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Tickets to Keenan Revue snapped up in minutes

Students line up hours in advance to obtain passes to the annual sold-out comedy show held at Saint Mary's

By KATIE WAGNER
News Writer

Notre Dame students already fed up with ticket sales could add another gripe to the list after long lines made the Keenan Revue ticket distribution last only 23 minutes.

Although ticket windows did not open until 2 p.m. Friday, the first students to receive tickets

arrived at gate 10 of the Joyce Center as early as 10 a.m.

"A good portion of the line was formed by 1 or 1:30 p.m.," ticket manager and junior Steve Miller said.

A total of 1,300 tickets were allotted for the three performances of the annual shameless comedy show, with Saturday selling out first, followed by Thursday, then Friday.

"Everybody that was there

before 2 p.m. received tickets," said junior Dave Fotopoulos, director of the Keenan Revue. For the people that came after 2 p.m., he said, "it was basically 50-50."

Miller said this year's ticket distribution was similar to last year's, since all of the 2004 tickets were taken within a half hour.

Fotopoulos noticed a difference in this year's event.

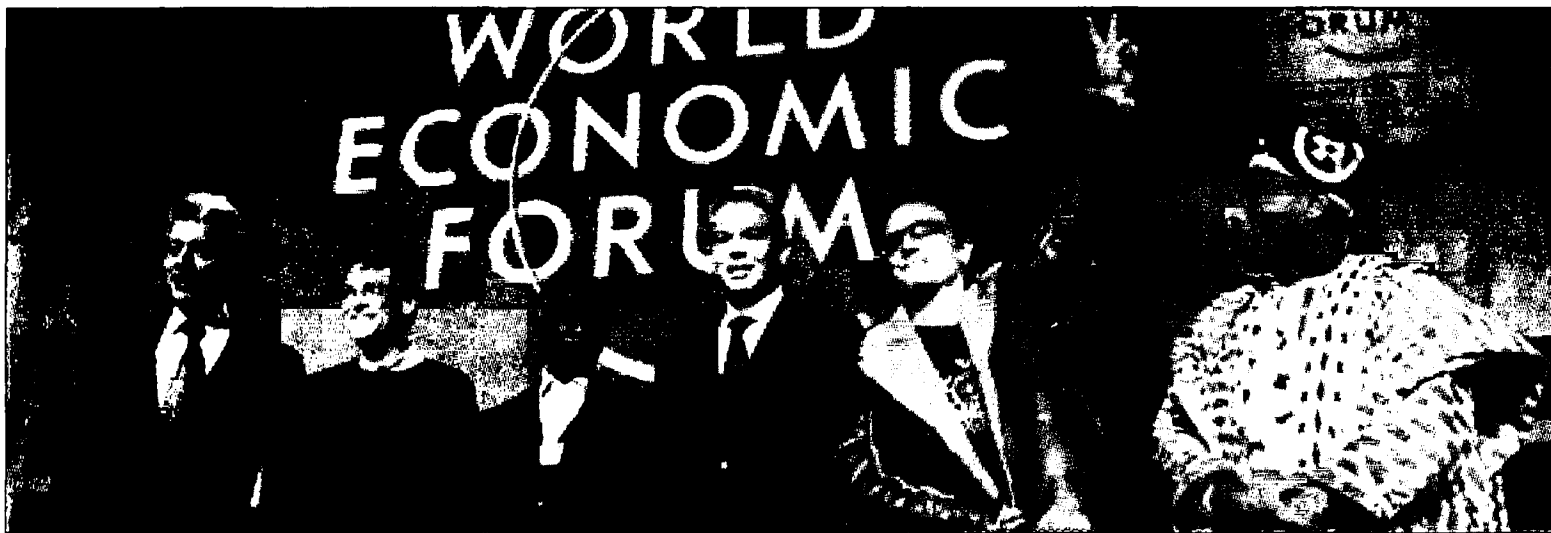
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Observer File Photo

In the usual crowd-drawing, irreverent fashion, participants in the 2004 Keenan Revue perform a striptease on stage.

Students carry on call to solidarity



AP photo

U2 leader Bono, second right, stands among world leaders at the 'G8-Africa' plenary session at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Jan. 27. Because of his involvement in African affairs, organizers of Notre Dame's Africa Week hope to bring Bono to campus.

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

When Laura Feeney and Emily Chin returned from Africa last winter, they brought back a new appreciation for African culture and society — and a determination to spread their passion with the rest of the University.

"When we were in Africa, we spoke about how we would pro-

mote African awareness back home," Chin said. "So we are just answering the call and taking the initiative to spark the student body's interest."

The result of their work is the development of a weeklong initiative that will encompass nearly all organizations on campus, ending with, organizers hope, a lecture or benefit concert by humanitarian leader and U2 member Bono.

"This will be the first campus-

wide event that would be a collaboration of all the resources that we have around one cause," Chin said. "We want all the groups on campus to get their hands in it and to feel like they're a part of one cause."

Feeney and Chin, along with 12 other youth representatives, traveled to Nigeria from Jan. 1-12, 2004. While there, they attended a conference aimed at eliminating the misconceptions about Africa.

They also met with various leaders from Catholic Relief Services and Bread for the World.

But it was the people of Africa that left the biggest imprint, Feeney said.

"The people are so aware of their problems and their poverty," Feeney said. "They are so caring and they want to help themselves so badly, but they need someone

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Events planned to discuss diversity

By PETER LEAHY
News Writer

In an effort to promote dialogue about issues such as race and religion, the Notre Dame student government declared this week to be "Diversity Week." To facilitate discussion, there will be events addressing different issues about diversity on campus so students can express their concerns and hear what others have to say.

Nick Coleman, Diversity Week chairman and chair of the Senate Committee on Diversity Affairs, said there is a need for more diversity on campus, citing that Notre Dame's

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Campaigners take to the wires, walls

Presidential candidates publicize using new technology, old techniques



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Candidates' campaign posters adorn walls in Dillon.

By KATIE PERRY
News Writer

Blending the innovation of new media outlets and the reliability of classic self-marketing strategies, the six tickets in the student body presidential/vice presidential race are in the midst of a campaign surge.

This July, national presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry urged viewers and attendees of the Democratic National Convention to visit his Web site, "something that Franklin Roosevelt could never have said in his accep-

ance speech."

The fusion of traditional and new styles during the 2004 national presidential race is reminiscent of Notre Dame's 2005 contest. Candidates for student body president and vice president, much like the Bush-Cheney and Kerry-Edwards camps, are mobilizing voters both via face-to-face interaction as well as through Internet campaigns.

The tickets have taken their campaign strategies from the dorms to the wires by incorporating various online ven-

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Heininger named 2005-06 editor in chief

Observer Staff Report

The Observer General Board elected news editor Claire Heininger as the 2005-06 editor in chief on Saturday.

Heininger, a junior American Studies major and Journalism, Ethics and Democracy minor from Ann Arbor, Mich. who lives in Howard Hall, joined The



Heininger

Observer as a news reporter during her freshman year. Since then, she has covered a wide variety of topics, including the transition in the Notre Dame Office of the President, the Taco Bell protests and the "Gay? Fine by me." campaign.

"I look forward to the opportunity to use the experience I've gained with the news department to improve the paper as a whole," Heininger said. "It is a challenge, but one I am honored

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INSIDE COLUMN

Not worthy
of a storming

It's difficult to keep my emotions separate while sitting on press row. I am a student reporter, and those two roles are very different. But I feel I do a good job keeping my emotions in check when having to report on Notre Dame sports.

But Sunday after the final horn sounded in Notre Dame's win over Connecticut, I became disappointed to be a Notre Dame student.

That disappointment stemmed from a portion of the student body storming the court.

Storming the court should come in games where the country goes, "Wow, that's an unbelievable win for that program." Yes, I know that's a weak definition, but there's a feeling when a student body should do it.

The two Michigan wins in football had solid storming the court cases. Those were two wins that defined the season, the first one more than the second.

As did the men's basketball win in 2003 over No. 4 Pittsburgh at the Joyce Center, and the win over Connecticut exactly one year later.

As for the students that didn't storm the court, they did the right thing.

Look at the members of the team. They didn't wait around on the court for the students to come down. They did some celebration while walking to the locker room, but no way did any of them expect or feel they deserved to be mobbed. Most of them were gone by the time the students made it to the court. They expected to win this game.

After their loss on Sunday, the Huskies have as many losses as the Irish. This wasn't the No. 1 team in the country. This wasn't the same defending national champion from April — the two best players from that team are now in the NBA.

This was a five-loss Connecticut team, ranked No. 19 in the country, losing a tough road game. The Irish have as many overall and conference losses as the Huskies.

This was a good conference win. It could possibly be the defining win that sends the Irish to the NCAA tournament.

But it wasn't worthy of storming the court.

And please, please, please, don't storm the court if the Irish beat Boston College.

Yes, that could be the Golden Eagles' first loss. It could be a top-5 team and the Big East's leader falling at the Joyce Center. That has all of the ingredients one would think about when storming the court.

As a senior who saw the football team lose four times in four years, my hatred toward Boston College is more than any school. But storming the court only legitimizes them into being on the same level as us, which is their only goal in life.

And that would be worse than anything.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Matt Lozar at mlozar@nd.edu



Matt Lozar

Editor in Chief

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO EAT ON CAMPUS BESIDE THE DH?



Cynthia Esquivel

junior
Welsh Family

"Reckers for the smoothies."



Rachel Bournat

junior
off-campus

"Anywhere with this girl."



Alex Ferrello

junior
Siegfried

"Sbarro at 3 a.m."



Delphine Risto

freshman
Pasquerilla East

"Cafe de Grasta, because their chicken caesar wraps are delicious."



