service after May of 1972. Disappearing, without family connections, would mean jail time or a court-martial or an order to active duty. Bush, as usual, got off scot-free.

There’s no question Bush is feeling the pressure: he agreed to a televised cross-examination, to set things straight. During this recent “Meet the Press” interview, a surprisingly declawed Tim Russert broached the issue of Bush’s National Guard service. Bush lied, saying he released all relevant records in 2000, when the Boston Globe, on May 3, 2000, reports otherwise. And he claimed again he served in Alabama, despite his commander’s recollection. The White House also, on Feb. 10, released more discrepancy-heavy documents, which trimmed his time missing down to six months, leaving questions about his early discharge — in light of his poor attendance, suspension from flying and failure to meet the minimum-training requirement — wholly unresolved.

Understandably, the Bush administration is chagrined at the swelling criticism of Bush’s military record. “These kinds of attacks have no place in politics and everyone should condemn them,” White House spokesman Scott McClellan said. But Bush Sr. had no qualms about branding Clinton a draft-dodger.

What does this all mean? Foremost, it severely and irrevocably damages his credibility as commander in chief — it’s a character issue. And the problem isn’t that he dodged the draft by joining the National Guard, it’s that he shirked his modest obligations to his country, thanks to old-boy connections. On top of that, he assiduously denies it all. If the media presses the issue, and the voters learn the facts, the AWOL President and his stable of strategists can only pray it doesn’t become a decisive campaign issue.

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Exhibit at Snite brings America to life

By MEEGHAN CONROY
Scene Writer

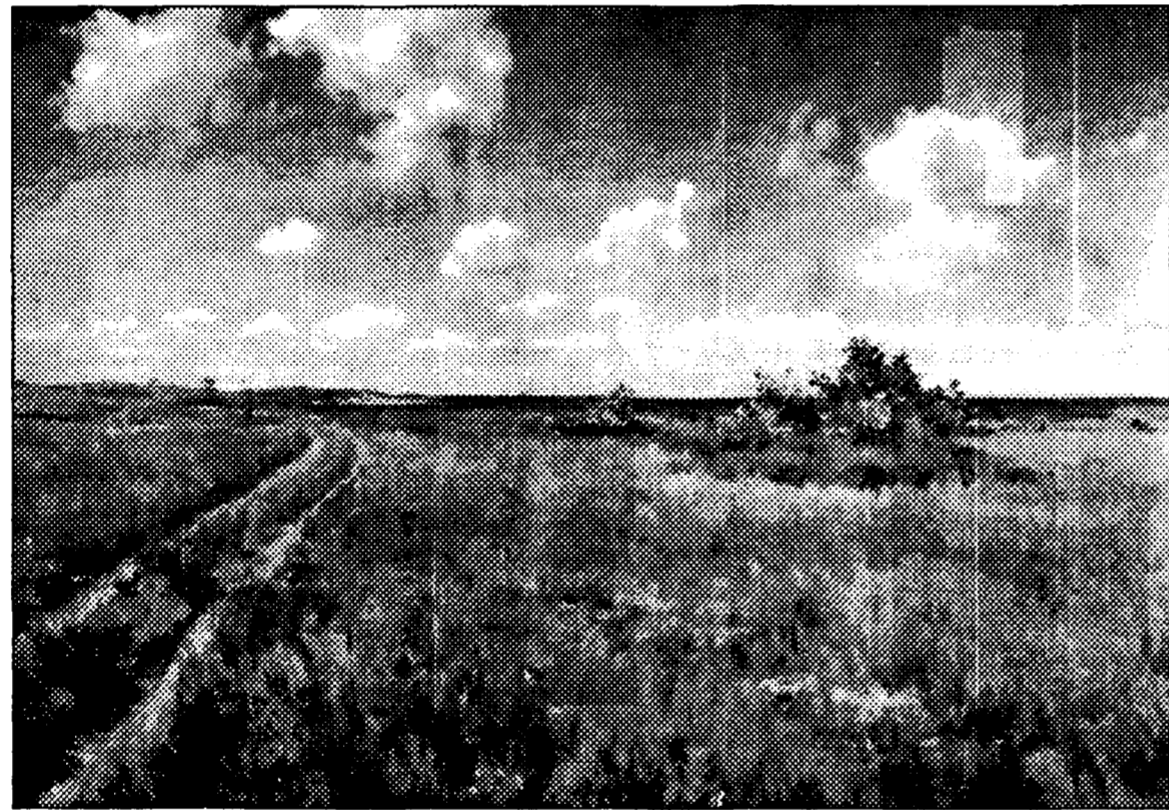
The sum of a man's life is ultimately the stories that he leaves behind for others to hear. In the case of painters, their stories are seen and not heard. An artist tells his or her story and offers a brief window into who they were by drawing the viewer into their art. He or she is commonly judged by the vivid way they are able to create a world and share that world with others.

One individual who strove to preserve man's daily life and surroundings was William Merritt Chase. Chase expressed the identity of Americans through his impressionist paintings. Critics hailed Chase's ability to allow his audience to connect and identify with the work. For the viewer, a park scene became the park down the street, children playing in the fields became their own children and a harbor became their latest vacation spot. The audience is drawn into his work through their own experiences.

William Merritt Chase was born in Nineveh, Indiana in 1849. He grew up in Indianapolis, where he trained with Barton Hays as a teenager. Hays quickly recognized Chase's talent, and sent him to New York to study. From New York, Chase continued to Munich in 1872 to study at the Royal Academy. After six years of intensive study, Chase returned to New York where he resided and worked for the rest of his life.

Chase was a true New York cosmopolitan. Downtown, his elaborate studio served as an office, gallery and a center for other artists and socialites. Chase was well known in the social scene. However, he was also a devoted father and husband of eight children. Chase often included his family in his paintings, as may be seen in 'Shinnecock Hills, Long Island'.

At the Snite, four of Chase's oil paintings are on display. The first three, "Shinnecock Hills,



Courtesy of www.tvm.tigtail.org

The vivid colors and intrinsic detail that Chase used captures his vision of different scenes from across America that make up his life.

Long Island" (1895), "Summer Time (Pulling for Shore)" (1886), and "Wash Day (Washing Day-A Backyard Reminiscence)" (1886), offer glimpses into the daily activities of nineteenth-century Americans. His use of varied brush stroke and soft color creates dramatic light and perspectives, bringing the subjects to life. The audience can familiarize with the 'normal' scenes and activities, often overlooked in their own lives.

The last painting in the collection is a still life, "Peonies" (1903). This piece exhibits one of Chase's greatest challenges: flowers. Although more than one hundred of Chase's works were still lifes, very few were flowers because of the technical difficulties they posed. This piece demonstrates his exceptional talent with calculated brush strokes and colors that evoke the beauty of nature and its transience.

The Lily Endowment Collection, a private philanthropy agency in Indianapolis, made this exhibit possible. The agency strives to support the community, education, and religion of its hometown and state. Thanks to the agency, Chase's work may be preserved as part of Indiana's heritage. The public is welcome to see the collection at the Snite through May 16.

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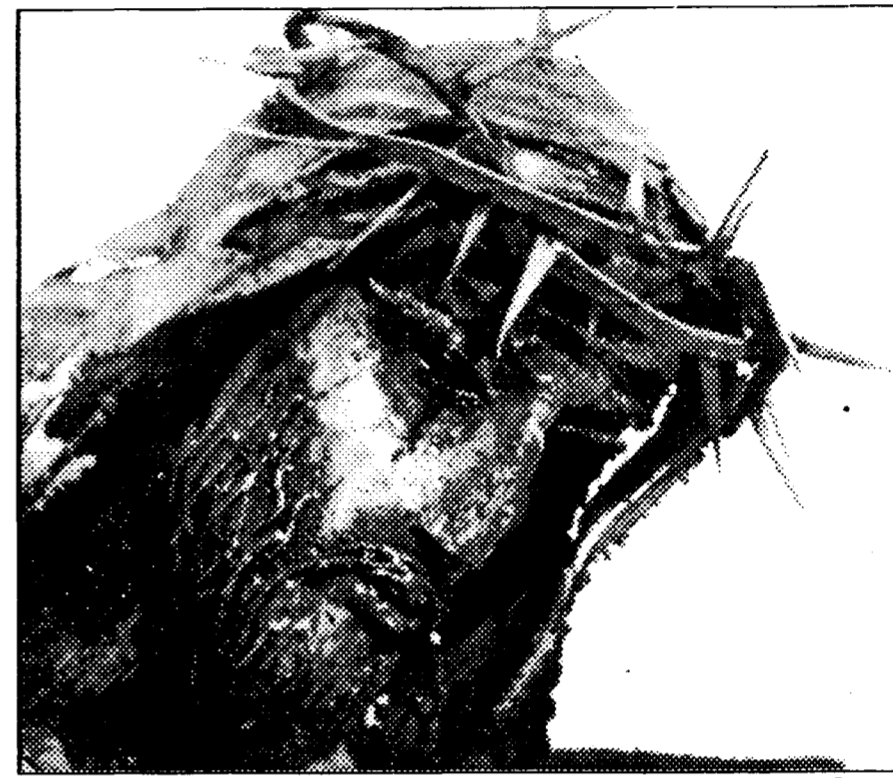
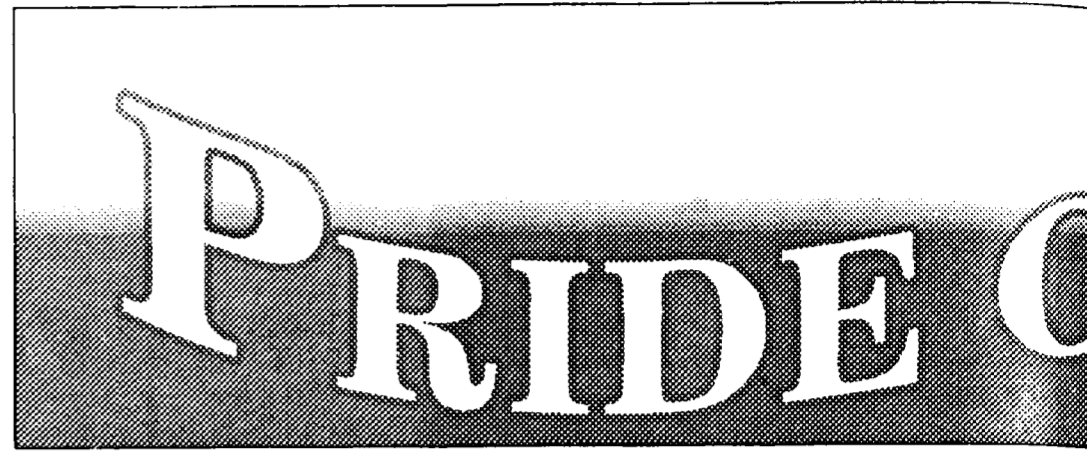


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Though not of Polish origin, this bust of Jesus is one of Owczarski's most powerful pieces of art.

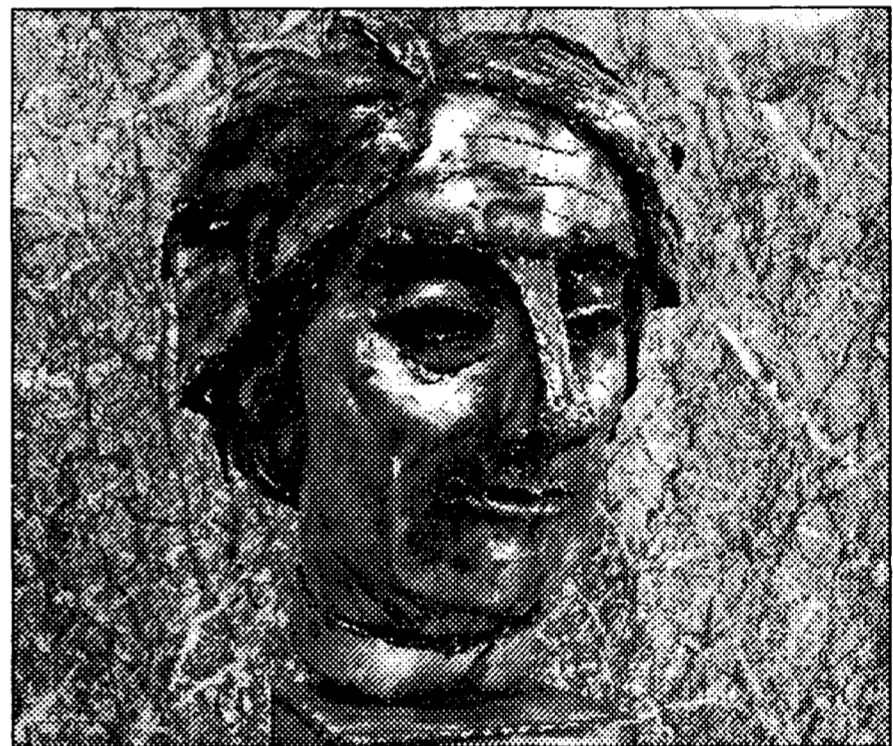


Photo courtesy of Amy Baker

Though Copernicus' name is well known, it is perhaps not as well known that he was born Nikolaj Kopernik, a native of Poland.

DARTing into BEER 101

\$20 seminar offered at Legends is meant to educate the average drinker

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Writer

Along with the terrific success Legends has had in its first year of operation comes a unique seminar that discusses the 'lighter' aspects of the college student's beverage of choice.

