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Investigators travel to Minn. for Sharon case

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

An investigator from Notre Dame Security Police met Wednesday in Minneapolis, Minn. with police from other areas in the Midwest where male college students have disappeared, said Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security and Police. NDSP attended the meeting to discuss the Dec. 12 disappearance of freshman Chad Sharon with other investigators.



Chad Sharon

to investigate possible links between Sharon's case and the disappearances of three other male college students who had been drinking and disappeared in areas near a body of water, said Rakow.

"We asked the FBI to look into it," he said. "They didn't feel that there were any [connections]."

The main purpose of the meeting was not to discuss possible further links between the cases of missing male students but rather to compare notes on how the different police departments were conducting their investigations.

"We heard this meeting was going on [and] we asked if we could attend," said Rakow.

The three other cases involve missing students from the University of Minnesota, the University of Wisconsin-Eau

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STUDENT SENATE

Senators call emergency meeting

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Associate News Editor

Eight senators submitted a petition Friday to Trip Foley, student body vice president, calling for an emergency meeting to discuss the position of Libby Bishop, student body president, regarding in-hall dances in her report to the Board of Trustees on Thursday.

This petition followed a lengthy debate at Wednesday's Senate meeting regarding the failed resolution to attach a letter to Bishop's report asking for in-hall dances to be reinstated.

Section II Article II of the Student Union Constitution states that a minimum of five senators is needed to call an emergency meeting.

The petition said the reason for the meeting was "to present a unified student voice on the issue of reinstating the



LAUREN FORBES/The Observer

Student body president Libby Bishop presents her viewpoint. Bishop was criticized for her proposed BOT report on dances.

SYR for a probationary period of one year beginning in the fall of 2003." The petition also called for an evaluation and discussion of Bishop's report. The petition said each senator should be given the opportuni-

ty to represent his opinion in order to gauge an accurate understanding of student opinion.

The agenda set by Foley

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TROTGING AROUND THE COURT



CHIP MARKS/The Observer

The Harlem Globetrotters performed at the Joyce Center this past weekend and delighted fans by poking fun at the game of basketball.

Observer names new top staff

Observer Staff Report

Scott Brodfuehrer and Lori Lewalski have been hired to oversee The Observer's editorial and business operations in 2003-04, respectively, incoming Editor in Chief Andrew Soukup announced Sunday.

Brodfuehrer will serve as Managing Editor, while Lewalski will serve as Business Manager. Their appointments are effective March 17.

As Managing Editor, Brodfuehrer will be responsible for assisting the editor in chief

in overseeing The Observer's editorial departments. He also plans to oversee the development of a new Web site.

"I look forward to helping provide the leadership and the vision necessary to continue the tradition of excellence at The Observer," he said.

Lewalski, who has worked as Business Manager since January after serving as Controller since last March, is responsible for implementing a comprehensive financial plan for the paper.

"I'm honored to have been selected as Business Manager

for The Observer," Lewalski said. "After working as Controller, Business Manager is the next natural position to fall into."

Brodfuehrer, a junior Computer Science major, is currently an Associate News Editor and Web Administrator. He began working at The Observer in fall 2000 as a new writer and has also been a wire editor and copy editor.

Brodfuehrer spent the fall semester studying in London and currently lives in Knott

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SMC responds to pro-choice funding

College says sponsorship "doesn't fit" Catholic identity

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

The recent decision by Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) to sponsor four students to attend a pro-choice conference has left many on the Saint Mary's campus confused, although Saint Mary's does not stand behind the decision, said Melanie Engler, a spokeswoman for the College.

While CWIL is a separate department within the College, it must still respect the Catholic tradition of the College, said Engler.

Sponsoring the trip to the conference "doesn't fit into the Catholic identity of the College," she said. "Any event that the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership sponsors should fit into the Catholic identity of Saint Mary's. I don't think the intention of the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership was negative [and] I'm sure the intention was to expose students to Washington D.C.; it was just the wrong conference to choose."

Meredith Sarkees, director of

CWIL, did not return Observer phone calls seeking comment.

"The program itself was student leadership. The purpose was to show students how to become involved in lobbying and leadership," Sarkees told the Observer last week.

"The College's position is that this was a regrettable decision to fund support for this workshop," said Pat White, vice president and dean of faculty for the College.

White also added that the College and the CWIL would continue to review the Center's grant approval procedures in the coming weeks.

CWIL provided funds to four students, Heather Engstrom, Mary Watrobka, Emily Welsh

and a fourth student, who applied for a grant to attend the "Never Go Back" student leadership conference, which focuses on advancing pro-choice

causes. Engstrom refused comment, and Watrobka and Welsh did not return Observer phone calls seeking comment.

The Feminist Majority Foundation organized the conference, which was held in Washington on Jan. 22-23, one day after the 30th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion on demand.

The Feminist Majority Foundation description of the

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INSIDE COLUMN

Roommate ruminations

A recent New York Times article documented the rise of lavish, single housing for university underclassmen. Colleges like Amherst and Swarthmore have recently implemented apartment-like residence halls that cater to the growing number of students who wish to reside in single housing, thus providing them with privacy and more elaborate digs than normal dormitories found at many other national colleges.

Joe Trombello

News Production Editor

Does anyone see a problem with this? Many university officials do, commenting that a greater emphasis on single housing will give students one more reason to hole themselves up in their room. With a greater importance on privacy, some students may never need to share their personal space or possessions with a roommate. Such arrangements often divorce students from the real world because they never have to learn the art of compromise, negotiation, or simple interaction they will ultimately encounter with co-workers, bosses or spouses.

Don't get me wrong, I respect the wishes of many upperclassmen that have dealt with the negative aspects of having a roommate and have decided against such living arrangements, but I find that providing single housing for demanding freshman would violate many of the lessons that college is supposed to teach.

As important as the academic realm of college is, there are other areas in which students should experience growth and maturity. Shared experiences such as housing provide students the opportunity to interact with their peers in ways that living alone does not.

The housing system at Notre Dame eliminates many barriers that would impede such necessary social maturity. Many students choose to live in a dorm for all four years because they so highly value the dorm life — one that does not allow students to live in a class-discriminated dorm but rather ensures that all four classes will come in contact with one another. Since Notre Dame does not have fraternities or sororities, the dorm is meant to provide many of the same social benefits without the potential for dangerous and even deadly rush practices. Dorm spirit unites many Notre Dame undergraduates who would seem to have very little in common other than a similarly colored sock-cap or sweatshirt that proudly announces their dorm allegiance. Furthermore, the abundance of doubles, triples, quads and even quints requires undergraduates to avoid isolation and instead to interact with the person or people they live with.

Living with a roommate means learning to compromise and having to live with idiosyncrasies and oddities you may never have imagined, such as your roommates' penchant for obnoxious country music or bizarre sleeping patterns. You may not always like your roommate. He or she may not be your best friend. Or he or she may. Nevertheless, the experience is an important one and should not be bypassed by increasingly demanding students who refuse to compromise and are accustomed to getting their way.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joe Trombello at Jtrombel@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error, four pages did not appear in Friday's paper. The Observer regrets this error.

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

WHAT'S INSIDE

CAMPUS NEWS	WORLD & NATION	BUSINESS NEWS	VIEWPOINT	SCENE	SPORTS
SMC students pass out flyers to protest the Keenan Revue	Americans gather to mourn loss of Columbia	Boeing pledges support for Columbia investigation	Debating pro-choice sponsorship at Saint Mary's	Check out the Sophomore Literary Festival	Irish defeat Georgetown in double overtime
A group of Saint Mary's students passed out flyers that criticized what they felt were unfair jokes at this weekend's Keenan Revue performances.	Americans across the country mourned the disaster that killed seven astronauts while investigators continued to gather evidence.	Officials from Boeing, NASA's largest space contractor, said it would offer assistance to the investigation into the Columbia's crash.	Readers contribute on both sides of the discussion about Saint Mary's sponsorship for students to attend a pro-choice conference.	Scene reviews the 36th annual Sophomore Literary Festival and its offerings of book signings and poetry readings.	The Irish mens basketball team defeated the Hoyas 93-92 in a spectacular overtime finish on Saturday.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ "Roll, Jordan, Roll: Photographs of the Gullah Culture" All day at the Snite Museum
- ◆ Film and lecture. "Profit and Nothing But" 4 p.m. at the Hesburgh Center Auditorium

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Lecture "Depression: An Invisible Reality," Dr. Mid Depauw 12 p.m. at Hagggar Parlor
- ◆ Class election information session 7 p.m. at Hagggar Parlor

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

Fraud reported in graduate housing
NDSP received a complaint of fraudulent use of a credit card. The situation is being investigated and there are no suspects.

Engineering vehicle stuck
The Department of Engineering reported to NDSP that their vehicle was struck while parked by an unknown hit-and-run vehicle. There are no suspects.

Wallet stolen from Siegfried
A student reported leaving wallet in laundry room unsecured, and when he returned for the wallet it was missing. There are no suspects.

Larceny in Dillon reported
A student reported the theft of her cellular phone from her coat pocket while in Dillon Hall between 10 p.m. on Nov. 16 and 2 a.m. on Nov. 17. There are no suspects.

compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Pasta alla carbonara Oil & garlic sauce, Chicken fajita pizza, mushroom stroganoff, kluski noodles, brown sauce, pork gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, apple cobbler, tuna casserole, barley greens & risotto, baked potato, corn, grits, sausage links, blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs




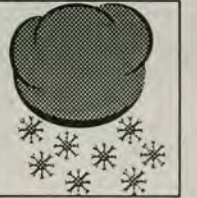
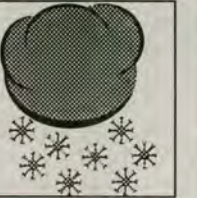
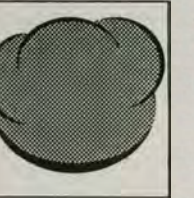
Today's Dinner:
 Pasta alla carbonara, Oil & garlic sauce, Roast pork loin, Wild pecan rice, Brown sauce, Pork gravy, Whipped potatoes, Broccoli cuts, Apple cobbler, Garden quiche, Lemon couscous, Baked sweet potato, Baked potato, peas

South Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Turkey tetrazzini, Mushroom marinara, Spinach-cheese tortellini, Garden quiche, Baby lima beans, Baked potato neptune, Beef tips & mushrooms, Kluski noodles, Roast top sirloin of beef, Long grain & wild rice, Italian chicken sandwich, Crinkle fries

Today's Dinner: Turkey tetrazzini, Mushroom marinara, Spinach-cheese tortel, Eggplant parmesan, Herbed vegetable medley, Swiss steak, Grilled salmon fillet, Rotisserie chicken, Roasted herb-garlic russet potatoes, Shrimp poppers, Crinkle fries, Soft pretzel, Pork tempura, Beef fajitas

Saint Mary's Dining Hall

No information was available

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 46 LOW 41	HIGH 39 LOW 31	HIGH 32 LOW 8	HIGH 19 LOW 8	HIGH 22 LOW 8	HIGH 18 LOW 10

Saint Mary's students protest Keenan Revue

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

Several Saint Mary's students handed out flyers of protest prior to the Keenan Revue this past weekend. The flyer and its authors criticized the program for utilizing "hateful stereotypes" in many of its skits.

The Keenan Revue, a comedic variety show put on annually by the residents of Notre Dame's Keenan Hall, well known for its vulgar and sexual satire. The show's producers and participants embrace this image. However, in recent years the show has been increasingly criticized for what some call its overly racist and sexist content. Some Saint Mary's students have been particularly angered at the inclusion of numerous jokes about the Saint Mary's student body.

"I don't understand why if we are truly a Christian community there are such negative stereotypes on campus," said Jessica Bland, one of the flyer's authors. "It is truly hateful."

The distributed flyers included the definitions of words such as "stereotype," "misogyny," and "intolerance." On the right side of the sheet in bold type was the question "Still Laughing?"

One specific Revue comment that the flyer cited was a skit's reference to

Saint Mary's patron saint as

"Saint Mary Magdalene, patron saint of whores." The flyer called the reference "slandering" and "degrading," and said "this implies that the College community is composed of such persons."

The flyer also noted the fact that Keenan Hall was voted the best residence hall of the year. Keenan, as a result of this honor, has the responsibility "to uphold a standard of leadership, respecting all community members," the flyer said.

"I want to challenge Keenan residents, and all members of Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross College to ask hard questions about how we're living up to the tradition of 'God, Country, Not re Dame,' and what that means to us as Americans and Christians," Bland said.

Not all Saint Mary's students, however, were so critical of the program, and felt that all the jokes were in good fun.

"The tickets are free and everyone knows what goes on," said Saint Mary's sophomore Kelly Doherty. "If you don't want to hear yourself get made fun of, don't go."

"They made fun of Notre Dame girls more than the Saint Mary's girls," added sophomore Kelsey Schatz. "Why shouldn't we be able to take some of it?"

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Scientists study hemophilia

By MELISSA LOU
News Writer

Researchers from Notre Dame's Keck Center for Transgene Research have been investigating cellular transplantation as a possible cure for hemophilia, said Elliot Rosen, associate director of the center.

The Center has been studying the genes involved in dissolving and forming blood clots. In order to perform this research, the Center has used mice with genetic modifications that affect this process.

"One of the main challenges we faced was that a lot of these animals died early on [after their birth] so we couldn't study them," said Rosen.

A possible solution came in 1999, when Rosen attended a scientific meeting, where he learned about an in-utero technique for transplanting blood cells.

By the summer of 2001, the concept of using in-utero transplantation techniques to prolong the lives of the genetically modified mice had gained momentum. Given the possible medical impact of this research today, the initial results of this innovative research were featured in the inaugural run of the Journal of Thrombosis and Homeostasis.

Rosen discussed the social dimensions of the research by expanding upon the relationship between hemophilia in humans and the condition pre-

sent in the mice. Hemophilia is caused by a missing or defective protein known as factor VII or IX. The mice Rosen works with present a rare and deadly form of hemophilia because of their lack of a protein necessary for proper blood coagulation known as Factor X. Because of this, many of the mice exhibit massive hemorrhaging upon birth and die shortly after.

The strategy Rosen and his team developed involves taking cells from healthy mice embryos and transplanting them to the livers of sick mice.

"Currently, the donors have a gene that allows us to track the cells in the recipients by adding X-gal to the cells, turning them blue," Rosen said.

If the cells from the donor embryos survive and colonize in the liver of the recipient, they could make enough of the Factor X to allow the mice to survive.

Rosen explained several positive factors about the current research.

"Because the defective genes that cause hemophilia are known, it is possible to detect the disease before the child is born by genetic screening of a fetus in utero. Genetic screening would be focused on potential carriers eliminating the need for an impractical general screening of all unborn children," said Rosen.

The strategy he and his researchers developed transplants cells in utero so that the disease could be cured before it

develops.

The second advantage of this strategy is related to current cures for hemophilia.

"Currently, if a person manifests the disease, you can inject the missing protein and manage the illness [and] sometimes 15 to 20 percent of the patient's immune systems begin to recognize the protein as alien to the body and build antibodies to inhibit the injected factors," said Rosen. "We are injecting the cells before the immune system forms, thus our hypothesis, which we still have to prove, is that the immune system will recognize these cells as 'self' and will not develop antibodies inhibiting the therapeutic proteins."

In order to use the strategy in humans, however, the team needs to increase the efficiency of the procedure and find a more convenient source of donor cells than isolating them from another embryo. Additionally, the team must prove that the recipients do not reject the donor cells as alien, explained Rosen.

At present, the research team has successfully increased the life expectancy of 50 percent of the mice in the experiments. The next series of experiments are designed to test if the mice are developing the antibodies that would inhibit the curative factors, said Rosen.

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All applications must be submitted to Andrew Soukup in The Observer's office, located in the basement of South Dining Hall, by Friday, February 7, 2003. Questions about the application process can be directed to Andrew at 1-4541.

International students talk about involvement

◆ Foreign students look to student leaders for new ways to become active in the Notre Dame community

By KEVIN ALLEN
News Writer

In an attempt to provide international students with a stronger voice on campus, a group of foreign undergraduate students met to discuss possible strategies for involving more international students in campus activities.

Connie Peterson-Miller, assistant director for International Student Services and Activities (ISSA), organized the forum.

Last November, in an effort to provide international students with a better voice in student government, Libby Bishop, student body president, proposed the addition of an international student representative to the Campus Life Council. Because of the structure of the CLC, the idea was rejected but that did not halt the initiative to better include the unique perspectives of international students in University life.

Peterson-Miller said most of the students in attendance at the Jan. 23 meeting were not necessarily interested in running for student government offices, but they wanted to learn more about the process of becoming involved at Notre Dame. ISSA currently works with First Year Studies and student government to deliver that type of information to international students when they arrive at Notre Dame as freshmen.

"International students don't necessarily feel like they need special favors, but they have unique insights and perspectives that could benefit the student body as a whole," said Peterson-Miller.

Student body vice-president Trip Foley attended the forum to offer support from student government for international students. Foley said most of the students present were freshmen and seemed to be happy with University services, but have found it difficult at times to learn about all of the opportunities that are available.