Joanna Mangeney

sophomore
Breen-Phillips

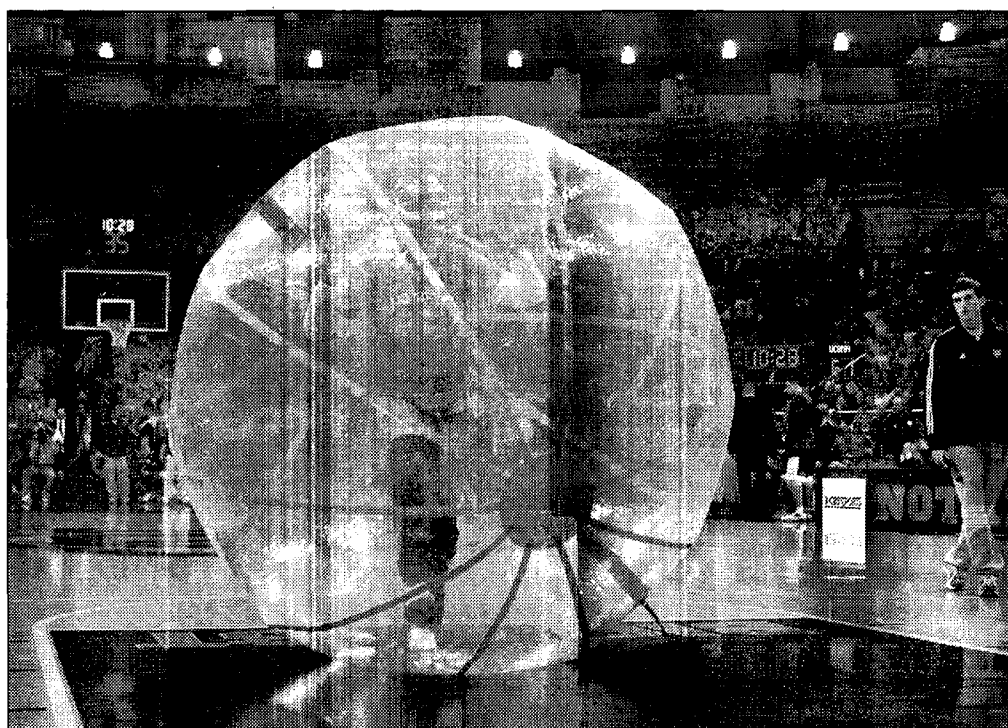
"Any place that has cookies."



Nick Weiland

freshman
Dillon

"Bullwinkle's. No explanation needed."



CHUY BENITEZ/The Observer

During a timeout in Sunday night's Irish men's basketball game against Connecticut, Notre Dame students participated in a Hamster Ball Race in front of a sold-out Joyce Center. The fierce competitors were vying for a cell phone and one year of free service from Verizon.

IN BRIEF

Ellen Dunham-Jones from the Georgia Institute of Technology will present a lecture on "Retrofitting Suburbs" today from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. Sponsored by the College of Architecture, the lecture will be held in 104 Bond.

The department of anthropology presents "Civilizing the Countryside? Village Conventions in Late-Socialist Vietnam," a lecture given by Ken MacLean from the University of Michigan, will be held today from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in 119 O'Shaughnessy.

The Kellogg Institute presents a lecture on "Why Did Venezuelan Growth Collapse?" by Francisco Rodriguez from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in C-103 Hesburgh Center.

There will be a seminar held with David Crouse of the City College of New York on "Theory and Applications of Engineering Electromagnetic Field Profiles within Structures using Surface Plasmons" on Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in 356A Fitzpatrick.

William Schlesinger of Duke University will lead a seminar on "The Global Carbon Cycle and the Duke Forest Free-Air CO₂ Enrichment (Face) Experiment" Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. in 283 Galvin Life Science Building, sponsored by the department of biological sciences.

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

OFFBEAT

Fruity beer aimed at new generation of drinkers

ST. LOUIS — The folks who brought you Budweiser have a new brew that's anything but simple.

Anheuser-Busch Cos. is hoping to lure drinkers away from classic mixed drinks by offering a beer spiked with caffeine, fruit flavoring, herbal guarana and ginseng.

Slightly sweet but tart and coming in the aromas of blackberry, raspberry and cherry, the beer — called B-to-the-E — is to be marketed toward "active 21- to 27-year-old experimenters looking for new tastes and

options."

Before taxes, B-to-the-E generally will fetch \$1.29 for a single can, \$4.99 for a four-pack of 10-ounce cans, said Dawn Roepke, the brewer's brand manager of new-product development. A bottled version is to arrive by the end of February.

Town's historical festival not suitable for children

GILBERT, Minn. — Promoting this town's proud history is one thing. Naming the town's festival Gilbert Whorehouse Days is another thing entirely.

A group of angry citizens showed up at a City Council

meeting Tuesday to protest the event. The festival's name refers to a time when Gilbert was known for its bars, gambling and "working girls" during Prohibition.

"The damage has been done," resident Fran Marolt said. "This is not a family-oriented activity."

Organizers say the festival — and its name — are meant to bring back a part of history. The festival is planned for two days in July and includes a car show, antique fair and bank robbery reenactment.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 38 LOW 23	HIGH 23 LOW 20	HIGH 33 LOW 10	HIGH 25 LOW 15	HIGH 34 LOW 23	HIGH 33 LOW 26

Atlanta 53 / 42 Boston 34 / 26 Chicago 34 / 24 Denver 40 / 20 Houston 68 / 53 Los Angeles 67 / 48 Minneapolis 30 / 22 New York 36 / 28 Philadelphia 38 / 26 Phoenix 59 / 42 Seattle 50 / 38 St. Louis 49 / 34 Tampa 76 / 60 Washington 38 / 30

CORRECTIONS

In Lance Gallop's Jan. 26 column entitled "Stop using Internet Explorer immediately," he says "be careful though, some browsers, like Opera, use the Internet Explorer engine, and so should not be considered safe". That statement is incorrect. Opera does not use the Internet Explorer engine. The Opera Software programmers use their own exclusive code, and no Active X controls are used. The Observer regrets this error.

Comps give students unique edge

Saint Mary's senior requirement lauded as beneficial to students

By MEG CASSIDY AND
ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer and Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's is a unique college in many ways — it's all women, very small and based on Catholic foundations. But to any Saint Mary's senior student, it is the senior comp that sets this school apart from the rest she rejected.

The College's requirement for the Senior Comprehensive Project is rare in that all departments, regardless of one's major, require it.

Political science professor Teresa Marcy said when she was a student at the College in 1959, comps were not a new requirement.

"My understanding is that this has always been a College requirement," Marcy said. "The comprehensive has definitely changed over the years."

Marcy said when she was a student, there were two parts to the comp — a several hour essay exam prepared by the department and the GRE exam in the student's area of study.

She also said some major changes had been made to the comp before she started working in academic administration in 1978.

"For one, the GRE's have been replaced by an Undergraduate Record Exam (URE)," Marcy said. "The second change was the replacement of the departmental exam for some majors by a project of some sort — research project, production of a play — something appropriate to the particular major."

After a time, there were even more changes to the comp, Marcy said. One involved the elimination of the URE, because some departments had lodged complaints that it was inappropriate for the curriculum they were teaching.

After these changes, departments had sole responsibility for organizing and administering their comps.

"There is quite a bit of variation across departments, but the comprehensives to me seem very appropriate for the different majors," Marcy said. "They used to be very uneven, in terms of difficulty, but I think this situation has improved over the years."

Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs Nancy Nekvasil said she thinks the stringent project makes Saint Mary's stand out from the crowd of similar schools.

"I think Saint Mary's is unusual across the country for

requiring a senior comprehensive," Nekvasil said.

She acknowledged while many schools have other rigorous senior graduation requirements, Saint Mary's is unique because it requires a comprehensive project "across the board for every discipline and in every department."

The specific requirements for the comps vary drastically between departments. The business department does group projects, where each group profiles and analyzes a company during the course of a semester. The theater majors each direct a play. Math and science majors do major research or prolonged experiments, on which they write a paper and give a presentation. Biology majors begin their comps during spring semester junior year. For education majors, their comp is centered on their semester of student teaching. Finally, art majors' comps are presented in the form of a gallery show where they can actually sell their pieces.

Most comps involve a major writing component, which incorporates a great deal of research and in-depth expertise on a subject. Nekvasil said the writing aspect of this requirement is what makes it such an asset for focusing on one's future beyond college.

Associate Director for Career Opportunities Jeff Roberts said whether students are applying to graduate schools, or marketing oneself to employers, the comp is invaluable.

"[This is a] culmination of an exciting academic experience that can be presented in a concrete form," Roberts said.

English writing major Allison Roche completed her comp last semester.

"The actual experience was valuable," she said. "It helped me realize I need some time off before I go into a graduate school program and work extensively on one project."

The English writing comp is run as a seminar program during the course of fall semester, which Roche said helps lessen the stress by spreading out the process. Roche also said she was glad to have been able to finish her comp during fall semester.

Senior Katherine Moran has a bit of a different perspective, because as a humanistic stud-

ies major, she is in the midst of a three-week comp intensive.

The humanistic studies comp consists of a large thesis paper — either creative or analytical in content — that incorporates important aspects of everything one has read and learned in the program.

"It shows seniors how much we've learned here," Moran said.

Even though the comp process is overwhelming at times, Moran said she appreciates how it encourages close interactions with the professors in her department.

"They really challenge us to dig deeper, and I don't think you'd be able to have that personal asset in a larger school," Moran said.

And despite the long hours and bouts of complaining among students, Marcy said in her time, she never saw a serious proposal to remove comps as a requirement.

"They contribute to the integration of learning, something everyone sees as a goal of a liberal education," Marcy said. "Students sometimes complain about them when they are in the process, but most praise them after completion."

Roberts said though the process provides significant stress, it has its benefits. "The process is proactive for transitioning into one's career because both the process and the final product help one focus their creative thinking on one dimension of their major in a way that they will then be able to concretely show it to someone else," he said.