"Beer 101," being held at Legends this Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m., is a PowerPoint presentation demonstrating how beer is brewed and fermented, what ingredients make up the contrasting styles of beer, and a sampling of seven to eight different kinds of beer so students can taste the differences for themselves. The seminar also rewards students with two free pints of their choice. This event is limited to students 21 or older.

"We're just trying to get people exposed to beer," says Jeff Crotty, the general manager of

Legends. "We're trying to educate your palate just like your brain."

"I first discovered these differences working at a microbrewery. If you don't try something, you don't know it's there!"

"Beer 101" will be led by Jim Herton, the facilities organizer for Notre Dame Food Services, and students can hope to enjoy the demonstrations he makes between the standard domestic beer and international imports. "Beer 101" is also the first of a three-part series in alcohol education at Legends, with the management hoping to have "Wine 101" and "Alcohol Etiquette", the latter of which is aimed at how to interact with others at business-like processions with alcohol present.

The event costs \$20 per person.

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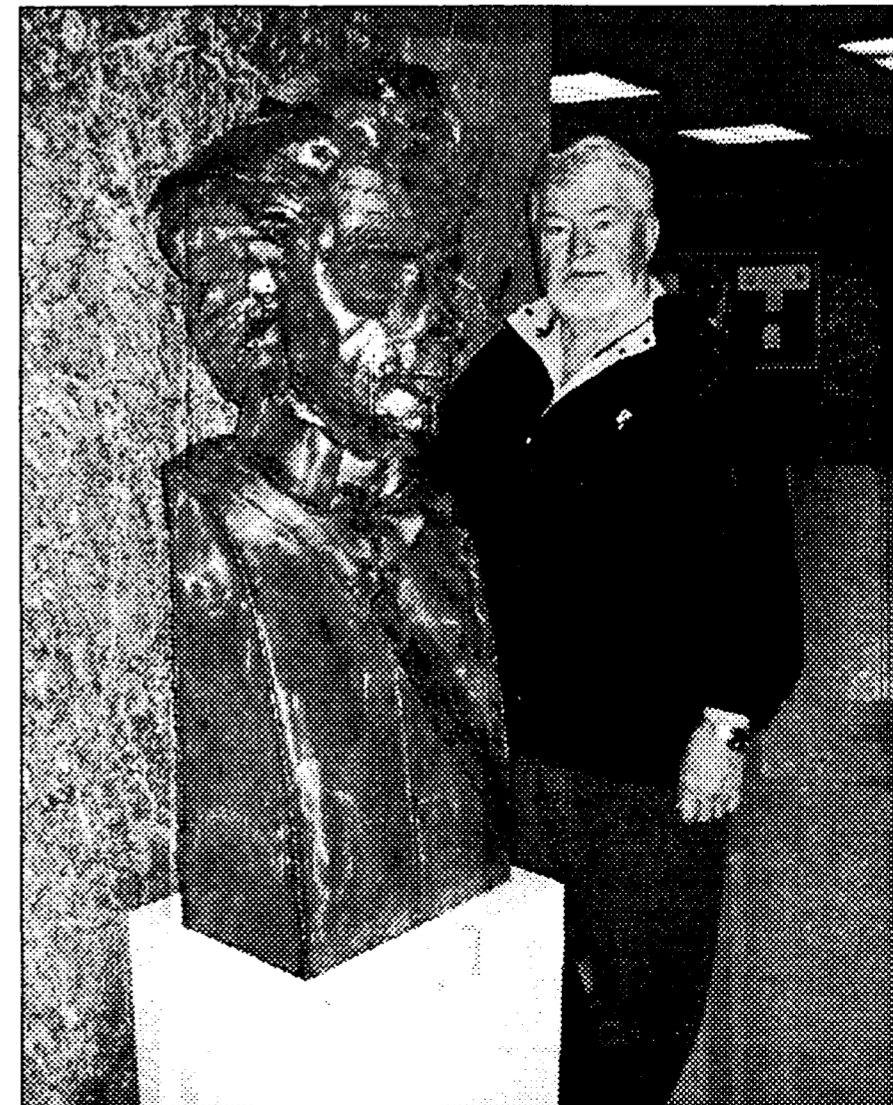


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Owczarski is seen here with one of his many busts that are now on the second floor of the Hesburgh Library.

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OF POLAND

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

Most students have walked through the second floor of the Hesburgh Library and seen Marian Owcarski's steel sculptures on display. Before Sunday's exhibit opening, few understood the meaning of the sculptures for Owcarski and for Owcarski's native Poland.

The "Pride of Poland" celebration, sponsored by the Polish Club of Notre Dame, gave students and members of the surrounding community the chance to hear the artist speak about his life and work.

The exhibit features several portraits of influential Polish figures in history. Some of the subjects are well known to most students, such as Pope John Paul II and Nikolaj Kopernik, better known as Copernicus. Others are less well known here, but still significant. Biochemist Casimir Funk, for example, was awarded a Nobel prize for discovering vitamins and raising awareness of vitamin-deficiency diseases.

Owcarski's life has had a great influence on his work. The artist was born in Lukow in 1932. Seven years later the country was sunk into the horrors of World War II. A Nazi air strike claimed the lives of his family. Owcarski himself was badly wounded and barely survived the war.

After the war, Owcarski began to pursue his artistic career, working his way through several schools including the University of Art in Lodz and the Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw.

After earning his final degree in 1931, Owcarski became part of a nationwide restoration effort, working to restore churches damaged during the war. Owcarski, a man of diverse talent, worked with wood, glass, stone, plaster, marble and metals in his restoration work. He has also created sculptures using different materials, including wood and stone.

Ultimately, however, his sculptures in steel are one of the best representations of his art. His first metal sculptures were made from pieces of abandoned tanks found in the Polish countryside, making them particularly potent for Poles who had lived through the war. The artist now uses stainless steel, a product essential to modern society, to create art that will speak to a modern world, describing it as "the most logical medium of the age."

Owcarski's skill in working with a difficult material has rightfully gained him artistic renown. His sculptures have been exhibited in eleven countries and over 50 cities, including Warsaw, Budapest, Prague, Frankfurt, Paris, London, Moscow and New York. He has won numerous awards for his work.

Owcarski is currently director of the Galeria at Saint Mary's College and Artist-in-Residence of The Orchard Lake Schools in Michigan. He continues to be involved with Polish-American art organizations in the area.

The "Pride of Poland" exhibition will be on display in the second floor lobby of the Hesburgh Library until April 25th.

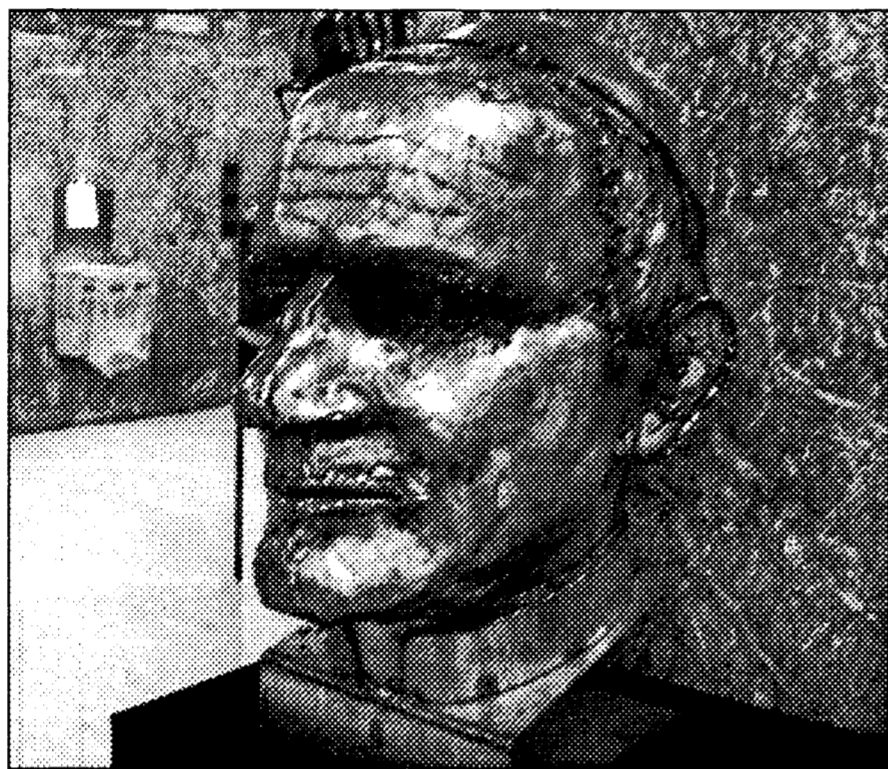


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Pope John Paul II is shown with great reverence in this detailed bust shown at the Hesburgh Library.



Photo courtesy of Amy Baker

This metal bust of Madame Curie was created to honor one of history's foremost female scientists who was also born in Poland.



Photo courtesy of Amy Baker

Thomas Aquinas is featured here as a full statue holding his famous text, the "Summa Theologica."

Sandler and Barrymore get back together for Valentine's day

Romantic movie is top draw for weekend

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore's romance "50 First Dates" proved an irresistible draw for the Valentine's weekend date crowd, taking in \$41 million to debut as the top movie, according to studio estimates Sunday.

If the estimates hold, it would be the second-biggest February opening ever, behind the \$58 million debut of "Hannibal" in 2001 and just ahead of last year's "Daredevil" at \$40.3 million.

The previous weekend's top film, "Barbershop 2: Back in Business," slipped to second place with \$15.6 million, bringing its 10-day total to \$44.1 million.

The overall box office was down, with the top 12 movies grossing \$107.8 million, off 13 percent from the same weekend last year.

"50 First Dates" was a reunion for Sandler and Barrymore, who starred in "The Wedding Singer," which opened over Valentine's weekend in 1998.

Sandler's main audience is males in their teens and 20s, who turned out in force, but women made up 57 percent of the crowds on the strength of Barrymore and the movie's romantic theme, distributor Sony reported.

And the Valentine's weekend sealed the deal with audiences.

"Talk about great timing. For a lot of couples, this was their Valentine entertainment," said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Sandler plays a womanizer smitten by Barrymore, an accident victim who forgets the previous day's memories each morning, forcing Sandler to dream up new ways for the two to meet and fall in love.

Playing in 3,591 theaters, "50 First Dates" averaged a strong \$11,417 a cinema.

With many people off work Monday for President's Day, "50 First Dates" should come out of the long weekend about halfway to the \$100 million level. The movie is positioned to become the first released in 2004 to top that mark.

Though many critics trashed "50 First Dates," the movie earned its share of positive press, with some reviewers taken in by the story's sweetness and Sandler and Barrymore's chemistry.

Almost half of the audience was 25 or older, a more mature crowd than normally turns out to see Sandler.

"I think people were excited to see Adam and Drew paired up again," said Rory Bruer, Sony head of distribution. "And I think one thing I would say about Adam, he's just such a likable guy. He's just so accessible to all audiences. People can relate to him."

In narrow release, the murder thriller "Highwaymen," starring Jim Caviezel, debuted weakly with \$203,000 in 111 theaters for an average of \$1,829.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released Tuesday.

1. "50 First Dates," \$41 million.
2. "Barbershop 2: Back in Business," \$15.6 million.
3. "Miracle," \$14 million.
4. "The Butterfly Effect," \$5.7 million.
5. "You Got Served," \$5.1 million.
6. "Along Came Polly," \$5.08 million.
7. "Catch That Kid," \$4.35 million.
8. "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," \$4.15 million.
9. "Cold Mountain," \$3.7 million.
10. "Mystic River," \$3.55 million.



Courtesy of www.imdb.com

Sandler and Barrymore reunite for the first time since "The Wedding Singer" in this week's number 1 movie at the box office — "50 First Dates."

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish sweep 3 weekend matches in Virginia

Notre Dame collects wins over Virginia Commonwealth, Boston College and Virginia Tech

By ANNE LOUGHERY
News Writer

The No. 26 women's tennis team improved its record to 5-1 this weekend, with wins over Virginia Commonwealth, Boston College and Virginia Tech.

This weekend's success began with a close 4-3 victory Friday over No. 14 Virginia Commonwealth in which the Irish ended the Rams' 40-match home winning streak.

Notre Dame claimed the initial 3-0 advantage in the meet before the Rams' Olga Borisova defeated No. 14 senior Alicia Salas 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 and Silvia Urickova beat No. 88 freshman Christian Thompson 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.

In her third consecutive clinching win of the season, freshman Catrina Thompson defeated Virginia Commonwealth's Cristina Gago 7-6 (7-4), 6-0 at the No. 3 position.

The Irish claimed the dou-

bles point with No. 39 sophomore Lauren Connelly and Salas beating the Rams' Gago and Cristina Arribas 8-1. The duo is 10-2 this season and has recorded victories in eight of their last nine matches.

Junior Sarah Jane Connelly and sophomore Kristina Statsny won by default at the No. 3 position, as the Rams only have five players on their roster.

In singles, No. 4 Lauren Connelly extended her winning streak for this season with a 6-0, 6-0 win over freshman Camille Ripert. Sarah Jane Connelly also registered a win by default at the No. 6 position.

Next, the Irish handed Boston College its second loss of the season 6-1 Saturday afternoon. Lauren Connelly contributed the clinching win for the Irish in singles with a 6-3, 6-2 defeat of the Eagles' Morgan Landes.

