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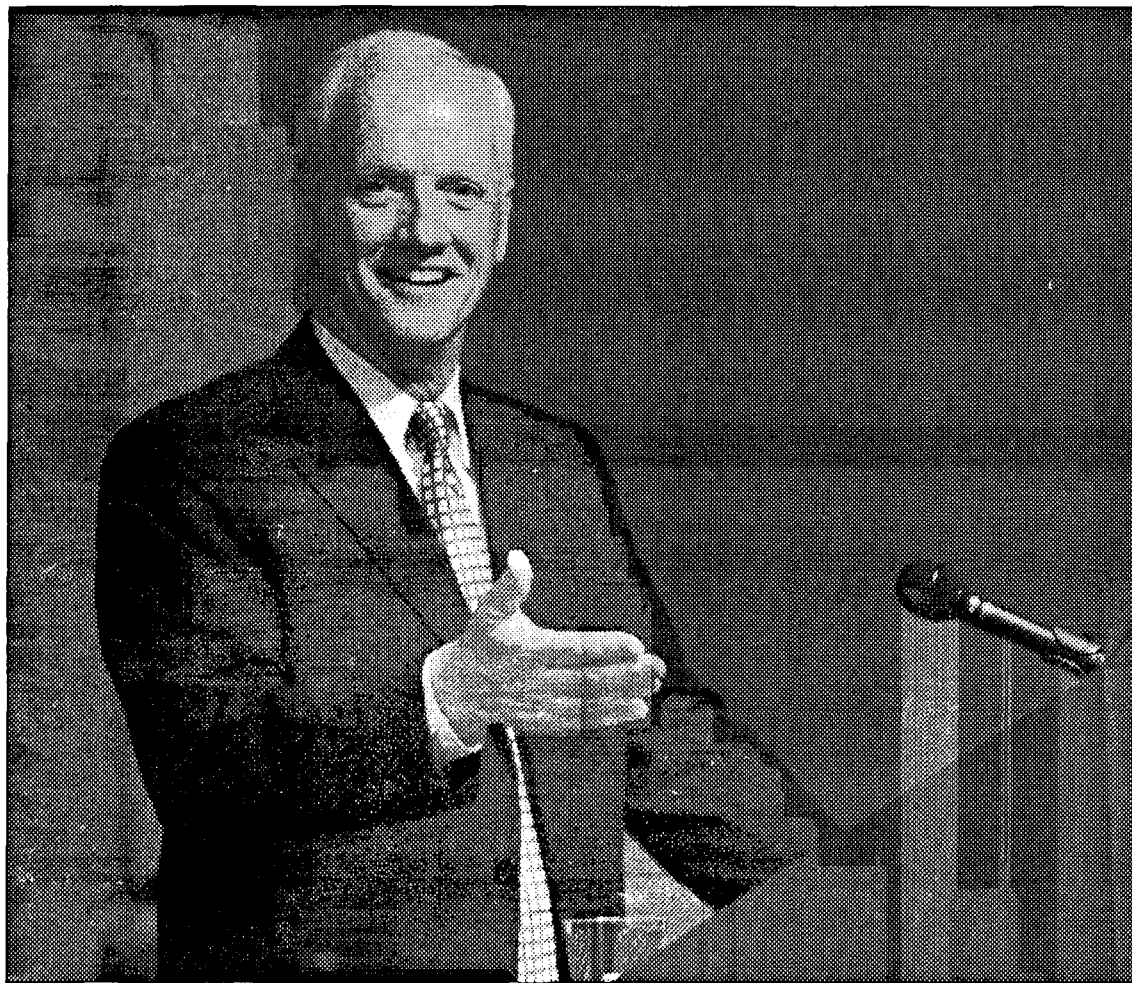
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Former Governor speaks on politics, religion



SARAH LATHROP/The Observer

Former Governor of Oklahoma, Frank Keating, lectures Monday on politics and how his Catholicism plays a part in his public service. Keating also commented on controversial issues such as the death penalty and the ongoing Church scandals.

By MICHAEL CHAMBLISS
News Writer

In his capacity as chairman of "The Charter for Protection of Children and Young People," former Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating spoke Monday to a packed house in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium on the topic of politics and vocation.

A Republican and lifelong Catholic, Keating served as governor of Oklahoma from 1995 to 2003. He is widely known for his attempts to mitigate social ills such as drug abuse, child abuse, divorce and domestic violence through mobilization of the clergy. Keating has also been lauded for his strong leadership after the 1994 Oklahoma City bombing.

Keating spoke at length about the obligation of Americans to participate in public life.

"Every one of you has a vocation to politics. We all have an obligation to serve," said Keating. He added that the merging of the public and the private sectors is essential for the success of the United States. Keating, who could only serve a maximum of eight years as Oklahoma's governor, said he believes term limits support this healthy mix.

"The role of a Catholic should be to present himself as a per-

son of honor and integrity, a symbol of what a citizen should be like," said Keating of the role of Catholics in American public life.

Relating numerous personal stories and anecdotes, Keating highlighted the importance of equality and the individual voice in America. Keating pointed out that although only 3 percent of Oklahoma's population is Catholic, his basic right to be heard has enabled him to incorporate his faith into public policy.

"They don't see it as preaching. The public in Oklahoma has embraced all of these agendas as the right thing to do," said Keating of policies such as his initiative to promote marriage.

Keating also addressed the recent sexual abuse scandals within the Catholic Church.

"There isn't a greater calling anywhere to serve God than in ministry, but something happened and people saw evil face-to-face and they turned away," said Keating.

The former governor is currently involved in a study to root out the causes of behavioral problems in the clergy and the lack of vocations. Keating expressed disbelief at the number of scandals that

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ND elects '03-'04 class councils

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Student government's Judicial Council announced the results of Monday's class council elections. Each four-person ticket represented candidates for president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

Freshmen overwhelmingly elected current freshman class treasurer James Leito and his ticket to lead the class of 2006. The ticket also included Kate Distler, Mark Seiler and Anna Skoien. Freshman class president Dave Baron, who decided not to run for re-election, endorsed the ticket.

According to Leito's campaign Web site, the group's priorities include improved Joyce Center seating for basketball games, a sophomore tailgating section at football games and "weekend-long service events extending into the South Bend community." The Leito ticket, one of four on the ballot, garnered 57 percent of the nearly 1,100 votes cast. The nearest challenge came from Matt Goulet, who walked away with 16 percent of the votes.

Sophomores found only one ticket running for junior class council. Katie Barrett narrowly won election in a race characterized by low turnout and large numbers of abstentions. Barrett, who ran with Jim Mooney, Beth Ward and Anne Raih, narrowly escaped with 53 percent of the vote. Only 490 members of the class of 2005 cast ballots. Barrett's campaign information was not available.

Jazmin Garcia was elected in a landslide to lead the class of 2004. Garcia, who ran with Chip Marks, Katie Conklin and Carol McCarthy, secured 73 percent of the vote in the two-ticket field, handily defeating a ticket led by Megan Horner. Garcia, who ran under the slogan "Doin' it with class for 2004," aims to continue several initiatives begun by the current senior class council, led by Matt Smith.

According to Garcia's campaign Web site, the ticket plans to continue the popular Margaritaville event, create a "class 21st birthday" and begin production of a senior yearbook.

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SMC candidates state platforms

By EMILY BRAMMER
News Writer

Eight tickets presented their platforms at the Meet the Candidates night Monday at Saint Mary's during an answer-hungry question and answer period before today's class boards election.

Two freshman tickets running for sophomore class board focused on how they propose to keep lines of communication open with their classmates.

Andriana Bauer and Elizabeth Goers, as former freshman class president and vice president, respectively, emphasized ways to continue the good work of the current board and ways to further unify the class of 2006. Plans include a semi-formal dance at a bowling alley and integrating the sophomore class with the upper class through a "Big Sister Program."

"We have a strong foundation from the year to build on," Bauer said.

Freshmen Michelle Fitzgerald and Amelia Oliva, also running for sophomore class council, place class unity as their first priority.

This ticket plans to present a resolution to Residence Hall Association for an ATM in each residence hall. Fitzgerald outlined the tick-

et's plans to buy advertising space in The Observer once a month in order to publicize sophomore events.

"Looking after precedent and keeping lines of communication open is key," Fitzgerald said.

The two tickets running for junior class board emphasized the importance of technology in maintaining open lines of communication with the members of their class.

Emily Pernotto and Barbara Kierl comprise a four-member team platform belonging to the Saint Mary's basketball team. They emphasized the skills learned as members of the basketball team and promoted themselves as hard working leaders.

Their primary goal is to utilize the Class of 2003 Instant Messenger username in order to communicate with the class on important events and updates.

Catherine White and Mary Pauline Moran also emphasized the importance of the Internet for communication purposes. The ticket wants to build an interactive junior class Web site where they could actively track polls and allow people to submit creative work.

"The Internet would be a tool for bringing people together," said White, the presidential candidate.

They wish to focus on planning quality junior events rather than increase the quantity of them. They would eventually like to recognize the accomplishments of the talented members of their class on their Web site and around campus.

Both tickets for the senior class board are dedicated to making their upcoming senior year full of exciting and memorable experiences. They offered their ideas as to potential projects and activities they would like to plan for next year.

Linda Janke and Abigail Van Vlerah intend to explore ways the senior class can help with the concerns of the student body should they be elected. Part of this plan includes bringing back monthly service projects and volunteering opportunities at the Young Women's Christian Association.

"We're trying to bring back the monthly service projects that we had our freshman and sophomore years here at Saint Mary's," Van Vlerah said. "We want to give back to the community we're living in."

In addition to reviving community service projects, the ticket plans to kick off a "Big Sis/Lil Sis" project in conjunc-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Basketball
to the rescue

I had fears about my first spring semester at Notre Dame. The stories of blistering cold, fierce winds and depressing days without a trace of sunlight left me wondering how I would make it through my first winter in South Bend. Coming from Dallas, Texas, a place where snow falls once a year and the entire city becomes as helpless as a student facing an early morning Organic Chemistry test, I wasn't sure what I would do to survive. There would be no thrills of football games to keep me occupied, no leisurely readings of textbooks while relaxing on a comfortable bench overlooking the Golden Dome — no aimless strolls around campus without a particular destination in mind. I sincerely hoped that I would not confine myself to my dorm room, living off of Diet Cokes and the chocolate chip cookies my roommate's mother would send.

Fortunately for me, I get out quite often, dressed in more layers of clothing than I ever thought humanly possible and a pair of huge hiking boots I only imagined Army ROTC cadets wear. I rush off to class and the dining hall as often as I did in the fall, although at a slightly faster pace and with more unmentionable mutterings under my breath. Most importantly, however, I have found a relief from the piling up of snow and schoolwork that shattered all worries of days spent under a warm comforter — Notre Dame basketball.

Thanks to a few eager friends, I now relish the chance of arriving incredibly early to the JACC to gain a coveted seat from which to watch an energizing game of thrilling baskets, heartbreaking misses and raucous fans shouting insults prepared by legions of fans with too much time spent in front of a computer. I have learned the subtle art of tricks meant to rattle opposing free-throw shooters and enrage opposing coaches, watched thrilling last-second victories and shouted for men and women I once knew very little about.

Although the men's games are inherently exciting with rowdy fans and stands packed with more people than available seats, I have found women's basketball to be enjoyable as well. I don't think I, or my father have ever been as excited as we were watching Ruth Riley sink last-second free-throws to ice a national championship. I enjoy watching crisp passes, aggressive drives to the hoop and an invigorating sense of youth and excitement that will only be honed with more experience.

When my friends from warm places inquire how I'm doing in the South Bend, I respond that things are going better than I had expected: the cold no longer affects me as much as it once did. Maybe it's all the warm blood flowing through my veins as I watch a tip-off that keeps me going.

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

In the Bengal Bouts story Chip Marks was incorrectly named as the winner of the 140 pound quarterfinal match, when in actuality, Tony Hollowell won the fight.

The discussion for disability awareness week that meets Wednesday at the CSC is actually titled, "Experiences With Special Needs: Students, Parents, Children, Siblings Adults."

WHAT'S INSIDE

CAMPUS NEWS	WORLD & NATION	BUSINESS NEWS	VIEWPOINT	SCENE	SPORTS
CCDC sponsors eating disorders week	U.S seeks approval for war resolution on Iraq	Corporation admits to inflating profits	Students continue debates on affirmative action	John Mayer's live album receives rave reviews	Bengal Bouts Senior captain shines
The Counseling and Career Development Center is sponsoring events in conjunction with a nationwide campaign discussing the current problems of eating disorders.	The United States announced the pursuit to gain the approval of the U.N. Security Council amidst contestation from France, Germany and Russia.	European markets encounter its own corporate accounting scandal as Ahold executives announced misrepresenting profits.	Students express anger at the views expressed on the developing issue and advocate more understanding.	Recorded in Birmingham, Ala., "Any Given Thursday" sets Mayer apart as a talented pop artist.	Sports spotlights senior captain Tom Pierce and uncovers a true leader and fierce competitor at heart.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ND

- ◆ Art Exhibit
Display of photographs depicting the Gullah Culture by Doris Ulmann all day at the Snite Museum of Art.
- ◆ Mendoza Majors Night
The fair will couple with departmental presentations that would provide students with additional opportunities to talk with faculty and current upper-class students about the opportunities available in the Mendoza College of Business, 5:30 p.m., Mendoza College of Business.
- ◆ Students with Disabilities Discussion
Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students with disabilities are invited to share their experiences of having a disability on campus, LaFortune, Notre Dame Room, 8 p.m.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ SMC

- ◆ Lecture
Talk about Community Leadership, 12:15 p.m., North Wedge Room
- ◆ Reading
Contemporary Drama Reading & Dinner, 4:30 p.m., President's Dining Room
- ◆ Lecture
Eating Disorder Awareness Week speaker, 7:30 p.m., the Carroll Auditorium

WHAT'S GOING DOWN

NDSP takes drunken student home
NDSP transported an intoxicated student to his off-campus residence Sunday morning. The case is being referred for administrative review.

Employee injured in fall
After an employee sustained injuries during a fall Saturday, NDSP transported the employee to the University Health Center for treatment.

Visitor reports missing jewelry
A visitor reported losing her necklace Friday at the Grotto. The woman later notified NDSP she found her necklace in her purse.

Student reports missing bike
A student reported her unlocked bike was taken between Saturday and Sunday afternoon from the south side of Breen Phillips Hall. There are no suspects.

Employee slips on ice
A University employee reported he fell on the ice outside the southeast door of the Law School Sunday.

-Compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT'S COOKING

North Dining Hall	South Dining Hall	Saint Mary's Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Boiled mostaccioli, boiled spinach fettuccini, pastaria meat sauce, fried cheese ravioli, Swiss steak, russet herb garlic potatoes, whipped potatoes, haddock with herbs, sugar snap peas, Japan ginger chicken tenders	Today's Lunch: Pasta shells primavera, fettuccine, gorgonzola sauce, french bread pizza, collard greens, turkey turnovers, London broil with wine marinade, cheddar-baked pollock, shrimp creole, potatoes au gratin, grilled turkey sandwich, fries	Today's Lunch: Szechuan vegetables with jasmine rice, herbed pasta, marinara, harvest flat bread sandwich, turkey snow pea stir fry with rice, batter fried pollock, macaroni and cheese, glazed carrots, meat lovers pizza, cheese pizza, sliced prosciutto, sliced smoked turkey, olive hummus
Today's Dinner: Boiled fettuccine, alfredo sauce, cheese frenchbread, sherry chicken thighs, long grain and wild rice, whipped potatoes, broccoli spears, grilled redfish, baked sweet potatoes, beef tamale, corn and pepper flamerst	Today's Dinner: Chicken cacciatore, fettuccine, gorgonzola sauce, french bread pizza, roast top round, oven-fried chicken, grilled Polish sausage, rotini with vegetables, Polish-style kluski noodles	Today's Dinner: Herb pasta, marinara sauce, spicy stir fried tofu, garden burger, grilled yellow squash, chicken and vegetable fajitas, grilled hamburger, chicken patties, grilled cheese sandwich, french fries, twice cooked pork, wild rice, parsley buttered potato, country kitchen vegetables

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THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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Return to: Sr. Kathleen Cannon, O.P., Associate Dean
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CCDC raises eating disorder awareness

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students will have a chance to learn more about eating disorders this week. The Counseling and Career Development Center is sponsoring National Eating Disorders Awareness Week on campus.