"I don't think that the students always recognize how important and beneficial it is until afterwards," Nekvasil said. "But the result is very impressive to potential employers and in applying to graduate schools."

Moran seemed to be in agreement with that statement as she glanced at the pile of books next to her.

"I know I'll be glad I did it in the end, but the next two weeks are going to be — I'll say busy," she said.

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Jeff Roberts,
associate director of career
opportunities

Revue

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"It's [The Keenan Revue] in its 29th year," Fotopoulos said. "In comparison to last year's [ticket distribution], we had a lot more people."

Keenan's marketing strategies for the 2005 Revue were comparable to how they had been in previous years, said Fotopoulos.

"We already have a base audience," he explained.

Two advertisements for the comedy show ran in The Observer and posters were put up on campus.

Despite the completion of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, the Keenan Revue will still be held in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium.

Miller said no performance space in the DeBartolo Center holds as many people as the O'Laughlin Auditorium, which seats 1,300 people.

"Playing to the largest audience possible is the priority," he said.

Another advantage to keeping the Keenan Revue at Saint Mary's is the familiarity that Keenan residents have with this venue.

"We're quite comfortable with the way things are set up there," Fotopoulos said. "We have a relationship with Saint Mary's."

Despite the large amount of students that will not get to attend the show, it is unlikely any standing room tickets will be offered.

Miller said as much as he wishes they could distribute additional tickets, the safety codes and their contract with St. Mary's forbid them from doing so.

"I understand that other people have class [during the ticket distribution], but we do have a policy of two tickets per [student ID]," Fotopoulos said.

Students also have the option of asking friends from Keenan for tickets, since all residents of this dorm receive at least four tickets. The remaining seats are reserved for VIPs, Saint Mary's students and some faculty members.

"We try to keep it so that those that are involved in the show and those that live in Keenan Hall are not shut out," Fotopoulos said. "Pretty much every person in this dorm has handled the Revue in some way."

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Notre Dame: Fixing Hubble a 'no brainer'

Special to the Observer

The Hubble Space Telescope's future is in further doubt amid recent reports that NASA's 2006 budget will not include a mission to repair the aging instrument. Instead, the reports quote unnamed White House officials as saying the budget earmarks funds to decommission Hubble.

"White House to scrap Hubble? I hope not," Peter Garnavich, a Notre Dame astrophysicist, said in reaction to the news reports. "NASA has just closed its 14th round of science proposals for the Hubble. Despite the fact that Hubble may not be working next year, thousands of astronomers from around the world submitted ideas for the use of the telescope. Nearly all the proposals, including mine to study distant supernovae, can not be done by any other telescope in the world, mainly because Hubble is not of this world."

The 14-year old telescope is expected to fail in the next two or three years unless it receives new batteries and gyroscopes. The debate on

how to repair Hubble began a year ago when NASA administrator Sean O'Keefe decided using shuttle astronauts to service the observatory was too risky in light of the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster. However, a massive public outcry prompted O'Keefe to announce in August that NASA would pursue a mission to repair the telescope using robots. Each option would cost at least \$1 billion. The controversy deepened in December, when an influential committee of the U.S. National Academies' National Research Council recommended that NASA launch a manned Hubble rescue mission as soon as possible, but O'Keefe held firm.

"Hubble is the most productive scientific mission NASA has ever launched," Garnavich said. "Several national science organizations have recommended that every effort be made to keep Hubble working. Just this month the American Astronomical Society joined this list."

The media reports have suggested rising costs, associated in part with returning the space shuttles to flight, may force NASA to focus on a robotic mission to safely de-orbit Hubble by sending it splashing into an ocean. President Bush is thought to favor investment in manned space missions instead of repairing the Hubble.

"This administration appears to be making a choice between funding pure science and manned exploration," Garnavich said. "This is like opening a public relations office for a company that doesn't sell anything. Manned flights are cool, exciting and expensive, but they must do more than bring home a rock to sit in a museum."



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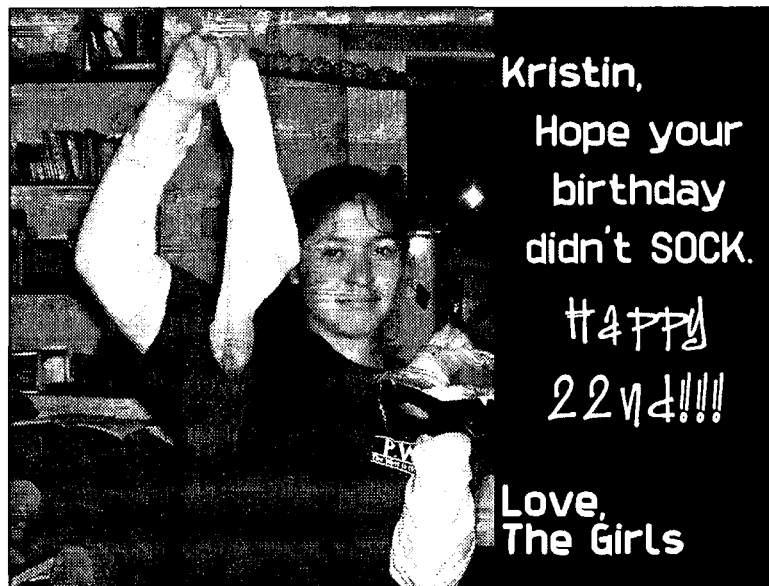
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and their parents at University Village



Editor

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to accept."

During Heininger's term as news editor, she coordinated special sections on student government and the 2004 presidential election and a series exploring Holy Cross religious.

She is the first editor in chief to come from the news department since Jason McFarley held the position from 2002-03.

"I have confidence in Claire's ability to lead The Observer next year," outgoing editor in chief Matt Lozar said. "She has a wealth of great ideas and an excellent relationship with the staff."

The projects Heininger hopes to undertake during her tenure include establishing a system to improve writing paperwide, increasing recruitment and planning The Observer's 40th anniversary in 2006.

"I was excited to see what I could do to see The Observer improve next year," Heininger said. "And I'm extremely eager to work with a very talented staff."

Heininger assumes the position as editor in chief on Feb. 28.

Campaign

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ues. In launching a multifaceted Internet campaign, the Dave Baron-Lizzi Shappell ticket has capitalized on the incalculable versatility of the web.

"We are using technology to mobilize people through TheFacebook[.com], AIM profiles, our online website and campaign e-mail updates," Baron said.

TheFacebook.com has exploded into a campus-wide obsession since its debut this fall. The electronic database allows college students to create a profile, connect with other students and join specific interest groups.

Joining the ranks among some the site's more popular listings — "ND Squirrel Fans," "Irish Drinking Society" and "Anti-Guy Who Participates in Class Too Much" — are a slew of groups devoted to the individual tickets.

Along with Baron and Shappell, the Mark Healy-Bob Costa, Alec White-Erik Powers, Will Marra-Pete Harig and James Leito-Jordan Bongiovanni tickets have initiated groups on the TheFacebook.com in an effort to exploit the free space frequented by thousands of students everyday.

Freshman Matt Decker noted both pros and cons to utilizing TheFacebook.com.

"TheFacebook[.com] is somewhat effective because of how many students use

the Web site, but since it's very informal, and seen as a 'time waster' for those who use it might risk losing credibility," Decker said.

Though the Craig Brede-Vijay Ramanan ticket is the only one without a group listing on TheFacebook.com, they joined their competition in launching an interactive campaign Web site.

"We are going to make it very clear that we are a serious ticket with a high respect and capability for these jobs, and I think that is evident in our Web site," Ramanan said.

While each differs in style and presentation, they all follow a similar structure. Most feature a main page with a mission statement and photograph of the candidates. There are also menu bars containing site components such as biographies, platforms, feedback forms and downloadable media.

Aside from efforts implemented to reach students via the Internet, the campaigns are also relying on classic techniques like fliers and face-to-face interaction to attract potential voters.

In addition to traditional posters and dorm visits, the Baron-Shappell ticket emphasizes the importance of human contact during a campaign season.

"We are starting a word-of-mouth campaign to convey our message," Baron said. "With point people and secondary people in every dorm, we can reach most people and get our vision out on campus."

Leito and Bongiovanni agreed face-to-face interaction is an advantageous method to garner votes. According to the ticket's Web site, both candidates will be available to speak with students at popular campus sites twice a week during scheduled times.

"Our campaign strategy is to be honest and up-front with students," Leito said.

For sophomore political science major Joe Brutto, the most effective campaign technique is the tried-and-true style of physically conversing with the candidates.

"There really is no substitute for meeting the people who will vote for you and making a personal connection," Brutto said. "Although new media campaigning allows candidates to connect to more people than ever before, the technique is very impersonal and not as effective as more traditional methods of campaigning."

Other students, like Decker, cite the various advantages new media outlets can offer to candidates

and voters alike.

"The use of Web sites makes it much easier to inform students about the individual campaigns, as for many of us it's difficult to make time in our schedules to go to speeches," Decker said. "Web sites allow the candidates to reach a large number of people easily and make it easier for students to follow the different campaigns on their own time."

Regardless of the advantages and disadvantages of the campaigning techniques, the six tickets are dedicated to getting their message out to the study body by all means possible.

"We plan on doing anything and everything we can to get to students," Healy said.

For the White-Powers ticket, this means turning to more unconventional modes of campaigning.

"We challenge the other tickets to a pentathlon," White said. "Events will include dodge ball, a water balloon duel, an Iron Chef competition, retaking the SAT's and a Quarter Dog eating contest."

Not to be outdone, Marra and Harig are also integrating their own form of originality to reach students.

"First, we're going to start off with a flying V, followed by a triple deke to a wrister through the five-hole, and then cap off the W with a shrimp on the barbie," Marra said.

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"We plan on doing anything and everything we can to get to students."

Mark Healy
presidential candidate

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MANAGING EDITOR

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Applicants for Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor should demonstrate strong journalistic and management skills. An in-depth understanding of newspaper production, including skills in Microsoft Word, Quark XPress and Photoshop, is required. Experience with Macintosh computers is helpful.