Notre Dame swept the doubles matches with Salas and Lauren Connelly delivering the first win of the meet 8-1 over Allison Ashley and Szilvia Szegedi at No. 2. To clinch the doubles point for the Irish, Sarah Jane Connelly and Statsny were victorious over Landes and Allison Nash 8-3. At the No. 1 position, freshmen Catrina and Christian Thompson triumphed against

Emily Hellburg and Nida Waseem 8-3.

The Irish nearly swept the singles portion of the meet, logging only one loss against the Eagles. At the No. 5 position, Sarah Jane Connelly handed Nash a loss 6-4, 6-2. No. 3 Catrina Thompson also contributed a win against Ashley 6-3, 6-1. Extending the win for the Irish, Christian Thompson triumphed over Waseem at No. 2 and No. 1 Alicia Salas won over Szilvia Szegedicourt, 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Sunday's match against No. 69 Virginia Tech resulted in Notre Dame's second Big East win of the season. A 5-2 Irish win came after Notre Dame swept the doubles matches and garnered four wins in singles.

Freshmen Catrina and Christian Thompson posted their second doubles win of the weekend with an 8-2 upset over No. 37 Elissa Kinard and Felice Lam at the No. 1 position. At the No. 2 position, Salas and Connelly added a win to their nearly flawless overall record of 12-2 this season, edging out Anat Elazari and Ginger Lowdermilk 8-4.

With a shutout against Tech's Ashley James and Carolina Rodriguez, No. 3 doubles Sarah Jane Connelly

and Statsny secured the point for the Irish.

No. 6 Statsny found success in singles as well, with a 6-0, 6-0 triumph over Meredith Holmes. At No. 2, Lauren Connelly extended her spring season winning streak, defeating Elissa Kinard 7-5, 6-2.

No. 3 Catrina Thompson upended Lam in singles 6-3, 6-2, while Christian Thompson won against Lowdermilk 6-2, 6-4 at No. 2.

The Irish will aim to find similar success when they host No. 20 Brigham Young Friday.

NOTRE DAME 4, VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH 3 at RICHMOND, VA

SINGLES

No. 1: Olga Borisova (VCU) d. Alicia Salas (ND) 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.
No. 2: Silvia Urickova (VCU) d. Christian Thompson (ND) 7-6 (7-3), 6-4.
No. 3: Catrina Thompson (ND) d. Cristina Gago (VCU) 7-6 (7-4), 6-0.
No. 4: Lauren Connelly (ND) d. Camille Ripert (VCU) 6-0, 6-0.
No. 5: Cristina Arribas (VCU) d. Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) 6-4, 6-2.
No. 6: Kristina Statsny (ND) won by default.

DOUBLES

No. 1: Borisova/Urickova (VCU) d. Thompson/Thompson (ND) 8-6.
No. 2: Lauren Connelly/Salas (ND) d. Arribas/Gago (ND) 8-1.
No. 3: Sarah Jane Connelly/Statsny (ND) won by default.

NOTRE DAME 6, BOSTON COLLEGE 1 at BLACKSBURG, VA

SINGLES

No. 1: Alicia Salas (ND) d. Szilvia Szegedi 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.
No. 2: Christian Thompson (ND) d. Nida Waseem 6-2, 7-5.
No. 3: Catrina Thompson (ND) d. Allison Ashley 6-3, 6-1.
No. 4: Lauren Connelly (ND) d. Morgan Landes 6-3, 6-2.
No. 5: Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) d. Allison Nash 6-4, 6-2.
No. 6: Amy Molden (BC) d. Kristina Statsny (ND) 3-6, 6-4, 1-0 (10-6).

DOUBLES

No. 1: Thompson/Thompson (ND) d. Emily Hellburg/Waseem 8-3.
No. 2: Lauren Connelly/Salas (ND) d. Ashley/Szegedi 8-1.
No. 3: Sarah Jane Connelly/Statsny (ND) d. Landes/Nash 8-3.

NOTRE DAME 5, VIRGINIA TECH 2 at BLACKSBURG, VA

SINGLES

No. 1: Anat Elazari (VT) d. Alicia Salas (ND) 2-6, 6-2, 1-0 (11-9).
No. 2: Christian Thompson (ND) d. Ginger Lowdermilk (VT) 6-2, 6-4.
No. 3: Catrina Thompson (ND) d. Felice Lam (VT) 6-3, 6-2.
No. 4: Lauren Connelly (ND) d. Elissa Kinard (VT) 7-5, 6-2.
No. 5: Ashley James (VT) d. Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) 6-3, 3-6, 1-0 (10-8).
No. 6: Kristina Statsny (ND) d. Meredith Holmes (VT) 6-0, 6-0.

DOUBLES

No. 1: Thompson/Thompson (ND) d. No. 37 Kinard/Lam (VT) 8-2.
No. 2: Lauren Connelly/Salas (ND) d. Elazari/Lowdermilk (VT) 8-4.
No. 3: Sarah Jane Connelly/Statsny (ND) d. James/Carolina Rodriguez (VT) 8-0.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles drop 8th consecutive road loss to Alma

By STEVE COYER
Sports Writer

In a tough 77-65 loss on the road, the Belles fell behind early and failed to recover against Alma College.

The Belles (6-17) trailed by nine points at halftime and never closed the gap as Alma (12-10) held strong the entire game.

For the Belles, this marks their eighth consecutive loss in an away game and their fifth loss in six games.

Junior forward Emily Creachbaum led the way for the Belles with 26 points and seven rebounds on 10-of-16 shooting.

Guard Bridget Boyce, who received a nomination for MIAA player of the week, also contributed 14 points on 5-of-12 shooting.

The difference in the game for Alma proved to be the strong inside game of forward Karen Hall. In a previous game against the Belles, Hall had 24 points and 10 rebounds. In Saturday's game, Hall was just as dominant with 28 points and 13 rebounds on 8-for-12 shooting.

The Belles only had two players score in double figures, and the bench combined to score just 12 points. The team also shot 5-for-20 from 3-point range and was outrebounded by Alma 33-26.

Both teams only committed 10 turnovers, but Alma had 18 assists to 12 for the Belles.

Free throw shooting helped Alma seal the victory, as the team shot 18-for-22 from the line with Hall going 12-for-13. The Belles shot 10-for-15 at the line.

Four different players scored in double figures for Alma. Guard Katey Peacock had 14 points and forward Michelle Dettling had 13.

Against Alma, the scoring for the Belles was not spread in the least. Creachbaum, Boyce and Katie Boyce combined to score 49 out of 65 total points.

With the loss, the Belles remain in last place in the MIAA

and their league record falls to 1-11. Since Olivet lost this weekend to Calvin, the Belles are still only one game back from moving out of last.

The Belles now only have two games left for the year and will return home to play against Kalamazoo Wednesday. The last regular season game for the Belles is a critical matchup on the road against Olivet.

ALMA 77, SAINT MARY'S 65 at the CAPPERT GYMNASIUM

ALMA (12-10, 5-7)
Hall 8-12 12-13 28, Peacock 5-10 4-4 14, Dettling 6-7 0-0 13, Borcharding 4-8 0-3 10, VanDamme 2-5 0-0 6, Lounds 2-9 0-0 4, Bartelli 0-2 2-2 2, Dennisuk 0-1 0-0 0, Neimi 0-2 0-0 0.

SAINT MARY'S (6-17, 1-11)
Creachbaum 10-16 5-6 26, B. Boyce 5-12 2-2 14, K. Boyce 4-10 0-0 9, Bush 2-6 0-2 4, Miller 0-3 0-0 0, Lipke 1-1 0-0 3, Broderick 0-0 2-2 2, Malone 0-0 1-2 1, Mangani 1-1 0-0 2, Mullen 2-11 0-1 4.

	1st	2nd	Total
ALMA	41	36	77
SAINT MARY'S	32	33	65

3-point goals: Saint Mary's 5-20 (B. Boyce 2-7, K. Boyce 1-4, Creachbaum 1-3, Lipke 1-1, Miller 0-2, Mullen 0-3), Alma 5-16 (Van Damme 2-5, Borcharding 2-4, Dettling 1-2, Lounds 0-3, Peacock 0-1, Bartelli 0-1). Fouled out: Lounds (Alma). Rebounds: Alma 33-10 (Hall 13), Saint Mary's (Creachbaum 7). Assists: Saint Mary's 12 (K. Boyce 3), Alma 18 (Lounds 5). Total fouls: Saint Mary's 19, Alma 19.

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Men's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall
Pittsburgh	9-2	23-2
Providence	8-3	17-5
Connecticut	7-3	19-6
Syracuse	6-4	16-5
Seton Hall	6-4	16-6
West Virginia	6-5	14-8
NOTRE DAME	6-5	12-9
Rutgers	6-6	14-8
Villanova	5-5	13-10
Boston College	5-6	16-8
Georgetown	4-6	13-8
Virginia Tech	3-7	10-11
Miami	3-8	13-12
St. John's	0-10	5-16

Women's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall
Connecticut	10-1	20-2
West Virginia	9-3	18-6
NOTRE DAME	8-3	15-8
Boston College	8-4	18-5
Villanova	7-4	17-5
Miami	7-4	18-4
Seton Hall	6-5	14-8
Rutgers	6-5	14-9
Virginia Tech	6-6	17-6
Georgetown	5-7	11-12
St. John's	3-8	9-13
Syracuse	3-9	6-16
Pittsburgh	2-10	6-16
Providence	0-11	4-18

Women's College Basketball MIAA Standings

team	conf.	overall
Hope	12-1	22-2
Calvin	11-1	19-3
Albion	9-3	19-4
Alma	5-7	12-10
Kalamazoo	5-7	13-10
Adrian	4-8	9-13
Olivet	2-10	8-15
SAINT MARY'S	1-11	6-17

Men's Hockey CCHA

team	conf.	pts.	overall
Michigan	16-5-1	33	21-8-1
Miami	15-7-2	32	18-11-3
Michigan St.	14-9-1	29	18-15-1
Ohio State	14-10-0	28	19-13-0
Alaska-Fairbanks	13-12-1	27	14-15-1
NOTRE DAME	11-10-3	25	15-11-4
Western Michigan	11-10-2	24	15-13-3
Northern Michigan	11-11-0	22	16-12-2
Ferris State	9-14-1	19	14-15-3
Bowling Green	7-11-5	19	9-14-8
Lake Superior	4-14-4	12	6-16-6
Nebraska-Omaha	4-16-4	12	6-19-5

NASCAR



Dale Earnhardt Jr. and his DEI teammates celebrate their Daytona 500 victory Sunday in Daytona Beach, Fla. The win came three years to the day after his father, Dale Earnhardt Sr., died on the same racetrack.

Earnhardt Jr. captures Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. nearly traded paint with the car ahead of him, snatching the lead at the Daytona 500 with a brash, fearless move.

Just like his old man. Earnhardt later drove off the track in front of the main grandstand, spinning in the grass to celebrate his first Daytona 500 victory.

Just like his old man. Earnhardt won NASCAR's biggest event Sunday on the same track that took his father's life

three years ago, barreling past Tony Stewart with 20 laps left with a maneuver that would have made Daddy proud.

Junior showed the impatience of youth, needing only five tries to win the race that bedeviled his father for 19 years.

"He was over in the passenger side with me," the 29-year-old Earnhardt said during a jubilant celebration in Victory Lane. "I'm sure he was having a blast."

The race was attended by President Bush, launched the Nextel Cup era and came six years to

the day that the Intimidator won his first — and only — Daytona 500 on his 20th try.

It's still one of the sport's most cherished scenes: the black No. 3 car rolling down pit road while the rival crews lined up to congratulate Earnhardt before he pulled into Victory Lane.

Three years later, he was killed on a last-lap crash in the 500, depriving the sport of a seven-time champion and its most popular driver.

"In a way, it feels like I'm closer to my dad," Junior said. "At the same

time, this is a reminder of losing him all over again."

At least the next generation is in good hands. In a daring move that must have been borrowed from the Intimidator, Earnhardt Jr. dipped to the inside without any drafting help and came within a foot of Stewart's car at nearly 190 mph coming through the trial.

Then Junior went right on by.

"I can't believe I passed him by myself," Earnhardt said. "I don't know what was going on. It was like a magic trick."

IN BRIEF

O'Neal, Bryant show off in front of home crowd

LOS ANGELES — In an All-Star game that was all about dunks, Tim Duncan's made free throw — a rarity on this evening — with 2.1 seconds left provided an anticlimactic ending to the NBA's showcase event.

In a game featuring 44 dunks and 16 botched free throws — half of the 32 that were attempted — the West defeated the East 136-132 Sunday night.

Shaquille O'Neal was the game's MVP with 24 points in 24 minutes — 18 of them on dunks. Kobe Bryant — the other hometown player — added 20 points on 9-for-12 shooting.

"Can you dig it?" O'Neal screamed to the crowd afterward.

They dug it, all right, just not at the end. And they briefly weren't digging Bryant, either, when he casually put in a layup early in the fourth quarter despite being alone ahead of the field.

It was a rare instance of the local

crowd treating Bryant poorly, though the booing was very brief and seemed a bit lighthearted.

The glamour and glitz quotient was high, the arena filled with movie stars, beautiful people and celebrities of every ilk. The players gave them a show, complete with a new twist of wearing mismatched sneakers, but the climax was not the type of Hollywood ending everyone would have preferred.