The week is a nationwide campaign by the National Eating Disorders Association to raise awareness about the growing problem of eating disorders.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association, it is estimated that between 5 and 10 million girls and women and 1 million boys and men struggle with eating disorders, such as anorexia, bulimia and binge-eating disorders. The group also found in a recent college campus survey that 91 percent of college women control their weight by dieting.

Today students can attend the lecture and discussion

"Body Image, Food and You" led by licensed clinician social worker Gwen Dellorn from the Eating Disorder Recovery Center. The lecture will be held in Carroll Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday the Nursing Department is sponsoring a health fair from 3 to 5 p.m. in LeMans Reignbeaux Lounge. At the fair, women can learn about the varying components that will affect their health now and in the future.

On Thursday and Friday the CCDC will be offering eating and body image screenings. The screenings will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday and from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday. The screenings are free and confidential and no appointments are necessary.

The CCDC is located in 166 LeMans. For more information, contact the CCDC at 284-4565.

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Mathcounts competition scheduled for Saturday

Special to The Observer

A regional competition of Mathcounts, a nationwide math coaching and competition program will take place Saturday (Feb. 22) in DeBartolo Hall at the University of Notre Dame.

More than 200 middle and junior high students from the northern and central Indiana counties of St. Joseph, Elkhart, Fulton, La Grange and Marshall are expected to compete.

Mathcounts promotes math achievement among sixth, seventh and eighth graders around the country through competitions similar to school athletic events. Student "math-

letes" train individually and on teams, then compete in local and state competitions. Prizes are awarded at all levels, and winners at the state level receive a free trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the national competition, where the prizes include scholarships, trips and trophies.

This year as many of 35,000 students are expected to compete nationwide in Mathcounts, which began in 1983. Michael M. Stanisic, associate professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at Notre Dame, is regional coordinator of the Mathcounts competition, which has been held at the University for the past eight years.

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

BOG votes to host
Yale professorBy MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

As things continued to wind down for the Board of Governance administration, officers on Monday held their final meeting before spring break. The meeting primarily centered around several student organizations and their appeals for co-sponsorship funding for various events.

Katie Harrison, Student Academic Council (SAC) secretary and treasurer, requested \$300 from BOG to help sponsor a campus visit by Yale University professor Cynthia Russett planned for Wednesday. The professor recently published a book titled, "Catholic Women's Colleges in America." Thursday, administration and faculty will meet with Russett to discuss qualities of Saint Mary as an institution and the future of women's Catholic education.

"The administration is really excited about this," Harrison said. "But it should be a student sponsored event. We want students to attend the lecture as well, not just the administration."

BOG members expressed their excitement to participate in the upcoming event.

"Having BOG's name down is a show of student support," said Student Body Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

The funding was approved

unanimously by BOG.

Russett elaborates on the experience of women, and mentions Saint Mary's 16 times in her book. It is currently on sale in the Saint Mary's bookstore.

In other BOG news

♦ BOG also granted \$900 to the Biology Club to assist with the Ecology Fair. The fair will be held in conjunction with the annual Student Diversity Board (SDB) picnic on April 14. Three booths will be set up on the library lawn and will provide students with information about world environmental issues.

SDB will also sponsor a student collection that will also take place to help Saint Mary's recycling campaign. The fair will include a live band.

♦ The Board voted to deny a \$1,500 request from several Saint Mary's students traveling to Haiti over spring break. The students are going abroad as part of a justice class that examines poverty and development.

The trip, the most expensive undertaking by Saint Mary's students, is largely being funded by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. Board members said participating students should be responsible for raising the remaining money they need for the trip.

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Platforms

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tion with the Class of 2007.

Desiree Paulin and Kristi Spriggle expressed excitement to find out what the seniors want for next year. If elected, they plan to organize surveys that would help determine preferences of the majority of Saint Mary's seniors regarding events such as Senior Dad's Weekend, the Senior Retreat and weekend trips.

"First we want to see what everybody in the class wants to do," Paulin said.

They announced the plan to initiate an "Independent Women Series" that would include subject matter ranging from business etiquette to oil changes.

"The point of senior year is to have a great and shining year, but we also want to prepare Saint Mary's women for an independent life," Paulin said.

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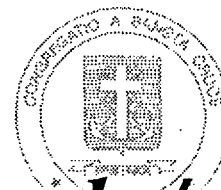
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U.S., allies seek U.N. approval for war resolution

Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS

Seeking U.N. approval for war, the United States and key allies Britain and Spain submitted a resolution Monday to the Security Council declaring Saddam Hussein has missed "the final opportunity" to disarm and indicating he must now face the consequences.

But France, Russia and Germany, which oppose the military option, circulated an alternative plan to pursue a peaceful disarmament of Iraq through strengthened inspections over at least the next five months. Their memorandum won immediate backing from China, despite Secretary of State Colin Powell's lobbying efforts with top officials in Beijing on Monday.

The rival positions set the stage for a heated battle over whether the council would back the U.S. and British demand for war now or the French, Russian, and German call for war to be "a last resort." The council decided to hold another closed meeting to discuss the two proposals on Thursday.

The showdown heightened fears of war, with Wall Street posting its biggest decline in a month Monday after a day of light trading.

Getting approval for the

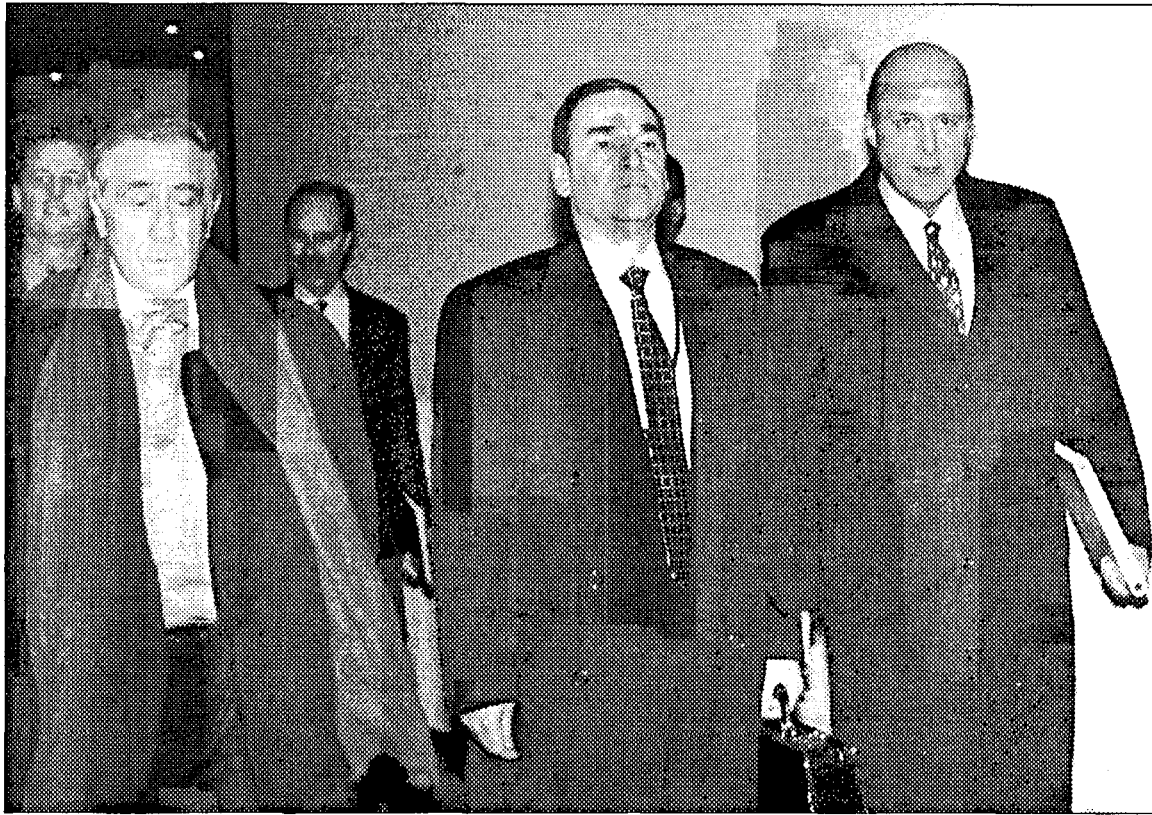
U.S.-backed resolution will be a daunting task. To pass, the resolution must have nine "yes" votes and avoid a veto by France, Russia or China. Only Bulgaria is considered a strong bet to support the U.S.-British-Spanish plan.

Eleven of the 15 council members have endorsed the idea of continuing weapons inspections, but the United States has dispatched some of its top negotiators to Security Council capitals in recent days to push for the resolution.

For some of the countries, such as Angola, Guinea and Cameroon — poor African nations whose concerns drew little attention before they landed seats on the council — there is the possibility that supporting the resolution may reap financial benefits from the United States. But members of the council who support continued inspections are also lobbying hard.

After the rival presentations, no council member indicated a change in its position. But several council diplomats said there was room for a compromise.

"The cards are on the table," Angola's U.N. Ambassador Ismael Gaspar Martins told The Associated Press. "Now I think we need to sit down jointly and come out with ... a common solution."



Cincencio Arias, Spain's Ambassador to the U.N., Jeremy Greenstock, United Kingdom's Ambassador to the U.N., and John Negroponte, the United States' Ambassador to the U.N. (left to right) arrive together at the United Nations Monday to present their new joint draft resolution.

But U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said the only way Iraq can avoid serious consequences now is to demonstrate "a major, drastic, dramatic change in the attitude that that government has displayed towards the issue of disarming itself of weapons of mass destruction."

Washington has reserved the right to wage war with a coalition of willing nations, but U.N. backing would provide legitimacy and financial support for military action and its aftermath. On Monday, Turkey's Cabinet agreed to host tens of thousands of U.S. combat troops,

a key step toward allowing Washington to forge ahead with plans for a northern front against Iraq.

The draft resolution does not set any deadlines. But U.S. and British officials made clear they want the Security Council to vote by mid-March.

IRAQ

Saddam Hussein challenges Bush to televised debate

Associated Press

BAGHDAD

Saddam Hussein indicated on Monday that he does not intend to follow U.N. orders to destroy his Al-Samoud 2 missiles, and challenged President Bush to an internationally televised debate via satellite linkup.

In a three-hour interview with CBS anchor Dan Rather, the Iraqi leader said he envisioned a live debate with Bush along the lines of those in a U.S. presidential campaign, according to the network.

Rather reported on the interview dur-

ing the evening newscast. CBS said it planned to broadcast excerpts on Tuesday and the entire interview on Wednesday.

Rather said that Saddam walked a little stiffly when he met with him but was calm and "unhurried" during the interview.

Regarding chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix's order that Iraq destroy its Al-Samoud 2 missiles, Rather quoted Saddam as saying: "Iraq is allowed to prepare proper missiles and we are committed to that."

Asked whether the Al-Samoud 2 missiles are "proper," Saddam was quoted

as replying: "We do not have missiles that go beyond the prescribed range."

The order was issued after international experts determined the missile flew farther than the 93-mile limit set down by the United Nations in 1991. Iraq maintains some of the missiles overshot the limit because they were tested without warheads and guidance systems.

"This is not a serious issue," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said of the reported debate offer. "There is no debating his need to disarm."

Fleischer said Saddam's comments about the Al Samouds represented "open

defiance" of the United Nations. "He refuses even to acknowledge that the weapons are prohibited," Fleischer said.

Iraq has until the end of the week to begin destroying the missiles, components and other related systems. If it fails to do so, that could give impetus to a draft U.N. resolution submitted Monday by the United States, Britain and Spain that would pave the way for war.

Iraq had suggested it was trying to persuade the United Nations to allow it to keep the missiles after technical modifications worked out in talks with U.N. technicians.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

North Korea test-fires missile into sea:

North Korea test-fired an anti-ship missile that landed in the sea between the Korean Peninsula and Japan, a South Korean Defense Ministry official said Tuesday. U.S. and Korean officials said the missile was likely a small, conventional one, not the ballistic rocket that U.S. officials fear can possibly hit parts of the western United States.

Colombian rebels label captives POW's:

Colombian rebels declared Monday that three captured Americans were "prisoners of war" and will be freed only as part of a broad prisoner exchange with Colombian government. The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, known as the FARC, demanded a demilitarized zone from the Colombian government in order to exchange the three Americans and dozens of Colombian soldiers and police for insurgents who are in Colombian prisons.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. charges 55 with selling drug gear:

Federal authorities charged 55 people with trafficking in illegal drug paraphernalia in an investigation they said targeted the nation's biggest Internet distributors of marijuana bongs, crack pipes and other drug abuse gear. In coordinated raids on Monday, officials confiscated "thousands and thousands of tons" of paraphernalia from companies boasting up to \$50 million in annual sales, said Mary Beth Buchanan, U.S. attorney in Pittsburgh whose office is leading the "Operation Pipe Dreams" investigation along with the Drug Enforcement Administration. "No one would possibly use these items for smoking tobacco," Buchanan said at a Justice Department news conference. Attorney General John Ashcroft said the sale of drug paraphernalia has exploded on the Internet, making it easier for teenagers and young adults to buy it.

Ashcroft says terrorism alert still high:

The threat of a terrorist attack against America remains high and there are no plans to downgrade the nation's terror alert, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Monday. U.S. intelligence-gathering continues to show enough of a threat to warrant keeping the alert level at "high risk," the second-highest level on a five-color scale, Ashcroft said. The level was raised to orange on Feb. 7, prompting the government to impose extra security measures and causing jitters throughout country. "The constant and continuous evaluation of the factors that go into the development of threat level have not changed in a way significant enough for the threat level to be changed," Ashcroft said. Other Bush administration officials, notably Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, have indicated the level could soon be reduced to "elevated," the middle of the color scale.

Convicted spy won't face death penalty

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va.

The government's attempt to impose the death penalty on convicted spy Brian Patrick Regan was rejected Monday by the federal jury that convicted him of offering to sell U.S. intelligence to Iraq and China.

Regan, a former Air Force master sergeant, was found guilty last week on two attempted espionage counts and a single charge of gathering national defense information. He was acquitted of attempting to spy for Libya.

The Iraq conviction required the jury to consider a second question: Did Regan offer documents concerning nuclear weaponry, military satellites, war plans or other major U.S. weapons systems?

Jurors deliberated nearly seven hours over two days before deciding he did not, a decision that spared him the possibility of the death penalty.

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were the last Americans put to death for spying. They were executed in 1953 for conspiring to steal U.S. atomic secrets for the Soviet Union.

Regan still could receive life imprisonment when he's sentenced May 9, but his lawyers claimed victory with Monday's decision.

Defense attorney Jonathan Shapiro said that with a possible war with Iraq looming, "it took a lot of guts" for jurors to

forgo the death penalty.

U.S. Attorney Paul McNulty said he was satisfied with the outcome of the case. Justice has been served in this case," he said in a statement. "Mr. Regan is now a convicted spy. For this betrayal of country, he will pay a heavy price."

Regan, a 40-year-old, married father of four from Bowie, Md., had worked at the National Reconnaissance Office, which operates the government's spy satellites, first for the Air Force and then as a civilian employee for TRW, a defense contractor.

Prosecutors never claimed Regan actually passed secrets. But they said he was desperate to get out from under \$117,000 in credit card debts and drafted a letter to Saddam Hussein offering to sell U.S. intelligence for \$13 million. He made similar offers to Chinese and Libyan officials, prosecutors contended.

Using his access to a classified Internet network, Regan looked up dozens of top-secret documents, including satellite photos of Iraqi missile sites. He was arrested Aug. 23, 2001, at Dulles International Airport outside Washington while boarding a flight for Zurich, Switzerland.

Regan was carrying information with the coded coordinates of Iraqi and Chinese missile sites, the missiles that were stored there, and the date the information was obtained, prosecutors said. He also had

the addresses of the Chinese and Iraqi embassies in Switzerland and Austria in his wallet and tucked into his right shoe.