"A lot of their concerns were not much different from those of any group of students," said Foley. Notre Dame hosts over 1,000 international students from about 100 countries, but only 266 of these students are undergraduates. Due to their larger numbers, international graduate students are more organized, Peterson-Miller said. Several international undergraduates still manage to become involved in activities on campus, but several obstacles stand in the way.

Kriti Kohli, a sophomore from India, who is involved with the Student Union Board, said it is difficult for international students to run for student government positions or to become involved with other activities because of issues such as culture shock and homesickness. Kohli added that many international students do not know about all the opportunities available to them. Kohli said an international student representative on student government or the CLC would be of immense help to international undergraduates. "At least international students would have a voice," said Kohli.

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SMC plans disabilities week

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Beginning today, Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board will sponsor a variety of activities designed to increase understanding of special needs as part of Disabilities Awareness Week.

Today, students have the opportunity to wear silver ribbons that were provided in several campus buildings to signal their support of disabilities issues, said Francis Bruder, Students with Disabilities Representative.

"Students need to understand that there are 50 million Americans with disabilities, both apparent and non-apparent," Bruder said.

This year's planning committee for Disabilities Awareness Week decided to focus

on physical as well as mental disabilities, organizers said. Mary Depauw, director of

counseling and career development at the College, will speak about the topic of

depression today and discuss anxiety disorders on Friday.

In addition to growing in their knowledge about people with disabilities, the committee also wants students to come to an understanding of what it is like to have a disability by addressing their natural curiosity about disabilities.

"Everyone probably knows someone with a disability

"Being disabled [myself], I realize that people are curious about disabilities [and] this week gives students the opportunity to understand disabilities better."

Sara Mahoney
Student Diversity Board
President

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organizers for Disabilities Week have planned for a wheelchair rugby team to come to the College to demonstrate their skills. On Thursday, some Saint Mary's students will use wheelchairs and crutches to travel around campus in an attempt to discover what it is like to be disabled and to get around campus.

"On a scale of one to 10 I would rank Saint Mary's as a five for physical handicap accessibility," Mahoney said.

Improving the accessibility of campus is a concern for both students and visitors, explained Mahoney.

"An admissions counselor told me of a tour she gave to a student who had a grandmother in a wheelchair," Mahoney said. "They had to enter all of the unattractive parts of campus so that the grandmother could get in and eventually they had to leave her behind."

Bruder said she hopes this week will increase awareness for accessibility.

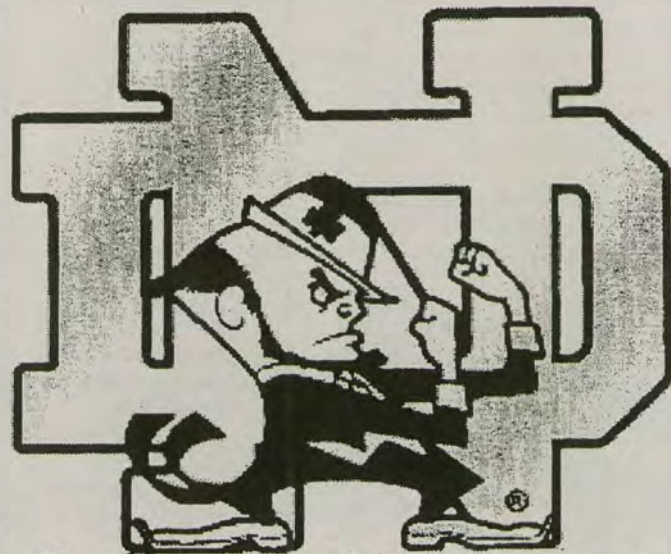
"Since the 1990 Disabilities Act, the campus has done more for mental disabilities, but the campus is working at a pace that will show change and improvements for physical handicaps as well," she said.

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Americans mourn Columbia disaster

Associated Press

United again in sorrow, Americans mourned the deaths of the space shuttle astronauts at church services Sunday, while investigators pursued early clues about what went wrong. Search crews — some on horseback, some in helicopters — tracked charred debris across Texas and Louisiana.

"I don't know that we'll ever find all these pieces," said Sheriff Thomas Kerss, overseeing the hunt for hundreds, possibly thousands, of bits of wreckage strewn over Nacogdoches County after the shuttle burst apart above Texas.

At churches across America, at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, at a U.S. Army base in Afghanistan, even in the Iraq National Assembly, the loss of the seven Columbia astronauts gave rise to grief and reflection.

"A lot of things occur, we just wonder why and how," said Jim Andreini, 58, attending a service at Grace Brethren Church in Westerville, Ohio. "We like to think it's all part of the plan. Sometimes, it's hard to understand."

Officials said the collected debris would be trucked to Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana for analysis by engineering experts. Their findings will be part of a NASA investigation aimed at discovering why the

shuttle disintegrated Saturday, just moments from its scheduled landing in Florida.

The shuttle program manager, Ron Dittmore, said engineers have detected a sudden, sharp rise of temperature on the fuselage — 60 degrees in five minutes — moments before the craft broke apart.

That was followed by signs of increased drag that caused the shuttle's computerized control system to try to adjust the flight pattern, he said.

Stressing the evidence was preliminary, Dittmore told a news conference it was possible there had been damage to or a loss of thermal tiles that protect the shuttle from burning up during re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere.

NASA chief Sean O'Keefe said investigators would examine whether damage was caused by insulation from a fuel tank during Columbia's Jan. 16 ascent.

A special federal commission also will conduct an investigation, with its emphasis on policy matters affecting the future of the U.S. space program. Harold Gehman Jr., the retired Navy admiral who helped lead the Pentagon's inquiry into the USS Cole bombing, will head that commission.

Committees in the House and Senate also plan to examine the disaster.

"The key issue for us in



Tracy Tibbetts, her daughter Taylor, and friend Lauren Walker say a prayer in front of the Challenger Memorial at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Center Saturday in Titusville, Fla. Many of the visitors to the site signed a remembrance book for the Columbia crew.

Congress is why did it happen, how did it happen, how do we fix it and then how do we project on forward with manned space flight?" said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan.

Across hundreds of square miles of Texas and Louisiana, civilian and military authorities used horses, four-wheel drive vehicles, Army helicopters and satellite data to locate shuttle

debris in pastures, woods and swamps.

Kerss said it could be weeks or months before searchers reach remote areas that might hold pieces of the shuttle.

ITALY

Pakistanis deny involvement in terrorism case

Associated Press

ROME

The 28 Pakistanis arrested in a raid that turned up explosives and maps of a NATO base either have denied any links to terrorism or refused to answer questions during interrogations, lawyers said Sunday.

After an all-day hearing, a judge ruled Sunday that the suspects should remain jailed while the investigation continues, lawyer Gennaro Razzino said in a telephone conversation from Naples, where the Pakistanis were jailed.

Razzino said all 10 of his clients invoked

their right not to answer questions during the first hearing in the case, which began Thursday when police raided a Naples house during a crackdown on illegal immigration.

Another lawyer, Giovanna Cacciapuoti, told Italian state television that those who did answer questions denied the charges.

"They denied having any knowledge about this explosives material and denied having any connections with, or any knowledge, about fundamentalist circles or terrorist circles," Cacciapuoti said.

No future hearing dates were set, Razzino said.

During Thursday's raid, police said they

found a circled newspaper photo of Britain's military chief as well as a few pages of a map, ripped from the directory of city streets that all local telephone subscribers receive, of the area of Bagnoli, a suburb that is home to a NATO base.

Italian media Sunday reported that subsequent searches of the apartment turned up other maps, including of tourist spots like a Naples museum, the coastal town of Sorrento, the spa island of Ischia, and Ercolano, site of the ancient Roman city Herculaneum.

But a police officer familiar with the probe and speaking on condition of anonymity said only the map of the NATO

base area was found in the raid.

Razzino, however, said prosecutors presenting evidence at Sunday's hearing produced a highway map of the Campania region, which includes Naples, that they said was found in a subsequent search of the apartment. The lawyer said no particular targets were marked on the map but that places like Pompeii and Positano, two top tourist draws, were circled.

A police official on Saturday confirmed reports that a Jan. 25 newspaper in the house had a photograph of British Adm. Sir Michael Boyce, who was expected to visit Naples next month, but declined to say if the admiral was a target.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Israeli astronaut named national hero

In a Cabinet meeting, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon declared astronaut Ilan Ramon a national hero. And across the country, flags flew at half-staff as the nation mourned its latest loss. After 28 months of daily violence with the Palestinians, a depressed economy and the threat of being drawn into a war with Iraq, Israelis had been celebrating Ramon's journey as a testament to their achievements.

Venezuelans petition for Chavez's ouster

President Hugo Chavez declared victory Sunday after his opponents agreed to ease a two-month national strike, but thousands of Venezuelans still lined up for a petition drive seeking his ouster. Strike organizers said Friday they would ease the work stoppage this week to protect businesses from bankruptcy. However, the strike will continue in the vital oil industry, where production was cut from 3 million barrels a day to 150,000.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Bush to send deficit-boosting budget

President Bush will send Congress a \$2.23 trillion spending plan Monday featuring new tax cuts to boost the economy, a conservative tilt to major social programs and record deficits for the next two years — shortfalls that Democrats blame on Bush's tax cuts. White House budget officials said Sunday the president's tax and spending blueprint will roll out as scheduled despite Saturday's space shuttle disaster.

Fund seeks to aid Columbia survivors

A fund that raised \$1 million to assist the children of the Challenger disaster in 1986 will launch an effort to do the same for survivors of the Columbia crash. With non-profit status and volunteer administrators, the Space Shuttle Children's Trust Fund was established with the support of NASA to provide for the health, education and related support of the Challenger survivors.

Poll: Bush rallying support on Iraq war

President Bush has reversed the slide in public support for a possible war with Iraq, with 66 percent saying they support military action against Iraq in an ABC-Washington Post poll released Saturday. That's up from 57 percent who felt that way in mid-January in this poll. Significantly, 51 percent said they support military action even if the United Nations is opposed, up from 37 percent in mid-December.

American secondhand smoke levels down

Americans have lower levels of lead and secondhand-smoke byproducts in their bodies than they did a decade ago, according to a government study. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention attributed the decline to such things as stricter regulations on harmful chemicals, bans on smoking in the workplace, and programs to reduce children's exposure to lead paint.

Senate

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states that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss and review the Board of Trustees report.

Rick Harris, Siegfried Hall senator, said he organized the petition because he and other senators felt they should be given the opportunity to express what they thought Bishop should emphasize.

"I received information from a member of Libby's office that her report that she would be giving would include a recommendation for one in hall dance per hall per year," Harris said. "I felt and other senators felt this would be a big compromise from the stance that we wanted where dances should be brought back for a probationary period."

Harris said a resolution addressing Bishop will be presented and it will state the Senate's view. Harris referred to the constitution when he said he and others feel Bishop should respect their opinion. Article II Section II of the constitution states that the Senate shall formulate and advance the position of the student body on all issues concerning campus life.

A resolution is a call for action

and must be passed by a two-thirds vote. The president must sign it within a week for it to be adopted.

Bishop said during the debate of the resolution at Wednesday's meeting that the letter asking for the reinstatement of in-hall dances would have been superfluous and detracted from her report. This influenced some senators to vote against the letter. Bishop initially supported the letter, but said she changed her mind after reading drafts of it. Bishop said after the meeting that she would have welcomed and referenced the letter in her report had it been addressed to her.

Kevin Conley, chair of the Residence Life committee that presented the letter, said after the meeting he intended to discuss the letter and who to address it to at Monday's Residence Life committee meeting. Conley, who signed the petition for the emergency meeting, said he thought it was important that student opinion is voiced and that he still intends to discuss the status of the letter at Monday's Residence Life committee meeting.

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Prochoice

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event states, "If we do not act now, women's most fundamental right — the right to control their bodies — could be obliterated. Join pro-choice, feminist students from across the country in demanding the preservation of abortion rights at our Never Go Back Student Leadership Conference: Mobilizing Youth to Save Abortion Rights in Washington, D.C."

CWIL's decision to sponsor the four women attending the conference came as a

surprise to many on the Saint Mary's campus.

"Knowledge of this trip was not widespread," College spokeswoman Engler said. "Many, if not most, did not know about it until they read about it in The Observer."

Bishop John D'Arcy, bishop of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese, which includes Saint Mary's, further added, "I think that at any institution of higher learning the issues of the day should be discussed but one expects [at Saint Mary's] that the Catholic position should be presented. Based on the information I have received [from The Observer], it is disturbing and in opposition [to] the Catholic Church and the truths it teaches," D'Arcy said.

The bishop also questioned the explanation that attendance at the conference could be justified on the grounds of developing leadership skills.

"They're learning leadership

for what? To become leaders that support pro-choice causes?" said D'Arcy.

Saint Mary's received a \$12 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., in November 2000 to open the Center. CWIL officially opened in September 2001. The executive summary submitted by the College to Lilly states, "In establishing the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, Saint Mary's will build on its position as the nation's premier Catholic women's college and

its tradition of pioneering change in women's education to create a new and unique locus for innovative thinking, reflection

and action."

During the summer of 2002, the College hired Sarkees as the new director for the center. As the first permanent director of CWIL, Sarkees' task is to implement the procedure by which students and faculty can receive study and travel grants.

Any student, or group of students, has the chance to apply for a grant. Once the grant proposal has been turned into the center, it is then reviewed by CWIL's Grant Committee to evaluate the proposal's "potential for positive impact on the individuals involved, the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, and the College as a whole." The committee then decides whether to provide funding for the proposal.

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Childrens' prescriptions vary

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Prescription rates for Ritalin and similar attention deficit disorder drugs - both widely praised and widely maligned - vary dramatically across the nation, new research indicates.

While the prevalence of the disorder is not thought to vary greatly by region, a study being released Monday found that treatment rates ranged from 1.6 percent of children's prescriptions examined in Washington, D.C., to 6.5 percent of children's prescriptions in Louisiana. Significantly higher rates were found in the South and Midwest than in the West.

Overall, about 4 percent of prescriptions examined for children ages 5 to 14 in 1999 were for stimulants including Ritalin.

The study, appearing in February's issue of Pediatrics, was done by researchers at Express Scripts Inc., a

Missouri-based pharmacy benefits management company. The researchers reviewed a nationally representative sample of company prescription claims for 178,800 children throughout 1999. The claims were for all types of medication.

Lead researcher Emily Cox and colleagues said that while they did not determine if higher prescription rates represented overuse or if lower rates represented underuse, "both may be occurring."

The variations should be examined "to reduce the risk to children from unnecessary drug therapy as well as the negative health and emotional consequences to children with untreated medical conditions," the researchers said.

Critics of excessive use of such drugs, including some doctors, have worried that the drugs sometimes are promoted by schools and others as a "quick fix" without other appropriate treatment.

Advertising of the drugs, physician practice styles, parents' and teachers' values and anti-Ritalin campaigns may have contributed to the varying drug use rates, the researchers said.

Methylphenidate, the drug more widely known by the brand name Ritalin, was the most common stimulant prescribed. Others were dextroamphetamine and other amphetamines.

Stimulant use was found to be more prevalent among white children and those from higher-income families. Cox said the higher rates likely are representative of the nation's commercially insured population. The study did not look at Medicaid claims.

The American Academy of Pediatrics' guidelines for treating attention deficit hyperactivity disorder cite data suggesting the disorder affects 4 percent to 12 percent of school-age children, or as many as 3.8 million youngsters, most of them boys.

Sharon

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Claire and St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn.

Rakow said his department came away from the meeting strongly encouraged that everything possible was being done to find Sharon.

"We think we're doing more than most of the agencies," said Rakow. "We're just uncovering every stone we can."

Along with this, Rakow said that the campus police in one

of the Minnesota cases had simply listed the case in their crime file, forcing the missing student's parents to hire private investigators.

Sharon's has been unaccounted for since his disappearance on Dec. 12, where he was last seen attending an off-campus party on Corby Street. Sharon was reported missing by hall staff when he did not return to his Fisher Hall residence the next morning.

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Staff

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Hall.

Lewalski, a junior accounting major, joined The Observer as a member of the Viewpoint staff before becoming Controller, a post she has held for the past year.

Lewalski is from Michigan City, Ind., and lives in Howard Hall. She interned at E.K. Williams, a small South Bend accounting firm.

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IN BRIEF

Wall Street suffers heavy losses

Wall Street suffered its third straight weekly decline, a slide not seen in nearly four months.

Investors took some chances on blue chip stocks Friday, picking up bargains after the Dow Jones industrials' nearly 900 point drop over the past two weeks. But the buying wasn't enough to save heavy losses for the month.

Analysts attributed the day's gains to investors seeking lower-priced stocks rather than improving sentiment about the market or the economy, especially since the news on both fronts was mixed Friday. The blue chip advance came despite investors' ongoing concerns that a war with Iraq would derail what's already been feeble economic progress.

EBay deletes 'shuttle debris' listings

EBay deleted several items billed as debris from the space shuttle Columbia from the online auction site Saturday, warning that anyone attempting to sell fragments from the doomed shuttle could be prosecuted.

EBay spokesman Kevin Pursglove said customer service representatives received a handful of listings throughout the day from people purporting to have found debris in Texas.