Bryant had a steal and what should have been a 3-pointer with 1:20 left, but the officials only counted it as a 2-pointer — tying the game 131-131.

McGrady's alley-oop pass to Jermaine O'Neal went out of bounds, and Ray Allen's two free throws with 14.4 seconds left put the West ahead by three.

The East got the ball to sharp-shooting first-time All-Star Michael Redd for a 3-point attempt, but the Milwaukee Bucks shooting guard came up short and Duncan was fouled after grabbing the rebound.

He calmly made the free throw, and that was it.

Yankees, Rangers agree on trade, await approval

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez is one step from putting on the pinstripes.

The New York Yankees and Texas Rangers finalized the terms of their shocking trade Sunday, and the players' association approved the deal for the American League MVP.

All that remains is for baseball commissioner Bud Selig to give his OK, which the teams expect Monday. The Yankees planned a Tuesday news conference in New York to introduce the newest prize in their collection of multimillionaire All-Stars.

Texas will pay \$67 million of the \$179 million left on Rodriguez's record \$252 million, 10-year contract, and will get All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano and a player to be named.

around the dial

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Who really benefits from affirmative action?

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish top Team Canada 17-9

Fischer's 3 goals, 2 assists help Irish to preseason victory

Special to The Observer

The Notre Dame women's lacrosse team opened the 2004 season with an impressive 17-9 preseason win over Team Canada at the Loftus Center Saturday afternoon.



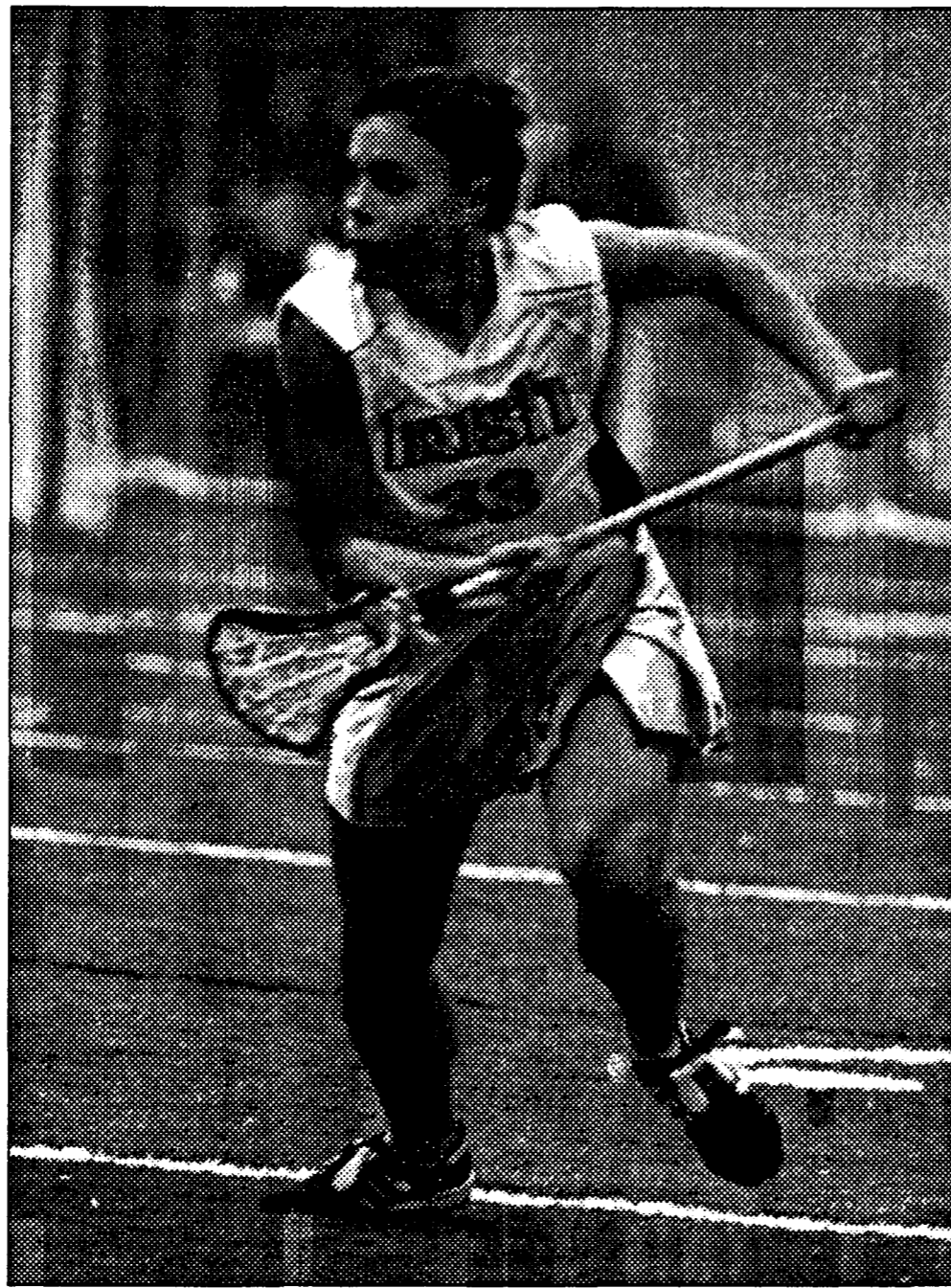
Fischer

The Irish got goals from 10 different players lead by Lauren Fischer and Meghan Murphy with three each. Fischer paced the Irish with five points (three goals, two assists) in the game while fellow senior Meredith Simon had two goals and two assists on the afternoon.

Senior Kassen Delano and junior Jackie Bowers joined Murphy with three points in the game. Delano had two goals and an assist, while Bowers had a goal and two assists. Kristen Gaudreau added two goals for the Irish while Crysti Foote, Abby Owen, Andrea Kinnik and Brittany Fox had single goals for the Irish.

Jen Johnson and Whitney Card led Team Canada with three goals each.

The Irish led 12-4 at the end of the first half, and the teams each scored five times in the second half for the final score of 17-9. In goal for



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Notre Dame defender Jess Mikula runs towards the action Saturday in a preseason game against Team Canada in Loftus. The Irish won the match 17-9.

the Irish, junior Carol Dixon played the first 50 minutes, giving up eight goals while making five saves. Freshman Katie Linhares played the final 10 minutes, giving up one goal while making three saves.

The Irish will next play

Saturday, when they travel to Princeton, N.J., to participate in the Princeton Invitational in the final tuneup before the regular season begins.

Notre Dame opens the regular season Feb. 27 when they travel to the University of California.

MEN'S LACROSSE

10 consecutive goals lift Irish over Boston

Special to The Observer

After trailing 7-2 in the second period, the 11th-ranked Notre Dame men's lacrosse team rattled off 10 goals in a row to take command of the game en route to a 14-11 exhibition victory over the Boston Cannons of Major League Lacrosse Saturday afternoon in the Loftus Sports Center.

Senior Matt Howell's four goals led a quartet of Irish players who found the net multiple times.

Howell, who was ninth in the nation in points per game (2.11) last season, started Notre Dame's comeback with a goal from sophomore attack Pat Walsh with 8:07 remaining in the first half. It began a 17:41 stretch in which the Irish would outscore the Cannons 10-0 to take a 12-7 advantage. Irish senior goalie Stewart Crosland was a key part of that run, registering six of his 14 saves in that span.

Boston struck back with four consecutive goals late in the third and early in the final stanza. With its lead cut to 12-11, Notre Dame got a pair of late insurance tallies after being held scoreless for 18:42. Senior attack Dan Berger took a pass from sophomore midfielder Matt Ryan and found the back of the net with 7:03 left in the game before Walsh concluded the scoring with a goal on an assist from senior midfielder Steve Clagett at the 1:59 mark. The scores were the second of the game for both Berger and Walsh.

Notre Dame's defense stepped up its play over the final 8:28, allowing just a pair of Boston shots — neither of them on net. Among the Irish defensive leaders were sopho-

more defender D.J. Driscoll, senior defender Mickey Blum, senior defender Brennan Creaney, freshman defender Joey Rallo and junior midfielder Chris Richez.

Sixteen seconds after Howell began the Irish rally, sophomore midfielder Brian Hubschmann became the first Notre Dame player other than Howell to score, netting an unassisted goal to cut the lead to 7-4.

With 5:09 to go in the first half, Ryan added an unassisted tally of his own. Richez then scored with 3:38 remaining before junior midfielder Brian Giordano tied the game at 7-7 by taking a pass from freshman attacker Brian Boyle and scoring with 2:06 left before halftime.

Berger gave Notre Dame the lead for good by taking a Hubschmann pass and scoring with 1:24 left in the opening half, giving the Irish their seventh goal in the second period.

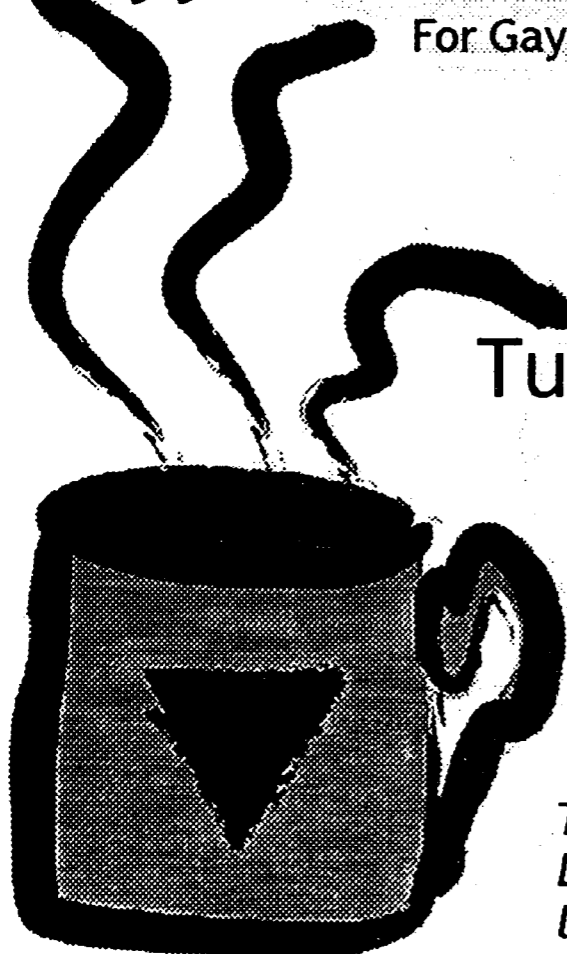
The third quarter saw the Irish assault continue, as sophomore midfielder Matt Karweck scored 53 seconds into the period. Giordano took advantage of a man-up situation to tally his second score of the game off a pass from senior Owen Mulford with 11:27 to go in the third.

Junior midfielder Craig Bishko, who finished 10-11 in faceoffs, won the ensuing draw, collected a ground ball and found Howell, who scored his fourth goal of the contest seven seconds later.

The Cannons connected on their first five shots on goal to take a 5-0 advantage with 7:00 remaining in the opening period before Howell got the Irish on the scoreboard at the 1:06 mark off an assist from Hubschmann.

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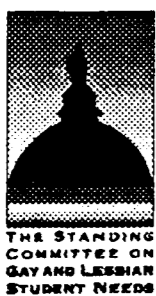


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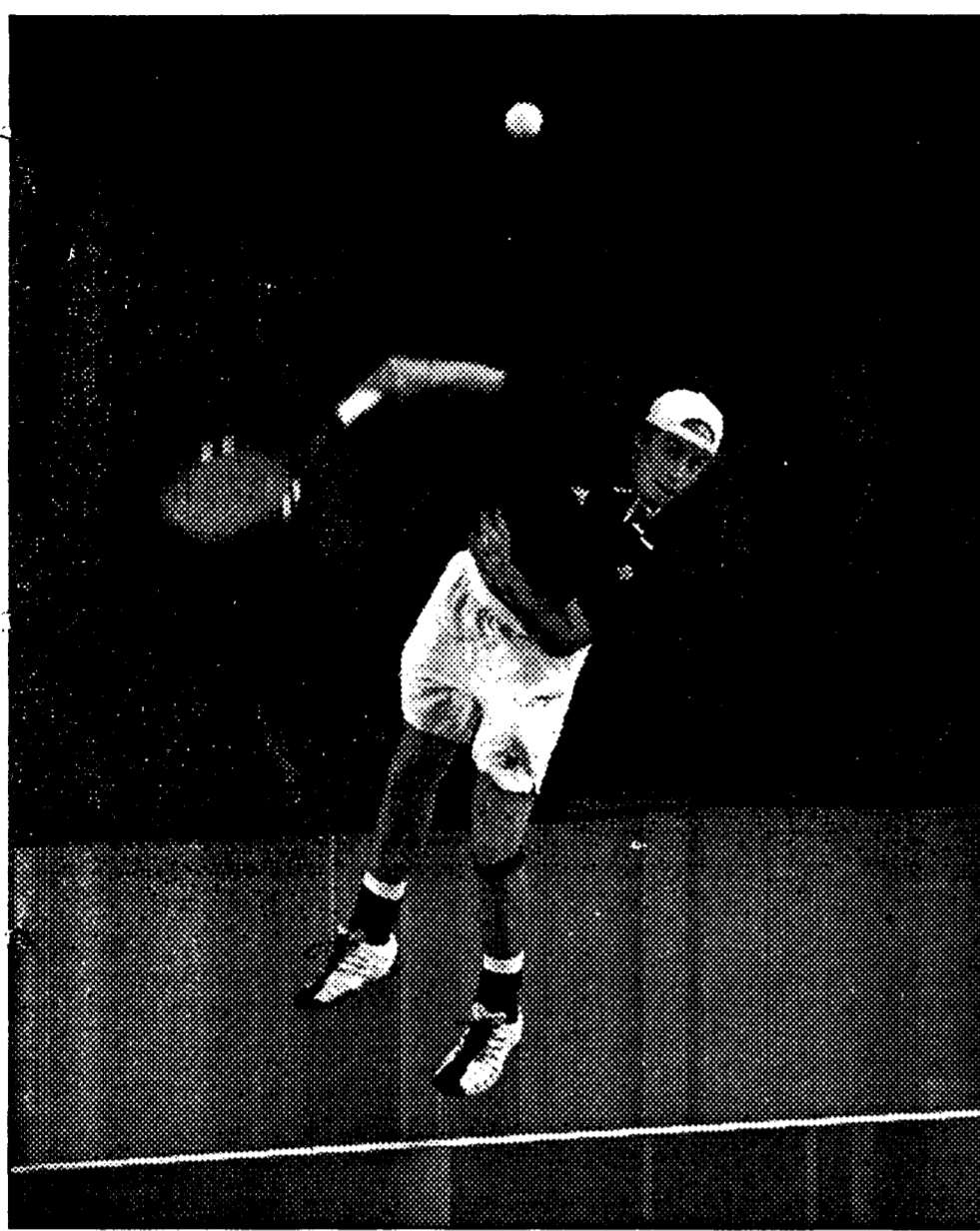
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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish badger Wisconsin into submission in 5-2 win



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Irish tri-captain Brent D'Amico serves the ball in a match against Wisconsin this weekend. The Irish won 5-2.