Defense lawyers said Regan might have fantasized about spying, but never copied anything of value and had no real intention of selling secrets. In court, attorney Nina Ginsberg called his actions "childish," "unprofessional," "nonsense" and "harebrained."

It was unusual for the case to even reach trial. The government, wary of disclosing classified material in public, normally agrees to plea bargains in espionage cases.

It also surprised many that the government sought the death penalty in a case in which sensitive material never was passed. In cases much more damaging to the government, the CIA's Aldrich Ames and the FBI's Robert Hanssen were sentenced to life in prison.

Ginsberg said Monday that the verdict should send a strong message to Attorney General John Ashcroft "that he has way overreached on death penalty decisions."

McNulty's statement did not address the government's reasons for seeking the death penalty, but prosecutors argued during the trial that the classified documents Regan looked at would have caused severe harm to U.S. national security had they been passed to a foreign government.

Keating

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are only now coming to light.

"There are people who look the other way when lives are being shattered or destroyed. It is an inconceivable evil," he said.

Keating, who is known to be tough on criminals, responded briefly to a question about capital punishment. Admitting that capital punishment is one of the most challenging issues facing leaders today, Keating

explained his reasons for supporting the policy.

"I distinguish between guilty human life and innocent human life. I think that it would cheapen life to say that Timothy McVeigh will not pay for what he did," said Keating.

He added that his is "basically the Catholic Church's view," explaining that while the pope does not believe in capital punishment, the official teachings of the Church do not yet condemn it.

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Robinson Center to celebrate anniversary

Special to The Observer

The Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC) will celebrate its second anniversary Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Notre Dame, the center is located at 921 N. Eddy St., South Bend.

The celebration will feature guest speakers Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., Notre Dame's president; Rep. Chris Chocola, R-Ind.; and South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke.

Entertainment will be provided by Jacqueline Jefferson of the Gullah

Community in South Carolina. The festivities also will include award presentations to five outstanding center participants.

Since its creation in 2001, the RCLC has registered more than 1,700 Northeast Neighborhood residents, who have benefited from center services such as youth tutoring, computer training, GED classes, and music and exercise instruction. Through its literacy corps, which operates in five locations, the center has trained some 150 tutors who have developed one-on-one relationships with approximately 175 young people.

Chad S. Sharon

Member of the Notre Dame Community
Faithful Friend
Devoted Son
Class of 2006

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
And may perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.*



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Market Watch February 24

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NASDAQ		
1,322.38	↓	-26.64
S&P 500		
832.58	↓	-15.59
AMEX		
829.24	↑	+3.65
NYSE		
4,706.22	↓	-80.95

TOP 5 VOLUME LEADERS

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
MICROSOFT CORP (MSFT)	-2.19	-0.54	24.07
FIBERNET TELE (FTGX)	-0.99	-0.01	0.06
NASDAQ-100 INDEX (QQQ)	-1.71	-0.43	24.74
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	-1.70	-0.25	14.42
LUCENT TECH INC (LU)	-4.61	-0.07	1.45

IN BRIEF

Weather cuts into February sales

The snowstorm that hit the Eastern seaboard a week ago wiped away retailers' much-hoped for Presidents Day sales bonanza and made what already was expected to be a tough month even more difficult.

J.C. Penney Co. and Federated Department Stores Inc. and Target Corp. lowered their forecasts for February sales, and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said it expected results at the low end of its estimates. Target Corp. said results were coming in below expectations.

"February was weak to begin with, and on top of that we had the snowstorm and the rainstorm," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report, based in Montclair, N.J. "Even without the weather, February would not have been a barn-burner."

Pilots' chief opposes new carrier

United Airlines' pilots union reiterated strong opposition Monday to the company's proposal for a low-cost carrier even as United pushed ahead with the concept by naming an official in charge of it.

In the latest sign of dissent within bankrupt United over starting a discount airline, pilots' union chief Paul Whiteford sent CEO Glenn Tilton a letter saying the sides are "miles apart" on the planned carrier "with no progress in sight."

Meanwhile, a United executive told a bankruptcy court judge that the airline is looking into the possible closure of its hubs in Los Angeles, Denver and Washington as part of its reorganization plan, Dow Jones Newswires reported. Senior vice president Gregory Taylor said the company was asked by its board of directors to consider the hub closures as an alternative, along with the possible sale of the airline's Pacific operations.

Company spokesman Joe Hopkins insisted that United has no intention of closing any of its five hubs and is exploring various restructuring alternatives.

THE NETHERLANDS

Ahold execs admit to scandal

◆ Food retailer joins Enron, WorldCom

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM
With WorldCom and Enron still fresh in investors' minds, Europe was confronted with its own corporate accounting scandal Monday when the world's third biggest food retailer Ahold admitted vastly overstating earnings over the past two years.

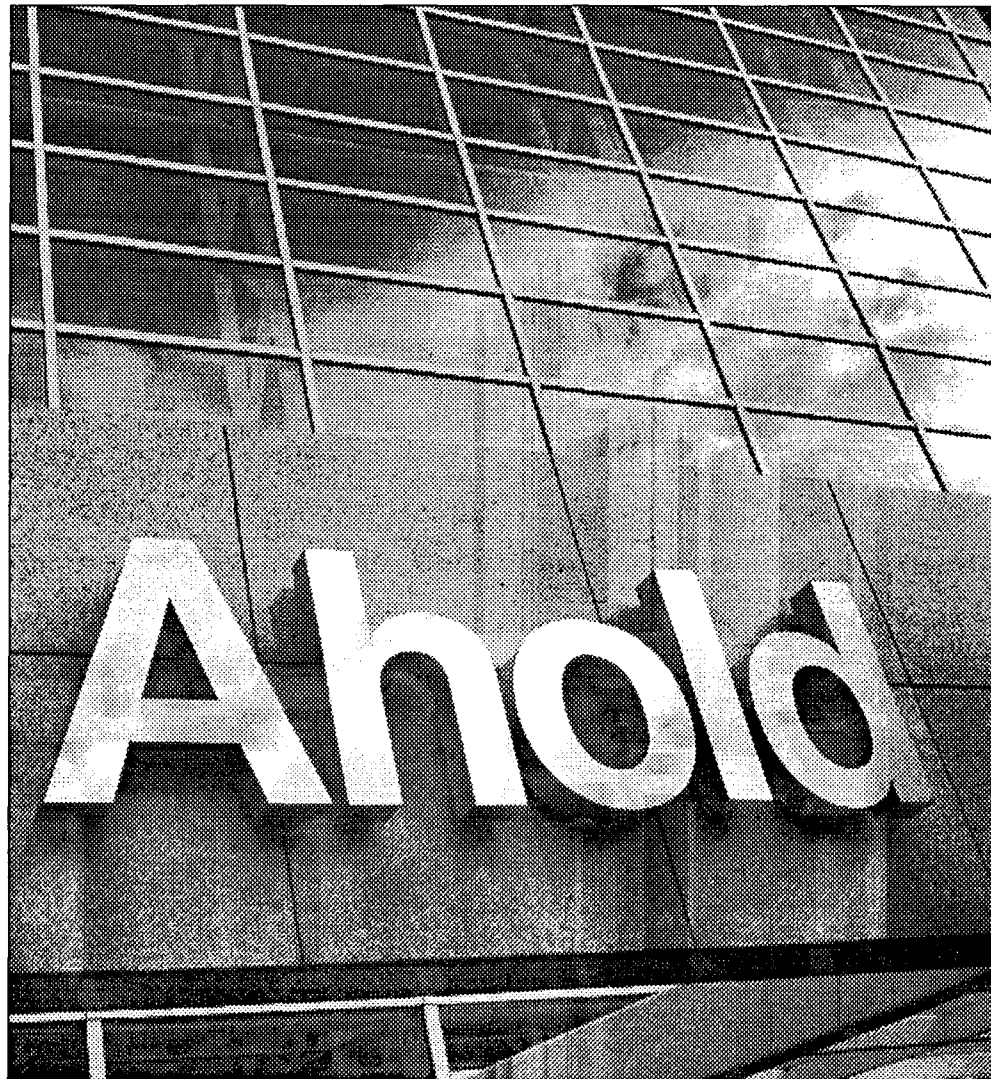
Ahold's top two executives resigned and several senior U.S. managers were suspended while investigations focused on whether income was booked prematurely at the company's U.S. Foodservice arm. Ahold also owns Stop & Shop and other U.S. supermarket chains.

Its shares plunged 63 percent in Amsterdam trading after the company said it had inflated earnings in the last two years by at least \$500 million. It will restate earnings for 2001 and delay its 2002 earnings report, pending results of ongoing investigations at its operations in the United States, South America and Europe.

Merrill Lynch estimated the restatement could wipe 10-30 percent off 2002 per share earnings.

The news dragged down shares in the European retail food sector, but analysts said there didn't seem to be an industry-wide problem. Delhaize of Belgium sank 5.3 percent and Carrefour and Casino of France fell 0.2 percent and 3.6 percent respectively.

However, analysts said the disclosure hurt investor confidence in the Netherlands as it called into question the soundness of accounting practices used by a well-known and widely-held company.



Ahold, one of the biggest supermarket companies in the world, reported Monday that it overstated its profits by at least \$500 million.

Shares of financial companies ING Groep and Aegon, who have direct investments in Ahold, fell 7.1 percent and 6.9 percent, respectively. The broader Dutch market fell 5.4 percent.

Standard & Poors lowered its credit rating for Ahold bonds as prices tumbled on international markets.

Ahold, which uses U.S. and Dutch accounting standards, generates more than half its sales in the United States, where it owns the regional chains Giant-Landover, Giant-Carlisle, Tops, BI-LO and Bruno's as well as Stop & Shop.

According to figures released by Ahold in February, the company

has 40 million customers in 27 countries and generated sales of 72.7 billion euros (\$79 billion) in 2002. It owns about 9,000 supermarkets on four continents and employs around 450,000 people.

Its shares came under pressure just over a year ago when it became known that the company's profits were smaller when stated under U.S. rather than Dutch accounting rules, primarily due to its treatment of goodwill amortization.

The problems at Ahold, which trails only Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and France's Carrefour SA in size, appeared to be isolated, but analysts were reluctant to rule out that they could spread.

In a speech to the European-American Business Council in Washington, the EU's internal market commissioner, Frits Bolkestein, said tougher EU guidelines were in the works. He insisted that the EU has not been slow to react to the string of scandals that hit U.S. companies. The energy trader Enron and telecommunications company WorldCom sought bankruptcy protection after massive accounting irregularities were exposed.

"We are neither complacent nor arrogant enough to believe that they could not have happened in the EU," he said, according to a text released in Brussels.

Coke extends its lead over Pepsi

Associated Press

ATLANTA
Coca-Cola Co. slightly increased its lead over rival Pepsi-Cola Co. in 2002, thanks to the successful launch of Vanilla Coke and the growth of Diet Coke, according to U.S. soft drink industry rankings released Monday.

Coke gained 0.6 percentage points in market share and increased its case volume by 2.1 percent, according to Beverage Digest/Maxwell, a New York-based industry newsletter and data service.

The company captured a larger share of the market even though its

Coke Classic brand fell 0.6 percentage points in market share.

Atlanta-based Coca-Cola dominates 44.3 percent of the U.S. soft drink market, but saw its market share drop between 1999 and 2001. With the latest gains, it's only 0.2 percentage points away from where it stood in 1998 at 44.5.

Pepsi-Cola, based in Purchase, N.Y., lost 0.2 percentage points in market share. The No. 2 company commands 31.4 percent of the U.S. soft drink market.

The Dr. Pepper/Seven Up unit of Cadbury Schweppes, the third-largest soft drink group, fell 0.6 percentage points in market share to

15.0 percent.

"The only top ten brands that grew were several of the diet brands," said John Sicher, editor and publisher of Beverage Digest. "At least one reason is because consumers are interested in low- or no-calorie beverages."

Diet Coke and Diet Pepsi gained 0.2 percentage points apiece. And though Dr. Pepper lost market share, its diet version grew 3.9 percent in volume to knock Coca-Cola's Barq's Root Beer out of the top 10 brands.

Sugary drinks aren't out of the picture yet, but they are harder to market after their initial launch, Sicher said.

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The joys of being a girl

The Vagina Monologues. The Girl Culture Exhibit at the Snite. You can't swing a tampon these days without hitting something having to do with the feminine experience. Though we've already celebrated 30

years of co-education at Notre Dame (Today ice cream, tomorrow equality!), I'd like to take a few moments to reflect on what it's like to be a girl and how this experience plays out under the Golden Dome. So let's talk about 'ginas, and I'll try my best not to hurl elephant dung at the Virgin Mary.

It's hard to discuss anything bordering on feminism here precisely because any attempt to do so is seen as a direct attack on the Mother of God, as a rejection of what a good Catholic woman "should" be. According to Notre Dame iconography, if I'm not Our Lady, I must be the Samaritan woman by the well. That is, I either need to figure out a way to have babies without having sex (ah, the perfect woman), or I have to have several husbands and maybe a few more men on the side. I can be a virgin or a whore.

Indeed, this binary opposition is very much at play in our community, though in an odd way. When Notre Dame girls aren't being called ugly (but you're glad we're here, right?), we're being called prudes. In other words, if we actually try to live up to the example of Mary, we are judged negatively by men, and if we don't, we are judged as sluts by both men and women. Anyone else confused?

That's right, men and my Church make it very difficult to be a girl, but women don't help much either. Why are shows like "Joe Millionaire," which are in the

business of objectifying and ridiculing women (don't get me wrong, I was hooked), more successful at selling feminine products than Maxim subscriptions? Psst ... women like to judge women too.

It's a sad fact that for whatever reason, many girls like belittling other girls as much as they like complaining about how guys belittle them. I don't remember the last time I was in the dining hall without hearing such comments from women as, "What is that girl wearing? How slutty."

"Look at her — she's anorexic."

"Too much makeup. Where does she think she is?"

"I wonder if our hateful comments towards members of our own sex are really a reflection of our own insecurities stemming from internalized unrealistic expectations imposed by a male-dominated society ... ooh, Yo-cream!"

Okay, I only wish I had heard that last one. The point is, girls, with the help of some wack gender norms and a prevailing fear of what women could become when freed from these norms, have painted themselves (and their nails) into a tight corner.

So here's my dilemma. It's freezing outside, and I want to go to the dining hall. I could dress comfortably in sweat pants and be judged by male Domers (all in

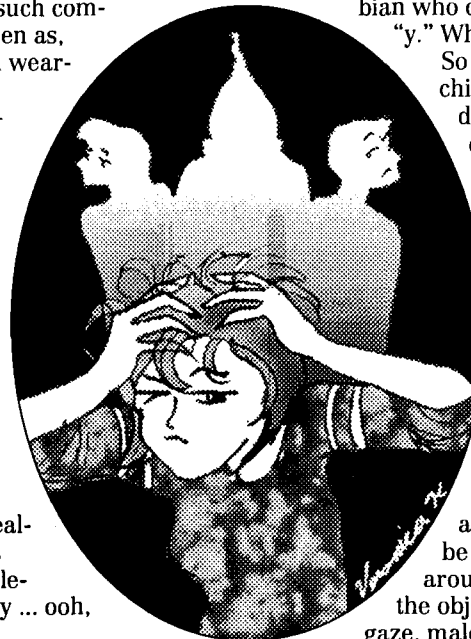
sweat pants) as a typical ugly, definitely-not-going-to-put-out-tonight Notre Dame prude (and I just wanted a taco stick). Or, I could perform the feminine, face the cold and wear a skirt, only to be judged by my sweat-pant clad sisters (and I just wanted to look nice). And, of course, if I decide to stay home and write a column about this wacky situation, I'll be labeled as femi-nazi (whatever that means) lesbian who only spells women with a

"y." What's a girl to do?