Applications for any of the above positions should be at least five pages and should explain the applicant's qualifications and goals.

Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor applications are due by Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. Submit all applications to Claire Heininger in The Observer office located in the South Dining Hall basement.

Please direct questions about these positions or the application procedure to Claire Heininger or Matt Lozar at 631-4542.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British plane crash kills 10

BAGHDAD — A British C-130 military transport plane crashed yesterday north of Baghdad, scattering wreckage over a large area, officials said. At least 10 troops were killed, Britain's Press Association new agency said.

The crash occurred at around 5:25 p.m. about 20 miles northwest of Baghdad, a spokesman for the British Ministry of Defense.

Press Association quoted unidentified military sources saying the death toll was "around 10" and it was "highly unlikely" to be more than 15.

There was no immediate word on the cause of the crash, which occurred about a half hour after polls closed in Iraq's elections.

Israel's leading satirist dies

JERUSALEM — Israel on yesterday mourned the passing of its premier satirist, Ephraim Kishon, whose biting wit shaped the national agenda of the formative years of the Jewish state and kept people laughing at the same time.

Kishon, who apparently suffered a heart attack, died in the shower at his home in Switzerland, his son, Rafi, said. He was 80.

It was a swift and unexpected end to the life of an artist whose influence went beyond the large numbers of people who read his books and newspaper column or watched the skits, plays and movies he wrote.

Kishon, who had mixed feelings toward Israel late in life, also gained widespread popularity in Europe, and he often felt better appreciated there than in his adopted home of Israel, target of his sharpest barbs.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush calls Iraq election a success

WASHINGTON — President Bush called Sunday's elections in Iraq a success and promised the United States will continue trying to prepare Iraqis to secure their own country.

"The world is hearing the voice of freedom from the center of the Middle East," Bush told reporters at the White House on Sunday, four hours after the polls closed. He did not take questions after his three-minute statement.

Bush praised the bravery of Iraqis who turned out to vote despite continuing violence and intimidation. Bush said voters "firmly rejected the antidemocratic ideology" of terrorists.

Iraqis defied threats of violence and calls for a boycott to cast ballots in their first free election in a half-century Sunday.

N.J. governor bows out of election

TRENTON, N.J. — Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey, who took office after his predecessor revealed a gay extramarital affair, has decided not to seek election to the post, a close adviser said Sunday.

Democratic Assemblyman John McKeon said Codey made up his mind Friday night, when he notified his family and political allies.

"I think he's at peace with it," McKeon said. "The fact he's decided not to run adds to his credibility as a stabilizing force during a tumultuous period in our political history. In my view, it was a very courageous decision."

LOCAL NEWS

Body of missing girl found

CROTHERSVILLE, — The body of a missing 10-year-old girl was discovered by a police officer on patrol Sunday, five days after she disappeared while returning home from an errand, authorities said.

A state trooper on patrol found the body of Katlyn "Katie" Collman, 10, in a stream in a wooded area about five miles north of Seymour, state police Sgt. Jerry Goodin said at a news conference.

Details of how the girl died were not released.

ENGLAND

Iraqis stream to polls on last day

Country's first independent election in five decades ended with final absentee ballots

Associated Press

LONDON — Iraqis around the world streamed into polling stations yesterday for their last chance to cast ballots in Iraq's historic election, expressing hopes that the vote will bring peace and stability to their homeland.

As millions of people in Iraq defied insurgent threats and voted in their nation's first independent election in five decades, Sunday also marked the third and final day of absentee voting in 14 other countries.

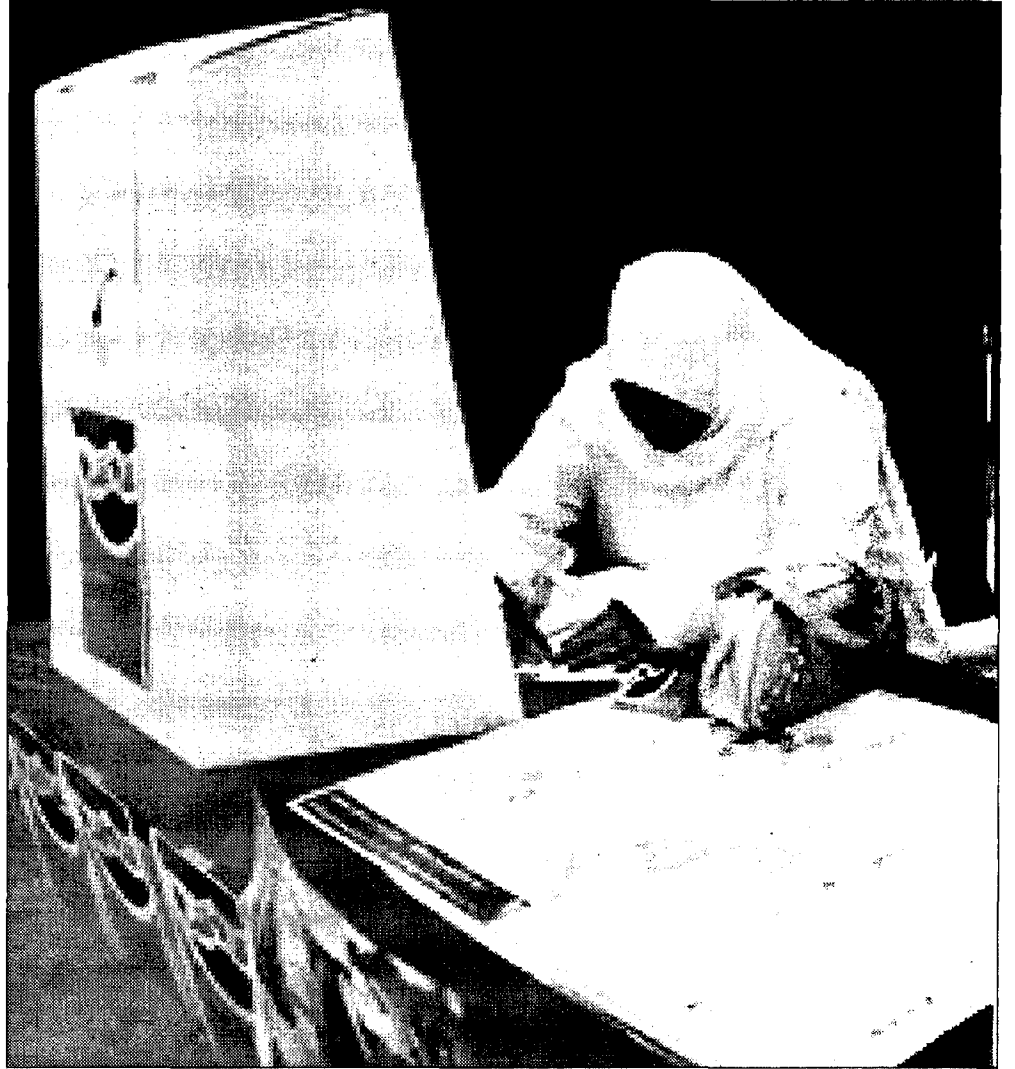
"This is a clear and loud message that Iraqis inside and outside are united in defeating terrorism," Mansour Ibrahim said as he entered a voting center amid tight security in the upscale Suwfiya neighborhood in the Jordanian capital, Amman.

Scuffles broke out between voters and anti-U.S. protesters at a polling station Sunday in Britain and voting was extended at one site in Australia to make up for lost time after a similar skirmish the day before.

But no major violence was reported and organizers said the three-day balloting that started Friday has been a success so far, despite early concerns about turnout after only 25 percent of 1.2 eligible Iraqis abroad registered to vote.

The low registration figure was attributed partly to fears of violence and retribution from insurgents but also the fact that not all countries with large numbers of Iraqis, including Egypt, participated and many voters had to travel abroad to register and then again to vote.

Many Iraqis in the United States had to drive hundreds of miles to reach the five cities with polling places: Nashville, Detroit, Chicago, Los Angeles and Washington.



Laila Hashem of Ontario casts her vote. The Independent Iraqi Electoral Commission is allowing Iraqi immigrants living in 14 countries to vote by absentee ballot.

Most of those who did sign up were thrilled at the chance to participate. The latest available figures showed that about two-thirds of those who did sign up had cast ballots in the first two days.

Lazhar Aloui, Jordan's election program manager, said that by the end of polling more than 90 percent of Iraqis registered in Jordan had cast their votes. He said the counting would begin at 8 a.m. Monday and the results would be sent to Iraq.

The Geneva-based International Organization for Migration, which is conducting the expatriate vote for Iraq's electoral commission, said 186,619

of the 280,303 registered Iraqis went to the polls Friday and Saturday, many traveling long distances.

"Everything is proceeding well, everyone is terribly excited about these historic elections," said Sarah Fradgley, an IOM spokeswoman in London. "Everyone is anxiously waiting for news from Iraq and people have been speaking to their families in Baghdad and elsewhere."

Fistfights broke out at a polling station in Manchester, northern England, between mostly Kurdish-Iraqi voters and dozens of protesters who claimed the elections legit-

imize the U.S.-led coalition's presence in Iraq, Sky News TV reported.

Sky News showed footage of police breaking up the fights, but reported no arrests and no serious injuries. A spokesman for Greater Manchester Police described the skirmish as "a minor incident," which officers had brought under control.

Jubilant voters at a voting center in Wembley, northwest London, danced and held up Kurdish flags.

But police said they arrested one person for threatening behavior and about 50 demonstrators protesting the elections waved banners and shouted slogans in Arabic.

Storms leave 230,000 without power

Associated Press

ATLANTA — More than 230,000 customers had no electricity yesterday in Georgia while crews worked to repair power lines snapped by an ice storm, and the city's airport reopened all its runways as temperatures rose above freezing.