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

True to their mascot's name, unranked Wisconsin badgered No. 50 Notre Dame early in the match this weekend, but still fell to the Irish by a score of 5-2.

The Badgers won the initial point of the match, taking advantage of Irish coach Bobby Bayliss' revamped doubles lineup. Although all three teams looked dominant at the beginning, only senior tri-captains Luis Haddock and Matthew Scott managed to leave the courts with a win. The duo defeated Wisconsin's Alex Conti and Scott Green 8-1 at No. 2.

However, the No. 8 team of David Hippee and Alexander Kasarov beat junior tri-captain Brent D'Amico and freshman Ryan Keckley 9-8 (7-4), and Ward Bortz and Lachezar Kasarov defeated Paul Hidaka and Eric Langenkamp in a hard-fought match 9-8 (7-4).

Bayliss attributed the losses to his team's failure to execute fundamentals.

"It's disappointing to start off down 1-0 with all the work we've done in the past week,"

Bayliss said. "However, a lot of guys did a great job of stepping out and taking control of their [singles] matches."

The loss of the doubles point seemed to add a sense of urgency to the singles matches. Bayliss altered the lineup, moving Scott and Stephen Bass to No. 1 and 3 and Haddock and D'Amico to No. 2 and 4, respectively.

The changes worked well for three of the four players. Scott lost a tough match to Alexander Kasarov at No. 1 with a score of 6-7 (1-7), 6-4, 1-0 (10-5). However, Haddock easily defeated No. 2 David Hippee 6-3, 6-1, Bass won over Alex Conti 6-4, 6-3 at No. 3, and Brent D'Amico clinched the match at No. 4 with a score of 6-4, 6-4 over Scott Green.

Barry King, a freshman, struggled in the first set against Ward Bortz at No. 5. In a true show of determination, he went on to win 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, and Eric Langenkamp easily took No. 6 Lachezar Kasarov 6-0, 6-2.

"The thing I'm proud of is that we really showed that we could take charge of singles right away," Bayliss said. "We had to break [Wisconsin's] momentum, which we did right away."

Starting Saturday, the Irish face six big matches in an 11-day period.

"We'll keep practices very efficient," Bayliss said. "We'll work on things we need to work on, and get everyone in and out so they're ready to go."

The Irish next travel to Northwestern Saturday and return home to face Southern Methodist Sunday.

NOTRE DAME 5, WISCONSIN 2 at the ECK PAVILLION

SINGLES

No. 1: Alexander Kasarov (W) d. No. 68 Matthew Scott (ND) 6-7 (1-7), 6-4, 1-0 (10-5).

No. 2: Luis Haddock (ND) d. David Hippee (W) 6-3, 6-1.

No. 3: Stephen Bass (ND) d. Alex Conti (W) 6-3, 6-2.

No. 4: Brent D'Amico (ND) d. Scott Green (W) 6-4, 6-4.

No. 5: Barry King (ND) d. Ward Bortz (W) 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

No. 6: Eric Langenkamp (ND) d. Lachezar Kasarov (W) 6-0, 6-2.

DOUBLES

No. 1: No. 8 Hippee/A. Kasarov (W) d. D'Amico/Ryan Keckley (ND) 9-8 (7-4).

No. 2: Haddock/Scott (ND) d. Conti/Green (W) 8-1.

No. 3: Bortz/L. Kasarov (W) d. Paul Hidaka/Langenkamp (ND) 9-8 (7-4).

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Irish runners perform well in Windsor Challenge

By MIKE GILLOON
News Writer

Both the Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams finished third Saturday at the Windsor Team Challenge, even though many members of the teams stayed home this weekend to rest up for the Big East Championships.

Mostly sprinters made the trip north to take advantage of the short, fast track at the University of Windsor.

The Irish women sprinters dominated their events as they claimed the top five spots in both the 60-meter and the 300-meter dashes. Senior Kristen Dodd emerged victorious in the 300 meters with a time of 39.13 seconds.

Junior Tiffany Gunn finished just behind Dodd in second place in 39.48, while senior Ayesha Boyd, junior Tricia Floyd and freshman Okechi Ogboukiri rounded out the top five with times of 39.69, 40.80 and 40.98, respectively. The next closest competitor was a whole second behind Ogboukiri.

The 60 meters was the same story with a few different names, as Boyd was the winner in 7.69. Floyd just barely missed the conference qualifying mark of 7.78 by finishing second in a time of 7.79. Junior Tanya Cheatham, Dodd and junior Latasha Steele completed the group with times of 7.81, 7.85 and 7.92, respectively.

On the men's side, Ryan Postel torched the competition in the 300-meter sprint. The sophomore from Lexington, Ky., won in a time of 34.54 and barely missed breaking the

meet record of 34.37 seconds. Junior Trevor McClain-Duer took third place in 35.07 as freshman Jordan Powell finished in a time of 35.63 to place fifth.

Three Irish runners finished in the top spots in the 1000-meter run. Sophomore Vincent Ambrico won in a time of 2

minutes, 29.99 seconds, which qualifies him for the Big East Championships next week in Syracuse, N.Y. Junior Terry Lennon finished second, with a time of 2:30.61, and Tom Weiler finished third in 2:32.03.

In the 3,000-meter race, junior Ryan Johnson was the vic-

tor with a time of 8:42.01.

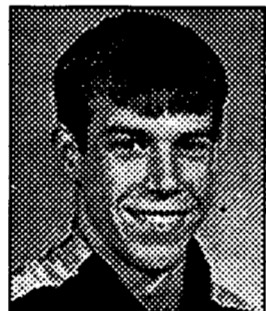
The younger members of the Irish teams also performed well, as several Irish freshman and sophomores recorded their fastest times of the indoor season. Ambrose Wooden, who plays football in the fall, qualified for the Big East Championships with a time of 7.02 in the 60-meter dash.

Freshmen Katie DeRusso and Brienne Schmidt both placed second in their events. DeRusso finished with a season-best time of 3:00.52 in the

1,000 meters while Schmidt ran the 600 meters in 1:37.46. Sophomore Elizabeth Webster was third in the 1,000 meters in a time of 3:01.48.

The University of Windsor men and women both placed first in the meet. The University of Western Ontario and Notre Dame placed second and third, respectively, for both men and women, as the Irish did not field a complete squad.

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Joyce

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(12) Teresa Borton (11) and Megan Duffy (11) all scored in double figures.

Notre Dame (15-8, 8-3) outrebounded Providence (4-18, 0-11) 46-28 and shot 54.1 percent from the field for the game.

"I thought we played well offensively. That was really our emphasis tonight," McGraw said. "We really wanted to score and get out and run in transition."

Notre Dame passed the ball well in the paint and created many easy scoring opportunities. Batteast, Borton and LaVerre combined to shoot 16-of-25.

Playing in their first game in a week, the Irish looked sloppy for some of the first half. After jumping out to a 10-3 lead over the undersized Friars, Notre Dame held just a 16-15 advantage with 7:13 remaining.

But Joyce gave Notre Dame a cushion by hitting all five of her shots in the final seven minutes of the half. By the time intermission came, Providence saw a one-point deficit turn into a nearly insurmountable 14-point discrepancy.

"I really think that 3-point-er that she hit at the end of the half really demoralized Providence," McGraw said. "...We really fell apart there [for a while in the first half]. I thought we lost our intensity at both ends of the floor. Then [Joyce] came in and gave us a little spark and we just fed off of that."

The Irish played better in the second half, shooting over 64 percent from the

field, as they led by as many as 32 at one point. McGraw used her entire bench as every player except Anne Weese logged at least 10 minutes.

"Overall I thought just about everybody played well," McGraw said.

Notre Dame is now just a half-game behind West Virginia in the Big East standings. The Mountaineers are 9-3, while the Irish are 8-3. West Virginia beat Notre Dame earlier this season, giving the Mountaineers the tiebreaker. Connecticut is 10-1 and in first place in the conference.

Notre Dame travels to New York Tuesday to play St. John's.

NOTRE DAME 81, PROVIDENCE 51 at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (15-8, 8-3)
Batteast 6-11 2-2 14, Borton 4-4 3-4 11, Severe 0-1 1-1 1, Duffy 4-5 0-0 11, Hernandez 3-5 0-0 6, Powers 0-1 0-0 0, Joyce 5-9 0-0 14, Gray 0-1 0-0 0, Flecky 2-6 0-0 4, Erwin 3-7 2-4 8, LaVerre 6-10 0-2 12, Weese 0-1 0-0 0.

PROVIDENCE (4-18, 0-11)
Nwafili 4-12 1-2 9, Freeburg 6-10 5-8 18, Baugh 1-6 2-3 4, Furstenburg 3-9 0-0 6, Quinn 3-8 0-0 6, Fabor 0-2 0-0 0, Snyder 0-6 0-0 0, Gilmore 3-5 2-4 8, Keefe 0-0 0-0 0.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	38	43	81
PROVIDENCE	24	27	51

3-point goals: Notre Dame 7-14 (Joyce 4-8, Duffy 3-3, Batteast 0-1, Flecky 0-1, Powers 0-1), Providence 1-12 (Freeburg 1-2, Baugh 0-1, Furstenburg 0-1, Snyder 0-3, Quinn 0-5). **Fouled out:** None. **Rebounds:** Notre Dame 46-15 (Batteast 10), Providence 28-11 (Freeburg 6). **Assists:** Notre Dame 27 (Duffy 6), Providence 11 (Baugh 4). **Total fouls:** Notre Dame 16, Providence 16.

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Bulldogs

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straight penalty kills in their last eight games.

With the home sweep, Notre Dame also took a step closer toward securing home-ice advantage in the playoffs for the first time since joining the CCHA. The top six finishers in the conference receive home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

"Any time you can get four points at this point in the season, it's huge," Irish coach Dave Poulin said.

Friday, the Irish got the first goal of the game just 2:53 into the first period, as defenseman Tom Galvin took a shot from the blue line, and it was deflected past Mike Brown by forward Matt Amado. Ferris State would come back to tie the game less than two minutes later, with Derek Nesbitt beating Irish goalie David Brown with a hard slap shot on a 3-on-2. Each team scored a goal on its first shot of the game.

The Irish came back to take a lead, this time with Aaron Gill picking up a tally with less than a minute left in the first period. Notre Dame outshot the Bulldogs 16-5, but Mike Brown stifled Irish chances again and again.

Ferris State would come back to score the only goal of the second period, taking a 2-2 tie into the intermission, but Notre Dame would come back to score two quick goals in the third. After Jindra's tally, the Irish whipped a perfect pass to forward Josh Sciba as he came out of the penalty box.

Sciba broke in alone on Mike Brown and beat him one-on-one with a quick wrist shot to put the game away for the Irish.

"We got a bounce tonight," Poulin said. "But it was impor-



MEGAN DAVISSON/The Observer

Tim Wallace waits for the puck during Notre Dame's sweep of Ferris State. The victories propelled the Irish to sixth in the CCHA.

tant to take advantage of it. Sciba's goal might have been even bigger, and that was probably the best penalty we've ever taken since we got two goals out of it."

Saturday, Notre Dame got off to an even quicker start, with defensemen Galvin and Neil Komadoski scoring the first two goals. Komadoski and Galvin worked the point positions to perfection all night long, with each senior picking up three points on the night as Galvin had two assists and one goal and Komadoski notched two goals and one assist.

The second period had no scoring, but it still featured a key moment in the game. Mike Brown was hit by a shot in the neck at 2:22 and was forced to leave the game. Tom Mueller came into replace Brown, who had played every single minute of the season for Ferris State up until this season.

"I was not very happy with our second period," Poulin said. "There was a kid who came in and hadn't played a minute, and we seemed to get away from the little things we take pride in."