AOL reports first subscriber drop

After a relentless decade-long climb to more than 35 million global subscribers, the number of America Online users has slipped for the first time.

Tucked in among the more dramatic announcements in its earnings release on Wednesday, the online division of AOL Time Warner reported the departure of 170,000 U.S. users in the fourth quarter — despite the splashy release of its latest software, version 8.0.

"While AOL is still the No. 1 online service in terms of reach and time spent online, it is losing relevance steadily," said Dylan Brooks, an independent analyst of Internet service providers.

Boeing offers help with probe

◆ Aerospace firm pledges support for Columbia investigation

Associated Press

CHICAGO

Boeing Co., NASA's largest space contractor, said it would do what it could to help officials determine what caused Saturday's tragedy aboard the space shuttle Columbia.

Chicago-based Boeing generates about \$2 billion, or about 4 percent of its business, from its work on NASA's manned space operations, which includes the space shuttle and the international space station programs.

"We are doing everything possible to support NASA and the United Space Alliance in their investigation of [the] tragedy," the company said on its Web site.

A Boeing spokeswoman declined to comment on what effect the shuttle disaster might have on the company.

Columbia was built by Rockwell International, but Rockwell turned its shuttle program over to Boeing in the mid-1990s.

One analyst said it was too early to assess what effect Saturday's tragedy might have on Boeing's business because so little is known about what happened.

"They probably will stand down until they know what the problem is, but will continue with the program ... so you probably will not see an enormous financial impact," said Cai Von Rumohr, an aerospace analyst with SG Cowan Securities Inc. in Boston.

Boeing announced Jan.



AFP PHOTO

Shuttle Program Director Ron Dittmore speaks to journalists during a press conference at the Johnson Space Center Sunday. Boeing, NASA's largest contractor, has pledged to help in the investigation of Saturday's tragedy aboard the space shuttle Columbia.

30 it posted a \$590 million profit in the fourth quarter thanks to a flourishing defense business and despite a slump in the aviation industry.

Boeing offered its condolences Saturday to the families of the seven astronauts killed.

"The men and women of the Boeing Company salute

the bravery and dedication of the astronauts who lost their lives in the pursuit of discovery and science today," the company said on its Web site.

BellSouth gets court order to keep exec

Associated Press

ATLANTA

A judge has granted BellSouth Corp. a temporary restraining order preventing its vice chairman, Gary Forsee, from accepting an offer to be chairman and chief executive of Sprint Corp.

A Fulton County Superior Court judge issued the order over the weekend after the company filed the request late Friday, BellSouth spokesman Jeff Battcher said Sunday.

Forsee, who joined BellSouth in 1999, has a noncompete clause in his contract that prevents him from taking a job with a competitor of the Atlanta-based regional phone company. Sprint and BellSouth both sell long-distance service in nine Southeastern states and compete nationally for wireless customers.

BellSouth went to court Friday after Forsee, 52, told the company he wanted to take the Sprint posi-

tion, replacing William Esrey, a person familiar with the situation said. Forsee, who was a Sprint executive for nine years, oversees BellSouth's domestic operations.

Forsee did not immediately return a message left Sunday at his Atlanta home. Sprint spokesman Bill White declined to comment Sunday.

BellSouth is trying to prevent Forsee from divulging "intellectual capital," including company pricing plans and merger and acquisition information, to a competitor like Sprint. Forsee also is chairman of Cingular Wireless, BellSouth's joint venture with SBC Communications Inc.

"BellSouth attorneys and Sprint attorneys are in discussions about this matter," Battcher said.

Sprint, based in Overland Park, Kan., has repeatedly declined to comment on the possibility of Forsee joining the company.

Sprint is scheduled to report its

quarterly earnings on Wednesday, and analysts believe the company will discuss the issue then.

Esrey's departure has been expected since Sprint announced in November that he was undergoing chemotherapy treatment after being diagnosed with lymphoma. But analysts had expected chief operating officer Ronald LeMay to be his successor.

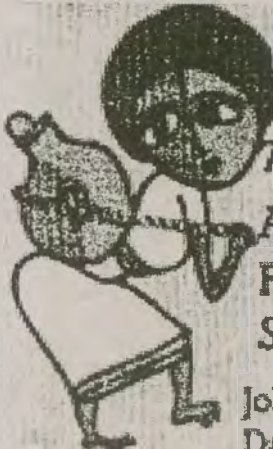
The Wall Street Journal reported last week that LeMay also is expected to leave the company. Sprint declined to comment.

Esrey, 63, was elected chief executive officer of Sprint in 1985 and chairman in 1990. LeMay, who joined Sprint in 1985, was appointed president and chief operating officer in February 1996.

Sprint is the nation's third largest long-distance provider and fourth-largest wireless provider. BellSouth is the dominant local phone provider in the South, serving 44 million customers.

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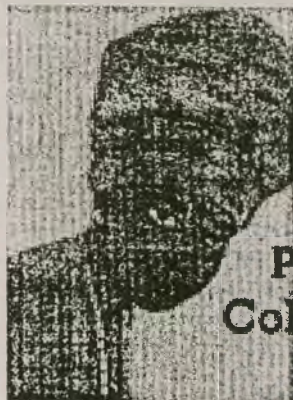
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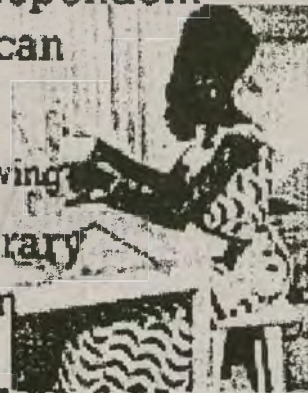
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GERMANY

Schroeder's party crushed in vote

Associated Press

BERLIN
Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's party suffered a crushing defeat in two German state elections Sunday, reflecting a loss of confidence in his government's economic course despite broad support for his anti-war stand on Iraq.

In final results, the Christian Democrats grabbed 48 percent of the vote in Lower Saxony from 36 percent in the last election five years ago. The Social Democrats were at 33 percent, down from nearly 48 percent last time.

In Hesse, the Christian Democrats won 49 percent compared with 39 percent in 1999, with the Social Democrats slumping to 29 percent from 39 percent. With a one-seat majority, the Christian Democrats have the chance to drop the Free Democratic allies and govern alone.

Sunday's result also increased the conservatives' legislative leverage by increasing their majority in the upper house of parliament, where the states are

represented. Though the defeat turned heavily on dissatisfaction with tax hikes and Germany's grim economic picture, it also demonstrated the limits of the strident anti-war stance that helped Schroeder narrowly win re-election in September.

The conservative party's leader, Angela Merkel, expressed satisfaction that "people in Germany refused to be seduced a second time by a mood of fear" she

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conservative leader

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"This is an important signal to the European allies and to the American

government," Merkel told The Associated Press.

"I think much is at stake for German foreign policy. I myself represent a policy of our Christian Democrats in which we hold important

friendship with the United States not just out of gratitude but because of the long-term security of Europe and Germany."

Schroeder has ruled out

German participation in a military attack against Iraq and campaigned saying Germany would refuse to back a war authorization in the U.N. Security Council, which it is chairing in February.

Schroeder's stance will be tested this week when Secretary of State Colin Powell offers new evidence of Iraqi weapons programs. Backed by polls showing that most Germans oppose a war, the Social Democrats insisted

Schroeder would stick to his defiance.

There was no immediate comment from Schroeder, who spent Sunday

with his wife in the Lower Saxony capital of Hanover, where he governed for more than eight years before becoming chancellor.

But the conservatives, who said they avoided raising the Iraq issue during the campaign to avoid being branded warmongers, signaled that they now intend to sharpen the tone of Germany's debate over Iraq.

"Germany is bound to two important lessons from World War II. 'No war ever again' is an important lesson," Merkel said. "But it's just as important for Germany never again to act alone."

NIGERIA

At least 40 perish in Nigerian bank blast

Associated Press

LAGOS

A powerful explosion tore apart a bank and dozens of apartments above it Sunday in Nigeria's crowded commercial capital, killing at least 40 people and trapping many others, relief workers said.

Police were investigating a range of motives including that the blast was part of a bank robbery plot. Looting and bloody fights broke out as hundreds of young men grabbed fistfuls of cash from the leveled bank and battled over them.

In the chaos, trapped victims cried for rescue and onlookers wailed as rescuers retrieved bloody, broken bodies.

The Red Cross said searchers had recovered more than 30 dead and 32 injured. Ten of the wounded died later at Lagos General Hospital, hospital workers said.

Many more victims were believed caught in the rubble, and the death toll could rise, said Emmanuel Ijewere, president of the Nigeria Red Cross.

The blast occurred about 12:30 p.m. on Lagos Island, a crowded high-rise district of banks and other businesses packed side-by-side with poor, densely populated residential blocks.

The four-story bank building collapsed, bringing three floors of apartments crashing down on the ground floor Prudent Bank. Fires flared briefly after the blast, which could be heard for miles and sent a tower of smoke into the sky.

Two adjoining buildings were heavily damaged, and buildings for blocks around had shattered windows and other marks of the explosion.

Residents said some victims had been blocks away from the bank building.

"My uncle was in the balcony of our house talking with a friend and the force of the explosion threw them down," resident Remi Oyebanji said. "They're both dead."

An Associated Press reporter saw 10 crushed bodies. One covered corpse appeared to be that of a child.

Resident Omololu Kassim, who was helping carry the victims, said he saw 40 dead and as many injured. Local radio put the toll at 50 or more. The blast came as many were at church, preventing an even higher death toll.

Hundreds of police surrounded the damaged neighborhood, dispersing the looters and forcing back thousands of onlookers. Cranes and other heavy equipment moved in to lift up the heavy concrete slabs and other debris.

Ambulance drivers fought to navigate narrow streets and push through the throngs to get to victims.

Survivors bundled together what possessions they could and set off in search of safe housing.

"My husband is dead," one middle-aged woman cried, carrying a bundle on her head and dragging a little boy behind.

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo flew in from the capital of Abuja to visit the blast site. Obasanjo, accompanied by Lagos state Gov. Bola Tinubu, had no comment.

Tinubu said his government will begin a judicial investigation into the blast and he promised free medical treatment for the injured.

Lagos Island is one of two islands that, with the mainland, make up this city of 12 million. Congestion on the island has sent many businesses moving to other parts of Lagos in recent years.

Nigeria is Africa's most populous nation, with 120 million people, and urban crowding contributes to high death tolls in disasters and other tragedies.

On Jan. 27, 2002, a series of explosions at an army munitions depot in Lagos killed more than 1,000 people. Hundreds of them drowned after jumping in the canal to escape the blast.

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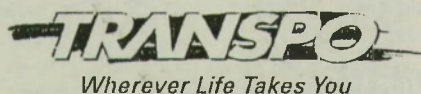
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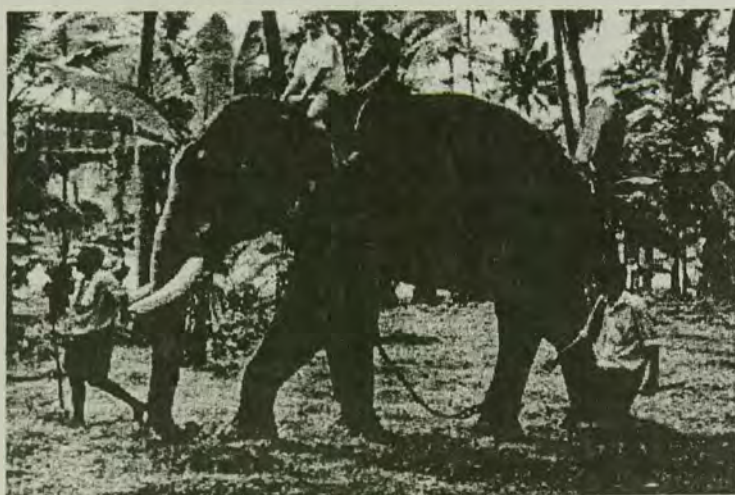
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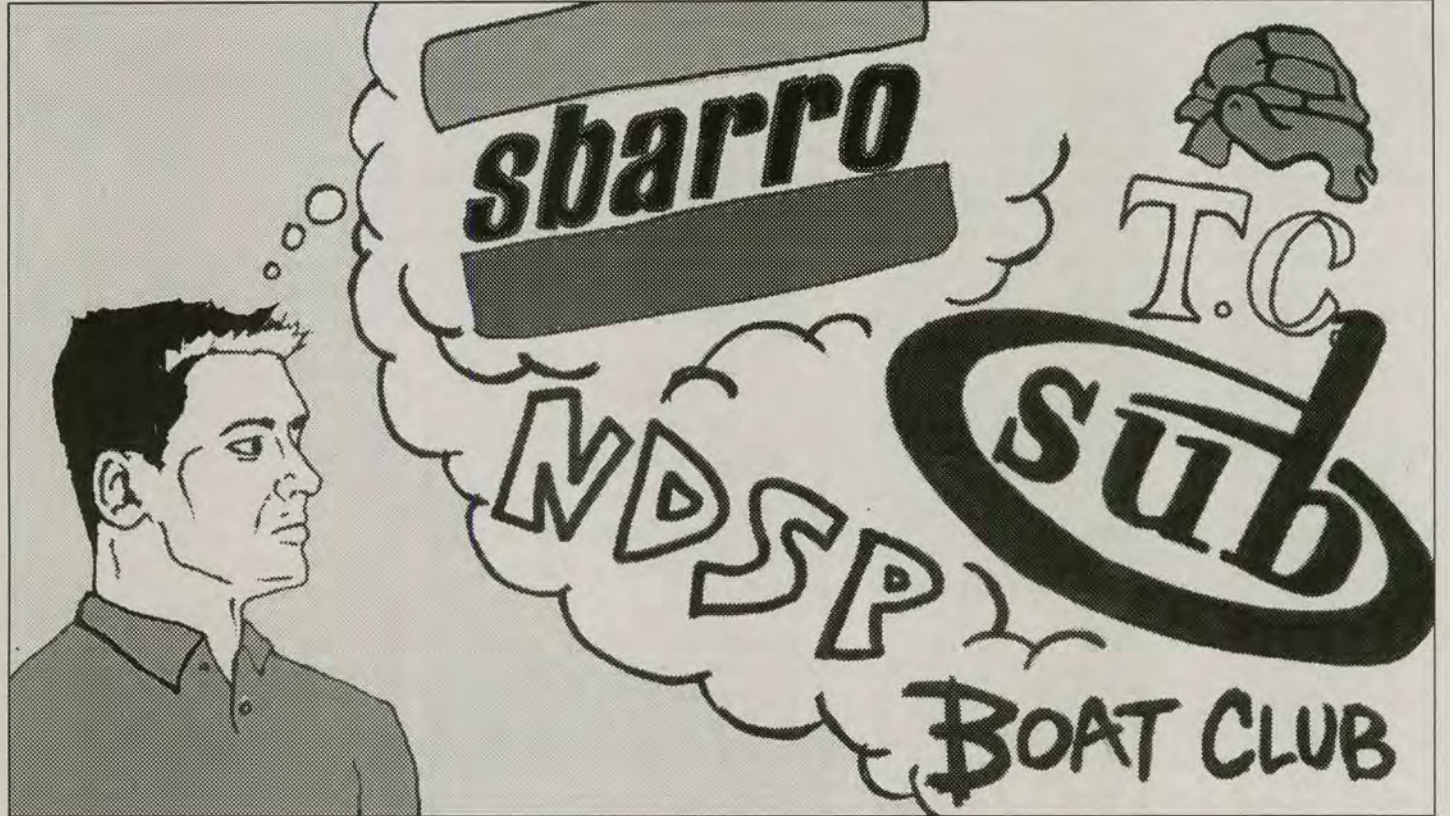
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Panera bread is not the answer

When I got the news that my little brother had been admitted into Notre Dame's auspicious graduating class of 2007, I immediately thought, "Go Irish." He is a decent dude with outstanding analytical skills and thick hair, and we really could use more like him. I thought of the benefits, the symbiosis if you will, that would follow from the two of us sharing this small campus. I thought of the costs.

David Barrett

Notre Bum

First, and I do mean foremost, he would be tapped into a life of seductive indulgence and unparalleled coolness. Mine. With connections to the raging off-campus party scene, he'd instantly be the coolest kid in 3B.

Not like I'd mind either. I remember those first few days of freshman year when we'd march single file toward Turtle Creek, following the kid who claimed he had a big brother who lived there. If I could just give him the honor of being "that" kid, my life would be complete.

In return I could hit up his thrilling section karaoke parties. We could jam to some Ashanti and duet on Foolish, then skirt over to Sbarro for a slice, preferably stuffed. Freshman love that crap. I love that crap.

Of course it wouldn't be all grins, we'd have to share a car and what limited sum of women dig on us thick-haired math wizards.

Yes, his first year would be unforgettable. However, when reality hits sophomore year, he'll find himself in the back row of 101 DeBartolo watching the Friday night SUB selection. People will still be searching for the next Boat Club, the next beer, while they lament their late birthday. They'll

still be waiting for football season when they can steal sips of Icehouse from a Styrofoam cup.