So yeah, it's hard being a chick. My Church makes it difficult, guys make it difficult, girls make it difficult and all that bleeding makes it difficult (Honestly, what is the deal with that?). I don't pretend to know how to solve this problem, but I'm hoping in the future we can all be open to dialogue, to expressions of womanhood that are more attainable and desirable than the options currently available. I think it would be really cool if I could walk around campus without being the object of a condescending gaze, male or female, if I could just be who I wanted to be, wear what I wanted to wear, write what I wanted to write. For now though, I gotta go. Who has time to write when there are legs to be shaven?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Affirmative action needed to level the field

We would first like to express our anger and disappointment of the ignorant opinions that are constantly expressed in the Viewpoint pages about affirmative action. First of all, we would like to break down the reasons for and who benefits the most from affirmative action.

For the 500-plus years that African Americans have been in this country, over 300 of those years have been spent in slavery. Not until 1965 did we get the liberty to vote. And still to this day, African Americans do not have a level playing field with whites. The majority of schools that blacks attend do not receive the same amount of funding as suburban schools. A lot of inner city schools do not have AP courses and honor classes. It's not that we are not as smart or intellectually capable; we just do not have the same opportunities or funds as many whites do. Our parents can't afford the Kaplan courses to help us get those 1600s on the SAT.

Even if affirmative action does help us get in to Notre Dame, it is definitely not what keeps us here. We still have to maintain our grades so that we will not be dismissed, the same as any white person. There are many African Americans here on campus that are on the Dean's list and make 4.0s each semester.

Second of all, it has been statistically proven that white

females benefit the most from affirmative action. Why is it that your article only targets blacks, when next to Native Americans, we are the smallest minority on this campus? Is the fact that Notre Dame saves 25 percent of the freshmen class for legacies "ridiculous" and "violates ... equality under law?"

In his Feb. 21 letter, Paul Allegre said, "Blacks and Hispanics must learn to succeed in situations which are not rigged in their favor." What do you call the Civil Rights Movement, racial profiling, the constant stares and the ignorant, racist comments that our peers on this campus say everyday? How much more of a struggle do we have to go through before you and others like you open your eyes and see that the playing field is not level and is in favor of you?

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"Inequality is a fact. Equality is a value."

Mason Cooley
U.S. aphorist

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Can a preventive war be just?

The U.S. government reportedly may drop its federal court prosecution of Zacarias Moussaoui, "the 20th hijacker," and try him instead in a military tribunal to avoid giving him access to al Qaeda prisoners. The tribunals, with limited procedural rights for defendants, were established by President Bush to try non-citizens for terrorist violations of "the laws of war and other applicable laws." They are constitutional, and would be so even to try U.S. citizens, under Congress' power to punish offenses against the "law of nations."



Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

If Moussaoui did what his indictment alleges, he was an enemy combatant violating the laws of war. He should have been tried in a military tribunal rather than in a civilian court as if Sept. 11 had involved only ordinary domestic homicides. His possible transfer to a military tribunal reminds us that, regardless of Iraq, we already have a major — and just

— war on our hands, against Islamic terrorists. If there is a significant connection between Iraq and terrorists an attack on Iraq could be justified as an aspect of that just war.

The "just war" theory is a method of moral reasoning to prevent war and to minimize its effects if it does occur. The requirements for *jus ad bellum*, justice in going to war, are: proper authority, just cause and right intention. The Catechism lists further details: "[T]he damage inflicted by the aggressor must be lasting, grave and certain;" war must be a last resort, with "all other means impractical or ineffective;" "there must be serious prospects of success;" and "the use of arms must not produce evils graver than the evil to be eliminated." *Jus in bello*, justice in fighting a war, requires proportionality and discrimination (non-combatant immunity from intentional attack).

Pope John Paul II has emphasized, with reference to Iraq, that war "is always a defeat for humanity" and cannot be waged "except as the very last option and in accordance with very strict conditions." On Nov. 13, the U.S. Catholic bishops opposed the Iraq war in a major but guarded statement. They affirmed the fact-dependent nature of the just war criteria and the deference owed to the government's evaluation. The bishops said

"We offer not definitive conclusions, but our serious concerns and questions. People of good will may differ on how to apply just war norms especially when the facts are not altogether clear. Based on the facts that are known to us, we find it difficult to justify the war against Iraq, lacking clear and adequate evidence of an imminent attack of a grave nature." But then the bishops conceded: "There are no easy answers. Ultimately, our elected leaders are responsible for decisions about national security." Similarly, the Catechism notes that the "evaluation" of the conditions for a just war "belongs to the prudential judgment of those who have responsibility for the common good."

A preventive war is not intrinsically wrong, but it is more difficult to justify. It is debatable whether the administration has disclosed convincing evidence that Iraq aids, or is about to aid, the terror network or that Iraq is an imminent threat to the United States. But, as the bishops implicitly acknowledge, the public does not have a right to disclosure of facts where that would be contrary to national security. The governmental decisions here are entitled to the benefit of the doubt up to a point of incredibility that does not appear to have been reached in this case. One factor is that we no longer have an adjudicated liar in the White House.

In any event, all of this shows the wisdom of the framers of the Constitution in putting the decision on declaring war in the hands of Congress rather than in one man. The President has a war power, to enable him, as James Madison said, "to repel sudden attacks." Congress, unwisely but probably validly, has authorized the President to decide whether to make war on Iraq. So war or peace will be decided by one man.

On a positive note, we at Notre Dame can do something real for the cause of peace. "[T]he surest ... way of establishing peace on the face of the earth," said John Paul II, "is through Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament." Eucharistic Adoration is held in Fisher Hall chapel on Mondays and Tuesdays from noon to 10 p.m. and on Fridays in Sacred Heart Basilica from noon to 5 p.m. Contact Monica Mata at 634-2938 or at smata@nd.edu "The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament," said Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "will help bring about an everlasting peace on earth."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for minority recruitment endeavors

Admission is about the person as well as the score

I was dismayed to read the short-sided views of fellow Notre Dame students who were opposed to Father Malloy's position in support of the University of Michigan. The whole idea of the admissions process is to invite those who would enhance the community to come. The issue of ranking qualities of applicants seems completely logical because there are a variety of traits that University would like to draw. While it is clear every student needs to put forth significant effort, some factors that contribute to one's acceptance are truly beyond one's control. The high socioeconomic status of an individual's parents for example, is not within the control of a student, and yet, is an undeniable factor in acceptance because of the advantages awarded to that student throughout life.

Supporting Michigan questions what value is placed on certain knowledge, experiences and potential. I do not think the clarity of a differential geometry class with or without minorities present is the issue. The college experience is about preparing individuals for life. In reality, the standardized tests that some praise create a homogeneous environment through the culturally-biased questioning. To create a diverse environment, it is necessary to look at factors besides racially repressive testing that can measure certain skills. We want an excellent education, but it must contain more than academic knowledge, such as applying a learned mathematical formula. We must learn how to relate to fellow students and individuals who are not exactly like us.

If we are cultured in an environment that only praises certain features, we will be at a severe disadvantage after graduation. The consideration of race with a plethora of factors is significant because it facilitates learning varied cultural quali-

ties; although ethnicity should not be the sole basis for admittance, one should be given value for a feature making one distinctive.

Notre Dame's support for Michigan goes beyond racial barriers and is at the core of the University's traditions. While the legacy tradition could never be challenged in court, it is clearly part of the admissions process and can seemingly admit "less qualified" students. However, legacy is simply another component that makes a student distinctive in admissions.

I think individuals are unique because of their own accomplishments and because of God's blessings; the admissions process seems to capitalize on both. Admission is not only about scores, but also about the person, his/her experience and what he/she represents. While one's score or GPA might not be as good, that does not necessarily make someone less qualified. One may be equally, or more so qualified depending on the measuring stick.

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Entire community must work to create diversity

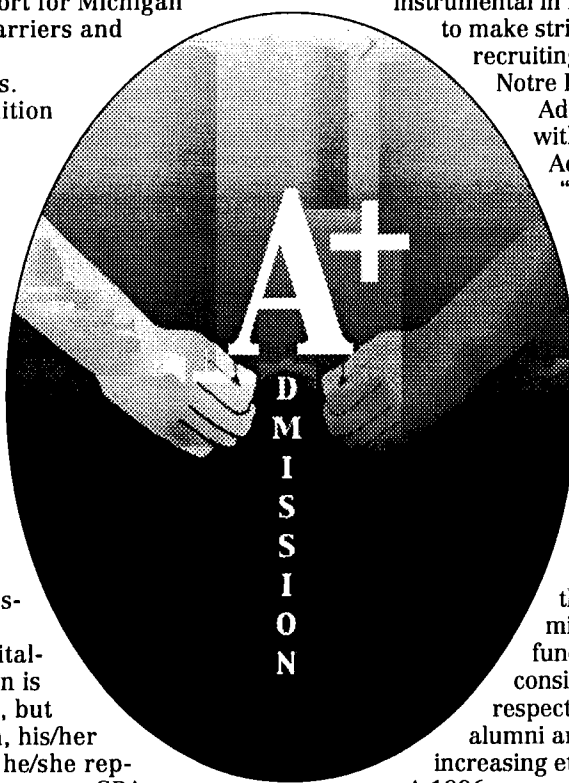
The University of Michigan's affirmative action controversy and the cover story in last week's Scholastic have led me to ponder Notre Dame's recruitment of minority students. I applaud the Admissions Office and the Notre Dame Minority Alumni Network, whose recruitment endeavors have been instrumental in increasing minority enrollment. But if we really want to make strides in creating more ethnic diversity, it will require recruiting efforts from individual alumni clubs and current Notre Dame students at the local level.

Admissions staff personally visit many minority students with interest in Notre Dame, says James Riley of the Admissions Office and make recruitment stops at "minority feeders," or schools with corps of gifted minority students. Notre Dame minority students, on behalf of the Admissions Office, and members of the Minority Alumni Network make phone calls to minority high school students to answer questions and encourage them to apply to Notre Dame.

Despite the commendable efforts of these groups, many talented minority students will still have no contact with any representative of Notre Dame. Individual alumni clubs and current Notre Dame students — regardless of race — can help boost minority applications by searching their home communities for impressive minority students who have not been actively recruited by Notre Dame. Notre Dame students and local alumni can personally visit these minority students, and alumni clubs can attract minority applicants by creating minority scholarship funds. A minority high school student is more likely to consider Notre Dame if he receives encouragement from respected individuals in his home community. Notre Dame alumni and we students must recognize the importance of increasing ethnic diversity at our University.

A 1996 survey by the Notre Dame Office of Institutional Research found that 89 percent of minority alumni were either generally or very satisfied with their Notre Dame education. Minority students do thrive at Our Lady's school. Let's support current minority recruitment endeavors and put forth our own efforts to increase minority enrollment here. The task of creating greater diversity on this campus falls upon the entire Notre Dame family.

Kevin Hansen
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Feb. 24



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ALBUM REVIEW

Cat Power is purrrrrty good

By JOSE deWIT
Scene Music Critic

It has been five years since Cat Power's last release of original material and three years since their last release altogether — a well-performed collection of covers — so, understandably, their new album, *You are Free*, arrives charged and burdened with long-standing and well-settled expectations. Whether it lives up to its demanding expectations is a question that is unfairly severe for any artist, and its answer is unfairly impetuous when it is demanded of an album this fresh.

This is especially the case when the artist in question is Cat Power and the album in question is as moving and mature as this one; alongside Cat Power's earlier albums, *You are Free* is a flower, and to appreciate it in a light so harsh as this, without allowing its delicate beauty and subtle profundity to develop and emerge from its rosebud and shine in its own right, would be careless and presumptuous.

Cat Power is the vehicle for the singing and songwriting of Chan Marshall, the daughter of a traveling pianist from the South. She left high school to pursue her own musical talent and began to establish her own reputation after making a name for herself as an opening act for Liz Phair. Her fame grew steadily, helped along by the support of several big names — such as the drummer from Sonic Youth, Steve Shelley, who became part of her backing band — but mostly on account of her beautiful, melancholy voice and her unquestionable songwriting talent. Her backing band has changed since those days, but *You are Free* remains faithfully strong but gentle, true to the powerful, effective, yet delicate style that has been representative of Cat Power as it has developed over the span of her past five albums.

You are Free begins as gently as it ends, with a slow, soft piano-driven track alongside Marshall's deeply emotional, expressive and affecting voice. Slow, soft and gentle describe the first track accurately, but "I Don't Blame You" is everything but soothing. Marshall's voice is coarse and hesitant,

though it remains as clear and flawless as in any of her other songs. It is accompanied by a simple piano progression that is as tremulous and uncertain as her singing throughout the piece that gives the song an eerily troubled, fragile mood which bestows on the listener a sense of a certain longing.

This saddened mood, however, does not last long. The album's spirits are uplifted with the upbeat, energetic "Free." "Free" is easily the most spirited out of a handful of more dynamic, animated songs that are peppered throughout the album. It stands out, bursting with vigorous, anthemic lyrics and a simple, vibrant sequence of chords on distortion guitar.

This louder, more raucous, more hard-rocking side of Cat Power — reminiscent of their style on earlier albums — reappears on the darker, slower fourth track "Speak for Me," which finds Marshall's singing in the most furiously passionate of its moods. This same style is present in the faster-moving, angrier seventh track "He War" and the slower, drum-driven bitterness of the eighth track "Shaking Paper," in which

the frantic, quivering tears of the lead guitar, which trembles in and out of hearing through the song, appearing less and less as until it disappears toward the end, betrays as much desperation and pain as Marshall's voice in the song.

The majority of the album is more akin to Cat Power's last collection of original material *Moon Pix*, in which

Marshall's lonesome, forlorn singing asserts itself as the vital and defining element in the band and is accompanied almost entirely by her own work on the piano or guitar.

This style is at once the album's strongest element and its greatest shortcoming. On one hand, the solitary voice along the simple piano and guitar work is what gives it its characteristic and singular sad, lonely, melancholy mood. Its stark, simple style gives *You are Free* its intimate, personal character, not only in its wistful, bittersweet sadness and its somber, brooding tension and angst, but also in its cathartic, reflective earnestness and its fragile, delicate gentleness. Marshall expresses a beautiful, cathartic song about frustra-

trated love in the third track, "Good Woman." "Names," the 11th song on the album, is a slow, sad, painful song about a child abuse that is agonizing and beautiful at once. It leaves a throbbing ache, felt in the very pit of the stomach, that lingers after each excruciating listen. Other tracks shine in this album, like the lonely, emotive, broken-hearted, yet hopeful, "Maybe Not," the resigned, frustrated hopefulness of "Fool," and "Werewolf," a despondent, miserable ballad about isolation, loneliness and alienation.

There are some points where *You are Free* tends to falter, lacking direction and energy. While the album is mostly consistent in the rhythm and progression of its songs and it maintains its pace elegantly, there are places where it appears to stumble and lose the energy it has built up along its course. It is at these points where it seems drained and jaded and feels like it is barely stumbling along.

In some parts, particularly in the latter half of the songs, the album seems rambling, weak and sleepy, lacking direction and force and leaving the listener weary, unengaged and eventually uninterested. Barely lasting more than two minutes, "Baby Doll" seems to wind on indefinitely, making for a restless, tedious comedown after the rush of the euphoric fury of "He War" and the trembling bitterness of "Shaking Paper." "Half of You," a short, folksy, cute-sweet-love-ballad, could be bearable or maybe even pleasant if it weren't followed by the hypnotically repetitive "Keep on Runnin'." "Keep on Runnin'" is an endless, uninteresting, wailing piece that winds along tediously for an unnecessary four minutes. This is a shame, because the combination of these two lackluster songs leave the listener too disengaged from the album to enjoy "Evolution," a calm, dreamy, melancholy song that expresses the common mood of the album beautifully — a piece that would otherwise have shown to be a tender, placid and powerful culmination for the work.



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With their first album in five years, Cat Power is re-emerging on the music scene with a subtly beautiful musical style all their own.



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Chan Marshall's expressive voice and talent at song-writing are the force in Cat Power.

You are Free invites the listener to take its songs in with a calm mind, closed eyes, a silent, open heart, and careful, patient ears. It allows the listener to come and sit in its shade and appreciate its beauty along with its sorrow and its hope. And while it shows at times that shade is just as good for sleeping as it is for thinking, feeling and resting the heart, and while it seems like the shade of its more unexciting pieces tends to overshadow some of its more beautiful material, *You are Free* is definitely not an easy listen.