"At the second intermission, I told these guys that I was not going to let an opportunity slip away here."

The Irish answered the call, peppering Mueller with 13 shots in the third, connecting on two of them. Komadoski scored his second goal of the game with a low shot from the blue line while the Irish were on the power play.

The senior defenseman picked up his third goal of the season, a career high. Michael Bartlett scored an insurance goal at 14:55 of the period, beating Mueller with a quick low wrist to the glove side after skating left-to-right in front of the net.

"We got back to our game in the third period," Poulin said. "We're not there yet as a team, but this was still a very good effort, especially going into a break week."

The Irish are off next weekend

before facing Michigan in a two-game series at the Joyce Center Feb. 27 and 28.

NOTRE DAME 4, FERRIS STATE 2 at the JOYCE CENTER Friday

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
NOTRE DAME	2	0	2	4
FERRIS STATE	1	0	1	2

SCORING SUMMARY

First Period
ND — Matt Amado (Tom Galvin, Brad Wanchulak), 2:53.
FSU — Derek Nesbitt (Jeff Legue, Skip Renault), 4:13.
ND — Aaron Gill (Wanchulak, Rob Globke), 19:28.

Second Period
FSU — Trevor Large (Zac Pearson, Mike Kinnie), 17:08.

Third Period
ND — T.J. Jindra (Jason Paige), 2:03.
ND — Josh Sciba (Brett Lebda, David Brown), 2:52.

Shots on goal: Notre Dame 44, Ferris State 29. **Power plays:** Notre Dame 0-of-3, Ferris State 0-of-5. **Goalies:** David Brown 27 saves out of 29 shots (ND), Mike Brown 40 saves out of 44 shots (FSU).

NOTRE DAME 4, FERRIS STATE 1 at the JOYCE CENTER Saturday

	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
NOTRE DAME	2	0	2	4
FERRIS STATE	1	0	0	1

SCORING SUMMARY

First Period
ND — Galvin (Neil Komadoski, Matt Williams-Kovacs), 2:57.
ND — Komadoski (Galvin, Gill), 8:18.
FSU — Kinnie (Pearson, Jim Jensen), 12:31.

Second Period
No scoring.

Third Period
ND — Komadoski (Galvin, Mike Walsh), 1:45.
ND — Michael Bartlett (Cory McLean, Sciba), 14:55.

Shots on goal: Notre Dame 30, Ferris State 30. **Power plays:** Notre Dame 2-of-4, Ferris State 0-of-4. **Goalies:** Brown 29 saves out of 30 shots (ND), Brown 11 saves out of 13 shots (FSU), Tom Mueller 15 saves out of 17 shots (FSU).

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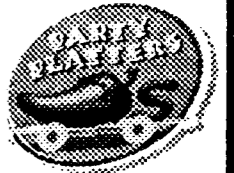
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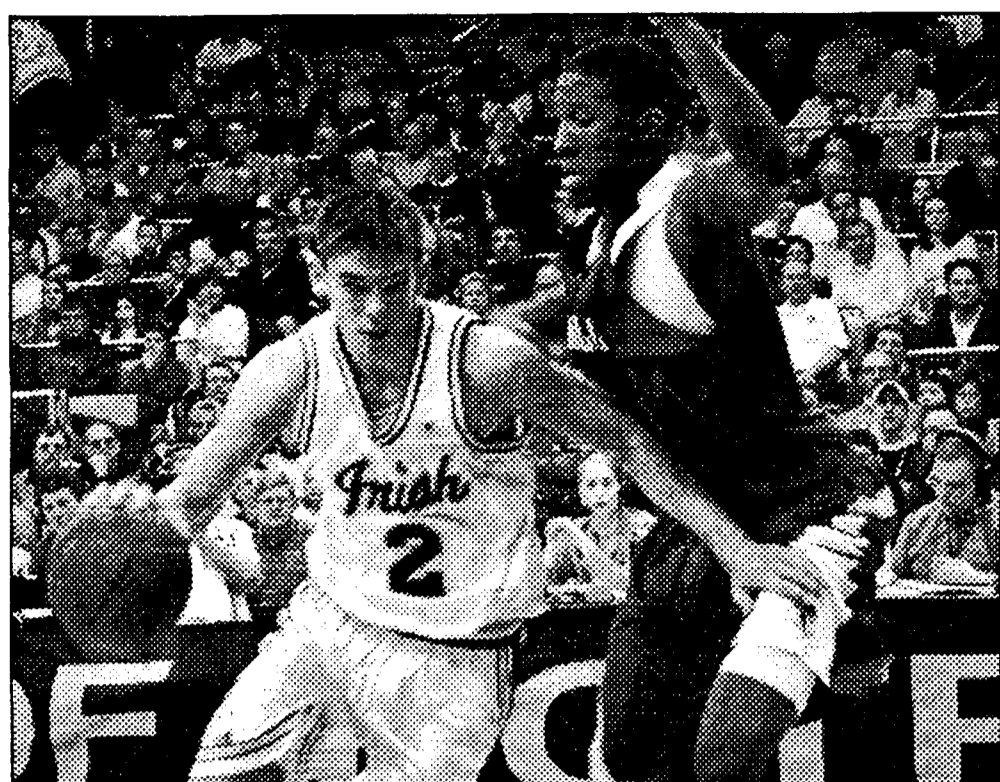


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During Saturday's game, Chris Quinn drives around a defender. Quinn scored in the double figures in the Seton Hall game.

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to cater to the personnel on the court.

Without Francis, the Irish created spacing on offense and became more active on defense.

Notre Dame out-rebounded (37-32), out-assisted (16-15) and outscored its opponent, a Seton Hall team that sits fourth in the Big East and has wins over Pittsburgh, Rutgers and Syracuse — all teams which have defeated the Irish.

Thomas led all scorers with 26 points on 9-of-19 shooting, including 19 in the second half. He also finished with seven rebounds and four assists.

"Thomas made a lot of good shots," Brey said. "I've always thought he is a second half player, and he came out in the second half. His conditioning is what really paid off. In the second half, the other players got tired but Thomas didn't."

The Irish had four players in double figures, including Thomas, Torrian Jones (13), Chris Quinn (10) and Tom Timmermans (10).

Both teams began the game with poor shooting. The Pirates made 35.5 percent of their first-half field goals, with the Irish shooting just 37.1 percent.

Seton Hall point guard Andre Barrett led all scorers at halftime with 11 points. The Irish, however, got five or more points from five different players in the half. Sophomore forward Rick Cornette, who is receiving more playing time due to Francis' injury, had six first-half points during a scoring drought for both teams.

Jones, Thomas and Quinn accounted for 14 of the 16 total Irish assists, due in large part to the success of a drive-and-kick method the guards employed Saturday. The team turned the ball over just nine times while managing to spread out the offense and execute the motion offense Brey has installed.

"On the offensive end without Torin, we play more five out on the perimeter," Quinn said. "[That] leaves open driving lanes. [We] did a good job of getting into the lane, and Seton Hall was really collapsing on us. We just found the open guy."

Notre Dame expanded its lead in the early second half to seven points after Jones converted a basket off a pass from Quinn, but Seton Hall would score eight of the next 10 points. Pirates' forward Kelly Whitney, who had 18 points, gave the Irish problems down

low, scoring 12 points in the second half. Barrett — who finished with a team-high 20 points — reached the foul line and made key plays to keep his team in the game.

Thomas, however, had the upper hand on the day, scoring nine points in an 11-6 Irish run and making key shots toward the game's finish.

The Irish shot 43.9 percent from the field and just 29.4 percent from the 3-point arc, but the team took care of the ball and used baseline drives and pick-and-rolls off of Timmermans and Cornette to get 23 free throw attempts and establish solid ball control.

The effort the team gave Saturday gives the Irish hope for a test at Syracuse tonight.

"We have a tremendous amount of momentum right now [going into Syracuse]," Thomas said. "With Torin going out, everybody's turned their back on us. If we continue to play like this, we'll give the [NCAA tournament] selection committee a great run for their money."

Note:

Thomas missed a foul shot and erased hope of being a perfect 7-for-7 from the charity stripe late in the game Saturday.

With the miss, Thomas came one point shy of tying his own career record of most points in back-to-back games. Thomas scored 31 points versus Connecticut and 26 points against Seton Hall, amounting to 57 points in two games. Thomas scored 58 points in two consecutive games at West Virginia (26) and Miami (32) as a freshman.

NOTRE DAME 71, SETON HALL 68 at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (12-9, 6-5)
Cornette 2-8 0-0 6, Timmermans 4-8 2-10, Thomas 9-19 6-7 26, Quinn 3-8 4-6 10, Jones 4-10 4-6 13, Cornett 3-4 0-2 6, Falls 0-0 0-0 0.

SETON HALL (16-6, 6-4)
Whitney 8-13 2-3 18, Toney-El 3-4 0-0 8, Allen 3-8 2-2 8, Sweet 2-5 1-2 5, Barrett 6-13 6-6 20, Morris 4-10 0-0 9, Copeland 0-1 0-0 0, Messy 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Billmeier 0-3 0-0 0.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	32	39	71
SETON HALL	28	40	68

3-point goals: Notre Dame 5-17 (Cornette 2-5, Thomas 2-6, Jones 1-3, Quinn 0-3), Seton Hall 5-13 (Toney-El 2-2, Barrett 2-4, Morris 1-5). Fouled out: Barrett. Rebounds: Notre Dame 37 (Cornette, Timmermans 8), Seton Hall 32 (Sweet 6). Assists: Notre Dame 16 (Jones 6), Seton Hall 15 (Barrett 5). Total fouls: Notre Dame 15, Seton Hall 22.

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Jones

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and the sellout Joyce Center crowd roared their approval.

"I made a play on the ball, and he got a step on me going down the court. I knew that either I had to block it or coach [Mike] Brey was going to chew me out," Jones modestly said after the game. "I knew I had to block it to make up for my mistake."

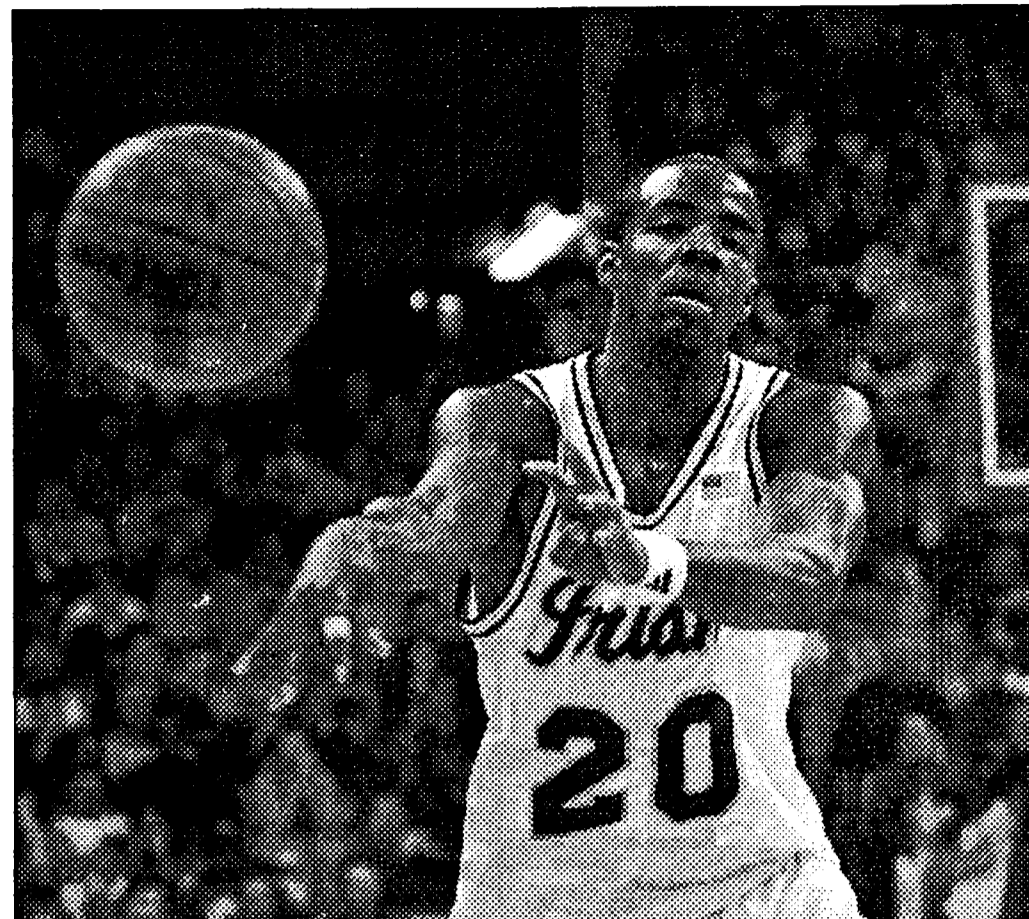
His teammates were more praising. "I wish I could have a block like that," Jordan Cornette grinned. "That's a hell of a play," Tom Timmermans added.

Jones went on to score five of Notre Dame's final six points and swatted J.R. Morris' 3-pointer with four seconds left to secure Notre Dame's 71-68 win over Seton Hall. And when ESPN wanted to put Chris Thomas on-camera after the game, that gave Irish coach Mike Brey and Jones a chance to walk off the court with arms around each other's shoulders.