That's our problem though. We are always waiting. Waiting until 1 a.m. to go out, in expectations of the next buzz kill. Waiting for something to happen. Despite what many might think, that something is not Panera Bread Company. If anything can illuminate the severity of the South Bend condition, it's Panera.

Walking back from class on Thursday, I saw three girls running frantically toward the Joyce Center parking lot. Concluding that they must be running from NDSP, I sprinted to catch up. "Panera!" they screamed. Apparently, they were just hoping to snatch the first tasty morsel of Pumpernickel at Panera before the dinner rush set in. Panera, man. Not Pantera, Panera.

There is no easy answer here. Theme parties are a start, but they alone cannot subvert this Panera madness. We have to get creative with this one. Joe, a quick learner from Alumni, has grown fond of tennis matches at the Pavilion with the incentive of promotional giveaways. Windsor is another option, or beanbag toss.

I don't know. What I do know is that we have 8,000 individuals at this university, all with different tastes, hobbies and concepts of fun. Sadly, we all end up doing the same thing. We settle for overcrowded bars and under-supplied house parties. We show up at the architecture party though we can't draw. We go to the boxing house though we can't box. We get in the cab and ask the cab driver, "What's hot tonight baby? Take us there." Then we complain that there's nothing to do.

I used to blame it on the Notre Dame breed. Legacies like myself show up

thinking it's going to be like it was in '75, like Dad would always talk about. We think of college as four football seasons connected by a negligible spring. Once we get here we realize those springs are far from negligible, but in fact are sobering and long. We realize that if we don't get up and do something, they'll seem even longer. That's why us legacies are so stinking crazy.

So we go to the spots Dad used to talk about, the ones that are still standing and haven't lost their permit, and we get our laughs. We soon understand that this is still the same place we heard about in all those stories, minus a couple of bars and plus a couple of rules.

It's easy to wander through here and think that we missed out, that we came a few decades too late. It's easy to forget why we came here. I didn't come for the business program or the diversity. I came for the tradition, the football, the beer and because it was the best school I got into.

I came. So did all of you, and so will my brother. He can wait until he hears from Georgetown, but he heard the same stories I did and will be here next fall.

So go to Windsor if you need to and enjoy the casinos. Mix things up and go drinking on Tuesday instead of Friday. Just don't complain that there's nothing to do in South Bend. I hate that.

Pantera man.

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Do you agree with Saint Mary's decision to fund a student trip to a pro-choice conference in Washington, D.C.?

Vote at NDToday.com by Thursday at 5 p.m.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Boredom is a vital problem of the moralist, since at least half the sins of mankind are caused by the fear of it."

Bertrand Russell
philosopher and logician

VIEWPOINT

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I am 23 going on 35

My life has turned out to be quite like Charles Dickens's "Tale of Two Cities."

The best of times. The worst of times.

At home over Christmas break, I became "Laura" again. My mom served as my alarm clock.

She woke me up at 11 a.m. to go to my dentist appointment — one that she had scheduled.

Laura Rompf

Beyond the Bubble

On Christmas morning, I waited patiently with my siblings before we all opened our stockings. Once again, mine was full of little trinkets my father had carefully picked out and wrapped.

I went out to a movie with my sister, and my father footed the bill. I also noticed he had filled my gas tank.

At home in Kentucky, I was 23 going on 18.

However, reality quickly slapped me in the face as I headed back to Oklahoma City on Jan. 4. I realized I

once again had to plan for my daily routine of facing high school seniors, hoping the lesson I had planned for the day would be educational and somewhat entertaining.

However, it's not the routine, the long hours or the sometimes annoying students that slapped me in the face.

In Oklahoma City, I am not "Laura." I'm "Ms. Rompf."

I cannot act as if I'm 23.

I cannot laugh at immature jokes my students make. Jokes I myself would have cracked while at home with my little brother.

I cannot stop in the middle of lecture because I'm bored of giving notes, and my students are tired of taking them.

There is material to cover, and I am the one responsible to make sure that these

students learn or at least are exposed to that material.

Perhaps the most extreme example I can give occurred at the beginning of the semester. One of my students warned me that she has epilepsy. This means at any moment she could have a seizure, and she wanted me to be informed.

Here's where "Ms. Rompf" comes into play.

If she has a seizure in my classroom, there would be no adult figure to turn to. No one to ask what to do, or how to control the situation.

A classroom full of 25 18-year-olds would be looking to me for an answer. To 25 18-year olds, I would be the adult figure.

Quite a change from the little girl whose dad buys her gas and mom wakes her up in the morning.

Perhaps everyone faces this quick

transformation after graduating from college.

Perhaps we go quickly from seniors that frequented Corby's on Tuesdays, to adults that can barely stay up past 11 p.m. on weeknights.

Perhaps we all long for the day when our idea of responsibility was going to class — even if we weren't showered or hadn't done our reading.

All I know is that less than a month ago I was 23 going on 18 — and now I feel as if I'm 23 going on 35.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers contribute to the SMC funding discussion

The College was in the wrong

As a recent alumna of Saint Mary's, I applaud Right to Life's criticism of Saint Mary's pro-choice sponsorship in Friday's Viewpoint section.

Disregarding one's personal beliefs, Saint Mary's as a whole is a Catholic college, and as such, should uphold Catholic values. While I appreciate that Saint Mary's encourages its students to voice their individual beliefs with courage and conviction, I am disappointed in my alma mater for supporting a venture so obviously against the creed with which it identifies itself.

I also must address Eric Glass's Friday statement about the "so many people at Notre Dame" who think "the girls across the street are immoral and ignorant."

Mr. Glass, like you, I am pro-life. I agree Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership, a Catholic entity, was in the wrong for sending students to Washington, D.C. to support pro-choice endeavors. In short, I agree you have a valid and noble point.

However, I do not appreciate your tactless stereotyping of students at both our respective colleges. The Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross community has enough strains as it is. In the future, please use some forethought before making such remarks.

Katherine Rzepka

class of '02

Indianapolis

Jan. 31

Saint Mary's mission is to educate

I am writing in response to the negative letters about the Saint Mary's sponsorship of student participation in a pro-choice conference.

We can talk about the Catholic identity at Catholic institutions until we are blue in the face, but what is more important to recognize is that Saint Mary's and Notre Dame are educational institutions. In order to educate, an institution has to allow its students to explore all ideas and views in society.

It cannot possibly be accurate that simply because I attend a Catholic institution I have to live in a closed off, conservative bubble for my college years and adult life. I would be extremely disappointed that I wasted an entire college career by never questioning or probing into the ideas that I have been indoctrinated with since childhood.

I have based my life on the assumption that learning is fostered through unique and diverse experiences. I commend the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership for allowing women "across the street" to develop into open-minded, strong, moral, informed and intelligent individuals that are able to make up their own minds about important issues.

The Catholic identity of this fine institu-

tion has provided its students with a sound basis of ethics and values that we will use to forge our own paths and stations in life.

God forbid, this institution provides its students with the freedom to learn and be educated through first hand experience.

God forbid, women be allotted the support to think outside of the Notre Dame, Indiana bubble without being labeled "immoral and ignorant."

God forbid, women be intelligent enough to make their own informed choices.

Given Eric Glass's overall portrayal of women in his letter, I suppose he is surprised that a Saint Mary's woman, or any woman at all for that matter, would be gifted enough to articulate her ideas on paper.

Glass might also be surprised that a woman from Saint Mary's would have enough time to write this letter, due to all the "immoral" (sluttish) and "ignorant" (stupid) behavior and activities that we all so obviously participate in.

Sarah Beth Bailey

Le Mans Hall

junior

Jan. 31

Respect the right of people to believe in values different from your own

In one of my classes today, several girls reacted in horror and shock to articles in Friday's Observer because they agreed.

After reading, I realized that I don't agree. I have deliberated how to say this and although it may be hard to hear, I am a pro-choice supporter. I am not Catholic, or any religion, for that matter.

That doesn't mean I'm an immoral person. I was simply not raised in a church, but that's a different story altogether. I am not writing this letter to change anyone's opinion; it would be nearly impossible and unfair to sway such a controversial issue in a person most likely given one value or another a very long time ago.

When I think pro-choice I don't think murder, as it is often associated with. Murder is a deliberate crime based on hate. While abortion certainly isn't accidental, women who have abortions (or any pro-choice advocates for that matter) aren't hateful people.

In fact, two very close people in my immediate circle have had abortions, and they are two of the best people I've ever met. They made a mistake, and paid for it in a different way than many women.

Yes that's right, they paid; it is probably hard to believe. They have made a choice that will affect them for the rest of their life.

Yes, it was at the expense of another human life, which is wrong, and I am not trying to justify it.

However, there are many instances where choices have been made at the expense of other human lives that many pro-life supporters don't take a second glance at. For example, the choice to sentence someone to death or the choice to bomb an abortion clinic.

You may be thinking, yes, but abortion kills innocent people, but so do the aforementioned "choices." It has been proven in the former that many people who are sentenced to death are later found innocent. The latter, however, is an act based on hatred for people who are guilty of having a different set of morals.

We people who believe in a woman's right to choose aren't monstrous murderers. Not all of us have had abortions either. We simply believe that it is wrong to make it illegal to tell a woman what to do with her body.

As for Saint Mary's response to the two different trips to Washington, D.C.: Were both groups sponsored by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership or was it an individual act?

I don't know all of the facts on this. I can understand up to a point being upset with the support of those values different than those of Saint Mary's and, as I understand in turn, to those of the Catholic Church.

As I understand it, the pro-choice girls were sponsored by an organization here on campus dedicated to just such a cause (that is, diverse values). Were the pro-life girls sponsored by the same group, or were they doing this on their own resolve?

If it was by the same group, I can understand the outrage expressed in prior articles. If not, as a non-Catholic, I don't understand.

One of the greatest things here at St. Mary's is that I don't feel like I have to conform in religion or any other areas. I feel that as a student, and really, as a woman, they will support me through my four years and beyond, paying no attention to the fact that I'm not Catholic.

I'm sure that this letter will spark anger and I hope that's all. I'm actually surprised that for my first opinion article I decided to choose two controversial topics; pro-choice and St. Mary's "support" of it.

I just hope that, because I'm pro-choice, you won't glare or do anything else sparked by hate when we pass each other going to classes. Most of us are a gentle people, and haven't in fact had an abortion, so please treat us as you would any of your pro-life friends.

Lyndsey Bergen

sophomore

McCandless Hall

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*campus*From *The Sound and the Fury**The 36th annual Sophomore Literary Festival*

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

In the beginning, there was William Faulkner.

The first Sophomore Literary Festival commemorated the works of this Nobel Prize-winning American writer. 36 years later, SLF looks to expand beyond the traditional and into more diverse types of writing — including writing about fictional news, with headlines like, "Man Totally Proud of Last Night's Drunken Phone Calls."

Joanna Cornwell, one of the co-chairs of the 2003 festival, explains the changes in the spirit of the festival this year, as opposed to recent years.

"This year, we really wanted to change the direction of the festival and restore [it] to some of its former glory...we've really tried to increase student involvement and appeal to a larger range of people. This year we have multicultural aspects, journalists, playwrights, fiction, nonfiction and poetry. It really is a large variety," Cornwell said.

Also as co-chair, Meghan Martin wants to provide a wide range of styles, but emphasizes the importance of literary

tradition at Notre Dame.

"SLF's 36 year existence is a testament to the thriving arts community here on campus—no matter how quiet or unimposing it may be, it proves that the written word must be celebrated, if for no other reason than the power that it evokes in such a subtly ubiquitous existence," Martin said.

Sophomore Literary Festival 2003: WordFest is the latest in a series of SLF's devoted to "Celebrating the power of the written word since 1967." This year's festival includes a partnership with the St. Joseph County Literacy Council, incorporating service to help raise literacy awareness. \$1 admission to two of the events will benefit this cause. Another feature of this year's SLF was the organization of pre-events, such as "A Very Potter Evening" in November, held to celebrate the release of the latest Harry Potter movie.

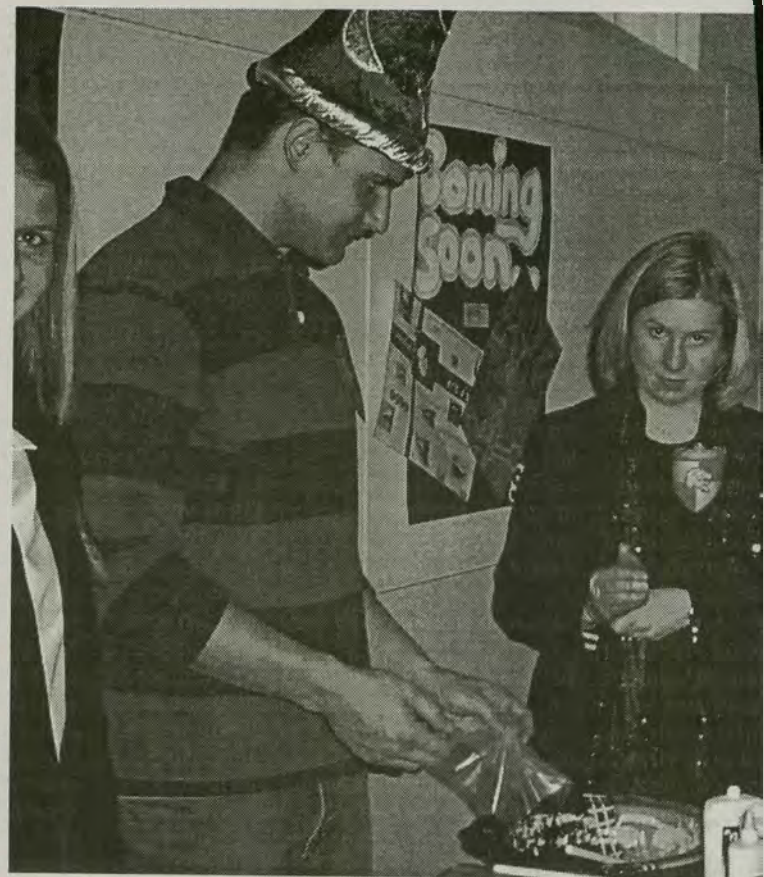
On Wednesday, the actual festival begins. The first guest making an appearance will be Dan Coyle, class of 1987, journalist and author of "Hardball: A Season in the Projects." The acclaimed non-fiction work is Coyle's memoir of his experience as a baseball coach for troubled kids in

Chicago's infamous Cabrini-Green housing project. The story of a makeshift young baseball team playing in the rough projects was adapted into a movie starring Keanu Reeves in 2001. Following Coyle's presentation there will be a reception and book-signing session that will feature entertainment by the student a cappella group Big Yellow Taxi.

The next event will be Cavanaugh Coffeehouse, with Sister Jean Lenz. Lenz, assistant vice-president for Student Affairs, is the author of *Loyal Sons & Daughters: A Notre Dame Memoir*. The book narrates her personal recollections of three memorable decades in Notre Dame's history and describes her role in those pivotal years. Lenz contributed as an administrator, teacher, minister and alumna, sharing her experiences with the University's first generation of women. During the first years of co-education, she served as rector of Farley Hall for 10 years. Her appearance at SLF's Cavanaugh Coffeehouse will appropriately commence the dorm's Women's Awareness Month. The event will also showcase Harmonia, the all-women a cappella group, and end with refreshments and a book-signing.

Nikki Giovanni, who also participated in the 1993 festival, will make the next writer's appearance. Giovanni has earned extensive critical acclaim, including the NAACP Image Award for Literature in 1998 and the Langston Hughes Award for Distinguished Contributions to Arts and Letters in 1996, for her poetry reflecting on the African-American identity. She has been named Woman of the Year before by several publications, including *Essence*, *Mademoiselle* and *Ladies Home Journal*, and holds numerous other honors as well.

Giovanni is considered a leader among black poets, and has written books including *Love Poems* and her latest, *Quilting the Black-Eyed Pea*. Another sure-to-be-legendary figure who has made strides in the black community will introduce her, Notre Dame football coach Tyrone Willingham. The book-signing for Giovanni will take place before her presentation, with a



Students smile at the Sophomore Literary Festival pre-event prior to the release of the latest Harry Potter movie.

reception to follow. This is the first event to take tickets; the cost is \$1 and proceeds will benefit charity.

Next up is SLF Slam, featuring top spoken word artists from Chicago as well as Notre Dame students. Jelani McEwen-Torrence, who is hosting this event, sees it as a forum for introducing ideas and sharing art. "[It's] an open avenue for the intellectual and philosophical, while maintaining a fun and free environment," he said. The student slam

poetry showcase is an open mic night and another opportunity for students to participate.

Another exciting guest this year is Joe Garden, one of the founders of and a staff writer for "The Onion." One of the most popular satirical newspapers in the country, "The Onion" combines clever fictional stories with an

amazingly realistic reporting style to call itself "America's Finest News Source." Recent headlines in the paper: "U.N. Orders Wonka To Submit To Chocolate Factory Inspections," "New Swiss Army Phone May Pose Health Risks," "Depressed Roommate Hitting The GameCube Pretty Hard" and "Guy at Gym Keeps Offering To Spot Everyone."