Two traffic deaths in Georgia and one in South Carolina were blamed on the storm that spread sleet and freezing rain across parts of the Southeast on Saturday.

By Sunday, all four runways at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport were operational again. Only two — and at one

point only one — of its four runways were available Saturday as crews labored to scrape off ice.

"There still isn't enough demand to have all four operating, but it's much easier today to maintain four runways," airport spokeswoman Lanii Thomas said, adding that about 300 stranded airline passengers spent the night at the airport because their flights were canceled.

Thick blankets of ice began melting Sunday as temperatures climbed above the freezing. Highs reached the 40s for northern Georgia and the 60s in the southern part of the state.

Even with the improved weather conditions, fewer than 100 departures were scheduled out of the world's busiest passenger airport Sunday morning, Thomas said.

AirTran canceled 33 of its estimated 500 flights scheduled for Sunday, but the airline expected operations to return to normal by early afternoon, spokesman Tad Hutcheson said.

Delta, which only operated 8 percent of its flights the previous day, planned to offer 70 percent of its normal schedule Sunday, spokesman Anthony Black said.

The icy weather also forced airlines to cancel scores of flights Saturday at airports in Greenville-Spartanburg and Columbia, S.C., and at Charlotte and Raleigh, N.C.

Bono

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to help them do it. They just do not have the resources."

With the help of juniors Meghan Hanzlik and Katie Connel, they have begun to finalize their plans for an event tentatively titled "Africa Week," which will likely take place in April.

"It is still in the planning stages, but we have discussed bringing in speakers, luminaries and a film festival," Connel said.

The organizers have set their sights high and are taking measures to bring U2's Bono to campus to speak about Africa's AIDS crisis, and also the continent's cultural beauty.

Bono, well known for his passionate support of Africa, would be a hugely effective addition to Africa Week, Hanzlik said.

"We want him to come to campus in any way that he can. He has done amazing things in Africa," Hanzlik said. "He is an advocate of our cause, and he can demonstrate how one person can make a huge difference."

Despite his enormous popularity and busy concert schedule, the likelihood of Bono coming, at least as a speaker, seems promising. Since his concert at Notre Dame in the spring of 2002, he has spoken fondly of the University, Hanzlik said.

"Bono has always said he would love to come back to Notre Dame," Hanzlik said. "It's just a matter of him fitting us into his schedule."

Knowing Bono historically has come to schools that demonstrate strong student interest, the girls have appealed to the Student

Senate to endorse their idea. The girls wrote a letter to Bono's agent, and presented it to the senate in the hopes of gathering greater support from student government.

"I thought they wrote a good letter," Siegfried senator James Leito said. "And the senators decided to do a letter of their own. The girls' letter was more down to earth. We wanted to write a letter from one professional group to another."

The senate's letter, along with the letter written by the organizers of Africa week, will be sent to Bono's agent.

"But Africa Week will go on regardless of whether or not we can get Bono or U2," Feeney said. "But he's Irish, we're Irish, and it would be great if he could come."

In addition, the group has been circulating a petition through the dorms and plans to set up booths around campus to gather signatures and demonstrate student solidarity behind the African cause.

Senate has been behind the cause since the fall, and continues to support the efforts.

But Leito was quick to note that the events and the pursuit of Bono are not senate projects.

"This is not a Senate project, we are just showing support," Leito said.

Hanzlik believes the nature of Notre Dame — its students and its wealth — will make the event a success.

"It's about using what you have to help others and that's what Notre Dame is all about," Hanzlik said. "When you're given so much, what are you going to do with it?"

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religious, ideological and racial make-up is too homogenous.

"Our committee has been seeing that Notre Dame isn't a very diverse place," Coleman said. "[The week's purpose] is to try to open up discourse for tolerance of other people."

On Wednesday, the events begin with "Interrace," a discussion of racial issues on campus. It will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center. Diversity Week Chairman Nick Coleman explained that "Interrace" meets monthly at the Center for Social Concerns and takes an open forum form.

"It's a discussion about what's going on [on campus]," Coleman said. "This month's topic is about the climate of diversity."

Later Wednesday night, Badin Hall is holding an African Spiritual Mass open to all students to support religious diversity.

Thursday is "We are ND" T-shirt day. Student body president Adam Istvan, vice president Karla Bell and chief executive assistant Dave Baron have asked that students unite and wear their green "We are ND" T-shirts — or any green shirt — to demonstrate student support of the report they are making to the Board of Trustees Thursday afternoon. The subject of the

report is diversity of gender, race and sexuality, featuring testimonials from student discussion during recent focus groups.

"They [Istvan, Bell and Baron] want to unite the student body behind their report," Coleman said. "It's kind of a big statement to the Board of Trustees that something needs to be done about diversity."

This sentiment is shared by students as well as the student body leaders. Freshman Briana Duncan said she notices the lack of diversity on campus.

"I definitely think that there's a lot of room for [more] diversity," Duncan said. "I think race relations and religious issues could be improved upon."

Sophomore Dave Lewis shared Duncan's feelings in regards to the variety of religion on campus.

"I think that we need more religious diversity. It is always good to broaden your proverbial horizons," he said.

Lewis took a different view on racial diversity on campus, however.

"I think we have a pretty good mix of people however [diversity] is more than just being here, it's about how you interact," he said.

Lewis also added there is a difference between the way multicultural and majority students are treated on campus that bothers him.

"What I don't like about it is that I'm a multicultural student, and that's the only reason why I knew about

[Diversity Week]," he said.

Both Duncan and Lewis said they will attend some of the scheduled events and agree that Diversity Week is a start, but discussion about diversity needs to be carried throughout the year.

One of their concerns — religious diversity — will be addressed Thursday night at a round-table discussion among students and faculty in the Coleman-Morse Center from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The events to be held Friday and Saturday are aimed at providing a relaxing and fun environment for students. The Multicultural Student Programs and Services (MSPS) comedy show is Friday at 10 p.m. at Legends.

"Students can relax, have fun and celebrate people's diversity," Coleman said of the comedy show.

The week concludes on Saturday with Mike Jacob's performance of Cherokee music at the Kroc Institute at 7 p.m. Coleman urged students to go.

"You can broaden your horizons a little bit," he said. "You can experience something new and have a good time."

Overall the week is intended to make students feel more comfortable on campus, Coleman said.

"We want to discuss race, religion and gender without feeling like people are criticizing us," Coleman said.

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IN BRIEF

Time Warner to bid on Adelphia

PHILADELPHIA — Comcast and Time Warner are expected to make a joint offer by Monday to buy bankrupt cable operator Adelphia Communications Corp., according to published reports.

Comcast Corp., the nation's largest cable-television operator with 21.5 million subscribers, and second-ranked Time Warner Inc., with 10.9 million, have been working together since last fall to make a bid for Adelphia's 5.3 million subscribers.

Industry executives told the Los Angeles Times for Saturday's editions that they expected the bid to be \$14 billion to \$15 billion, far short of the \$17.5 billion sought by Adelphia bondholders.

The bid plans were also reported Saturday by The Philadelphia Inquirer. Time Warner spokesman Ed Adler declined to comment Saturday, and Adelphia spokesman Paul Jacobson said "the bidding process is confidential" and he would have no comment.

Many of Adelphia's cable systems are contiguous to Comcast and Time Warner entities, making them appealing from a business standpoint.

Lilly with-draws FDA application

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Eli Lilly and Co. and Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals Inc. have withdrawn their request seeking U.S. approval to market a sister drug to the antidepressant Cymbalta to treat stress urinary incontinence.

Lilly said the decision to pull the application Friday for Yentreve followed discussions with the Food and Drug Administration that suggested the agency would not approve it based on submitted data.

Yentreve, which also is marketed as AriClaim, is approved in 27 countries outside of the United States.

Lilly said the companies "will evaluate all options for next steps once they have had time to fully understand the FDA's perspective." They will continue ongoing clinical trials for the drug, known chemically as duloxetine, as an incontinence treatment.

"Despite this decision, we continue to have confidence in duloxetine, which is currently available for the treatment of stress urinary incontinence in many other countries."

Patent for key Merck drug invalidated

Osteoporosis drug sold to more than 3 million people to be taken off market

Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — A federal court invalidated the patent on Friday for Merck & Co.'s second-largest selling drug, the blockbuster osteoporosis treatment Fosamax, in a decision that offers millions of patients hope for a cheaper version sooner, but darkens the company's already clouded outlook.

The company also was hit with news that the federal Securities and Exchange Commission is starting a formal inquiry into its handling of arthritis blockbuster Vioxx, which it withdrew from the market last year after studies showed it increased the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

Merck's shares tumbled in heavy trading.