Sure, Thomas led Notre Dame in scoring for the second straight game with 26 points. But Jones' stat line — 13 points, five rebounds, six assists and two blocks in 39 minutes — underlined the important role he plays in trying to help the Irish claw their way toward the NCAA Tournament.

With Torin Francis missing Saturday's game with back problems, Notre Dame had no consistent low-post presence to exploit against the shorter Pirates. But Jones and the rest of the Irish turned that weakness into a backbreaking threat.

Because the middle of the floor wide open, Jones was able to penetrate a sieve-like Seton



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Torrian Jones passes the ball against Miami. Jones's outstanding play and leadership was key to Saturday's win.

Hall defense easily. If he didn't flip a layup from an impossible angle that dropped into the basket, he fired a pass to the perimeter for his teammates to drain a 3-pointer.

"I think Torrian Jones has shown the greatest improvement over knowing when to drive and when to pass, and knowing when not to force a shot," Brey said. "And that's a fine line, because he can make difficult shots."

Sure, Jones had his weak moments, like in the early minutes when he missed easy layups and open jumpers. But he adapted over the course of Saturday's game — a process that somehow mimics Jones' progression this year.

Few had ever questioned Jones' vocal leadership, but he had only played in a supporting

role. And over the summer, faced with the prospect of playing significant minutes for the first time in his college career, the senior co-captain spent endless hours working on his game.

He tried to showcase it all, too, as the season began — by firing long-range jumpers and doing things that were very un-Torrian Jones like. But a conversation with Brey helped Jones realize he had to return to his strengths — playing aggressive defense and attacking the basket with slashing drives.

He has. And it's no surprise that Notre Dame is on a roll.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Return date unknown for Francis

By ANDREW SOUKUP
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Until Saturday, sophomore forward Torin Francis had never missed a game in his Notre Dame career. Now, the Irish don't know when he is going to play again.

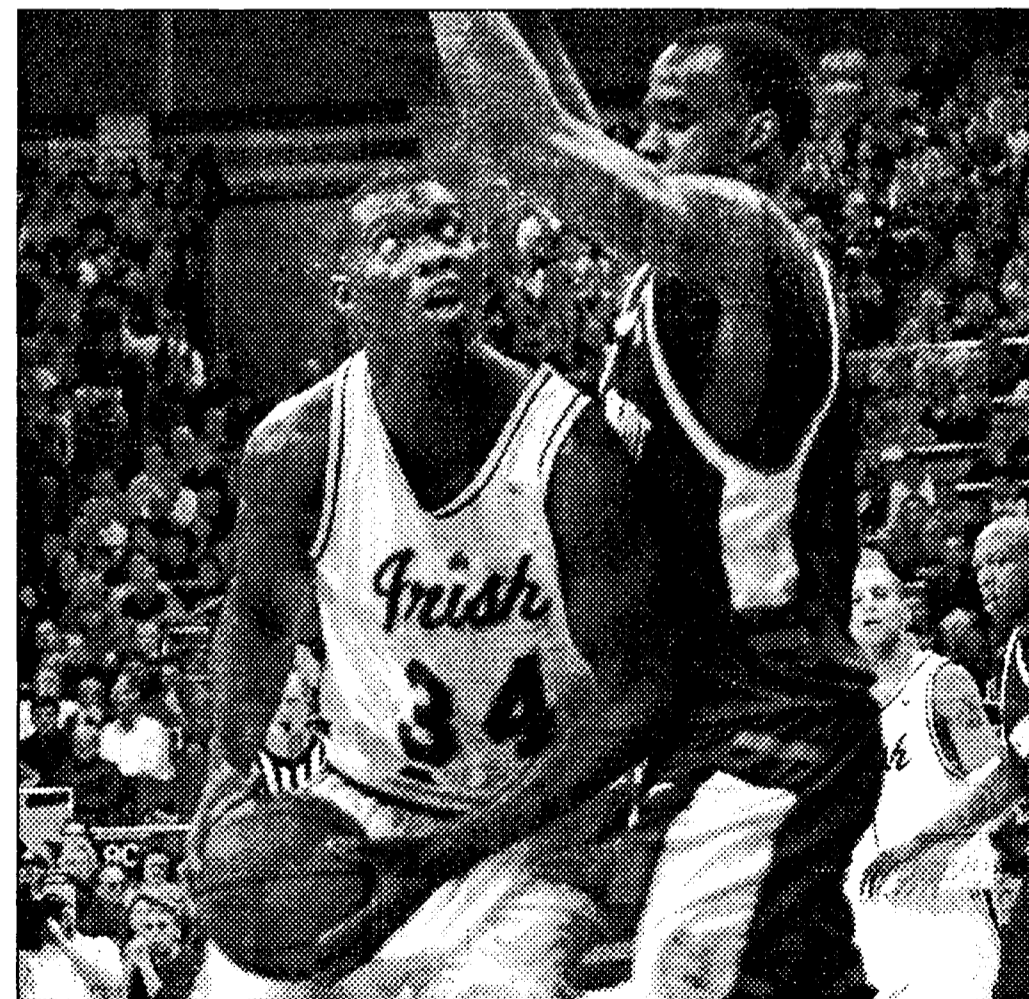
An MRI last week revealed that Francis is sidelined indefinitely with a bulging disc in his lower back. He had only played an average of eight minutes in games against Pittsburgh and Connecticut before leaving because of back spasms.

"I'm planning on playing the rest of the season with him not coming back," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "If he were to recover in the next two to three weeks, that would be icing on the cake. But I think right now, what you see out there is what you get."

Francis, who had started all 54 games of his Notre Dame career, is the team's third-leading scorer and leading rebounder by averaging 14.8 points and 8.8 rebounds a game. He will not travel to tonight's game against Syracuse.

"Hopefully, it won't be any longer than two weeks," the sophomore Francis said. "But I can't tell."

Brey said the Irish had not decided whether to have Francis undergo surgery to correct his back problem. But



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Torin Francis looks to shoot in his short appearance against Connecticut. Francis will be out indefinitely with a bulging disc.

he said sitting out is the best hope for a speedy recovery.

"You get into a thing where it's what's best for the team and what's best for the kid," Brey said. "What's best for the kid is that he can't play, and he has a future beyond Notre Dame that we have to protect a little bit. And he understands that, and we'll have to move on without him."

For a frustrated Francis, this

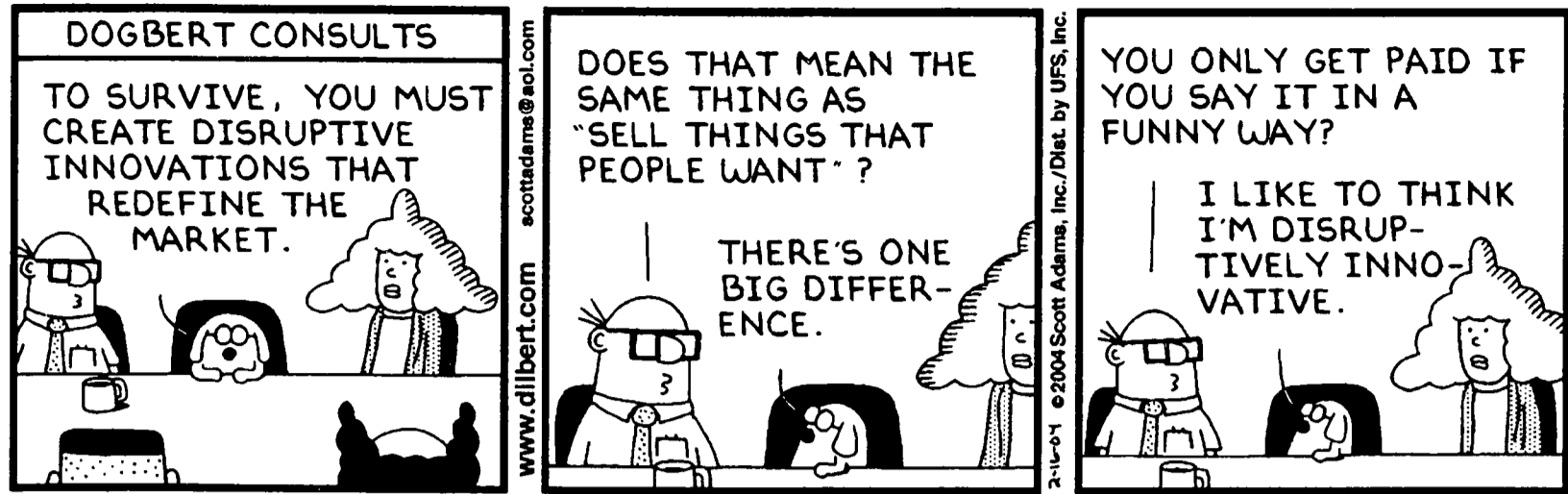
is the most serious injury of his career. But the Irish, which have won two straight games against top-25 RPI foes, have managed to have success in Francis' absence.

"It's tough, but we got two wins," Francis said. "We're playing well, and that makes it better."

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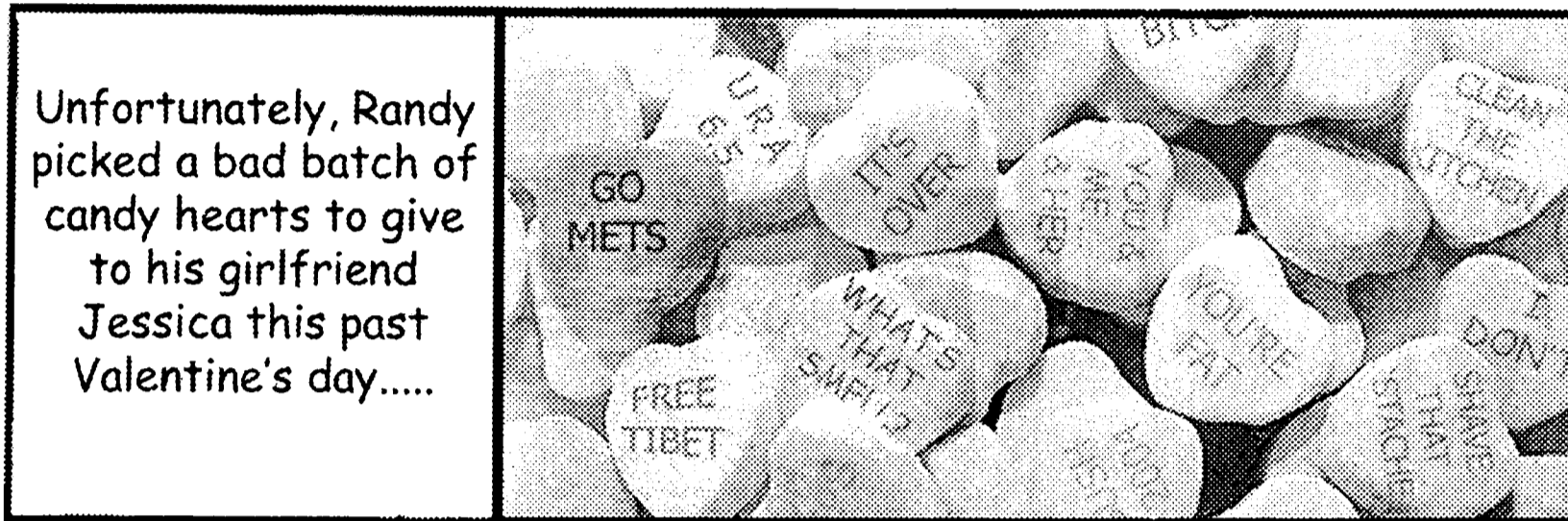
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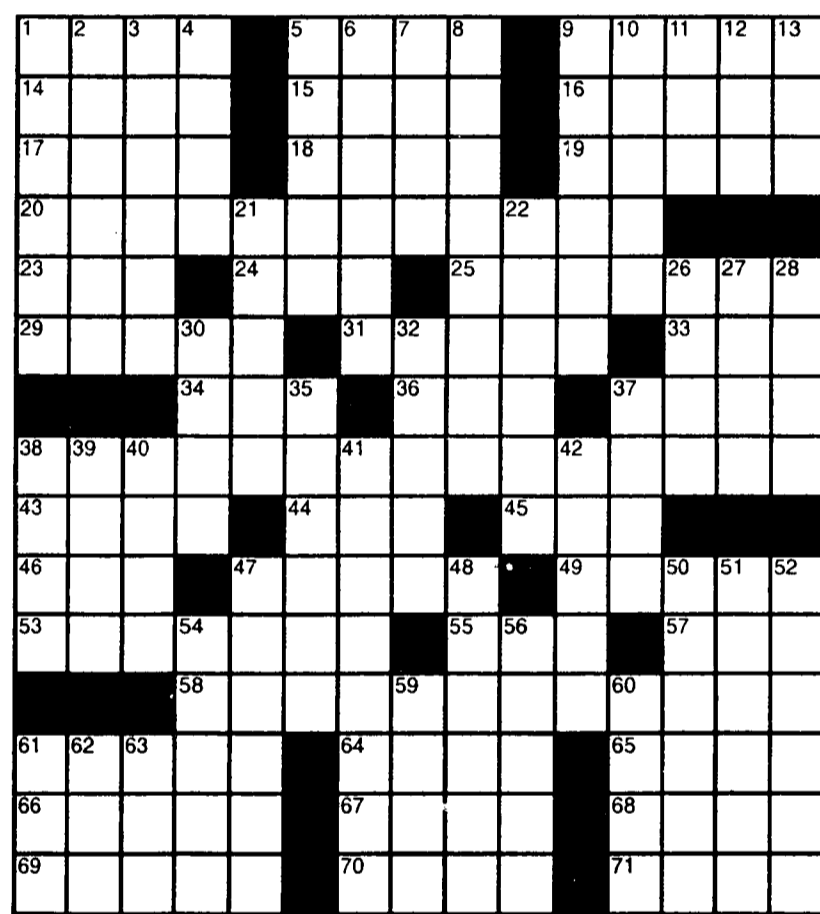
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 - 29 Dead-on
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 - 33 Pie ___ mode
 - 34 "I found it!"
 - 36 Tic-tac-toe win
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 - 38 Maiden voyage preceder
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 - 46 Human's cousin
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 - 57 Grassy area
 - 58 Ballpark maintenance groups
 - 61 Pulitzer winner ___ Jefferson
 - 64 Unaccompanied
- DOWN**
- 65 Bush's ___ of Evil
 - 66 Be of use
 - 67 Swear
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 - 69 Crown sparkler
 - 70 Zany Martha
 - 71 Waterfront walkway
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 - 2 Medieval weapon
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 - 4 Nutmeg spice
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 - 6 Wall-to-wall installation
 - 7 Charades player
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It is best to spend a quiet day with your mate. Chances are good that you neglected their needs during the past couple of months and it's time to make up for lost time. ****

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

No treasure for pirates

No Francis, no problem in 71-68 Irish win

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The game plan was different and so were the results.