It is difficult to take in attentively at first. Its delicate nature contains much of its beauty more subtly than many audiences are used to hearing, and many of these treasures cannot be found without careful appreciation, and a subtle and contemplative mood. Marshall is an extraordinarily gifted songwriter with a strikingly versatile, expressive and beautiful voice. As an interpreter of emotional, heartfelt, heart-breaking, heart-mending songs about love, passion, pain, forgiveness, people, self and meaning, Marshall is almost unparalleled in talent.

Next to her, most other women singer/songwriters seem shallow, melodramatic, wailing, moaning, whining, caterwauling, unauthentic, fabricated, plastic, superficial divas. She is at once profound and accessible, gentle and forceful, angry and forgiving, calm and passionate, soft and resounding, unassuming and overwhelming, and she's pretty cute — and if that doesn't make Cat Power's *You are Free* worth giving a listen or two, well sweetheart, nothing will.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Not just any given Mayer

By EMILY TUMBRINK
Scene Music Critic

John Mayer, one of the few genuinely talented pop stars of our generation, sure does seem to have a lot going for him. Although he claims that "Something's Missing," it sure is hard to figure out what.



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John Mayer's new album showcases his talent on the guitar by adding an improv finesse to his songs.

He has a hit album, a Grammy as of Sunday, a massive following of devoted fans, a sense of humor, smarts, charm and a new release that is sure to please.

Recorded in Birmingham, Ala., during his last tour, Mayer's new two-disc live album, *Any Given Thursday*, gives a generous helping of tunes for those who are just simply not satisfied with Mayer's limited catalogue. Offering three previously unreleased songs, a cover of The Police's "Message in a Bottle" and a partial cover of Jimi Hendrix's "Lenny," as well as fan favorites from both *Room for Squares* and *Inside Wants Out*, this album is a much more diverse and intimate offering than any of his others.

Unlike many artists who turn their performances into large productions that do not vary from city to city, Mayer focuses more on improvisation, encouraging fans to tape shows and follow him on the various stops of his tour. Each song on *Any Given Thursday* is slightly different from the original, but these changes create the flow that is so crucial for a live show. The album is one

cohesive unit, meant to be enjoyed in full, not by skipping around to listen to individual tracks.

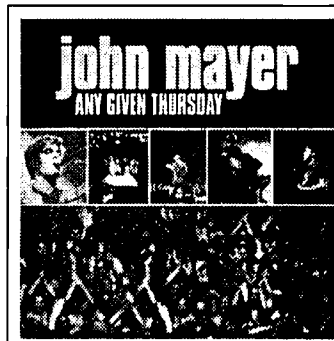
Any Given Thursday has a distinctively acoustic sound, without all of the expendable pop stylings that give *Room for Squares* somewhat of an "easy-listening" feel. Mayer's jazz and blues influences are perhaps most evident on this album, especially during the instrumental solos added to the songs specifically for live performance. These jams give Mayer an opportunity to show off his guitar skills that are sometimes neglected in the polished studio tracks. His guitar ability most clearly registers during the long solo of "Covered in Rain." Clocking in at 10 minutes, 25 seconds, it is the longest song on the album.

After listening to *Any Given Thursday*, it becomes obvious to listeners that Mayer thrives on live performance. He updates his songs, fully invoking the flexibility that performing live has to offer. Both "3x5" and "Why Georgia" are greatly improved due to the addition of long teasing instrumental intros. The song "83" benefits from a partial cover of Cyndi Lauper's '80s hit

Any Given Thursday

John Mayer

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"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun." And "Your Body is a Wonderland" has a magnificent jam in the middle.

Listeners who have not yet been fortunate enough to see Mayer live in concert, will understand why they need to after hearing *Any Given Thursday*. Each concert is an experience, and this album gives a glimpse of what that experience is like. Very rarely does an album come along of such quality, in which every song is not just good, but probably someone's personal favorite.

Although "St. Patrick's Day," a favorite from *Room for Squares*, is regrettably absent from *Any Given Thursday*, the album does a nice job of capturing the best that Mayer has to offer, and is a must-have for any fans' collection.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Walkmen blend only the best

By BJ STREW
Scene Music Critic

No desire is more natural than the desire for good new music. Some might say that these guys remind them of a more refined Strokes, some might counter that they sound more like early U2. There's a shade of truth to both claims, but *The Walkmen* have a unique sound that builds on the two, and easily surpasses both.

They're newer.
They're better.

This band is essentially a group of friends, who after a mediocre foray in major "labeldom," have come together to record their own album. Thank God the ex-Jonathan Fire*Eater crowd jettisoned their sound when they left Dreamworks,

opting to follow the indie route: producing their own album out of their own Manhattan studio, Marcata Recording, with leftover funds from a Dreamworks advance.

Everyone Who Pretended to Like Me is Gone is the result of that work. It is another example of the gorgeous order spiraling out of the din, the sceneric maelstrom of New York City. Like their art-rock comrades Interpol, *The Walkmen* furnish their album with a smooth consistency, simplicity, a distinct mood and feel, yearning vocals courtesy of erstwhile Recoys frontman Hamilton Leithauser and their trademark upright piano. *The Walkmen* gradually build effectual melodic concoctions from very simple foundations in a way that often hits you just before it leaves you.

Things start rolling with the pounding, droning, melancholy momentum of "They're Winning." The two-minute opener emerges with a gentle crescendo of a single piano note followed by quickly, steadily strummed guitar and plodding bass, each shifting chords infrequently, while the drums and cymbals sound slightly louder with each beat. Leithauser enters halfway through the song with his idiosyncratic billowing and trembling voice. A few seconds after *The Walkmen*

reach the harmonic climax, when the song seems to have created its own three-dimensional space in which the piano and guitar reverberate against the vocal pinning, the song is over. Naturally, one is left wanting to hear more.

From the beginning of "Wake Up," complimenting the punctuated, then rolling drum beats and abbreviated, strumming guitar, the piano dreamily plays a counter-melody, which Leithauser sings against. The combined effect feels like a breakthrough; *The Walkmen* reach new musical ground through familiar and simple methods.

Leithauser's athletic delivery straddles the sonic fence between Casablanas and Bono: a vigorous, slurred wail that blends perfectly with the ringing guitar chords. And the songwriting is deft, but never overwrought. Their songs wrestle with the classic problems of anxiety and isolation, helping mold the tone of jaded nonconformity — reactions to the current era's

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The Walkmen build off the bands like the Strokes and U2, but have a distinct sound all their own.

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Everyone Who Pretended to Like Me is Gone is a stunning album, brimming with stark splendor, sounding warmer, lush and more natural than everything else out there right now. On this debut, *The Walkmen* deftly unite radio-friendly hooks and structure with less conventional, more atmospheric songs, as well as combine a sense of elegy and entropy throughout.

They prove they are more than guitar-heavy prep school art-rock. They are more than The Cure meets Joy Division meets Radiohead meets Pavement meets U2 meets the Strokes meets whatever-the-hype-unfairly-says. They are what Notre Dame needs to listen to. They are a good new band.

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BASEBALL

Irish split first 4 games, lose twice to No. 4 ASU

◆ No. 11 Notre Dame hits well in early games

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

It was an up-and-down weekend for the Irish in Tempe, Ariz., as No. 11 Notre Dame split a four-game weekend to open its 2003 season by knocking off Dayton and Newman before dropping a pair to host No. 4 Arizona State.

"Overall I was happy," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "We had a lot of hits and scored a lot of runs. But we went up against an Arizona State team that's already played 20-something games, and they're an excellent team. They're the fourth-ranked team in the country, and you're playing them in their ball park."

The Irish bats, which have been historically cold at the beginning of the season, exploded in the four games this weekend as Notre Dame batters smacked 54 hits and scored 36 runs over the four games.

"This was as well as we've ever hit the first weekend of the season in the nine years that I've been here," Mainieri

said. "We had a lot of young guys swing the bat pretty well."

Senior right fielder Kris Billmaier provided much of that offensive muscle, going 8-for-17 over the weekend with nine RBIs and three home runs.

The talented Irish starting pitching staff also had a productive weekend. The starting rotation of sophomores Chris Niesel and John Axford and seniors Pete Ogilvie and Ryan Kalita held opponents to 10 earned runs over 20.2 innings pitched.

"Overall, I was happy. We had a lot of hits and scored a lot of runs."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

"All four of our starting pitchers pitched tremendously for us," Mainieri said. "But we're early in the season, and you have to control how many pitches

they throw, so you take them out earlier than you would have to later on in the year. So your bullpen is really key."

Unfortunately, the Irish bullpen had its troubles. The corps of Irish relievers combined to allow 23 earned runs in 10 innings, including a five-run seventh inning by Dayton Friday to tie the game and a nine-run (five unearned) yield by the Sun Devils Sunday to overcome a four-run Irish lead. In the first game against Arizona State, Irish relievers

Matt Laird and Martin Vergara were beat up for 11 earned runs by the Sun Devil hitters.

"In the two Arizona State games, our bullpen faltered," Mainieri said. "But they're going to be able to do the job for us as the

year progresses. I'm not worried at all about it."

Things started off shaky for the Irish as Notre Dame blew a five-run, seventh-inning lead in its season opener against Dayton. But with the score tied 9-9 in the eighth inning, tri-captain Billmaier sent a Kaleb Thompson pitch sailing over the fence for the eventual game-winning home run.

Notre Dame starter Niesel went six innings and allowed only four runs, but freshman reliever Ryan Doherty had some trouble in yielding five earned runs in only two-thirds of an inning to spoil Niesel's bid for victory.

Reliever Brandon Vioria then came in and worked 1.1 scoreless innings for the win and senior J.P. Gagne closed the game out in the ninth to earn his first save of the season.

The Irish belted out 18 hits in the contest, led by the efforts of their six through nine hitters in

the lineup — freshmen Steve Andres, Brennan Grogan and Craig Cooper and sophomore Matt Edwards — who were a collective 10-for-15 at the plate with five runs scored and five RBIs.

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Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

In their second game of the season against Newman, the Irish hitters remained red hot as they drove home 15 runs on 17 hits, led by Billmaier, who went 3-for-4 with two home

runs and six RBIs. Junior second baseman Steve Sollmann also was 3-for-4 with one RBI and two runs scored.

The Irish starter in the game, Axford, had a relatively easy time with Newman hitters, allowing two runs on eight hits over six innings in earning his first victory of the season.

The game was called after the seventh inning with the Irish up 15-5.

In their first game with the Sun Devils, the Irish took a 1-0 lead into the fifth inning. Some defensive miscues would hurt the Irish in the inning as the Sun Devils took a 5-1 lead on the strength of first baseman Jeff Larish's grand slam.

Over the next three innings, Arizona State would score 11

more runs for an eventual 16-3 victory.

In their last game of the weekend, the Irish fell behind 4-1 early to Arizona State until a seven-run sixth inning by Notre Dame, capped off by shortstop Matt Macri's two-run homerun. Six different Irish batters connected for hits in the inning that put Notre Dame ahead 8-4.

After the sixth-inning explosion, things looked pretty good for the Irish as Notre Dame sent ace reliever Gagne to the mound to shut things down. But with two outs in the inning, Arizona State had its own explosion. The Sun Devils sent 15 batters to the plate in the sixth and scored 9 runs, all with two outs, to reclaim the lead 13-8.

All in all the marathon sixth inning lasted 53 minutes and saw 26 hitters sent to the plate.

The Sun Devils would add one more run and hang on to the lead for the 14-8 victory.

"Losing to Arizona State a couple of times, there's no shame in that," Mainieri said. "We were disappointed, but we'd like to have another shot at those guys later in the year and in the post-season. We'll be a better team by then. I'm certain of that."

The Irish are now 2-2 on the season after the four-game opening weekend.

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LACROSSE

No. 17 Irish defeat No. 16 Nittany Lions 10-9

◆ Team avenges last year's loss to Penn State

By HEATHER VAN
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Sports Writer

As soon as the final whistle blew, Irish eyes were once again smiling.

After last year's season, which included seven losses by a combined 10 goals, the Irish were able to pull out a close game to start the new season, defeating No. 16 Penn

State 10-9.

Junior Dan Berger led the way for the Irish, scoring four goals to help Notre Dame avenge last year's 10-9 home loss to Penn State in overtime.

On Sunday, once again, it was the Nittany Lions who struck first, as Will Cutler scored with 10:58 left in the first quarter of action.

Irish freshman Matt Karweck responded with his first collegiate goal to tie it up. He started a flurry of goals that saw three more Irish players score. Berger, Matt Howell and Owen Mulford each scored to put

Notre Dame up 4-3 at the half.

The Irish never looked back in the second half. They opened the third quarter with two straight goals, one by Berger, and one by Travis Wells. Karweck picked up the assist on Berger's goal. Chris Richez capped the 3-1 scoring frenzy with another goal, making it 7-4 with only the fourth quarter left to play.

However, the Irish were not done scoring quite yet. Freshman Patrick Walsh got into the action, scoring his first collegiate goal. Marc Young answered for Penn

State, and then Berger added yet another score, to put the Irish ahead 9-5.

Penn State, despite the deficit, would not fold, and scored two straight goals to get within 9-7. However, the Irish responded with 8:58 to go, and took a 10-7 lead that they would not relinquish, despite a goal from Penn State's Marshall Feldman with 3:59 remaining in the game.

Howell finished with five assists for the Irish, who improved to 6-4 lifetime against Penn State.

Another bright spot for

Notre Dame was junior goalkeeper Stewart Crossland, who netted 18 saves, playing all 60 minutes in his first contest. His stellar play helped to ease preseason concerns about the goalkeeper position.

The Irish return home this weekend, when they face Pennsylvania Saturday at Loftus.

The game is set to start at 1 p.m.

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MENS TENNIS

Irish narrowly lose to Wildcats

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Once again, it was a close match for the Irish.

With Notre Dame leading 3-2, and the final two matches near completion, No. 44 Notre Dame was on the verge of an upset victory over No. 40 Northwestern Saturday. With a victory by either freshman Patrick Buchanan or sophomore Luis Haddock in those last matches, the Irish would have earned their first upset win of the season.

But the Wildcats hung on. Tommy Ilanus topped Haddock in a closely contested 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (3-7), 7-5 triumph, tying the score. Then, seconds later, Buchanan fell, as did the hopes for an Irish victory, as Adam Schaechterle won 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, 7-6 (7-3). Northwestern won 4-3.

Against Michigan State Wednesday, Haddock had saved the day for the Irish with his victory in the final match. After fighting for a long time Saturday though, he could not do the same against Ilanus.

"I had a pretty tough match," Haddock said. "I couldn't put it together at the end."

Last season, the Irish were 10-0 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. This spring, they are 0-5. But the Irish, 3-6 overall, began the day with the hope of winning their first home victory of the season.

"It's pretty surprising that we actually have a better record on the road right now," Haddock

said. "The past few years here at home we were unbeatable."

The Irish have seen some tough competition at home, though, and have suffered a few close losses. Notre Dame started to turn around a season that began 0-4, and the team sees signs of improvement.

"We're definitely playing better than we did at the beginning of the year," Haddock said. "I thought we played a pretty good match [Saturday]. We put ourselves in the position to win."

For example, for only the third time this spring season, Notre Dame claimed the doubles point, to go ahead 1-0.

Junior Matt Scott and sophomore Brent D'Amico upset Scaechterle and Josh Axler, ranked 31st nationally in doubles. Then, after a loss by juniors Nicolas Lopez-Acevede and Ben Hatten, the Irish took the doubles point with the 8-6 victory by Haddock and senior tri-captain Brian Farrell.

Although winning the doubles points, in Haddock's words, "makes a huge difference," the Wildcats came back. D'Amico was defeated for only the second time during the spring season as Axler won, 6-1, 6-3. Farrell and Scott brought the score to 3-1 with their victories. Farrell defeated Chuck Perrin, 6-4, 6-2, and Scott, ranked 119th in the nation, triumphed over Jackie Jenkins, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4).