Garden, a former liquor store employee who denies being a journalist in interviews, landed at "The Onion" in

"This year, we really wanted to change the direction of the festival and restore [it] to some of its former glory..."

Joanna Cornwell
SLF co-chair



Photo provided by Joanna Cornwell

A leprechaun told stories at 'A Very Potter Evening.' This fun-filled night took place in November and kicked off the festival as the first pre-event.

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From *The Fury* to *The Onion*

attracts fresh faces and up and coming talent



Photo provided by Joanna Cornwell

A Very Potter Evening" in November. This event was held

1993 and brought a 12-pack of Olympia Gold to his first staff meeting. The paper does not use bylines, because the stories are intended to be from "The Onion" instead of a specific writer. The news stories cover an assortment of topics, from sardonic takes on serious current events to parodies of normally unnoticed aspects of everyday life. A reception and book-signing will take place after this event as well; this event also costs \$1.

For the next author, SLF will be a homecoming of sorts. Journalist Kevin Coyne, when writing the book "Domers: A Year at Notre Dame," managed to incorporate as many aspects of our University, from freshman orientation to graduation, as would fit in one year. Coyne's book will be filled with familiarity for students, alumni and die-hard fans alike, as it references a plethora of staples in the Notre Dame lifestyle. Pep rallies, classes, dances, parties, masses, football games, faculty meetings and trustee meetings all contributed to Notre Dame eventually winning over the author.

Coyne's outlook remains realistic, however, and he addresses common issues such as the often-precarious balancing act between spiritual, academic and social life on campus. The book also provides a view into the roles of legendary figures in Notre Dame's past, like Father Sorin, Father Hesburgh and the remarkable Knute Rockne. There will be a reception and book-signing after his presentation, featuring Notre Dame's all-male pop a cappella ensemble.

The next event will present actor and playwright John Buffalo Mailer, with a

reception to follow. Mailer, whose father Norman Mailer appeared at the second annual SLF, is a promising recent graduate of Wesleyan University. It was there that he and friends founded the acting company Backhouse; as Executive Producer of the company, Mailer also wrote an original play that they performed. His "Hello, Herman" takes an explanatory view of a high-school massacre; the 16-year-old protagonist and murderer is also the play's victim of suburban American life. One of the event's organizers, Becca Van Schoick, is looking forward to a

fun event and believes that Mailer is headed for fame.

The final event will be ND Unplugged II, designed to be a student and faculty coffeehouse with poets, spoken-word artists, singer-songwriters, fiction authors, nonfiction authors, essayists, playwrights and more from the Notre Dame community. There will also be refreshments and a student art display. Beth Franzosa, one of the organizers of ND Unplugged, is excited for this event because of the tremendous success of last year's. The committee is prepared for an even better response this year, with a larger venue and longer hours.

The organization and execution of so many events is the result of countless people putting in hours of work.

"The committee has met weekly since September, and made efforts to bring a wide array of literary artists to campus for WordFest... Meghan Martin and Joanna Cornwell have worked tirelessly since last April to put together this year's festival and committee," assistant chair of SLF, Bryan Kronk, said.

How did all this literary madness begin?

In 1967, as the Packers played the Chiefs in Super Bowl I, a Notre Dame student named Richard Rossi was busily establishing an enduring tradition. Inspired by a literary convention he had attended in high school, he dedicated himself to organizing a symposium of literary scholars at Notre Dame. With the help of the sophomore class, the first Sophomore Literary Festival was held that year, honoring William Faulkner.

Thanks to the promise of a football for

a young boy, the tradition continued the following year. Sophomore John Mroz was assigned the task of carrying out

"You need to have a committee, a little army of dedicated men and women who share a vision. Mountains are moved by vision. You have the potential to move a mountain if you want to."

John Mroz
former chair of SLF

autographed football was promised for his son.

As invitations were sent out, the event began attracting the attention of prominent writers; as a result, it also gained support and monetary assistance from the University. The final lineup that year included impressive names in addition to Heller: Wright Morris, Ralph Ellison, Granville Hicks, William F. Buckley, Kurt Vonnegut and Norman Mailer. Mailer, whose youngest son John Buffalo is the Mailer in this year's festival, garnered national attention for the event with the premiere of his film, "Beyond the Law."

In an e-mail Mroz sent to Martin this year as one of the new chairs, the sec-

ond-ever SLF chair had inspiring words for the new chair.

"You need to have a committee, a little army of dedicated women and men who share a vision. Mountains are moved by vision. You have the potential to move a mountain if you want to," Mroz said. Martin and Cornwell did find their dedicated committee, and those words of advice pushed them throughout the planning process.

The festival has done a great deal of evolving since those first years. More focus is placed now on the students and their contributions. Cornwell feels strongly about how rewarding student involvement will be for all participants. "There is this untapped potential for festivals like this and we feel that only if we can get the word out, students can experience the power of the written word and even showcase their tremendous talents at nights like ND Unplugged," Cornwell said.

After 36 years, SLF is still going strong, thanks to unique visions by every sophomore class each year. This year is no exception. "Sophomore Literary Festival more or less had a face lift," Cornwell said.

Sophomore Literary Festival 2003: WordFest will take place from Wednesday to Feb. 13. All proceeds from ticket sales and donations accepted at the door will benefit the St. Joseph County Literacy Council.

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Schedule of Events

Wednesday-

Dan Coyle at 7:30 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall
Followed by reception and book-signing in Coleman-Morse, featuring Big Yellow Taxi

Thursday-

Cavanaugh Coffeehouse at 7:30 p.m. in LaFortune Ballroom
Sister Jean Lenz followed by reception, book-singing and Harmonia

Saturday-

Nikki Giovanni book signing at 4:30 p.m. in Hammes Bookstore
Presentation at 7:30 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business
Followed by reception in Mendoza's atrium
Ticket price: \$1

Sunday-

SLF Slam at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall

Feb. 10-

Joe Garden at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall
Followed by reception and book-signing in basement of Zahm Hall

Feb. 11-

Kevin Coyne at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall
Followed by the Undertones, reception and book-signing in LaFortune Ballroom

Feb. 12-

John Buffalo Mailer at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall
Followed by reception in LaFortune Ballroom

Feb. 13-

ND Unplugged II from 8p.m.-1a.m. in LaFortune Ballroom
(tentative location)

NBA

Garnett and short-handed Wolves easily defeat 76ers

Associated Press

Kevin Garnett had 30 points and 17 rebounds as the short-handed Minnesota Timberwolves won their eighth straight home game, 99-91 over the Philadelphia 76ers on Sunday.

Marc Jackson had 14 points and Gary Trent made all six shots he took for 12 points to offset the absence of Joe Smith, who sprained his ankle Friday and will miss at least three weeks. The Wolves dressed only 10 players, with Rod Strickland on the bench due to a strained groin.

Allen Iverson had 21 points on 7-for-23 shooting for the 76ers, whose four-game road winning streak ended.

Derrick Coleman, who had 15 points and 11 rebounds, scored four straight points to pull Philadelphia to 95-91 with 1:24 left, but Garnett made a long jumper on the other end to give Minnesota some breathing room.

Iverson — unable to practice Saturday because of an inflamed right knee — scored the Sixers' first seven points, but he started leaving shots a hair short after that and couldn't find many openings to drive at in the lane.

Even without Smith, one of their best interior defenders, the Timberwolves were tough on defense underneath and outscored the 76ers 60-42 the paint. Iverson, whose season high of 41 points came in a 99-94 win over Minnesota in December, was 5-for-14 in the first half and missed his first five attempts of the second half.

Keith Van Horn, who had 33 points on 11-for-19 shooting for the Sixers on Sunday in a win over Miami, was 2-for-8 from the floor in the first half and finished with 13 points.

Anthony Peeler, who replaced Smith in the starting lineup, found Rasha Nesterovic for an alley-oop dunk to give Minnesota a 48-44 lead just before halftime.

Spindly rookie Igor Rakocevic, pressed into more playing time with Strickland out another two-to-three weeks, had one of his best games. He drained a long 3-pointer just before the third-

quarter buzzer to give the Wolves a 77-66 lead.

Rockets 105, Kings 89

The Sacramento Kings found out just how far Yao Ming has come since the beginning of the season.

Yao had 18 points, 11 rebounds, four blocked shots and a season-high six assists as the Houston Rockets beat the Kings 105-89 Sunday.

"Every time I play him, he continues to get better and better," Sacramento's Vlade Divac said. "He's definitely going to be a great player in this league. I really like the way he thinks on the court. He plays very unselfishly and understands the concept of the game."

In early December, Sacramento and Houston split two games in which Yao had a combined 25 points and 20 rebounds. He was much improved this time, as he notched his team-leading 15th double-double.

"We passed the ball a lot today so there were a lot of open shots," Yao said.

Eddie Griffin led the Rockets with 22 points while Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobley scored 21 each.

Sacramento coach Rick Adelman was unhappy with his team's effort coming off a 124-113 loss to the Lakers on Friday.

"They were aggressive and took it to us and we were the opposite," Adelman said. "They played the game with more energy and took advantage of it. They were very good and we were very bad."

Peja Stojakovic led the Kings with 31 points.

Yao, Griffin and Francis sparked a 12-3 run late in the period as the Rockets expanded their lead to 29-9 with 2:47 left in the quarter. Houston had a 32-12 lead at the end of the period as Griffin had 11 and Yao 8.

Houston shot 65 percent (15-of-23) in the first while Sacramento hit only 22 percent (5-of-23) in the quarter and just 29 percent (12-of-42) for the half.

Stojakovic had 19 in the third quarter to help keep the Kings from getting blown out. But Griffin had 11 and Mobley

and Yao seven apiece as the Rockets led 88-66 after three.

Hawks 97, Magic 89

Shareef Abdur-Rahim has discovered the best way to block out trade rumors — just keep winning.

"The game is an emotional game," he said. "Even if I'm not showing it, I'm fired up inside."

Abdur-Rahim scored 23 points and Dion Glover added 22 as Atlanta overcame a 38-point performance by Tracy McGrady to beat the Orlando Magic 97-89 on Sunday.

McGrady broke the team record he set earlier this season with his eighth straight game of at least 30 points, but the NBA's leading scorer missed his last three shots after his 3-pointer cut the Hawks' lead to 82-76 with 4:44 remaining.

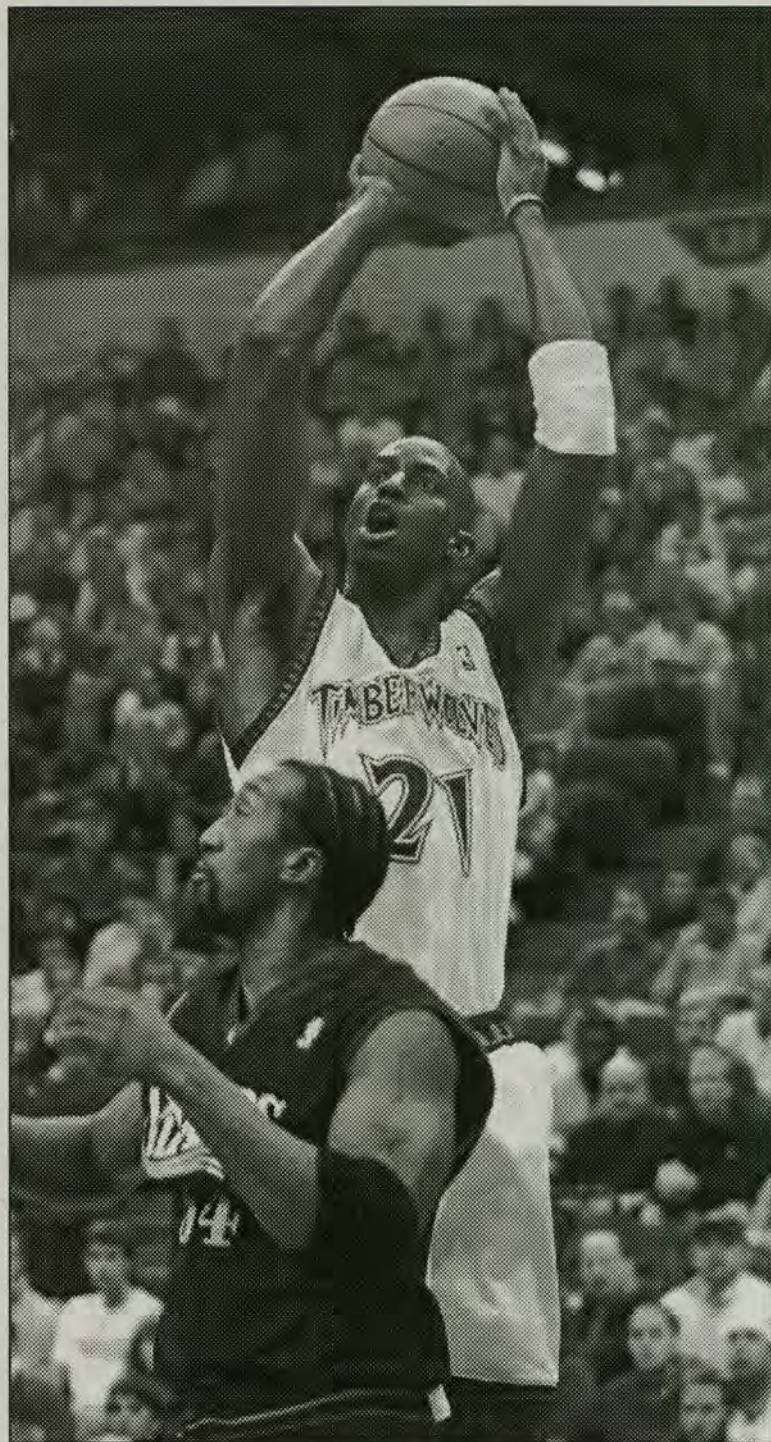
Atlanta, winning for the fifth time in six games, has won three in a row for the first time since Nov. 12-18. Hawks center Theo Ratliff tied a career high with nine blocked shots, the last of which came with 6:05 remaining and led to Abdur-Rahim's hard dunk over Andrew DeClercq, which made it 80-73.

The Hawks have struggled all season and carry a 19-29 record into Miami for their final game before the All-Star break. Most of the players on the roster have been the subject of trade rumors since Terry Stotts was named head coach after Lon Kruger was fired Dec. 26.

"I was proud of the way the team withstood their comeback," said Stotts, who improved to 8-13 since taking over. "We managed to hold the lead the whole time. I thought we played well offensively and didn't let the frustration end up hurting us at either end of the court."

Abdur-Rahim, Glover and Mohammed each had 10 rebounds for Atlanta. Glover's 19-footer from the right wing with 1:54 remaining gave the Hawks their last 10-point lead before Mike Miller's three-point play made it 92-87 a minute later.

The Magic shot only 8-of-31 on 3-pointers, including a combined 2-for-12 effort by



Garnett has 30 points and 17 rebounds as Minnesota beat Iverson and the 76ers.

Miller and Pat Garrity. Miller, Garrity and Kemp were a combined 0-for-11 on first-half attempts from the floor.

Orlando coach Doc Rivers tried to fire up his team when he was ejected late in the third quarter for arguing with referee Ted Bernhardt.

"I thought the team needed a jolt," Rivers said. "If that's what lost the game for us, we're in a lot of trouble."

Atlanta's largest lead was 17, first on Abdur-Rahim's 14-footer late in the second and then on Jason Terry's 18-footer in the final minute of period.

"I think we're coming together," Glover said. "Defensively is where we're doing it. When Theo's playing 'D' like he played today, we'll win a lot."

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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

James ruled ineligible after accepting jerseys as gifts

◆ **Prolific prep school player appealing decision after allegedly returning jerseys**

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — LeBron James sat in the bleachers Saturday, watching as his high school's freshmen basketball team warmed up for a game.

For now, it's as close as the 18-year-old superstar can get to the court.

James, widely acknowledged as the nation's top prep player, spent his first day on the sideline after being ruled ineligible by state officials for accepting two vintage sports jerseys worth \$845.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association ruled Friday that James violated a state bylaw on

amateurism by accepting the trendy, "throwback" jerseys from a clothing store on Jan. 25.

The decision came four days after James was cleared following a two-week investigation for accepting a \$50,000-plus sport utility vehicle as an 18th birthday gift from his mother.

On Friday, OHSAA commissioner Clair Muscaro declared James, a senior expected to be the first overall selection in this year's NBA draft, ineligible and said St. Vincent-St. Mary had to forfeit its last win on Jan. 26.

James, dressed in street clothes, did not comment when approached inside the school's gym.

Robert Rosenthal, owner of "Next Urban Gear and Music" in Cleveland where James got the jerseys, released a statement Saturday night saying the OHSAA rushed to judgment.

Rosenthal said he tried to call Muscaro back after the commissioner left a voice mail. He

said Muscaro spoke with a shift supervisor "who was not involved in any of the transactions."

"We remain available to provide any information the OHSAA may need," he said.

Muscaro earlier had said James' returning the jerseys wouldn't affect the ruling. Muscaro could not be reached for comment Saturday night.

The Fighting Irish (13-1), ranked No. 1 this week by USA Today, host Canton McKinley on Sunday at the University of Akron's James A. Rhodes Arena.