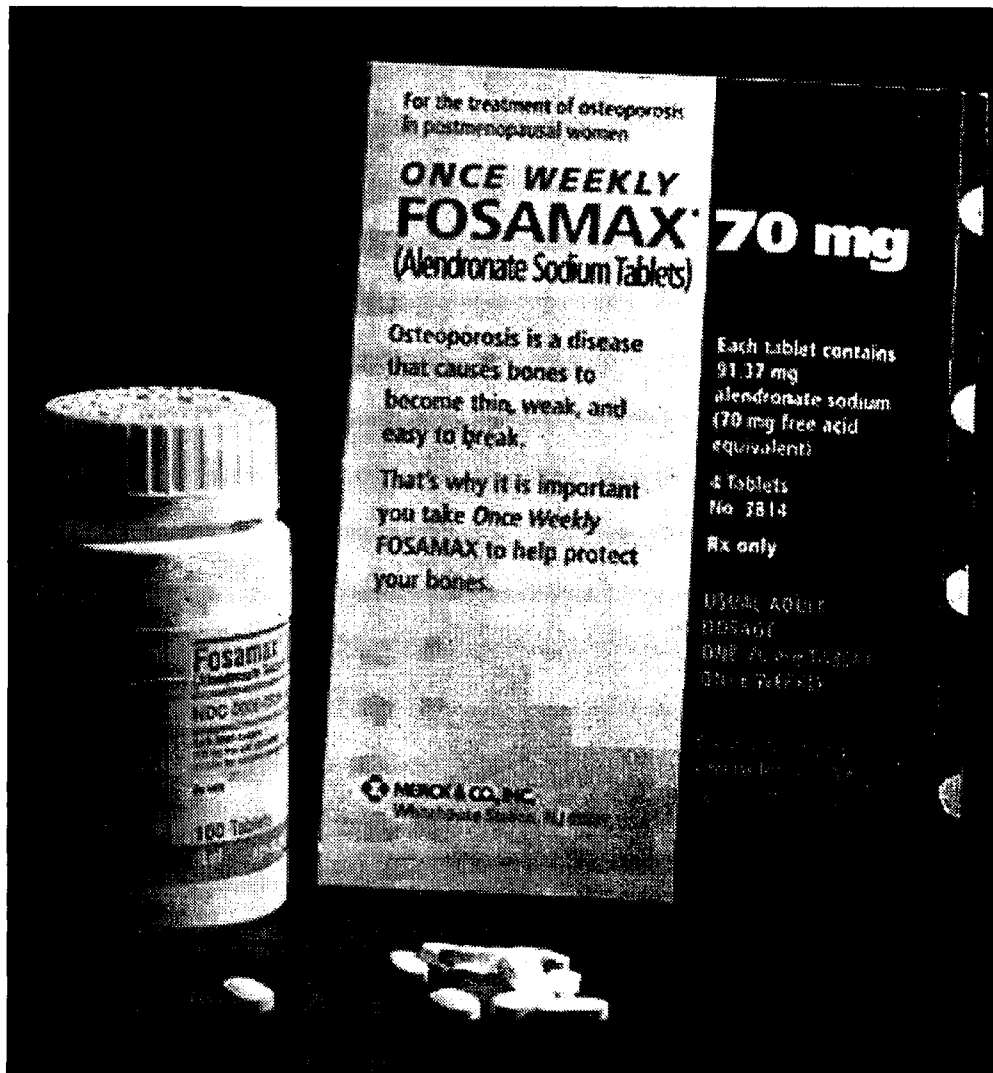
The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C., invalidated the patent for the once-a-week version of Fosamax, which dominates the market for osteoporosis drugs. More than 3 million people in the United States afflicted with the brittle-bone disease take Fosamax.

Under the ruling, generic competition could begin as soon as early 2008, instead of 2018. The main patent for the daily 5 milligram and 10 milligram versions of the drug already was set to expire in February 2008.

Fosamax is the No. 2 drug for Whitehouse Station, N.J.-based Merck. It reported sales of \$3.16 billion for Fosamax last year, more than 90 percent of which were for the 35 mg and 70 mg once-a-week versions, according to company spokesman Tony Plohoros.

Each version costs about \$80 for a month's supply.

"Merck disagrees with the opinion of the court of appeals and is considering its options, including a request for reconsideration by the court of appeals," Plohoros said.



Merck shares plummet with news of invalidated patent on Fosamax and SEC formal inquiry into arthritis blockbuster Vioxx.

The court's ruling was a blow to Merck, which faces a dearth of new drugs to offer, slumping sales from major drugs losing patent protection, and lost revenues and a slew of lawsuits over its withdrawal of arthritis blockbuster Vioxx.

Merck shares closed down \$3.16, or 10 percent, to \$28.02 Friday on the New York Stock Exchange. Nearly 57 million shares were traded, or roughly six times normal daily volume for Merck.

"It's a big deal," said Barbara Ryan, a managing director at Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. "Merck obviously has a lot of issues facing it, including the withdrawal of Vioxx from the market and the

loss of the Zocor patents in the middle of 2006."

Zocor, for high cholesterol, is Merck's biggest drug, with \$5.2 billion in sales last year.

"The profit impact could be very severe," Ryan said of the Fosamax patent loss.

Merck in 2003 lost two major products in late-stage trials that could have eventually replaced Zocor, said pharmaceuticals analyst Albert Rauch of A. G. Edwards & Sons Inc.

"How are you going to replace those revenues? That's what people are worried about," Rauch said.

Pharmaceuticals analyst Tim Anderson of Prudential Financial pre-

dicted the Fosamax decision will leave Merck with flat earnings in 2008. A once-monthly osteoporosis treatment called Boniva, produced by Switzerland's Roche Group, is due out in several months and is "an underappreciated threat," he added.

The appeals court's 2-1 decision on Fosamax reversed an August 2003 ruling by the U.S. District Court in Delaware, which had upheld the patent.

The once-a-week patent had been challenged by generic drugmaker Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. of North Wales, Pa., one of the country's largest generic drugmakers, with about 170 medicines on the market.

AUSTRIA

Heating oil prices not likely to change

Associated Press

VIENNA — A key OPEC committee recommended Saturday that the oil cartel keep its current output quota unchanged, its president said, signaling that oil producers believe current prices near \$50 a barrel are not too high.

Kuwait's oil minister Sheikh Ahmad Fahd al-Ahmad al-Sabah, who heads the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, said the recommendation to keep the quota at 27 million barrels a day was made by the group's Ministerial Monitoring Committee. That quota was set at the December meeting in Cairo, Egypt.

However, the group currently produces about 29.6 million barrels a

day.

"We believe that we (will) continue with the ceiling, but at the same time (need) to comply with the decision we made in Egypt," he said, adding that some cuts had already been made.

The 10 members of the group subject to quotas are overproducing by some 500,000 barrels daily, al-Sabah said. Iraq is not subject to the quota.

The full group will meet Sunday to decide whether to adopt the committee's recommendation, something it does not necessarily have to do. The committee's task is to take stock of conditions affecting the oil markets and offer policy recommendations to the full group.

"I think the consensus is that we're

not going to decrease," Algerian Oil Minister Chakib Khelil said.

The decision could heighten U.S. consumer concern about heating oil prices this winter, although one analyst said prices likely will remain stable for now.

The 11 members did say, though, that cuts could be made at the cartel's next meeting in Iran in March.

Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zangeneh said members should focus on improving compliance with the existing output target.

"One idea is that we have oversupply in the market and an increase in the level of stocks," which would be an argument for cutting production, he said.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Embrace diversity

Diversity Awareness. It's a catchphrase on campus and in our country's politics, but what does it really mean? Most fundamentally, diversity awareness means realizing that other students are different (in race, color, or creed) than you are. Moreover, it means realizing that one's actions should avoid marginalizing anyone, in the majority or minority.

That sounds great — who wouldn't agree that the entire Notre Dame student body should be unified? The trick is figuring out how best to achieve this universal goal. The Senate Diversity Committee has faced this difficult question in its attempt to make Notre Dame a better community.

We have all seen mistakes made during attempts to change the status quo. Many stereotypes about the majority groups on campus have been made in the name of diversity awareness, demonizing them as rich, white and intolerant Catholics who could never understand anyone different. Likewise, the good-faith efforts of minority groups have been reduced to the actions of an angry

few who need to "give it up." The truth, as always, lies somewhere in the middle.

Diversity at Notre Dame must move beyond tolerance and towards relationships. An increasingly diverse student body serves no purpose if the different groups within that body do not intertwine.

The purpose of diversity is to learn about one another and, in the process, learn about ourselves. So this message goes to all groups and students alike.

To the majority: leave your comfort zone and go meet new and different people. They exist, we assure you. This is a rare time in your life where you have access to people in your same position that could offer so many new things. We are all the same age, all students, all going through the same experiences. However, some of us come from different places and bring different perspectives. It is this opportunity to see life from perspectives other than your own that make college a rich and rewarding experience.

To the minority: There is no point in leaving home and going somewhere

new if you are not willing to take in the experience. Joining a small group of people that are the same as you and sheltering yourself off from the rest gives you no potential to grow.

Understandably, it is at first comfortable to face a change with people that can uniquely relate to you. But what is the use of never relating to anyone else? In the end, we are all privileged to be here and we should all take advantage of the opportunities offered. Even if the Office of Admissions did all it could to ensure that each new class is more diverse than the last, its efforts would be worthless unless the kid from Panama gets to know the kid from Panama City Beach, Fla.

It's Diversity Week at Notre Dame. Notre Dame can be a place where we will be able to openly discuss issues of religion, race and sexuality. We hope to dissolve social stratifications that limit students to sitting at certain tables in the dining halls. Conversations about coach Tyrone Willingham's firing or gay rights shouldn't begin and end with T-shirt designs. We must all realize that someone that disagrees with you is not necessarily ignorant; increased communication will enhance our university's social and intellectual experiences. Please join us in a step toward establishing a closer Notre Dame community.

Nicholas Coleman
Senate Diversity Committee Chair
Jan. 30



EDITORIAL CARTOON



OBSERVER POLL

What kind of discrimination do you feel is most prevalent at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Our Constitution is color-blind and neither knows nor tolerates classes among citizens."

John Marshall Harlan
former Supreme Court justice

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Monologues are art, not propoganda

I enjoyed Peter Wick's Jan. 27 column investigating campus reactions to the "Vagina Monologues." But I was surprised by his claim that if Eve Ensler were "a better artist she would have chosen a format that allowed her to acknowledge dissenting voices." It seems a misreading of the play's purpose and the purpose of art in general.

Ensler's play is designed to be deliberately provocative, like Ann Coulter's books or Michael Moore's films. All three take extreme positions in order to push the boundaries of public discourse. They take five steps to the left or right so that the general public may someday take one step. There is a word for creative endeavors that advance a particular political agenda to the exclusion of all other concerns — propaganda.

But make no mistake: Ensler's play is art, not propaganda. Its wit and compassion for its characters elevate it above the level of mere polemic. They lend the play a depth and breadth of spirit that that may allow it to resonate with audiences in 2050. By contrast, both "Fahrenheit 9-11" and "Treason" are so cir-

cumscribed by their agendas as to be artless.