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WOMENS TENNIS

Irish lose 3 to top 25 teams

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

In a weekend of play that included bouts with three top 25 teams, the 19th ranked Irish were jostled a little as they added three losses to their record.

Notre Dame was edged 4-3 by both No. 25 Kentucky and No. 11 Tennessee, on Monday and Sunday, respectively. Before their southern road trip, the Irish were defeated 5-2 by Duke, the nation's No. 1 team.

"It was definitely a little disappointing," junior Alicia Salas said. "[Although] we knew we were playing top teams."

The Irish began well against Kentucky as they claimed the doubles point. There were some good moments in singles, too, with junior Caylan Leslie upsetting No. 48 Nathalie Roels, 6-3, 6-4, and freshman Kristina Statsny winning over Shannon Stafford, 6-4, 6-1. It was Leslie's third singles victory of the weekend.

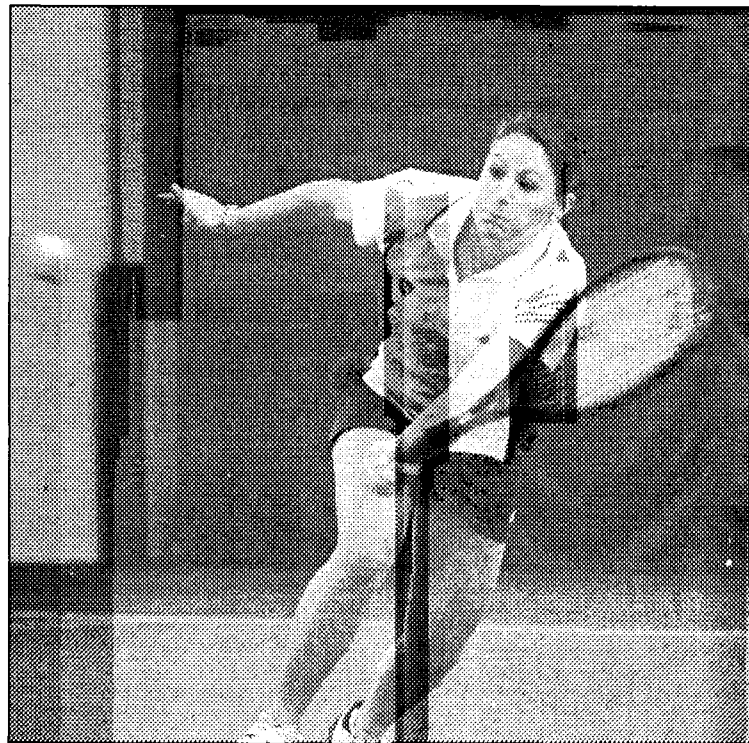
"We played a lot better in doubles . . . but we fell short in singles," Salas said.

Salas was defeated by No. 34 Sarah Witten, 6-1, 6-2. Senior captain Katie Cunha, sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly and freshman Lauren Connelly were all defeated in straight sets also.

The doubles point was a high point for the Irish Monday.

"The first day, what was disappointing against Tennessee was losing the doubles point," Salas said. "That could have made a difference in the match for sure."

Against the Volunteers, the



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A Notre Dame player makes a backhand hit during a match earlier in the season.

duo of Cunha and Statsny upset the 22nd-ranked pair in the nation, 8-6. The previous day Cunha and Statsny also defeated Duke's Hillary Adams and Kelly McCain, ranked 13th nationally.

The Irish went into Friday's match with Duke with the attitude that they had nothing to lose, and the 5-2 loss was not entirely disappointing.

According to Salas, the matches with Tennessee and Kentucky were "improved, but at the same time disappointing."

The Irish have more tough competition looming ahead, with No. 42 Wake Forest and No. 14 Texas coming to the

Eck Pavilion Friday and Saturday, respectively. The team hopes to use their experiences from last weekend's tough slide to turn potentially close matches into Irish victories.

"These were two of our closest matches of the year," Salas said. "Being a young team we just learn a lot by getting in these close matches, realizing how important the doubles point is. If we win the doubles point, [we have to] realize that it's still very possible to lose the singles."

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Basketball author signing at Hammes

Special to The Observer

The author of a newly released book about the rigors of coaching college basketball will be autographing books at the Hammes bookstore Tuesday.

Brian Curtis wrote his book, "The Men of March: A season Inside the Lives of College Basketball Coaches," by following four Division 1 mens basketball coaches during last year's season. Notre Dame coach Mike Brey was one of those coaches and his experiences are recorded throughout Curtis' book.

The first chapter involving Brey explains the nerve-racking week that led up to the hiring of Matt Dougherty as Notre Dame head coach in 1999.

The book goes on to tell about Brey's eventual hiring at Notre Dame and the ups and downs of the 2001-02 Irish season.

The book also describes the experiences of Iowa's Steve Alford, UCLA's Steve Lavin and Illinois's Bill Self during last season.

At points in the book, Curtis

weaves different coaching examples from the four coaches and compares and contrasts them.

He also shows how Brey and the other three handled slumping players and mistakes while coaching.

Curtis has received praise from numerous sports figures and commentators across the country, including Bob Costas, Lee Fowler and Seth Davis of Sports Illustrated.

"Brian Curtis has put together a rare, insightful and thoroughly reported look at the highest levels of college basketball. Anyone who watches and follows college hoops is going to love this book," Davis said.

Curtis wrote this book by following all four coaches around during their preseason, regular season, conference tournaments and finally into the NCAA tournament.

He takes turns describing the series of triumphs and struggles each coach and his respective team go through as the season moves forward.

He will be signing his book for most of the day Tuesday.



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Irish

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first half, running up and down the court for easy layups, while coaxing the Irish into playing their up-tempo style of play.

"Certainly I take my hat off to Connecticut, I thought they played fabulous basketball," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "They really had us back on our heels in the first half. They hurt us early with layups, then we adjusted a little bit and then they're drilling threes. I don't think we can take both away with [their] kind of speed."

Anderson provided much of the spark for Connecticut in the first half when he drilled 5 of 7 3-pointers and had 15 points at halftime. The Huskies also got significant contributions from Marcus White, who grabbed 14 rebounds in a reserve role.

"We get contributions from different people at different times and that really makes it special," Calhoun said. "Of all the wins this year, clearly the kids were happiest with this win. This was on the road, in a tough environment against an awfully good basketball team that can do some very good things. We were able to impose our quickness on them tonight."

Matt Carroll led the Irish with 28 points, while Chris Thomas added 19.

"You tip your hat off to them. They played a hell of a game," Carroll said. "I'm proud of our team, I think we made a nice run in the second half, but it's tough especially against a team like UConn when you get down that many to comeback and try and get a win."

Notre Dame actually jumped out to an early 15-8 lead on 3-pointers from Carroll and Thomas. But the Huskies quickly turned that deficit into a big lead by ripping off a 38-16 run

to end the half. Anderson led the charge, knocking down five 3-pointers, despite playing just 10 minutes in the half. His trey with 11:12 left in the first half gave Connecticut a lead they would not relinquish.

As the Connecticut run continued throughout much of the first half, Notre Dame became increasingly frustrated with their opponent and the referees. Thomas became especially upset after no foul was called when he attempted a layup with just less than eight minutes left in the half. Thomas argued his case before a television timeout and then added a few more comments after the timeout. That extra jawing got him a technical foul.

The Huskies stretched their advantage to 17 in the early moments of the second half before the Irish started to crawl back into the game. Notre Dame cut the lead to 10 with 14:12 left in the game, before Anderson drained his sixth 3-pointer of the game.

But Notre Dame wouldn't quit and got the lead down to 10 again at 63-53 when the Connecticut bench picked up a technical foul after Carroll had been fouled. The Irish got their best free-throw shooter on the line for four straight shots and Carroll hit them all. Suddenly Notre Dame was within six points.

After Okafor missed a jumper on Connecticut's next possession, Dan Miller drilled a 3-pointer to get Notre Dame within three at 63-60. Connecticut scored the next five points before Miller hit another 3-pointer to cut the Irish deficit to two.

But Notre Dame would get no closer as Connecticut scored the next seven points and hung on to win by eight.

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poorly – or as well – as the Irish played Monday night, Connecticut was simply that much better. Yet Notre Dame still lost because it dug itself a hole two points too big.

When the Huskies nearly doubled Notre Dame's offensive output after the first television timeout, the Irish couldn't respond. First, the Huskies sliced through the lane by scoring lay-up after lay-up. Then, when the Irish buckled down into the lane, Connecticut made them pay from behind the arc.

When the Irish made a defensive stop, they couldn't get it. When they needed a momentum-changing basket, they couldn't get it.

And it didn't help that the SWAT team lent Emeka Okafor to the Huskies for the season.

"Every time we came down to hit a shot, it felt like they came down and hit two – and a lot of those were threes," said Matt Carroll, who watched his chances of going undefeated at home disappear faster than the Joyce Center crowd in the waning minutes of Monday's game.

The wheels finally came off the bus when Thomas thought he got fouled on a lay up, but didn't get the call. He lazily jogged down the court, watched Ben Gordon drill a 3-pointer to give the Huskies a 30-23 lead, watched Mike Brey call a 30-second timeout, then came back on the court and watched an official serve him a technical foul.

Thomas then spent the next five minutes watching from the bench. Big Monday appeared close to becoming Black Monday.

"We weren't composed to make a run in the first half," Brey said. "It was going to come in the second."

And come it did. The Irish came out of the locker room like a different team and whittled a lead that got as big as 17 points down to a two-point game. Thomas, who played a key part in Notre Dame's dismal first

half, scored 10 points as Notre Dame cut what was once a runaway game into a 68-66 nail biter.

Yet Notre Dame, weary from trying to come back against a team with a significant quickness advantage, never scored that final basket.

That's often the story of Notre Dame's season so far. They're brilliant most of the time. They're discombobulated some of the time. And when they get out of sync, that's when Notre Dame games quickly become exciting for opposing fans.

Figuring out what makes Notre Dame tick is difficult, and figuring out what throws them off-balance is even tougher. But it's obvious when the Irish are rolling and when they aren't.

Throughout the season, the Irish have a tendency to get hot early, then temporarily wilt while the opposition mounts a brief comeback before pulling away for the victory in the final minutes of a game. To Notre Dame's credit, its six losses have come against high-caliber teams.

But in the NCAA Tournament, every team is a high-caliber team. And if the Irish can't figure out a way to play "Notre Dame basketball" for 40 minutes, as every player described Notre Dame's second-half output, then they'll be watching the second week-end of the tournament from their dorm rooms.

The Irish played like a first-round washout the first half. They transformed into a Final Four-caliber team for most of the second.

If the Irish decipher the difference between the two teams, they'll be playing games through late March.

The Irish valiantly tried to come back and win against the Huskies. But "it seemed like they always had an answer," Carroll said.

Even as his team searched for its own.

The opinions expressed in this column are that of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andrew Soukup at asoukup@nd.edu

FENCING

Irish finish season

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

With the competition at the Michigan State Duals being lower than what the Irish usually see, coach Janusz Bednarski made his lineups with the future in mind – both this year and next year.

Bednarski used a combination of the regular fencers along with the walk-ons as the mens and womens fencing squads went 4-0 to complete their regular seasons.

"We are usually relying on them [the walk-ons] heavily," Bednarski said. "Even in some cases, we are giving the back-up fencers the ability to learn for next year which is crucial since we are losing seven seniors. I sacrificed some results to give them the opportunities."

Those seven seniors, Ozren Debic, Gabor Szelle, Matt Fabricant, Jan Viviani, Anna Carnick, Meagan Call and Liza Boutsikaris combined for a 32-1 record in their last regular season meet.

Debic's 43-1 season gave him the fifth best single season winning percentage (.977) and he finished third (.952) on the career winning percentage list. Szelle ended his career with the sixth most regular-season wins (182) in Notre Dame history. Debic and Viviani finished with the best career winning percentages in their respective weapons.

Carnick finished her career with 179 wins, which puts her 10th on the womens overall wins list and third on the epee list. Call and Boutsikaris tied for 11th on the womens list with 168 wins.

The mens team completed its third consecutive undefeated season (23-0) and extended its dual-match unbeaten streak to 82. No.1 Notre Dame defeated Detroit and Purdue each 24-3 and both Michigan and Michigan State 22-5.

The third-ranked womens team finished its season with a 21-2 record. The women defeated Purdue 26-1, both Michigan State and Detroit 23-4 and Michigan 17-10.

With the regular season completed, the Irish head into this weekend's Midwest Fencing Conference Championships looking to repeat.

"We are prepared. Usually it is a harder competition, but it is better for us and we can show the physical strength we have," Bednarski said. "We work very hard on the physical side. The mental side – if you work hard, then you are stronger mentally."

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AROUND THE NATION

Mens College Basketball Big East Conference

West Division

team	W	L	Pct.
Syracuse	9	3	.750
Pittsburgh	9	3	.750
NOTRE DAME	9	4	.692
Seton Hall	7	4	.636
West Virginia	4	8	.333
Georgetown	4	8	.333
Rutgers	3	9	.250

Mens Basketball Polls

AP

team
1 Arizona (58)
2 Kentucky (14)
3 Oklahoma
4 Florida
5 Texas
6 Duke
7 Kansas
8 Pittsburgh
9 NOTRE DAME
10 Marquette
11 Louisville
12 Wake Forest
13 Xavier
14 Maryland
15 Syracuse
16 Oklahoma State
17 Creighton
18 Illinois
19 Stanford
20 Mississippi State
21 Georgia
22 Utah
23 California
24 Memphis
25 Dayton

Coaches

team	
Arizona (29)	1
Kentucky (2)	2
Oklahoma	3
Florida	4
Duke	5
Texas	6
Kansas	7
Pittsburgh	8
Louisville	9
NOTRE DAME	10
Marquette	11
Wake Forest	12
Xavier	13
Maryland	14
Syracuse	15
Illinois	16
Oklahoma State	17
Creighton	18
Stanford	19
Mississippi State	20
California	21
Georgia	22
Utah	23
Connecticut	24
Dayton	25

Womens Basketball Polls

AP

team
1 Connecticut (44)
2 Duke
3 Tennessee
4 LSU
5 Kansas State
6 Louisiana Tech
7 Texas Tech
8 North Carolina
9 Stanford
10 Texas
11 Purdue
12 Mississippi State
13 Minnesota
14 Georgia
15 Penn State
16 South Carolina
17 Vanderbilt
18 Villanova
19 UC-Santa Barbara
20 Rutgers
21 Arkansas
22 Wisconsin-Green Bay
23 Boston College
24 Arizona
25 Washington

Coaches

team	
Connecticut (40)	1
Duke	2
Tennessee	3
LSU	4
Kansas State	5
North Carolina	6
Louisiana Tech	7
Stanford	8
Texas Tech	9
Purdue	10
Texas	11
Mississippi State	12
Penn State	13
Arkansas	14
South Carolina	15
Georgia	16
Minnesota	17
UC-Santa Barbara	18
Vanderbilt	19
Villanova	20
Wisconsin-Green Bay	21
Boston College	22
Rutgers	23
Arizona	24
Washington	25

NHL



Reuters Live Photo

In his first game since returning from right knee surgery Steve Yzerman and the Detroit Red Wings pulled off a victory against the Los Angeles Kings. Yzerman last played in Game 5 of last year's Stanley Cup Finals.

Yzerman returns to lead Detroit to victory

Associated Press

DETROIT
Steve Yzerman's season debut was a success as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Los Angeles Kings 5-4 on Monday night.

The Red Wings captain missed the first 61 games this season because of surgery on his right knee on Aug. 2. He last played in Game 5 of last June's Stanley Cup Finals when the Red Wings won the Stanley Cup.

Yzerman did not figure into any of the Detroit goals. He played 18 shifts, totaling 13:17 of ice time,

but didn't record a shot. He won nine of 15 face-offs.

Brett Hull and Igor Larionov each had a goal and an assist, and Kirk Maltby, Tomas Holmstrom and Sergei Fedorov also scored for Detroit.

Mathieu Schneider, Ian Laperriere, Eric Belanger and Derek Armstrong had the Los Angeles goals.

Eric Belanger pulled the Kings within 4-3 with 6:52 left when his slap shot from the right faceoff beat Manny Legace high to the long side.