James will be there only as a spectator unless he takes legal action to be allowed to play.

Attorney Fred Nance, recently hired to represent James and his family, could seek a temporary restraining order to keep the two-time Ohio Mr. Basketball eligible pending an appeal of the OHSAA's ruling.

Nance did not immediately return a phone message from

the AP seeking comment Saturday.

OHSAA spokesman Bob Goldring said for James to appeal, he would have to make his intentions known to Muscaro in writing. The appeal would be heard by a state panel on Feb. 13 at the OHSAA's offices in Columbus.

St. Vincent-St. Mary coach Dru Joyce did not know when — or if — the appeal would be filed, and said any statements on the matter would come from Nance.

Joyce asked school athletic director Grant Innocenzi if James could still practice, but when he didn't get an answer, the coach kept James from participating in Saturday's 1 1/2-hour session.

"He was here," Joyce said. "He didn't work out with the guys."

After learning James had accepted a Gale Sayers No. 40 Chicago Bears jersey (\$395) and a Wes Unseld No. 41

Washington Bullets jersey (\$450), Muscaro spoke with the store manager at "Next Urban Gear and Music" in Cleveland. Muscaro was

"He did not pay for these items."

**Clair Muscaro
OHSAA commissioner**

told James did not pay for the jerseys.

By doing so, James had violated an Ohio amateur bylaw 4-10-1 (c) that states "an athlete forfeits his or her amateur status by capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value."

"The bottom line," Muscaro said. "He did not pay for these items."

Robert Rosenthal, the store's owner, declined comment on Saturday.

Gloria James said she was disappointed in Muscaro's ruling, and claims the OHSAA did not contact her during the inquiry.

St. Vincent-St. Mary is scheduled to play five more regular-season games, including a Feb. 8 date in Trenton, N.J., before it will try and win its third state title in four seasons.

Joyce said his team is dealing with losing its best player as well as could be expected.

"Kids are resilient, man," he said. "They're about business, and that's how we're looking at it. Yeah, we don't like the circumstances, but this is an opportunity. I don't want our guys to feel bad and not play because of how they received the opportunity."

Joyce has asked the media to refrain from interviewing any of James' teammates, and said he wouldn't appoint one of his players to act as a spokesman for the group.

"At this point, even if I appointed one, they don't want to talk," he said. "They just want to play basketball. They want their game to do the talking for them."

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WOMENS SWIMMING

Women's swimming beats Wolverines in last dual meet

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The womens swimming and diving team ended their dual meet season on Saturday with a nail-biting 153-147 victory over Michigan at Rolfs Aquatic Center. The Irish (9-1-1) edged the Wolverines (3-3) in the meet's final event of the 200 freestyle relay by .33 seconds to pull out the win.

Junior Danielle Hulick, senior Heidi Hendrick, sophomore Katie Eckholt and sophomore Kristen Peterson clocked in at 1:35.03 and gave the Irish a win over their then-No. 19 opponent.

"We've had some pretty close meets with them over the years," said coach Bailey Weathers. "Usually they're better at the freestyle relay. But our girls swam hard and I think our girls probably surprised them a little bit."

Notre Dame won nine events on the day. Hulick is responsible for three of the nine victories. Hulick swam on the difference-making relay team and also won two individual events, the 50 freestyle (23.90) and the 100 backstroke (56.33).

"Danielle has had a great season for us," Weathers said. "She did an awesome job yesterday and she is definitely a team leader for us."

A three-time Big East champion and the Big East 200 freestyle relay record holder, Hulick competed strongly in other events as well, taking

second in the 200 medley relay, the 1650 freestyle, and the 200 freestyle events.

Other Irish victors include Hendrick in the 100 freestyle (51.86), Peterson in the 200 backstroke (2:03.42) and junior Lisa Garcia in the 200 butterfly (2:01.03)

Junior Meghan Perry-Eaton won the 1-meter (322.64 points) and 3-meter (307.95) diving competitions. Weathers said that while divers are expected to be more consistent as fatigue is not an issue, his swimmers do not take Perry-Eaton's consistency for granted.

Prior to the weekend, Weathers said he wanted his team to swim its hardest, win or lose, to show themselves they were ready for the Big East Championships.

So is the team ready to travel to Uniondale, N.Y. on Feb. 20?

"This win gave us a lot of confidence in terms of where we are," Weathers said. "The girls are really looking forward to the Big East Championships. This meet gave us real good idea of where we are and what we have to do to get the girls ready, which is important."

The Irish finish the dual-meet season one win behind the team's 10-1 record of a season ago and will now concentrate on resting for the upcoming championships.

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CHIP MARKS/The Observer
Annie Mantey races ahead in the 200 yard breaststroke. The Irish beat Michigan in their last dual meet and look forward to competing in the Big East Championships.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Blue Devils suffer their 3rd loss

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. Adam Waleskowski sandwiched a left-handed hook and a dunk around two free throws by Tim Pickett in the final 20 seconds Sunday night as Florida State upset No. 5 Duke at home for the second straight season, 75-70.

Florida State (11-8, 2-6 Atlantic Coast Conference) moved out of the league's basement with the victory while handing the Blue Devils (14-3, 4-3) their third straight conference road loss.

Last season, the Seminoles shocked then-No. 1 Duke with a 77-76 victory that ended the defending national champions' 22-game winning streak.

Pickett's free throws gave Florida State a 73-70 lead with 9.9 seconds left and Duke raced down the court looking for a tying 3-point shot, but Chris Duhon slipped and fell in front of the Blue Devils bench, losing the ball with 6 seconds left and leading to the game-ending dunk by Waleskowski.

Pickett had 15 points, nine rebounds and four assists for Florida State, which made nine of its last 10 free throws.

Freshman J.J. Reddick led Duke with 16 points.

Florida State led by 11

points twice in the second half, the last time with 15:36 left on a jumper by Anthony Richardson, who finished with 14 points.

Duke responded with a 12-1 run over the next five minutes, tying the game on a layup by Daniel Ewing with 11:33 remaining. But the Seminoles came right back

with seven straight points, taking a 56-49 lead on Nate Johnson's 3-pointer with 8:35 remaining.

Duke rallied again and tied the game at 56 when Lee Melchionni connected on a 3-pointer with 6:48 left. The Blue Devils, though, never reclaimed the lead.

ECDC Registration

The Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) is currently registering kindergarten age children for the 2003-04 School Year. 2003 Summer Day Camp registration for children ages 2.5-10 will occur in early March. 2003-04 School Year registration of preschool age children will take place in early April. For more information and ECDC Parent Meeting & Tour dates, please call one of the numbers below.



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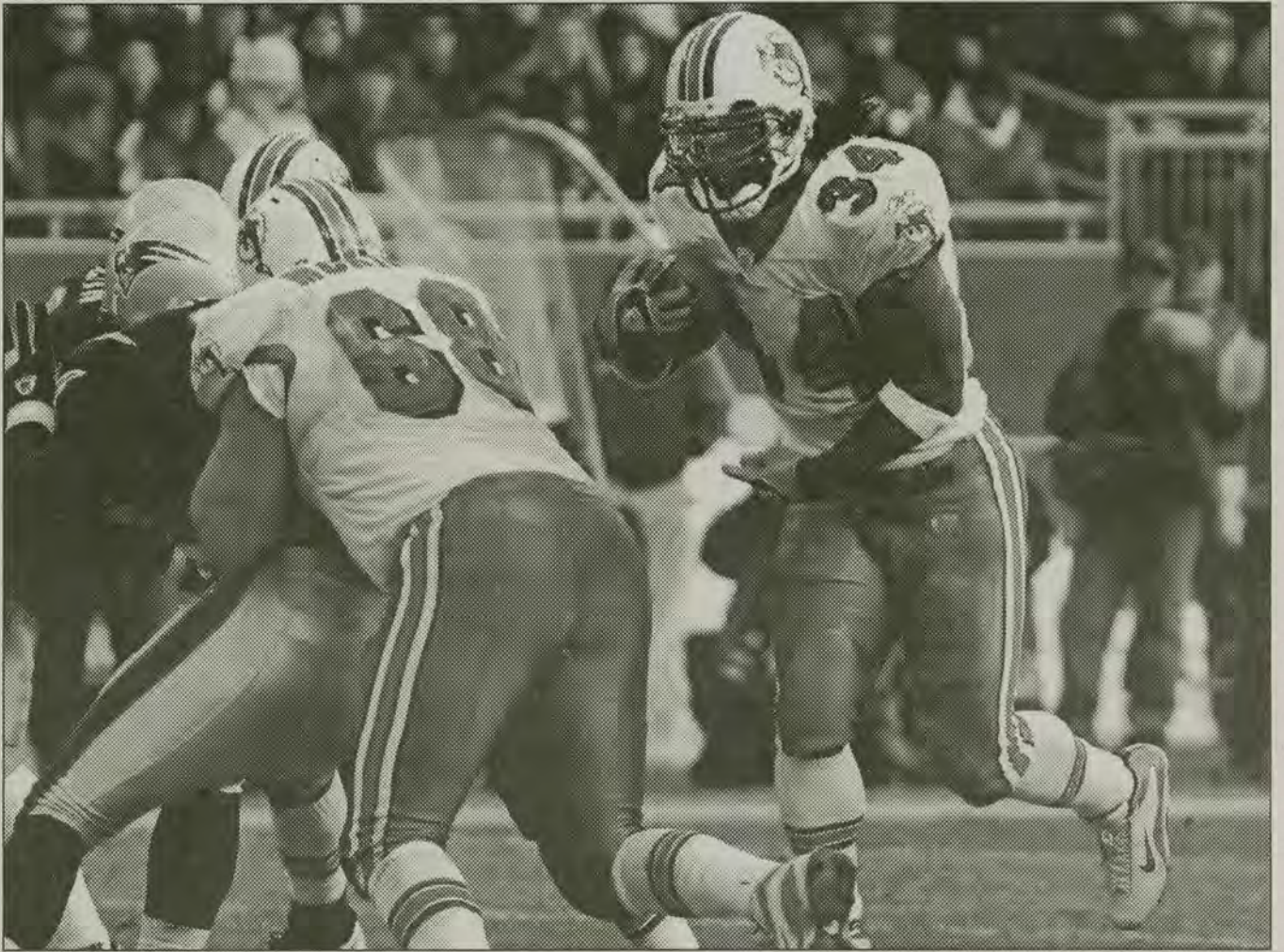
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MENS TENNIS



Reuters
Miami Dolphins halfback Ricky Williams evades the Patriots defensive line to score a touchdown during the regular season. The Dolphins failed to make the playoffs, but Williams had an MVP performance at the Pro Bowl.

Williams leads AFC to Pro Bowl victory

Associated Press

HONOLULU

Ricky Williams might be the NFL's most profoundly mellow star, so it isn't surprising that Hawaii's warm sun and cool breezes always bring out the best in him.

In his first Pro Bowl, the Miami running back rushed for 56 yards, scored two touchdowns and forced a fumble on special teams to earn the MVP award in the AFC's 45-20 victory over the NFC on Sunday.

"What's fun is how laid-back everything is," Williams said. "It's always great to get in the end zone,

but it's especially great to do it against the best players in the world with millions of people watching."

He was the biggest contributor to a balanced AFC effort featuring 100-yard passing games by all three quarterbacks and a record-tying six interceptions by the defense. Staked to a big early lead by Williams and starting quarterback Rich Gannon, the AFC cruised to its sixth victory in the last seven Pro Bowls.

Williams, who led the NFL in rushing for the Dolphins after three tough seasons in New Orleans, also caught three passes as the AFC jumped to a 28-6

halftime lead and eliminated the tension — already minor at best — from this good-natured exhibition.

The AFC nearly broke the Pro Bowl record of 51 points set by the NFC in 2000. The coaching staffs from Philadelphia and Tennessee made sure the game was decided in the air. The teams set records for most combined pass attempts (101) and combined interceptions (8).

A sellout crowd at Aloha Stadium enjoyed another blowout victory for the AFC, which has dominated the matchup in recent years. Each of the AFC's players earned \$30,000 for

the win, with the NFC's stars receiving \$15,000 apiece.

The Super Bowl champions were well-represented, with six Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the lineup. Linebacker Shelton Quarles was a last-second addition; he already was in Hawaii for a vacation when Atlanta's Keith Brooking dropped out.

Asked if the AFC was seeking revenge for the Buccaneers' Super Bowl triumph, safety John Lynch said: "It seemed like Rich Gannon did. I don't know what it is. They've been getting the better of us in this game."

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IN BRIEF

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West shines in NHL All-Star game

Dany Heatley did something that's almost impossible to do in an exhibition like the NHL All-Star game — he made it dramatic and exciting.

Heatley joined hockey greats such as Wayne Gretzky and Mario Lemieux by scoring a record-tying four goals Sunday, though he couldn't prevent the Western Conference from beating the East in the first All-Star shootout in NHL history.

After a 5-all regulation tie set up the fourth overtime All-Star game, the West won 6-5 when Markus Naslund, Bill Guerin and Paul Kariya scored against goalie Patrick Lalime. Only Heatley — of course — scored for the East

against goalie Marty Turco.

Heated remarks in Hawaii

Peyton Manning called teammate Mike Vanderjagt an "idiot kicker" at the Pro Bowl on Sunday, three days after Vanderjagt apologized for making disparaging remarks about the Indianapolis Colts quarterback.

Manning made the comment during a live interview on ABC. He also claimed Vanderjagt was "liquored up" at the time of the Canadian cable TV interview earlier this week in which he said Manning should show more emotion.

Vanderjagt, the most accurate field-goal kicker in NFL history, apologized Thursday to Dungy, Manning and the rest of his teammates. He signed a \$7.75 million, five-year contract extension with the Colts in November 2000 — at the time making him the league's highest-paid kicker.

Upset

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dropped only her third collegiate match and is now 60-3 in her two-year career.

Senior captain Anna Carnick was the only women's epeeist with a winning record against Penn State. Her 2-1 record was highlighted by a 5-4 overtime win over All-American Jessica Burke.

Despite going 57-15 for the weekend, the womens sabre team was only 2-7 against Penn State. Junior captain Destanie Milo was competing in her first competition of the year so Bednarski is not too concerned just yet.

"Against Penn State I think she could get more victories but she has had a health problem almost since December," Bednarski said. "She just started training a couple of days ago and I was a little concerned with her physical condition."

"We have time to work but it will be tough for her with the competition being very good."

With the national championship awarded to the

highest combined team score, Bednarski is trying to build a team-first attitude, and that was evident when he gathered the team together before the Penn State showdown.

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Janusz Bednarski
Notre Dame coach

team," Bednarski said. "There is no position they are in where they only care about fencing for themselves. They care about the team."

Notes:

Overall for the weekend, the Notre Dame mens team won all eight of its dual matches and improved to 14-0 on the season. The eight wins extends the third-longest winning streak in school history to 74 regular-season matches. The womens team went 7-1 and is now 12-2 this year.

Szelle is now seventh on the career wins list after an 18-3 weekend. He is 162-11 in his career. Carnick went 13-3 and now has 167 career wins, which ranks her fourth on the womens epee wins list.

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Overtime

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hang their hat on their free throw shooting ability. It paid off big-time, as seven of Notre Dame's 11 points in the second overtime came on free throws.

At one point, the Irish led 90-85 in the second overtime. But the Hoyas slowly chipped away at that lead. Drew Hall, who made a 3-pointer with 4.4 seconds left in the first overtime to tie the score, hit another three pointer. And after Matt Carroll - who finished with a career-high 36 points, including 6-for-12 from 3-point land - hit a short jumper, Mike Sweetney scored a layup to pull the Hoyas to within two with 46 seconds to play.

After Jones missed a 3-pointer from the corner, Hall hit two free throws to tie the score with 10 seconds left, setting the stage for Jones' heroics.

"They were frenzied and fouling us, and I thought whoever we could get it to, [they had to] just drive and take it all the way to the hole," Irish coach Brey said. "Then we could see what we could get out of it."

But the game wouldn't have even gone into overtime had the Irish not squandered a 15-point lead. Throughout the first half and for most of the second, Notre Dame seemed firmly in control, and when Carroll hit a 3-pointer - setting a school record for most career 3-pointers - with 14:05 remaining to give the Irish a 55-40 lead, the only question remaining seemed to be at what point walk-on Dan Lustig would enter the game.

But Brey didn't think the game was over, the Hoyas

didn't fold, and Notre Dame didn't score. Georgetown began dumping the ball into Michael Sweetney, who scored 38 points and finished with 15 rebounds.

"You almost have to let him get some and hope nobody else flat out crushes you," Brey said. "I think we did a good job of that."

Slowly but surely, the Irish watched their lead dwindle. And when Victor Samnick hit a 10-foot jumper, the Hoyas led 66-65 with three minutes to play.

Notre Dame, however, refused to yield. They scored the next three points on free-throws to take a 68-66 lead - a lead they saw disappear again when Sweetney scored, got fouled and made the subsequent free throw.

After Tom Timmermans made a free throw to tie the score with 28 seconds left, the Hoyas called a timeout to set up a final play. Although Hoya coach Craig Esherick said his team was trying to get the ball into Sweetney, they never passed the ball into him and their guards never got a shot off.