Would the Vagina Monologues be better art if, as Wick suggests, they included dissent? Perhaps. But it's difficult to imagine how it could be integrated into the play. The resulting "dialogue" would seem to be like the ones that Notre Dame has regarding abortion and homosexuality — two diametrically opposed sides screaming invective at one another, each locked into an ideology that forbids compromise. Put Coulter and Moore in a room and see if they come out agreeing or dead.

As a centrist, someone who says, "There's nothing vulgar about saying 'vagina,'" but blushes as he says it, I, like Wick, welcome voices that provide evenhanded insight into multiple sides of controversial issues. But I do not claim, as Wick seems to, that a work of art ought to give the opposition equal airtime. After all, that is the purpose of a newspaper editorial page, not the theater.

Tom Miller
graduate student
Jan. 29

Play doesn't protect women

Violence against women, like many things in our world, is something that not only contributes to the breakdown of society, it also is just sad. As is our Catholic mission here at Notre Dame, we must reach out and protect all in society who are defenseless — battered women, victims of abortion, the poor and the list goes on.

However, I think those involved with the Vagina Monologues fail in this mission. I was absolutely appalled at the nature of Karla Bell and Molly Savage's letter on Jan. 27. How does this production help stop women's violence? If anything, it makes a woman's anatomy into something to be joked about, dishonored and trivialized. I believe this type of activity would promote violence against women more than protect against it. Why do people in the world mutilate these women and their bodies? The answer is that the women are seen as lesser, as not worth dignity and respect.

Trust me, ladies, by talking about your God-given bodies in such a vulgar way, you do not promote dignity for yourselves — you destroy it.

During early World War II, the Nazis would execute individuals by shooting them with guns

into a pit of bodies. However, they later changed methods. Not only were bullets becoming too costly, but the executioners were having trouble killing so many people, especially ones who spoke German. This was because the Nazis saw the people they were killing almost as equals. To hurt someone, a person must see the other as inferior. Otherwise, the task becomes more difficult.

The same applies to this case. Women who are abused, raped, prostituted and murdered are seen as less than human beings by their victimizers. We ought to promote things that go against this trend, not support it.

Even if some aspects of this production really do aim at goals of stopping violence, one cannot ignore the glaring ways in which this message is brought across. The body of a woman is sacred, and we should treat it that way, not only in our actions but also in our words.

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sophomore
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Jan. 29

Lecture series disappoints

As a Catholic and a pro-life feminist, I was pleased to see that two Notre Dame students, Christina Dehan and Anamaria Scaperlanda-Ruiz, had organized a series of on-campus talks entitled "The Maria Goretti Project: Empowering Women to End Violence." As we all know, violence against women is an issue of great concern, especially for college-age women, who are most often the victims of sexual assault, and for pregnant women, as homicide was the number one cause of death for pregnant women in the U.S. last year.

When I attended the series, however, I was disappointed to find that violence against women was only minimally discussed. On the other hand, the importance of stay-at-home mothering was given top billing two nights in a row. I wondered, as I sat in the audience, if there wasn't some ulterior motive behind the series, something not on the posters, something about the new feminism of Pope John Paul II. The vocation of motherhood is a fine and worthy topic for college women to discuss, most of us will be mothers, still, I felt a bit deceived as the series was advertised as being

about violence against women, when in fact its scope was much more broad.

Finally I think the choice of St. Maria Goretti was an unfortunate one. Maria Goretti was an eleven year-old when she was stabbed to death by her would-be rapist for refusing to submit her virginity to him. She reportedly shouted, "No it's a sin! I will not do it!" Canonized in 1950 for preserving her purity at the cost of her life and for forgiving the perpetrator, Maria is the patroness of women, purity and victims of rape. Maria's struggle, however harrowing, seems to suggest that a woman's holiness consists entirely in the extent to which she resists the sometimes violent advances of men. This, I think, is the kind of outdated thinking that has left so many women who have been sexually assaulted blaming themselves, and believing that they are responsible for their "sin."

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Jan. 29

U-WIRE

U.S. president should stay American



Should a foreigner be allowed to run for president? With another election four years away, this is a question you're going to hear thrown around more than a few times. Some will say it's a good thing, while others will refute that vehemently. As for myself, I'm completely against it.

Now, having said that, some people will mention how nonsensical it is to allow foreigners some offices but not all. Sorry, folks, this isn't the mayor of Cross Plains we're talking about, it's the president of the United States.

Whoever holds this office represents our country to the world, he or she is the embodiment of what we are all about. In my eyes, for someone to fit the aforementioned criteria, he or she has to be a natural-born U.S. citizen.

This is no dig against foreigners by any means. I have the utmost respect and admiration for people with enough guts to leave their country and seek a better life. After all, improving the quality of life for you and your descendants is something for which most aspire. I firmly believe these people who legally enter our country positively contribute to society. They are strong-minded, hard-working individuals.

However, I am still strongly opposed allowing them a chance to run for president. American-born citizens have a natural, innate patriotism that runs in their blood. It's something that cannot be taught or learned.

I am willing to bet an American-born person would die for this country. Would someone born elsewhere feel the same? Some would, but there would be others who would have to think about it or decline.

When you are speaking of the office of the president of the United States, that person must bleed red, white and blue.

Here's another scenario. Let's say foreigners are allowed to run for president, and someone from France gets elected. He's a great, upstanding individual with great ideas for this country's future. How do you think he would react if, during his term, we had to go to war against France, his homeland, a place where many of his relatives still reside?

Would he be able to do it? It would be an obstacle this man would have to overcome. There are enough hurdles to leap over already. It would be foolish to add another one.

Now, while this is purely hypothetical, it could come to pass if a foreigner were elected.

For all you conspiracy theorists out there: What if a vehemently anti-American migrated here with the purpose of running the United States into the ground? Don't think for a second there wouldn't be someone out there with this notion. If people are willing to attach bombs to their bodies and blow themselves up, this would be a walk in the park.

I know the chances of these two scenarios actually taking place are at best minute, but still, we cannot allow the possibility.

What it all comes down to is the fact that the president should be the epitome of American. Would the leader of an organization like the NAACP be Hispanic, Caucasian or Asian? No, because he simply cannot grasp the hardships or ideals of blacks. He can sympathize with them and even lend a helping hand, but unless you are born with that understanding, you never can relate truly.

It's my main fear that one day we will elect someone president who doesn't understand or realize what it is to be an American. That, or maybe I'm petrified that one day, I will be stuck choosing between Sen. Hillary Clinton and the Terminator.

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CONCERT REVIEW

The Chieftains impress at the PAC

World-renowned Irish group entertains with ease

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Kevin Conneff, a member of the Chieftains, sings at the show in the PAC Sunday night backed by the rest of the Irish band. The Chieftains shows are musically planned, but they make a point of leaving room for melodic improvisation while performing their shows.

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Writer

An incredible week has arrived at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Not only did we have the pleasure of a dynamite performance Sunday from the Chieftains, regarded by many as the centerpiece of traditional Irish music, but also Thursday evening marks the arrival of perhaps the most famous orchestra in the world.

"I think it's incredible that we're able to get groups with the notoriety of the Chieftains," said Notre Dame student Bridget O'Brien. "As a senior, I'm really excited to see all this happening now instead of next year."

But it really is happening here? At Notre Dame? Was everyone headed to Chicago and ran out of gas?

Whatever the circumstances, it is a musically historic week at Notre Dame, and the Chieftains kicked it off with an electric performance. In their show, they included numerous special guests and even the inclusion of a local group for the encore.

The band started the evening with two up-tempo Irish ballads, beginning the program with a great deal of energy. The ballads featured a solo on bagpipes and Irish tap dance by the Canadian brothers Jon (whom also doubled as a fiddler) and Nathan Pilatzke. The brothers were

astounding, as were traditional Irish dancers Cara Butler and Danny Golden. A group of younger Irish dancers from the World Academy also made an appearance in the show's second half. It was surprising to see such so much time distributed to dancing, but there were certainly no complaints about it.

The musical guest artists also demonstrated a standard of excellence. Spanish musician Carlos Nunez, who has collaborated with the Chieftains since 1990, performed on the Gaita (a Spanish version of the bagpipes), recorder, whistle, and bombard (a double-reed wind instrument, similar in appearance to an oboe). Nunez's music felt mystical and even curious. It seemed as if he were diving into elaborate improvisational phrases that did not stray far from the melody, and yet still felt too complicated to actually have been written out.

This perspective goes for much of the Chieftains' music as well; everyone performed the concert from memory, but it seemed unlikely that every note played was planned in advance. The Chieftains are very connected with the rhythmic and formulaic aspects of their music. However they make sure to allow for just enough room for melodic variation, so that they do not become separated from the heart of the music.

But just playing beautiful music is more than enough, as evidenced by guest artist Triona Marshall on the Irish harp. She did nothing complicated. She played her solos

sweetly and harmoniously, and she sounded dazzling.

After a finale that featured all of the musicians in a great jam session, the Chieftains brought out local Irish group Kennedy's Kitchen. One could feel the excitement on stage, with the fusion of two fine groups — one with worldly connections, the other playing in their own backyard — resulting in Irish music.

Paddy Moloney, the frontman for the Chieftains, endeared himself to the audience as the night went on. He cited the group's incredible history, which includes eighteen Grammy nominations and six Grammy awards. "We would've won seven Grammys for 'Down the Old Plank Road,'" he added, "but those Dixie Chicks were in the way."

Moloney was also very grateful to the PAC for the concert opportunity, noting towards the end of the concert, "We really enjoyed coming here. It's a fantastic theater, fantastic sound."

The audience gave the Chieftains a warm reception all night. "It's been good to hear traditional Irish music," said student Mike Cloughesy.

Chieftains fan John Brady gave the concert rave reviews. "It was fabulous," he said. "We saw [the Chieftains] in Chicago five years ago, and we liked them even better here."