Fedorov scored off a breakaway with 3:07

remaining, putting a shot past Jamie Storr after making a move. That goal came just as Yzerman was stepping out of the penalty box after he slashed Laperriere.

But Armstrong brought the Kings back within one goal when he scored with 2:06 left.

Laperriere's goal, off a rebound, with 16.4 seconds left in the second period brought Los Angeles within 4-2. The Red Wings scored three goals in the period.

Larionov made it 2-0 just 40 seconds in when he tipped in Fedorov's pass. But Schneider's

power-play goal at 5:37 put the Kings on the board.

Maltby broke a 17-game goal drought when he poked the puck in off a goal-mouth scramble with 4:05 remaining.

Holmstrom was credited with a power-play goal with 2:27 left when the rebound of Hull's shot bounced in off Holmstrom's skate. It gave Holmstrom a career-high 17 goals.

Hull gave Detroit a 1-0 lead with 4:22 left in the first period when his one-time slap shot from deep in the right circle went through Storr's pads.

IN BRIEF

Game helps Orioles cope

After one of the most tragic weeks in franchise history, the Baltimore Orioles welcomed the opportunity to play a baseball game Monday.

Exactly one week earlier, the players were pulled from the field and told that teammate Steve Bechler died of heatstroke. The team then spent the rest of the week trying to come to terms with the tragedy.

So even though Monday's four-inning intrasquad game had virtually no effect on the 2003 season, it served as a welcome departure from the events of the previous seven days.

"It's been a tough week for us, for the ballclub and the Bechler family," second baseman Jerry Hairston said. "We lost a member of our family; that's the way we look at it."

"Obviously, he's going to be missed. But at the same time, Beck would want us to move on and really start the season well. It's a sad situation, but the guys are doing the best they can. Hopefully we can somehow get

through it."

Bechler, a 23-year-old pitching prospect, died less than 24 hours after collapsing during a workout. He reported to camp overweight and out of shape, and the Broward County chief medical examiner has linked the death to a diet supplement containing ephedrine.

Coping with the loss of a teammate was a new, unwanted experience for the majority of the Orioles.

"It's been an unusually tough start for a lot of us," outfielder Chris Richard said. "It's the first time for a number of us that someone close has passed away like this. You've just got to get through it and take it day by day."

Return is unlikely for 76ers' MacCulloch

Diagnosed with a disease that weakens his legs and disrupts his balance, Todd MacCulloch could be done playing basketball.

The Philadelphia 76ers' center

underwent additional tests Monday at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Team spokesman Chris Wallace said the 76ers wouldn't immediately discuss the results.

Medical experts said Monday it's unlikely MacCulloch will be able to continue playing with a genetic disorder known as Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease.

In most cases, doctors said, patients lose normal use of their feet and legs slowly as their nerves stop working properly and their muscles deteriorate.

"It's a progressive disease, and at this time there is no treatment," said Dr. Carlos Garcia, a professor of clinical neurology at Tulane. "Sometimes surgery can help, but I don't believe you can play basketball once you have these types of problems in your feet and your hands."

At a news conference Sunday, MacCulloch tried to sound upbeat but choked back tears as he talked about making basketball "secondary."

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

South Carolina at Florida 7 p.m., ESPN

Seton Hall at Rutgers 7 p.m., ESPN2

Indiana at Illinois 9 p.m., ESPN

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freshman, Pierce was a phenom in the 155-pound weight division. But Pierce was stopped short of fighting his way out of the Joyce Fieldhouse when he lost in the semifinals.

As a sophomore, Pierce again blazed his way through the 155-pound weight division. But this time there was no roadblock in his path to the second dome of the Joyce Center. Pierce earned a spot in the finals and was victorious before a large crowd. In the two short years since he picked up a pair of boxing gloves, Pierce adroitly parried and pummeled his way to the top of his weight class.

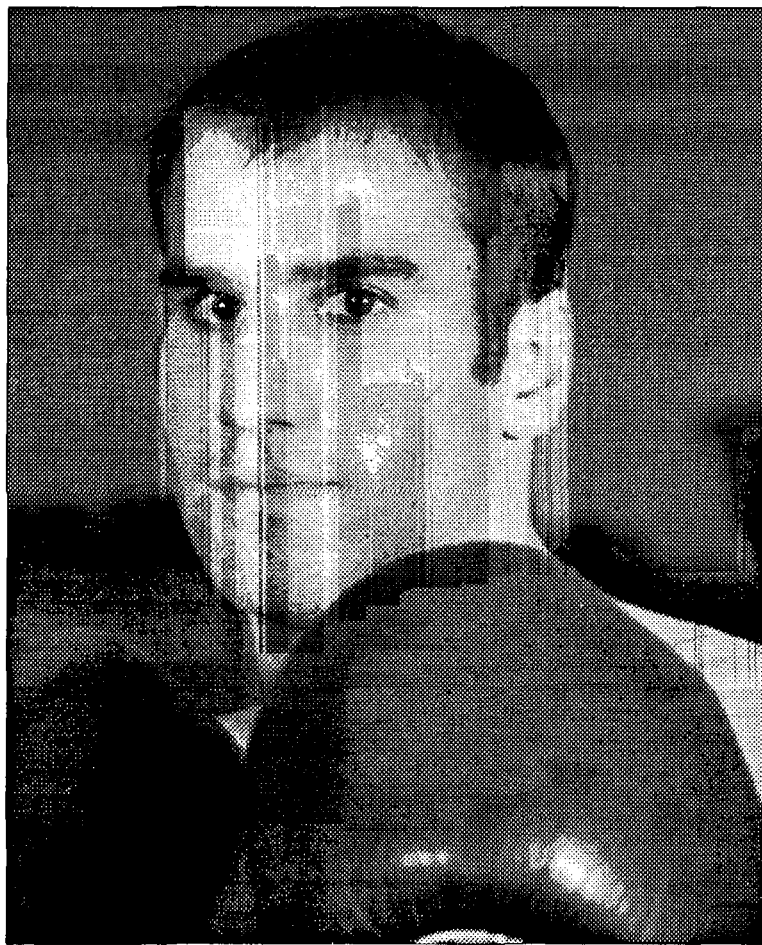
But Pierce disappeared from the campus's boxing elite as quickly as he had appeared on it. Neither an injury nor a precipitous decline in skills were to blame, as Pierce spent the boxing season abroad during his junior year. The decision to bypass defending his title was not an easy one.

"It was tough," Pierce said. "I wanted to stay and fight but it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to go abroad."

Now a senior, he has faced a long road back in order to capture another title. The journey spanned two continents, one ocean and a jump in weight class. Now boxing in the 160-pound weight division, he has had to adjust his style.

"There are taller guys — I'm not tall," Pierce said. "I need to fight low, work the opponent's body and wear him down."

Pierce was successful so far, defeating Jesse Shallcross 1 minute, 28 seconds into the first round during his opening



LISA VELTE/The Observer

After a two-year hiatus, Pierce is looking to return to the Bengal Bouts finals this Sunday.

match Sunday. Pierce found it tough to gage how far away he was from peaking due to the abbreviated fight. He finds scouting other fighters to be of little use as well.

"With all the training, you never know how you'll do until you get out there," Pierce said. "Seeing opponents fight doesn't help much because they'll fight differently against me."

With the semifinals on Wednesday, Pierce has been able to shed his teaching role and concentrate mainly on fighting. As a captain, he taught novices the basics of fighting in the fall and helped lead the other boxers in

workouts during the spring. He has advice for any students considering boxing next year.

"Definitely give it a shot," Pierce said. "My main goal this year was to pass on to the younger guys how much fun I've had with the camaraderie and hard work ethic. There's also a higher purpose with the money that we donate to Bangladesh. Our chaplain reminds us before each fight that it doesn't matter how we do, because we are already champions."

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish start season with tough games

By AARON RONSHEIM
Sports Writer

After a rain-drenched weekend at the NFCA Leadoff Classic, in which the No. 23 Irish played only three games instead of the scheduled five, it looked like the sun would shine on the Irish as they led No. 17 Alabama 4-0 going into the seventh inning on Sunday afternoon.

Irish pitcher Steffany Stenglein retired the first two batters before lightning struck as the Crimson Tide scored seven runs before the inning was over.

"Against Alabama we played a great 6 2/3 innings," Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "We were one out away from keeping them scoreless and we let the gates open and from there they took over. We hit well, we pitched well, and we played defense real well for 6 2/3 innings. We just have to finish it."

Alabama first basemen Jackie McClain started the scoring in the seventh with a three-run homer that brought the Crimson Tide within one. Coach Gumpf responded by making a pitching change as she brought in freshman Heather Booth to get the last out. After a walk, Alabama outfielder Jackie Wilkins hit a two-run home run to put the Tide in front 5-4. Alabama would score two more runs in the inning before the Irish recorded the third out.

After rain postponed all of Friday's action, the Irish took the field Saturday to face No. 4 California, the defending national champions. Soon the Irish found them down 2-0, when Bearcat catcher Courtney Scott drilled a two-run homer over the left field wall in the first inning.

In the bottom of second, the Bearcats would score four runs on only two hits, and took advantage of two Irish errors.

"Against Cal, we didn't get it done defensively," said Gumpf. "And when your pitching isn't consistent and you don't get it done defensively you are not going to win a ball game."

Notre Dame's only scoring chance came in the top of the third when the Irish loaded the bases with one out. But California pitcher Kristina Thurson struck out pinch hitter Carrie Wisen and induced shortstop Andria Bledsoe to pop up to end the inning.

After facing Cal the Irish squared off against Illinois State on Saturday afternoon. This game materialized into a pitcher's duel as Illinois State's Corey Harris and Notre Dame's Heather Booth both posted zeros on the scoreboard through seven innings.

In the sixth inning rain came down for the second time, as the game was postponed until Sunday morning.

In the bottom of the eighth inning the Irish would finally score when center fielder Megan Ciolli doubled into left field to plate Liz Hartmann.

Booth finished the game with eight shutout innings, along with eight strikeouts, as she improved to 3-1 on the young season.

Even though the Irish are 3-4 in the young season they have been playing some of the top teams in country.

Gumpf thinks that these early tough games will help the Irish down the road as they look to improve on last year's result, a loss to Nebraska in the Regional final.

"We play this tough schedule for a reason," Gumpf said. "These are the teams we will face in the regional tournament to get to the College World Series and we need to find out what we need to do to beat them. Can we get there? Absolutely."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to beat the Flying Dutch

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's has not had the season that it hoped for, however, their first-round matchup tonight with nationally ranked Hope in the MIAA tournament gives them a perfect opportunity to turn a negative into a positive.

The task at hand is great for the Belles (6-19, 2-12), as they face the Flying Dutch (25-0, 14-0), who have proved to be a force to be reckoned with nationally, as d3hoops.com ranks them second in the country. They average 78.7 points and 44.9 rebounds per game.

Hope is led by a balanced attack that features Amanda Kerkstra, (16.3 points, 9.3 rebounds per game), who shoots 57 percent from the field, and Amy Balthmanis (9.6 points, 3.9 assists per game).

Saint Mary's will counter with offensive firepower of their own, led by sophomore Emily Creachbaum, who averages 12.4 points and 5.8 rebounds per game, on 49 percent shooting. Next up in the scoring department are freshmen Bridget Boyce (7.2 points per game), and Anne Hogan (7 points, 4.6 rebounds per game).

However, the last time these two teams met on Feb. 5, Saint Mary's had many troubles on offense, as the Belles shot only 21 percent from the field, opposed to the Flying Dutch's stellar 51 percent shooting. Regardless, Saint Mary's is excited to play tonight.

"The only way to go into this game is with the idea that we have nothing to lose," coach Suzanne Bellina said. "The last time we went up there, we left with a really good feeling."

Bellina was referring to the last time these two teams met, when Saint Mary's was only down 33-25 at the half, despite losing 77-37.

However, the Belles are ready to play, as seniors Kristen Matha and Shaun Russell look to finish out their careers on a high note. Russell, (6.2 points per game), who averaged 15 points in her last two outings, is playing extremely well for Saint Mary's.

"Our team knows anything is possible," Bellina said. "That's why you play the game."

The eighth-seeded Belles face the top-seeded Flying Dutch at 7:30 p.m. at Hope College, in Holland, Mich.

Contact Heather Van Hoegarden at hvanhoeg@nd.edu

SMC SWIMMING

Ramsey falls just short of qualifying

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

After six months, 11 meets, three school records and one MIAA championship, Megan Ramsey's season is finally over.

The SMC swimming star started strong at this weekend's NCAA qualifying meet but was unable to muster a final burst of energy in order to earn a spot in next month's championships.

Ramsey took third in the 100 butterfly Friday, but did not have a fast enough time for the national cutoff. Ramsey was quick from the beginning, reaching beyond her previous limits in order to eclipse her best previous pace by .2 seconds at the 75-yard mark. Her body could not match her mind's determination for much longer, and Ramsey's pace slowed precipitously.

"I felt strong and powerful at first, then I felt like I was lucky to get my arms out of the water the rest of the way," Ramsey said.

Her coach, Greg Petcoff, offered a similar view of the race.

"I think the first 75 was a lot of heart, and the last 25 was a lot of pain from the season," Petcoff said. "A season of training and meets just hit her right there."

After Ramsey's record-setting race at the MICA championships the previous weekend, she advanced into uncharted waters for Saint Mary's. Petcoff

designed his conditioning program to have his swimmers peak at conference and was unsure of how Ramsey would taper at the qualifying meet. Friday's race confirmed that Petcoff had his swimmers peaking at just the right time, even if the summit lasted for only one weekend.

In her other race, Saturday's 200 butterfly, Ramsey decided to start refining her stroke for next year. Ramsey experimented with counting her strokes and attempting to get more distance with each arm. While the changes weren't good enough for her to qualify, she nonetheless finished in a promising eighth place.

"The 200 was interesting," Ramsey said. "My times were down and we realized that I wasn't going to make the cut, so Petcoff had me try something new."

Now that the season is over, Ramsey is experiencing mixed feelings. She will miss the camaraderie and security of the past few months, but she appreciates the rest.

"The end of the year is bittersweet," Ramsey said. "We're like a family with the time that we spend together everyday. It will be nice to have the break — we need it mentally and physically, but I'll miss the faces."

Contact Erik Powers at epowers@nd.edu

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OUTSIDERS:

February 26, Wed, "East is East" (Britain 1999)
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pictured here, will introduce the film--Q&A afterward.

February 27, Thurs, "Drôle de Félix/
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2002-2003 STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS Request for Nominations

We are requesting nominations for the Student Leadership Awards. These awards are given to the ten undergraduate students who best exemplify the spirit of Notre Dame in social, recreational, residential, service, and religious activities that promote the welfare of the University and extended communities.

Selection of the recipients of these awards is based on outstanding service on or off campus through participation in voluntary and/or (s)electd co-curricular activities with an emphasis on quality of participation.

We ask your assistance in identifying students deserving of such recognition. A student may nominate another student, but no self-nominations will be accepted. If you wish to nominate a student, please provide the following information.