"We had tried to get the ball into Mike, and it obviously didn't work," Esherick said. "We did a great job recovering from that, but we obviously made a mistake."

In the first overtime, Carroll got the Irish on top quickly by scoring the first five Irish points. Then, after the Hoyas

tied the score, an acrobatic driving dunk by Jones gave Notre Dame a 76-74 lead with 2:12.

The two teams then traded baskets, but when Carroll hit a pair of free throws with six seconds to play, the Irish were on top 82-79. That's when Hall dribbled the length of the floor and buried a 3-pointer to tie the score with 4.4 seconds left.

"We're going to keep fighting if it takes three overtimes, four overtimes, or two overtimes. We're gonna keep fighting until we get that win."

Matt Carroll
guard

"I thought we had it," Carroll said. "I thought we had a 3-point cushion, and then he makes an unbelievable play."

Yet the Irish still nearly pulled out the victory in the first overtime. Chris Thomas, who scored 24 points despite shooting 4-for-20 from the field and fouling out in the second overtime, drove the length of the floor and launched an off-balance shot from the right elbow as time expired. The ball glanced off the backboard and bounced on the rim twice before falling away.

But in the final overtime period, the Irish weren't about to be denied.

"We have a team that just refuses to lose, no matter what it is," Carroll said. "We're going to keep fighting if it takes three overtimes, four overtimes, or two overtimes. We're gonna keep fighting until we get that win."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles extend losing streak to seven games

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Olivet (7-12, 2-6) proved to be too much for Saint Mary's in the second half, as the Lady Comets overcame a 13-point first half deficit to come back and defeat the Belles 67-58.

Amanda Johnston was unstoppable for Olivet, scoring 19 points and grabbing nine rebounds in only 24 minutes of action.

Olivet lived up to its billing as a well balanced squad, as three players scored nine points to help out Johnston,

who shot eight of 13 from the field. As a team, Olivet shot well, in the second half — 51 percent — to help them pull away. Olivet also out-rebounded Saint Mary's 43-39.

Saint Mary's was dealt another blow earlier in the game, when leading scorer Emily Creachbaum went down with an ankle injury at the 17-minute mark in the second half. However, the Belles were not fazed, as the last time these two teams met, Creachbaum did not play in the Belles victory.

"Losing [Creachbaum] wasn't something that we focused on,

because we had beat them without her earlier in the season, but we just couldn't get it done," junior point guard Katie Miller said.

Saint Mary's has had some trouble finishing this season, as they have been outplayed in the second half in many games. However, the Belles (5-14, 1-7) are not getting down about their season just yet.

"We are still staying positive, and focusing on getting a win," Miller said after the team's seventh straight loss. "It was very disappointing that we didn't win, because we needed

to beat Olivet, but there are other teams in the conference that we can beat. We will get some 'W's,'" said Miller.

The Belles have reason to stay positive, as they played a great first half, building a 13-point lead. However, they were unable to put the game away early, as the Lady Comets went on a 13-4 run to close the half, and cut the lead to four. The Belles then struggled to start the second half, and the Lady Comets never looked back.

"It has been so frustrating," said Miller. "We have struggled in the second half all year long."

Despite the loss, the game was not a total negative for the Belles. Freshmen Anne Hogan and Bridget Boyce were bright spots in the loss, as both scored in double digits, with 13 and 15 points, respectively. Hogan also added six rebounds. Miller was also impressive with ten points.

The Belles now travel to Hope College (19-0, 8-0) on Wednesday night, to face the third-ranked team in the rankings of D3hoops.com — and the MIAA leader.

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MENS SWIMMING

Up-and-down weekend for Irish in series split

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

It was one step forward, one step back for the Notre Dame mens swimming and diving team this weekend, as the Irish (6-7) handily defeated Cleveland State 156-85 on Friday, then lost a close contest 125-118 to St. Bonaventure Saturday.

At Cleveland State, the Irish showed their all-around talent, as seven different swimmers contributed to the team's 10 event victories. The Irish divers came through, claiming the top three spots in both competitions. Senior Andy Maggio won both the one-meter and three-meter contests.

The Irish 400 medley relay team was also victorious, as the team of Tim Randolph, Doug Bauman, Matt Obringer, and Frank Krakowski touched first in 3:28.47. Randolph also won the 100 free, Bauman the

200 backstroke, and Obringer took first in the 200 freestyle.

Continuing the dominance for the Notre Dame were first-place finishers David Moisan (200 IM), Jason Fitzpatrick (200 breaststroke), Patrick Davis (1650 free), J.R. Teddy (200 butterfly).

The dual meet against St. Bonaventure Saturday came down to the last event of the day. The Bonnies came out strong to start the meet, winning the 400 medley relay, 1000 freestyle, and 200 free. Second place finishes by Obringer (1000 free), Teddy (200 free), and Jamie Lutkus (200 IM) kept the Irish

close.

Notre Dame's diving trio of Maggio, Tong Xie, and Joe Miller placed second, third and fourth in the 3-meter event to earn the team points. Maggio went on to win the one-meter event.

The Irish gained momentum and began a rally in the second half of the meet. Teddy won the 200 butterfly, and Bauman led an Irish sweep in the 200 back. With two events to go, the Irish held a 105-102 lead.

St. Bonaventure answered with victories in the 500 freestyle and the 200 breaststroke, ensuring that the winner of the final relay would win the meet.

"When you're on the road and it comes down to the last event, it can be hard to beat another team in their own pool."

Doug Bauman
freshman

In the 400 freestyle relay, the Bonnies touched first in 3:07.44, just barely edging out Notre Dame's 3:07.52 finish.

"When you're on the road and it comes down the last event, it can be hard to beat another team in their own pool," said Bauman. "Saturday we didn't win the close races like we did Friday [against Cleveland State]. The whole team needs to swim well to have the positive results we want."

The Irish will next face Oakland on the road Saturday in the last dual meet of the season.

Bauman believes that the Irish will benefit from their schedule.

"It's good experience and important to have away meets even if we don't win them, so that we're ready for Big East," Bauman said.

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Carroll

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Dame-Georgetown tilt went into overtime. He told his team to believe.

And believe they did.

Even Helen Keller could see how much Carroll means to the Irish.

In the summer, he rallied his teammates for two, sometimes three, workouts a day, because he knew that practice would pay off in games like the one the Irish played Saturday.

When the Irish headed into the weight room, Carroll didn't team up with backcourt mate Chris Thomas or fellow senior Dan Miller. No, he chose freshman big man Torin Francis, both acknowledging and helping the young McDonald's All-American understand his importance to Notre Dame's success.

His game has evolved dramatically from the point where, as a freshman, Carroll was purely a shooter. Now, he developed the ability to take opponents off the dribble — with left and right hand equally — and shut down opponents on defense. Now, he's poised to leave his John Hancock all over the Notre Dame record book.

Brey might cringe at the sight of Thomas hoisting up crazy shots in big games. He winces if Notre Dame's big men shrink under the glare of a spotlight.

Then he looks at Carroll and sees Notre Dame's most consistent player scoring, defending and leading at will.

"He wants to take big shots. We want him to take big shots,"

Brey said. "I will live or die with him taking a shot — or even a bad shot, sometimes — when the game's on the line."

A week ago, Brey lived to celebrate an overtime victory over Boston College, keyed in part by a spectacular 4-point play Carroll made in the extra period.

Saturday, he was at it again. In the two overtime periods alone, Carroll tallied 11 of his career-high 36 points. On defense, he crashed the backboard, often poking rebounds out of the grasp of a Hoya and into the hands of an Irish player.

And during timeouts, he reminded his teammates that they don't know how to do anything other than win.

There was Carroll talking to freshman Chris Quinn, in the game after Thomas fouled out early in the second overtime, telling him his teammates were going to help him out.

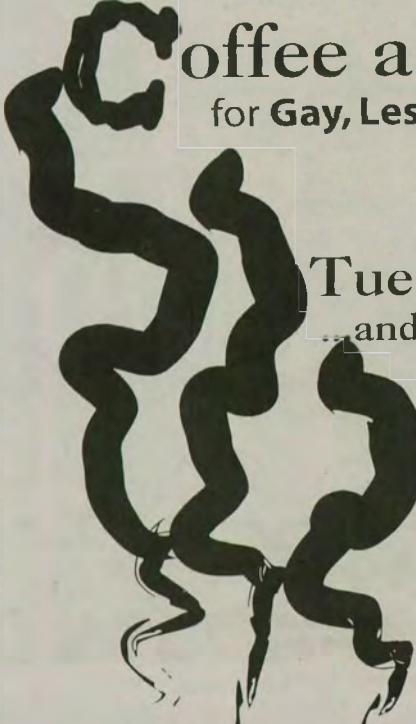
There was Carroll patting Torrian Jones on the butt after he missed his first free throw, telling Jones the second — and game-winning — free throw was a piece of cake.

There was Carroll waving his arms frantically to spur the crowd and his teammates during their final defensive stand, and there he was seconds later waving his arms again in triumph.

"This team believes," Carroll said. "There's something about this team."

Did he know he was talking about himself?

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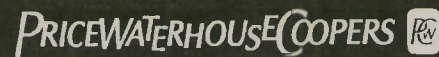
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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish win away at West Virginia

By **KATIE MCVOY**
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish can officially say that January is over and, this time, they've started the month off on the right foot. Notre Dame opened the month of February by snapping a four-game home losing streak with a 69-64 victory against West Virginia on Saturday.

"I don't think I was ever so glad to turn a page in my calendar," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I was so happy to be out of January and moving forward."

The Irish finally began to find what they were missing during their last four home games, and it paid off.

For starters, Notre Dame returned its usual players to their places of prominence. Alicia Ratay, last year's go-to scorer, found her rhythm again and hit 14 of Notre Dame's first 24 points on the way to 21 points, her second highest point total of the season.

"It was great to see Alicia Ratay come out and have a great game," McGraw said.

Ratay, who West Virginia expected to stand around and shoot, started to do something else on Saturday too — she started to score off the dribble. That alone was enough to throw the Mountaineers off their game plan and, despite their two-point halftime lead, they left the floor with something to think about.

"Ratay, she just took over the game. She had a great game," Mountaineers coach Mike

Carey said. "What made her tough this game is she started taking it off the dribble ... that made her a double threat and that made it tough."

But the best part for Notre Dame was that Ratay did not single-handedly win Saturday's game. Sophomore Jacqueline Batteast added 21 points of her own, either scoring or assisting on nine of Notre Dame's 13 field goals in the second half. Several of her five total assists went to teammate Teresa Borton, who was perfect from the field for 14 points.

"Those were some really nice passes Jackie, thank you," Borton told her teammate during the post-game press conference.

Le'Tania Severe also had her part to play. The junior guard played with some shoulder padding despite the fact that a shoulder injury she sustained against Boston College had left her questionable for Saturday's game. Severe had three assists and seven rebounds during her 32 minutes of play.

"She's the glue to our team. She doesn't have to score to be effective," McGraw said. "She probably played in a little pain but she said it didn't hurt."

The solid play of last year's all-stars, supplemented by nine points from freshman Courtney LaVere, added up for the Irish offense. The team effort removed much of the

pressure on a single player that had left the Irish cornered in their last four games at the Joyce Center

"A lot of my teammates played really well tonight," Batteast said. "Teresa [Borton] was 7-for-7 and Alicia [Ratay] came out really aggressive. So I didn't feel as much pressure. It was good to see everyone was willing to help out and everyone was willing to do their job."

Notre Dame's defense had its part to play in the victory as well. Although she recorded 15 points, Notre Dame managed to neutralize the three-point threat from West Virginia's Kate Bulger. The junior guard, who leads the Mountaineers in scoring and in treys, was just 1-7 in the second half, hitting her only shot with just 18 seconds left to play. She was just 5-13 overall with three baskets outside the three-point line.

"I think we did a great job of finding her," McGraw said. "And after [the first half] we did a great job of shutting her down."

Notre Dame will take two days off before hitting the floors of the Joyce Center to start practice before taking on Georgetown on Wednesday at home.

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"I was so happy to be out of January and moving forward."

Muffet McGraw
coach

WOMENS TENNIS

Women lose to a 5th-ranked Tarheels team

By **JOE LINDSLEY**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame began its Saturday match against North Carolina with a promising start. The No. 21 Irish won the doubles point to take an early 1-0 lead.

The lead was extremely short-lived, however, as the fifth-ranked Tarheels dominated in singles play, and visiting North Carolina claimed the match, 5-2.

Senior Katie Cunha and freshman Kristina Stastny registered a doubles upset of Kendrick Bunn and Katie Pinchbeck, the No. 19-ranked pair in the nation, to secure the doubles point for Notre Dame.

Prior to their triumph, freshman Jennifer Smith and sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly improved to 11-6 as a pair this season when they won 8-4 at No. 3 doubles.

Cunha and Stastny did not know they were playing a highly ranked opponent until after the match had been settled in their favor.

"When we were playing them, I had no idea they were ranked," Cunha said.

Cunha said she had to check the program after one of her friends claimed that the Bunn-Pinchbeck duo was ranked.

"After I found that out, I was really pleased," said Cunha, the team's captain. "That was just an added bonus."

With the doubles point secured, Connelly would be the only Irish player to claim a singles victory. The sophomore defeated North Carolina's Lee Bairos, 7-5, 7-6 (7-5). Her victory came only after the Tarheels had already won five straight singles matches.

"They are a highly ranked team," Cunha said. "Regardless, we kind of let them off the hook in singles."

Although Cunha believed the Irish showed improve-

ment coming off their anguishing 7-0 defeat at Northwestern on Thursday, she sees much room for refinement.

"Knowing our team's capabilities, I think we could have played a lot better," Cunha said. "I think we let some matches slip away a little bit. But it's early in the season, and we have a young team."

The Irish certainly have to deal with inexperience. Three players in the singles lineup Saturday were freshmen, one a sophomore, and one is making her comeback after a 14-month absence from the competitive courts.

Junior Alicia, the most experienced Irish player in the singles matches, was defeated in straight sets by No. 38 Marlene Mejia. Salas is currently ranked No. 124. Freshman Kristina Stastny lost 6-0, 6-3 to the Tarheels' Aniela Mojzis, ranked No. 61 nationally.

Cunha acknowledged that gaining experience and becoming better able to deal with tough opponents will take a little time for the Irish.

"I am not worried," Cunha said. "Winning the doubles point [Saturday] gave us a lot of confidence. "North Carolina is an excellent team. There's nothing to be ashamed of."

The Irish will not compete again until a Feb. 14 home match against Virginia Tech.

Over the next two weeks, the Irish have plenty of work to do.

"I think everyone has something they want to work on individually," Cunha said. "We'll probably be playing a lot of practice matches amongst ourselves. We can work really hard without worrying about getting too tired for matches."

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HOCKEY

Irish tie 1, lose 1 over weekend

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

For both games this weekend against Ohio State, the Irish found themselves down 2-0 quickly.

The results couldn't have been more different.

Friday, Notre Dame scored three unanswered goals after the two-goal deficit, only to end up with a 3-3 tie when Ohio State scored with 4.7 seconds remaining.

Saturday, the Irish offense simply never got going and the team ended up with a 2-0 loss, despite a phenomenal effort in goal with Morgan Cey making 41 saves.

"We got outplayed tonight, which was disappointing coming off the way we played last night," said Irish coach Dave Poulin after Saturday's loss.

Friday, in front of one of the smallest crowds this year, the Irish put on perhaps one of their best performances of the season, leading No. 10 Ohio State 3-2 going into the third period before the Buckeyes were able to tie.

In front of a sellout on Saturday, the Irish went back to square one.

"We need some guys to step up and make plays," said Poulin after his team was shutout for the first time this season.

The shutout on Saturday was unexpected following an impressive performance the night before. The Buckeyes normally average giving up 24.1 shots to their opponent over the course of a game.

Notre Dame had 24 shots on goal just shortly into the third period.

Ohio State had a power play that was clicking at a rate of one goal every five chances.

The Irish only allowed the Buckeyes one power play goal in 11 opportunities.

"I thought we had a lot of energy," said Poulin about Friday's game. "We didn't throw the puck away and had many great chances."

The Buckeyes scored on its first power play chance of the game, with defenseman Doug Andress scoring from the blue line past a screened Cey about four minutes into the first period.

Ohio State padded its lead just 43 seconds into the second period with a goal by for-

ward Paul Caponigri.

Even after the early deficit, it was apparent that the Irish were playing exceptionally well and just not getting any breaks. Finally, the breaks started coming.

A little more than halfway into the second period, with the Irish on a 5-on-3 power play, defenseman Brett Lebda slapped a hard shot toward Buckeye goaltender Mike Betz. Betz bobbled the save, leaving an easy rebound shot for forward Kyle Dolder, who scored his first goal of the season.

Five minutes later on the power play, the Irish tied the game at two goals apiece when forward John Wroblewski scored after Betz gave up a rebound from a hard Neil Komadoski shot.

Just 40 seconds later, it was again special teams that gave the Irish their first lead, although not in the usual way. Despite being on the penalty kill, Lebda was able to wrist a shot past Betz from the right circle for the third Irish short-handed goal of the season.