Despite the absence of sophomore forward Torin Francis, Notre Dame (12-9, 6-5 Big East) got its

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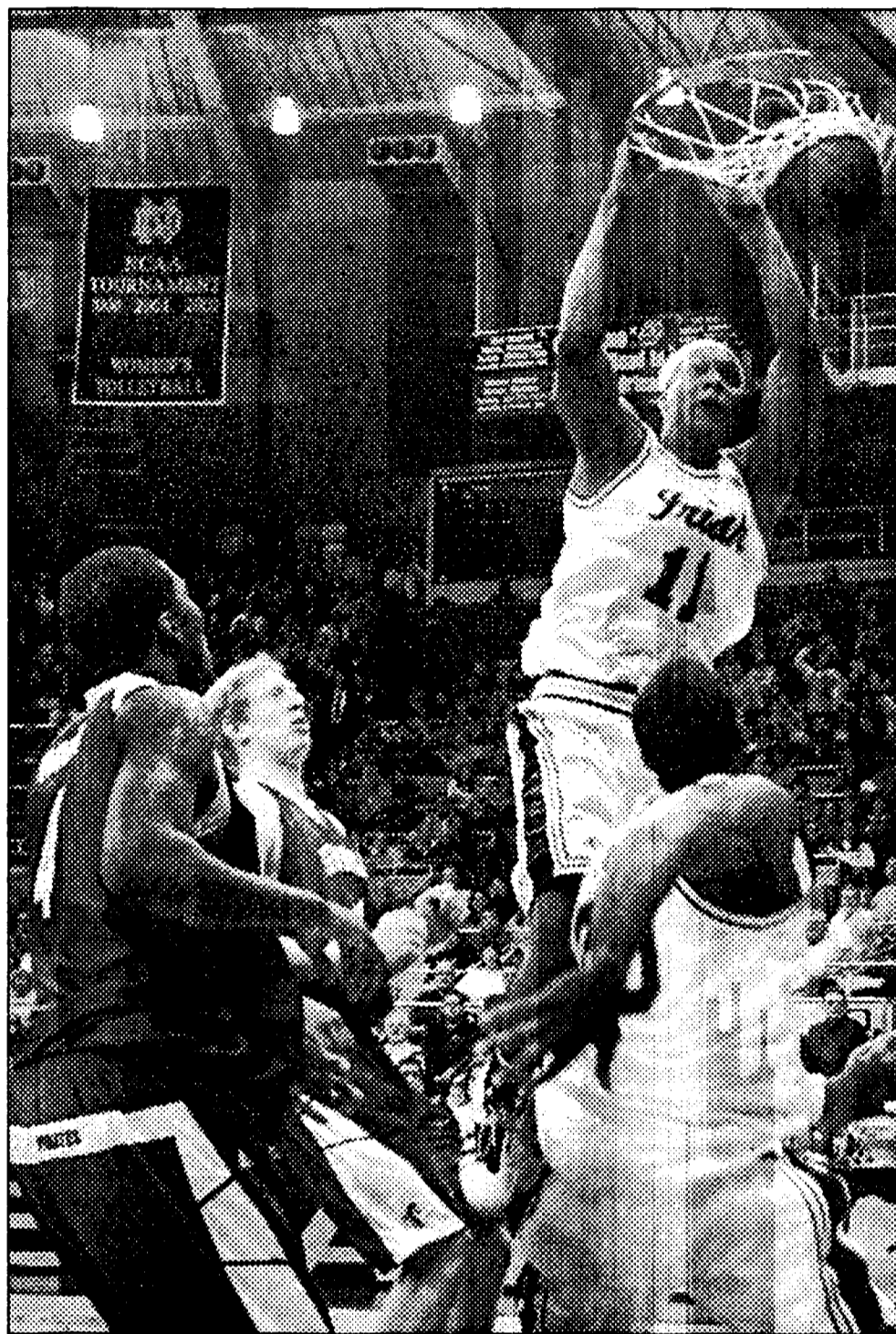
second straight conference victory in a 71-68 win over Seton Hall (16-6, 6-4) at the Joyce Center Saturday afternoon.

"Everybody's really picking it up," junior guard Chris Thomas said. "You can't replace a double-double in Torin, but we're picking up the intensity and playing with a tremendous amount of confidence."

The team announced Friday game that Francis — who averages 14.8 points and a team-high 8.8 rebounds per game — is out indefinitely due to a bulging disk in his lower back.

Notre Dame lacked a consistent low-post threat, but Irish coach Mike Brey and the Irish changed the offensive scheme

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Rick Cornett slams in a dunk during the 71-68 Irish victory at the Joyce Center Saturday afternoon.

CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

Jones leads Irish resurgence

Trailing by six points with just over two minutes left in the game, Seton Hall was barely clinging to its hopes for a victory when John Allen drove hard toward the basket and tossed up what seemed to be an uncontested layup that would have cut the Irish lead to four.

It didn't stay uncontested for very long. Torrian Jones, Notre Dame's resident S.W.A.T. team operative, soared high into the air and reached his arm up even higher. Just as quickly as Allen released the ball, it moved away from Jones' hand even faster.

Saying he rejected Allen's shot would be an understatement. The ball landed well out of bounds and started bouncing up the tunnel from where Notre Dame enters the Joyce Center court. Jones finally landed, waved his arms in front of him as if to say, "No way, not today,"



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Sports Writer

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HOCKEY

Irish move to sixth in conference

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish showed no love for Ferris State on Valentine's Day weekend, collecting a 4-2 win Friday and a 4-1 victory Saturday.

An offense that has been rather quiet all year finally started clicking as the Irish scored a combined eight goals in their two wins.

Notre Dame collected three goals from its defensemen on Saturday, and even goalie David Brown helped out on the offense with an assist Friday night.

"We really worked on getting the puck to the net this week in practice," Poulin said.

The Irish got the puck to the net quickly in both games this weekend, scoring the first goal in each with less than three minutes elapsed in the first period.

Also, in a season in which the luck of the Irish simply hasn't been there, Notre Dame got a few bounces to go their way. Friday the Irish scored a short-handed goal in what was perhaps one of the strangest plays of the entire season.

With the score tied 2-2 in the third period, and the Bulldogs on a power play, Notre Dame was forced to take a faceoff in its defensive zone. Irish forward Jason Smith won the draw and made a short pass to forward T.J. Jindra, who skated the puck into the neutral zone.

Jindra then flipped the puck along the center-ice boards, and Ferris State goaltender Mike Brown headed toward the boards to stop it.

The puck glanced off a metal scansion and deflected toward the vacated net. Brown tried to get back to stop it, but the puck hit off the wall at a perfect angle and slid down the ice into the empty net.

"We finally got a bounce to go our way," Jindra said after the game. "Anytime you get a goal on the penalty kill it's a big goal. I just dumped the puck down and got a lucky bounce."

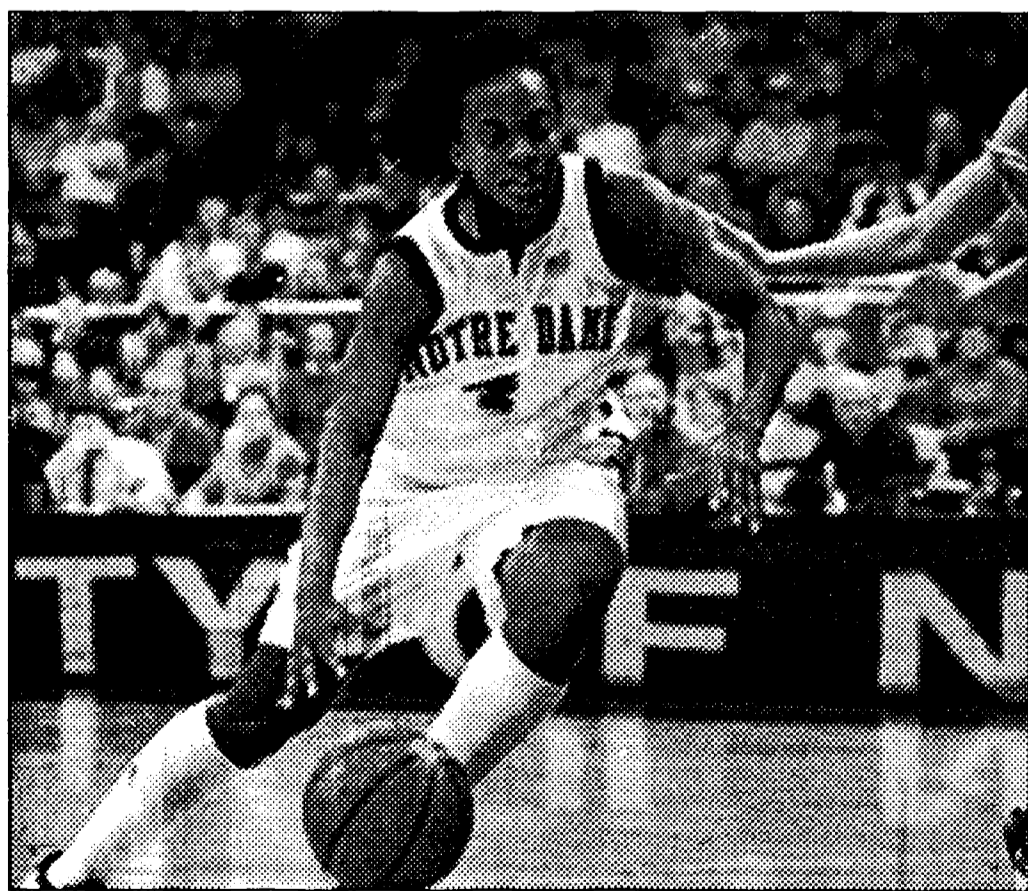
Notre Dame's special teams came through in a big way this weekend, with Notre Dame's power play scoring two goals on Saturday, and the team killing all nine Ferris State power plays in the two games, in addition to Jindra's shortie.

When shorthanded, The Irish have been especially solid lately and stretched their streak to 33

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Joyce's career night leads Irish over Friars



Irish guard Le'Tanla Severe drives past a defender during the women's 66-51 win over Connecticut.

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After 19 minutes and 58 seconds of frowning, scowling and looking completely frustrated, Irish coach Muffet McGraw finally smiled.

All it took was a buzzer-beating 3-pointer.

Jeneka Joyce drained four 3-pointers — the last one as the first half buzzer sounded — and scored all of her career-high 14 points in the first 20 minutes to spark Notre Dame over Providence 81-51 Saturday night at the Joyce Center.

Joyce swished the last-second 3-pointer from about 22 feet, spun herself around with her hands in the air after it went in and raced to the locker room. The team followed, including an outwardly excited McGraw.

"Jeneka was the difference, especially in the first half," McGraw said. "She had the knockout punch at the end of the half to hit that 3-pointer. That was really great to see her come in and have a great game."

Joyce said she was just doing her job.

"Whenever I have an opportunity to play and get in, I take my shots when they're open," Joyce said. "That's my job. I'm just filling my role."

The Irish had five players score in double figures for the first time since February of 2003. Forward Jacqueline Batteast recorded her eighth double-double of the season, scoring 14 points and grabbing 10 rebounds, while Joyce (14), Courtney LaVere (12) Teresa Borton (11) and

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame beats Virginia Commonwealth, Boston College and Virginia Tech over the weekend and improve to 5-1.

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MENS LACROSSE

Notre Dame 14
Boston College 11

Irish set 10 straight goals and rally to win.

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ND TRACK

Kristen Duff and Ryan Pytel lead the Irish runners at Windsor Team Challenge in Canada.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish beat Wisconsin 5-2 in home victory

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WOMENS LACROSSE

Notre Dame 17
Team Canada 9

Lauren Fischer's three goals and two assists lead Notre Dame over Team Canada.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Alma 77
Saint Mary's 65

The Belles drop their eighth consecutive road loss, and fall to 1-11 in the MIAA.

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