- 1) The name of person doing the nominating and their relationship to the nominee.
- 2) The name and year in school of the nominee.
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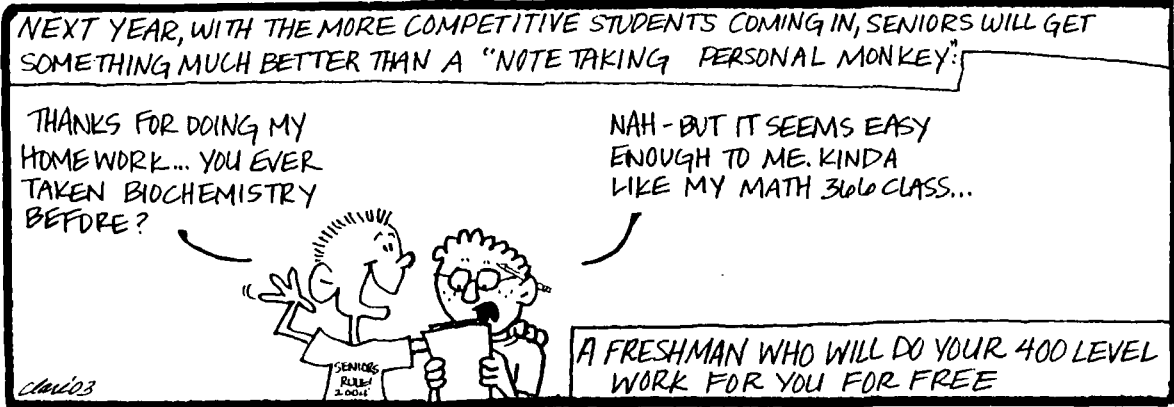
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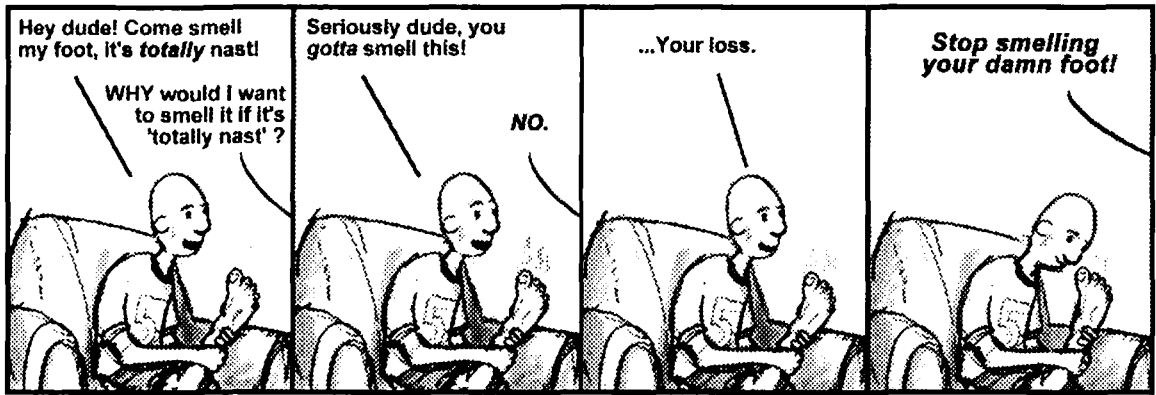
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JUMBLE
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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MAALL
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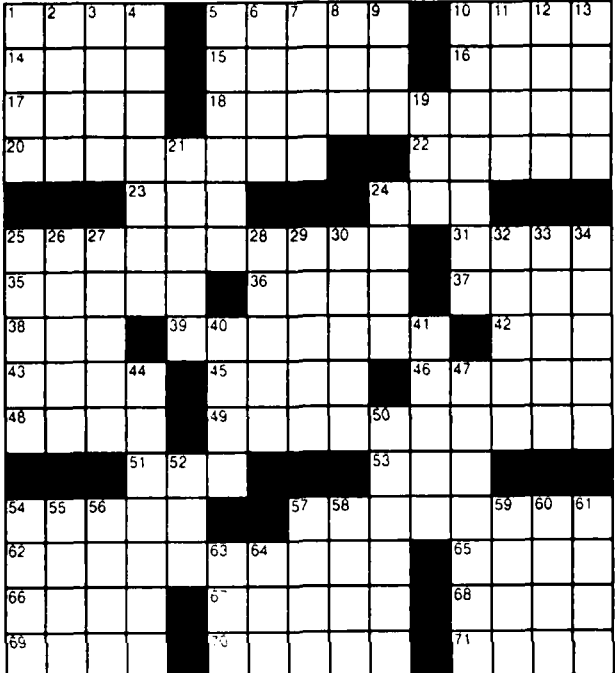
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Yesterday's Jumbles: ELOPE UPPER HUMBLE TRUDGE
Answer: What the spectator did when the racing sculls approached — "PULLED" FOR THEM

CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Part of Q.E.D.
 - 5 Contradict
 - 10 "You can say that again!"
 - 14 Mascara site
 - 15 Ain't correct?
 - 16 What the fourth little piggy got
 - 17 Take the bait
 - 18 Construction playthings
 - 20 Like Mickey Mouse
 - 22 Coup
 - 23 Metric measure
 - 24 Solo of "Star Wars"
 - 25 Like some suits
 - 31 Houston-based org.
 - 35 Bikini, e.g.
 - 36 Way off
 - 37 Play starter
 - 38 Warmed the bench
- DOWN**
- 39 Author connected to this puzzle's theme
 - 42 Sushi offering
 - 43 Verbal assault
 - 45 Emporium event
 - 46 Michaels of "Saturday Night Live"
 - 48 Literary lioness
 - 49 Shirelles hit of 1962
 - 51 Pathet
 - 53 First U.S. color TV maker
 - 54 Taxpayer's dread
 - 57 Part of L.E.D.
 - 62 Crow's-nest instruments
 - 65 Lionel train layout, maybe
 - 66 "Nana" star Anna
 - 67 Fake jewelry



- Puzzle by Adam G. Perl
- 32 Sharp-tongued
 - 33 Pool person
 - 34 Alvin of dance
 - 40 Flying A competitor
 - 41 Opt
 - 44 Bad-mouths
 - 47 Spellbinders
 - 50 Pigmented eye parts
 - 52 Part of A & P: Abbr.
 - 54 Org.
 - 55 Until
 - 56 Turned blue, maybe
 - 57 To be, to Brutus
 - 58 1969 miracle team
 - 59 Terrible man?
 - 60 Hoopster Archibald
 - 61 club
 - 63 Msg. sent to squad cars
 - 64 Mineo of film

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: George Harrison, Sally Jessy Raphael, Christopher George, Tommy Newsome

Happy Birthday: You won't be afraid to take a risk this year. You will make the right choices and have the fortitude to finish what you start. It's time to do what you know in your heart is best for you. Your numbers are 5, 13, 27, 33, 36, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be way ahead of the crowd today. Stop to help others. Physical activity will be rewarding. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take time to fix up your home. Don't let your stubborn nature lead to irreconcilable differences with some of the people who are closest to you. Admit that you're not always right. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do what needs to be done so that you don't upset anyone who is counting on you. Someone you have become friends with probably has a greater interest in you than you think. Be careful how you treat this new friend. ★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take the initiative and do as much as you can when it comes to work. Your job will be much easier if you empower people instead of complaining. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): This is a great day to have some fun. Make plans to do things with good friends, your lover or even family members. You'll find out something new. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't be too quick to address emotional issues. Busy yourself with programs that will enhance your looks, make you feel good about yourself and in general will keep you out of trouble. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone you meet at a group meeting will share some valuable information with you. Getting out and mingling with others will broaden your outlook and open up doors. ★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let anyone talk you into slacking or taking time off on such a productive day. You will feel so much better if you can get things out of the way. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll want to be involved in everything and in a position of control. However, if you become difficult to deal with, you may end up being shut out of a leadership position. ★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your determination coupled with your ability to observe others will help you get to the bottom of things as well as reach your set goals for the day. You may want to consider taking a different course of action. ★★★★★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't bog yourself down doing too much for everyone else. Ask for help. Spend time in the company of people you enjoy being around. ★★★★★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Arguments will only lead to anxiety and frustration, and certainly won't fix the problem. Get involved in your own interests and you will feel better about yourself. ★★

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SPORTS

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

MENS BASKETBALL

Falling hard

◆ Quick UConn team wore down the Irish in 87-79 loss

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

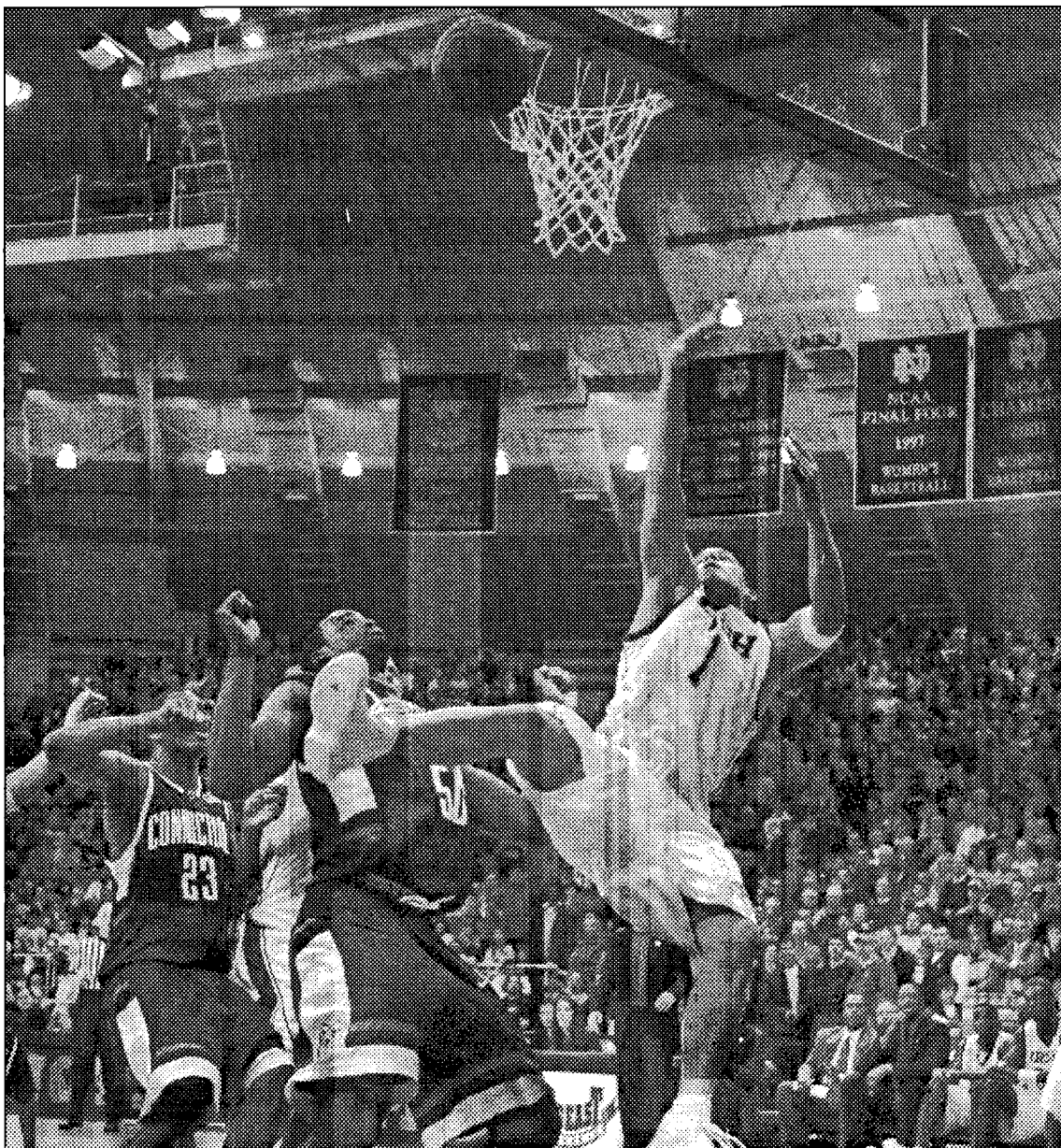
Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun told his team Sunday night at their hotel that no matter what Notre Dame did at practice that day, they couldn't improve in one area — their quickness.

The Huskies used that speed advantage to out-run the Irish in building a 15-point halftime lead, then held off a second-half charge en route to handing Notre Dame their first home loss of the season, 87-79, Monday night at the Joyce Center.

"The last thing I said to the team last night ... was that we're quicker than them. And if we don't take advantage of that, we'd be fools," Calhoun said. "They could do other things, they could do a lot of other things, but they're not going to get quicker overnight. So you have to take advantage of that quickness and I thought we did a very good job of that, both defensively and offensively."

Guard Ben Gordon scored 25 points, center Emeka Okafor added 19 points and 10 rebounds and reserve guard/forward Rashod Anderson tied a career-high with 22 points off the bench to lead the Huskies (18-6, 9-4) to their third straight win.

Connecticut showed their quickness midway through the



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Sophomore guard Chris Thomas attempts a reverse layup during Monday night's game against Connecticut. Despite cutting the lead down to only two points, the Irish lost 87-79.

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◆ Difference between 2 halves cost Notre Dame win

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.

How else to describe Notre Dame's performance in a 87-79 loss to Connecticut Monday?

In the first half, Notre Dame struggled to keep up with an up-tempo style of play completely foreign to the Irish. They got rattled, they lost their composure and they were down 15 at the half.

In the second half, Notre Dame responded like a team that had won 20 games for three consecutive seasons by cutting the deficit to a field goal — a field goal the Irish never made.

"It was the tale of two halves," Chris Thomas simply said.

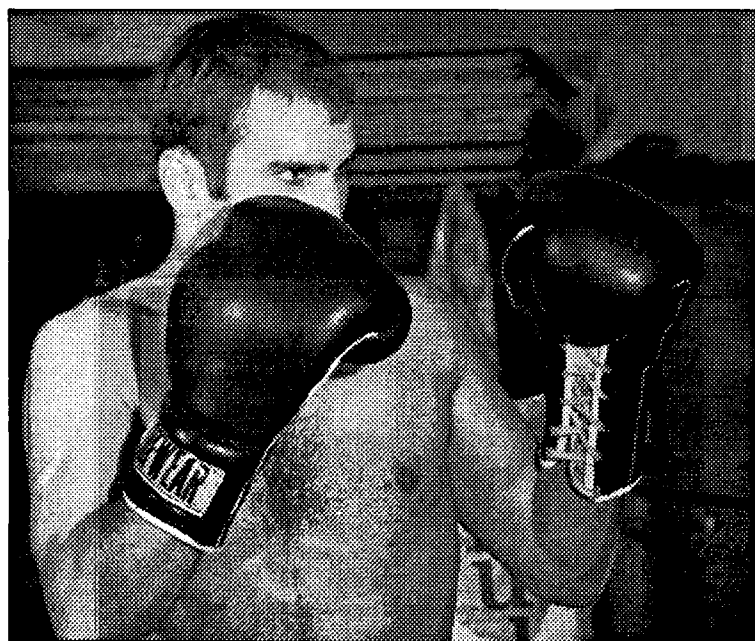
But keep in mind that as

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Andrew Soukup

Sports
Columnist



LISA VELTE/The Observer

Senior captain Tom Pierce poses in a boxing stance before a boxing match.

BENGAL BOUTS

Pierce seeks 2nd boxing title

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

An older brother can be a good start to one's boxing career.

Being born with a male sibling a year older increases a person's exposure to violence. In the case of Bengal Bouts senior captain Tom Pierce, it can lead to an entire life of "conditioning" for the sweet science.

Growing up outside of Detroit in Grosse Point, Mich., Pierce was always "around

rough stuff" and started playing hockey in elementary school. He was not known for deft skating or prolific goal scoring.

"I've played basically my entire life, since I was nine," Pierce said. "I was a 'grinder,' mostly just a checking line player."

A gritty right wing and center, Pierce played on both A and AA traveling teams while growing up. He also played for three years in high school, but instead of continuing his physical abuse of opposing wings and defensemen at

Notre Dame, he followed another calling.

"I first thought of boxing at Activities Night," Pierce said. "I talked with one of the captains, and he said, 'Come out for a week, and if you don't like it you can go home.' I've kind of been boxing ever since."

"Ever since" has consisted of three seasons of intense training, six-month bursts of weekday practices from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday practices from 10 a.m. to noon. As a

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC SWIMMING

Senior Megan Ramsey ends her record-making season at the NCAA qualifying meet.

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ND SOFTBALL

Alabama 7
Notre Dame 4

Notre Dame starts its season 3-4 against tough opponents.

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MENS TENNIS

Despite leading 3-2 going into the last two matches, the Wildcats managed to escape the Irish Saturday.

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WOMENS TENNIS

Notre Dame faced three top 25 teams this weekend on the road. The Irish face more ranked teams this weekend.

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BASEBALL

Notre Dame 15
Newman 5

No. 11 Notre Dame split its first four games of the season losing two to No. 4 Arizona.

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LACROSSE

Notre Dame 10
Penn State 9

The Irish defeated No. 16 Penn State in a close game this weekend.

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