For most of the third period, the Irish appeared headed to perhaps its biggest win of the season, with Cey coming up huge as the Irish were being outshot 13-3.

It was that 14th shot that Cey could not save.

With a little over a minute left, the Buckeyes decided to pull Betz in favor of another offensive player. Despite several opportunities to clear the puck down the ice, the Irish could not get the puck away from their goal, and Buckeye David Steckel was able to score off a rebound with just 4.7 seconds left in the game to send the contest into overtime.

It was the second straight home overtime tie for the Irish, after a 3-3 result on Jan. 25 against Michigan State. The result Friday was the same, with neither team scoring in the extra period.

"There's no question this feels like a loss," Poulin said. "The guys should be angry and we can't keep falling just short."

If the guys were angry, it

would have been difficult to tell after Saturday's performance, a game in which Ohio State simply dominated the Irish and held a 43-23 advantage in shots on goal.

The Buckeyes got on the board a little less than 15 minutes into the first period, when Paul Caponigri took advantage of an Irish turnover and wristed a shot over Cey's glove.

Ohio State got all the scoring they would need on a power play goal five minutes into the second period, when Ryan Kesler snapped a shot past Cey after a beautiful feed from R.J. Umberger.

There was no sign of let-down in the Buckeyes after this 2-0 lead though, as the physical play of the Ohio State club kept the

Irish from being able to organize any kind of offensive flow.

Even in the third period, when the Irish were trying their hardest to mount a comeback, Ohio State outshot them 17-6.

"Maybe it's a good time for an off-week," said Poulin. "It will give us a chance to regroup. Maybe we need this."

"The guys should be angry and we can't keep falling just short."

Dave Poulin
coach

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MENS TENNIS

Seminoles chop Irish on final point of match

By JOE LINDSLEY
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A precious win was in sight for the Irish Friday night at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

After losing the doubles point in the match against Florida State, Notre Dame had rallied to win three singles matches, tying the score at three points apiece. Seminole Matt Cloer and Irish tri-captain Luis Haddock were the last competitors on the court. An Irish victory in that final match would give Notre Dame its first triumph in a winless spring season. A Seminole win would knock the Irish, still ranked 34th nationally, down once again, for the fourth time in as many matches.

In the end, Cloer prevailed as he upset No. 72 Haddock, 7-5, 6-4. And the Irish moved to 0-4, the worst start in school history, as the Seminoles won, 4-3.

"We're not going to get down from this," junior tri-captain Matt Scott said. "We're just going to build on this and take this to Wisconsin [Tuesday]."

Scott suggested that the loss was made even more painful because the Irish nearly were able to pull off their first win of the season.

"I think we felt a little more confident," Scott said. "Then again, is it better to come really close and lose, or to get beat pretty badly? It almost hurts more when you come that close."

Scott and freshman Brent

D'Amico won their doubles match 8-3, after senior captain Brian Farrell and sophomore Paul McNaughton were defeated 8-5 at the No. 3 flight. Haddock and Ben Hatten tried to grab the doubles point for Notre Dame, but they lost 8-5 to the 38th ranked doubles duo in the country. The Irish refused to concede the match with the Seminoles' securing of the doubles point, and Scott, ranked 119th nationally, defeated Romain Jurd, 6-3, 6-1. It was Scott's first win in dual-match play this season after contending against players ranked seventh and second nationally.

Inexperience most likely played a role in the Irish loss, with freshmen Patrick Buchanan and Eric Langenkamp both suffering defeats in straight sets.

"With every match the guys are getting more and more experience," Scott said. "I think that will really come in handy towards the latter part of the year when it really matters, come tournament time."

D'Amico and Farrell, with their wins at the No. 3 and 4 flights, respectively, kept the Irish in the match. D'Amico upset Florida State's Alex Herrera, who was ranked 114th. "We played better than we played against Indiana and Ohio State," Scott said. "Florida State is a great team and they came through when they had to."

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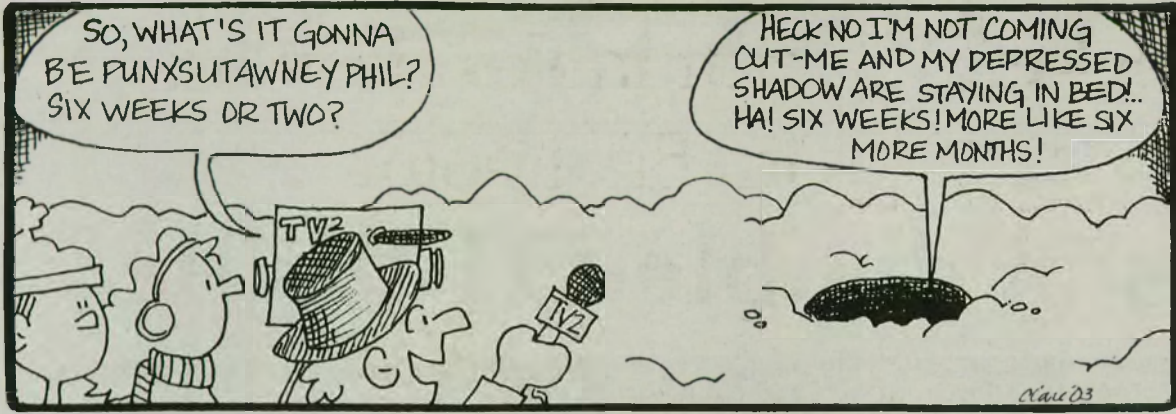
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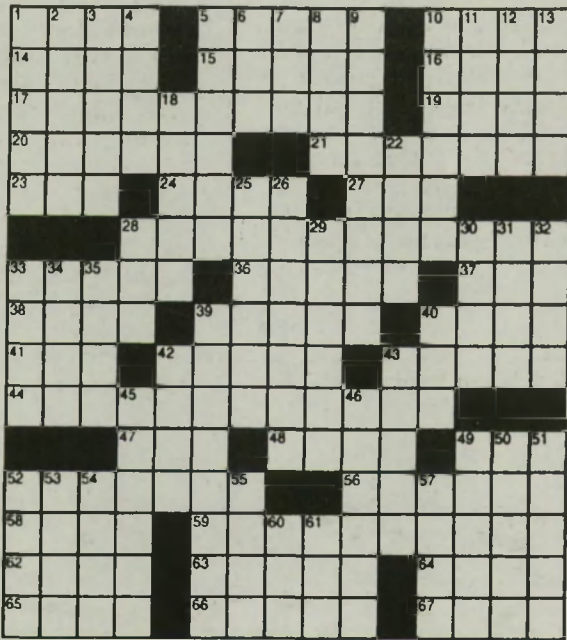
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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A rising temper will only cause trouble when working with a group. Keep your feelings to yourself. Don't be misguided by people who enjoy making life difficult for others. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): People from your past may try to get back into your favor. Don't be too forgiving; you shouldn't be moving backward. Experiences should make you wiser. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Money is coming your way, so keep your eyes open and take advantage of it. Make a valuable purchase, but also put something away for an unexpected expense. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Travel will lead to all sorts of exciting things. Romance should be high on your list, but don't be too eager. An aloof approach will be far more enticing. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't worry if your personal life is not going according to your desires. Put your time and energy into your professional moves. It will make you far more attractive. ★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You need to create a diversion for yourself so you don't dwell on your troubles. Getting involved in sports activities will help relieve the tension you've been experiencing. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your problems are escalating today and you either have to distance yourself from the situation or face your dilemma head-on. Seek legal advice if you think you may need it. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will meet new people or even a potential partner if you attend a social gathering. Don't waffle if someone has a different agenda or plan. Stick to what suits you best. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are quick to come up with some great ideas that could result in a cash injection. Don't hold back because of your own lack of self-confidence. It's time you started to believe in yourself. ★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Your active imagination may take over today, leading you in many directions. Don't be led astray by bizarre ideas. Strive to learn about different cultures and traditions. ★★

Birthday Baby: Your curiosity will lead you into all sorts of unusual experiences throughout your life. You will be daring, quick to try new things and always in the center of whatever is happening. You will be ingenious when it comes to finding solutions

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SPORTS

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MENS BASKETBALL

Irish top Hoyas in double-OT thriller

◆ Jones' late free throw provides final margin after Irish blow huge lead

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Torrian Jones watched his first free-throw attempt clang off the rim. He heard his teammates come up to him and encourage him, telling the 66 percent free throw shooter they had confidence in him. He looked at the scoreboard and saw the score tied at 92 with four seconds on the clock.

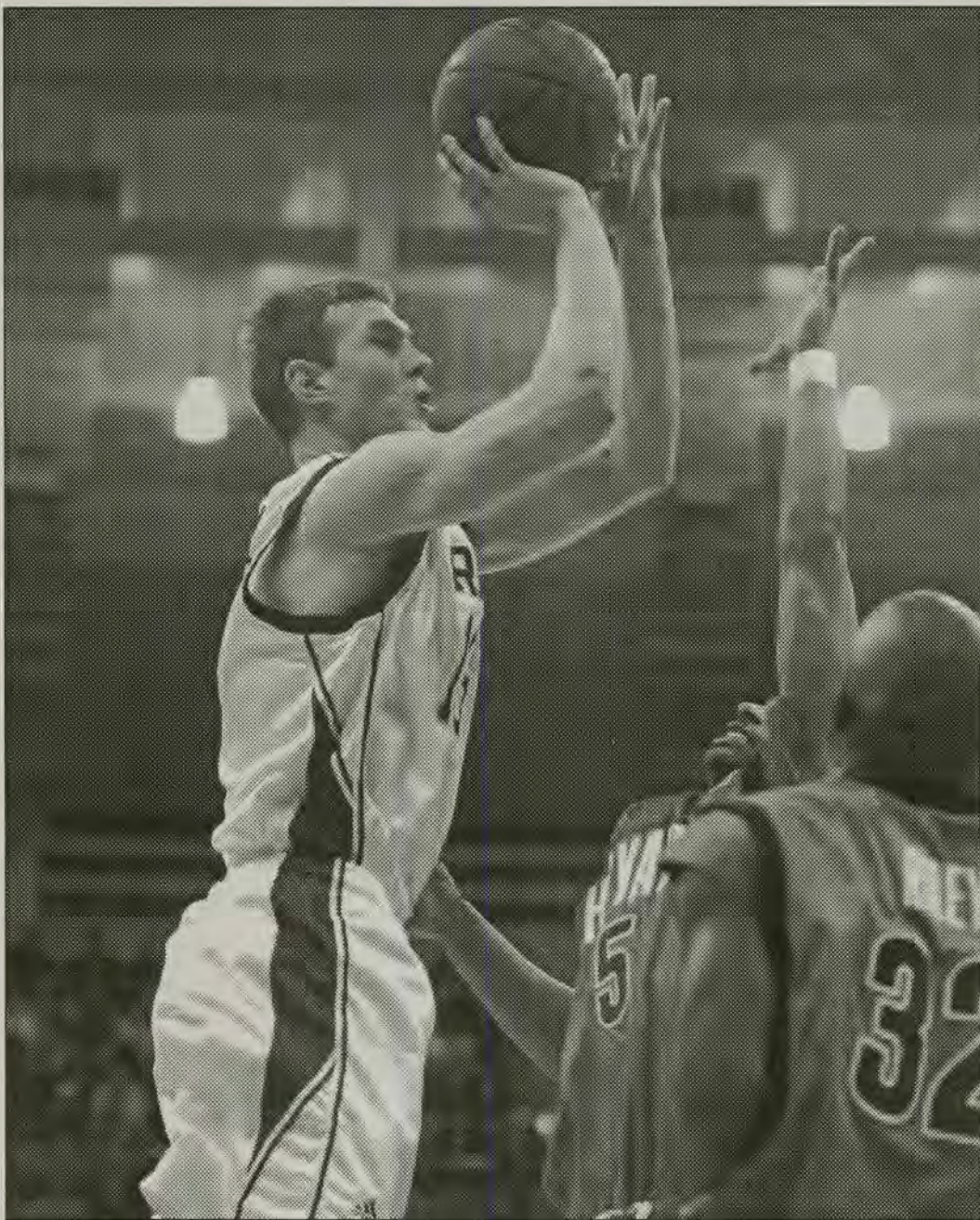
So he stepped to the free-throw line again, sunk the shot, and then forced Georgetown's Drew Hall into launching a 30-foot desperation heave at the buzzer.

And when the ball ricocheted off the backboard, No. 11 Notre Dame had survived a scare from Georgetown to win 93-92 in double-overtime.

The game brought back memories of Notre Dame's quadruple-overtime victory over Georgetown last year. And after the game, parallels to the two games were far too easy to come by.

"We were like, 'Here we go again,'" Jones said. "But we were tested and we'd been there before. We had guys who went through it before, and I knew we'd be ready."

Notre Dame (18-3, 6-1 in the Big East) is now off to its best start since 1978. And part of their success this season has come when the Irish



Notre Dame guard Matt Carroll attempts a shot from long range during Saturday's double-overtime thriller in which Carroll and the Irish edged out Georgetown, 93-92.

CHIP MARKS/The Observer

◆ Carroll sets 3-point record, ignites Irish to victory

The record-setter should have been the backbreaker.

With the Irish leading the Hoyas 52-40, Matt Carroll caught a pass a few feet in front of Mike Brey — a few steps behind the 3-point arc — and launched a shot toward the basket.

The ball swished through, the crowd erupted, Georgetown called a timeout and Carroll had career 3-pointers No. 260, surpassing his former teammate David Graves.

"I know Dave probably hates me right now," Carroll joked after the game. "He probably won't call me after this one, he's pretty [ticked] off."

So what would have made Graves more upset — the fact that Carroll broke his record or the fact that Notre Dame blew a 15-point lead?

Give the Hoyas credit — they knew how to beat the Irish. All the guards did was dump the ball into human dump truck Mike Sweetney, who then made scoring baskets look as easy as taking out the trash.

But Carroll wasn't fazed. And if Carroll isn't fazed, then neither are the Irish. Because Matt Carroll is the heart and soul of Notre Dame's team. If Notre Dame is Frankenstein, then Carroll is the spark that gives them life.

Look what happened as Georgetown started to chip away at Notre Dame's lead. Every timeout, Carroll pulled his teammates together and reminded them what happened the last time a Notre



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FENCING

Top-ranked Nittany Lions tamed by No. 2 Irish

By MATT LOZAR
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After going 9-4 in his first collegiate bouts last weekend, junior sabre Brian Dosal came into this weekend's match against No. 1 Penn State with realistic hopes.

"I didn't expect to win at all," the second-year fencer said. "I got lucky and when I got some momentum, it really fired me up."

Sometimes the best surprises come with no expectations.

Using Dosal's two upset wins, the second-ranked Irish mens fencing team defeated the top-ranked Nittany Lions 15-12 to made their claim for

the top spot in the country.

"He started almost fencing with us like a walk-on and had a little skill but not much," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "He is progressing very quickly."

Dosal dropped his first bout 5-0, and his next one wasn't looking promising with talented freshman Marten Zagunis on deck. Dosal surprised everybody by posting a 5-3 victory, and by following that win with a 5-3 win over Noah Jacobson.

"It feels great. They didn't expect me to do it, so doing it makes the whole season worth it," Dosal said. "I definitely can compete at that level. It is only five-touch bouts, but I feel I can steal away a couple which can make

the difference [in future matches]."

Gabor Szelle and Matt Fabricant also posted individual 2-1 records against the Nittany Lions to give the Irish sabre squad a collective 6-3 record. Fabricant defeated two-time All-American Amir Rahimi 5-4 and Szelle also beat Zagunis 5-4.

The mens epee team also went 6-3 against Penn State and was led by senior captain Jan Viviani's 3-0 record. Viviani and sophomore Michal Sobieraj each won crucial overtime matches.

Mens foil compiled a 3-6 record that was highlighted by sophomore Derek Snyder's 5-4 win over current NCAA Champion Nonpatat Panchan.

While the mens team was able to

knock off the top-ranked team in the country for the third straight season, the womens team couldn't complete the upset, losing to Penn State 16-11.

"This is not unusual with such close rivals clashing with each other. It is good for us because it is good training, a lot of good bouts and we can see how it will be in the future," Bednarski said. "Our fencers fenced very well. I am happy, not really happy, but happy."

The womens foil team was the only weapon to post a winning record against Penn State, going 5-4. Sophomores Andrea Ament and Alicja Kryczalo each went 2-1. Kryczalo

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

WOMENS B-BALL

Notre Dame 69
West Virginia 64

Alicia Ratay scored 21 points as the Irish snapped out of their January slump.

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MENS SWIMMING

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Cleveland State 85

St. Bonaventure 125
Notre Dame 118

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SMC BASKETBALL

Olivet 67
Saint Mary's 58

The Belles squandered a 13-point lead on the way to losing their seventh straight game.

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WOMENS SWIMMING

Notre Dame 153
Michigan 147

In their last dual meet of the season, the Irish improve to 9-1-1 heading into the Big East Tournament Feb. 20.

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame 3
Ohio State 3

Ohio State 2
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WOMENS TENNIS

North Carolina 5
Notre Dame 2

The Irish fell to the fifth-ranked Tar Heels Saturday.

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