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Canadian brothers Jon, left, and Nathan Pilatzke performed Irish tap dance together at the beginning of the show. Jon also played fiddle in the concert.



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Chieftains frontman Paddy Maloney leads the band in song. Maloney endeared himself to the audience through his performance and good natured humor.

Riley and Reckers feature student art

Art majors and selections for 'The Juggler' displayed on campus

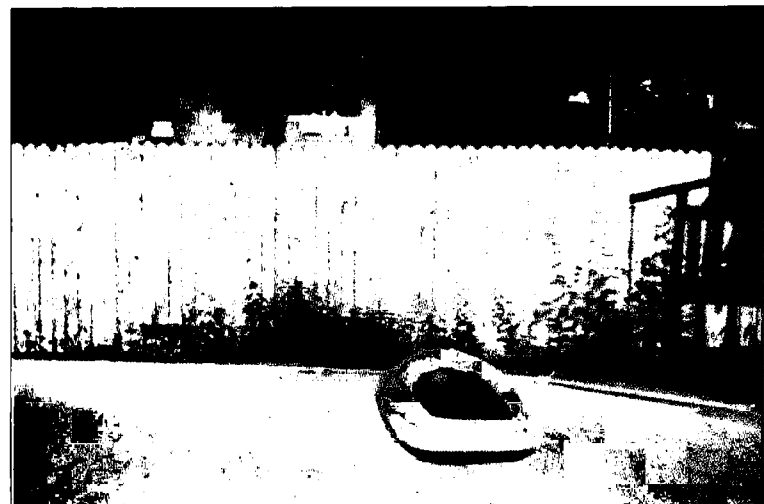


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Rachel Ourada photo "Backyard Pool" is featured in the Riley Photo Majors Show.



Photo courtesy of Brandon Kusz

Brandon Kusz created "Seeing You Within Me" by compositing two images he created together in Adobe Photoshop.



Photo courtesy of Mac Russell

This darker untitled piece by Mac Russell is from the Loss Series.



Photo courtesy of Michael Pina

Michael Pina's ultrachrome print called "Revisited" is one of the many black and white pieces featured in the Riley show.

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

It's not often you can walk into an exhibit and are able to say you know the artist. The current displays of Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate prints and photographs in Riley hall and Reckers may let you do exactly that. The exhibits are a chance to see some of the best work from students who spend the majority of their time inside Riley Hall working hard as art and design majors.

Riley

Time is running out to catch the work of student photographers in Riley Hall. The Annual Undergraduate Photo Major Exhibition, set up in the gallery in the front hallway on the western side of the building, will be taken down this week. The exhibition is one of two displays of student work presented annually in the Riley gallery, which is usually reserved for displays by professional artists.

At the end of the semester the gallery is also used to display the work of students graduating after earning their bachelor's degree. The Riley exhibit is one of the first chances many students have to display their work in a gallery setting, and it gives them a chance to learn how to frame and hang their work professionally. Graduate student Sheila Talbitzer Reynolds, who was in charge of organizing this year's exhibit and choosing the prints, was impressed by the quality and variety of the submissions.

"The show is incredible this time," she said.

The exhibit represents the work of 14 photo majors, each of whom submitted up to three different prints for Reynolds to choose. This year the department will also present juror's awards for two photos chosen by professors and graduate students from the department. The awards will be presented at the gallery reception, which will take place on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. on the second floor of Riley.

Reckers

Most students probably remember picking up "The Juggler" in the dining halls; but until this semester, few have had a chance to see any of the actual pieces of art featured in "The Juggler."

The magazine, which comes out once a semester, is intended to give students a chance to see some of the best new art being created by graduate and undergraduate students.

The magazine puts out a call for submissions once a semester and the editors choose particularly impressive pieces for publication. The new exhibit in Reckers will feature the original fine art prints and photographs featured in this semester's issue of "The Juggler," which is scheduled to come out next week.

"The exhibit is both a way to promote the magazine itself and to give the artists themselves a venue for showing their work outside it," Juggler editor Mary Predergast said. "While the magazine is dedicated to making the campus aware of the art that's being made here, it's obviously much better to see the work in person."

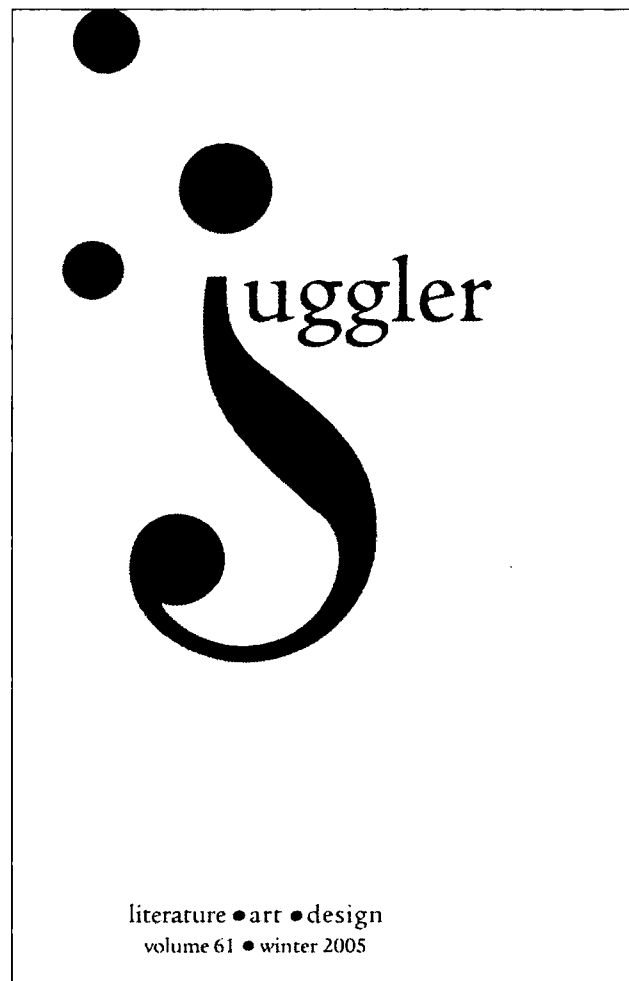
Exhibition organizer and The Observer's associate photo editor Chuy Benitez is currently completing the exhibit and plans to be finished by Friday.

Students can already see most of the prints on display in Reckers. The display does not have a scheduled ending date, but Benitez hopes Reckers will become a permanent gallery for art featured in "The Juggler," with a new display every semester in conjunction with the magazine.

Both the Reckers and Riley exhibits are free, conveniently located and open to all.

So the next time you walk by, stop in a take a look around for work created by your own friends and classmates.

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"The Juggler" features current art from both Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students.



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Caitlin Efta's color photograph contrasts herself to her twin sister Valerie Efta.



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Students view the artwork of fellow Notre Dame students on the second floor of Riley Hall.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Illini too much for Gophers, win 21st straight

Duke destroys Virginia Tech as Redick scores 29, rebound from recent loss

Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Illinois celebrated 100 years of basketball on Saturday and the top-ranked Illini made sure they didn't spoil the party.

Deron Williams had 18 points and six assists, and Illinois controlled the game from the opening tip in an 89-66 win over Minnesota.

"I think we wanted to come out and put on a show," Williams said. "We always want to get the job done, but it was a special night with the people in the crowd so we wanted to win it for them, too."

More than 300 former players and coaches were among the sold-out Assembly Hall crowd that watched the Illini (21-0, 7-0 Big Ten) open the game with a 10-1 run. Roger Powell Jr. scored five of his game-high 21 points during the spurts, and scored seven of Illinois' first 12 points.

Former Illinois coaches Harv Schmidt, Gene Bartow and Lou Henson were among those who came back for the celebration, which included a postgame introduction of the school's all-century team. Henson, who coached at Illinois for 21 seasons and led the Illini to their last Final Four appearance in 1989, was greeted with a standing ovation and a chorus of "Lou, Lou," from the crowd.

Henson has used a wheelchair since a bout with viral encephalitis last fall, but he stood in his bright orange blazer to accept the ovation just one week after retiring as head coach at New Mexico State.

Illinois, which wore replica 1989 uniforms for the game, stretched its conference winning streak to 17 games, tying a school record set from 1914-16. James Augustine had 15 points and seven rebounds, and Luther Head scored 10.

It was the first time in five games that Head failed to lead Illinois in scoring.

"Luther wasn't shooting the ball (well) from 3 and Deron stepped up," Illini coach Bruce Weber said. "Every day it's somebody else."

Minnesota (14-6, 4-3) had trouble with the Illini defense from the start, committing

turnovers on its first two possessions. The Golden Gophers were led by Vincent Grier, who scored 17 points.

"We were in a hole trying to come out of it," Grier said. "You can't play catch-up like that against the No. 1 team in the country."

Powell opened the game with a layup off a nice feed from Dee Brown. Williams hit a jumper, Head and Powell made 3-pointers and Powell sank two free throws to give the Illini a 12-4 lead with 16:34 to go in the first half.

"We really were reactive to start the game," Gophers coach Dan Monson said. "We just created a monster with our defense early."

While the Illini were scoring, Minnesota had to battle to get an open look. The shot clock expired on the Gophers' second possession and they were forced to take three shots in the first half with fewer than 5 seconds remaining on the shot clock.

Illinois took a 17-point lead on two consecutive 3-pointers from Williams and a third from Brown with 10:41 to go in the half before Minnesota came back with its own 7-0 run to cut the Illini lead to 29-19.

But Powell's jumper and two free throws from Augustine started a 14-5 run to close the half. Illinois led 47-26 at the break and Minnesota got no closer than 18 points after that.

Brown also had six assists for the Illini, who had assists on 21 of 33 baskets.

Rico Tucker scored 12 points for Minnesota. Dan Coleman had 11 and Jeff Hagen scored 10.

Reserve center Spencer Tollackson left in the second half after injuring his right knee in a fall underneath the basket. Monson said the injury was not serious and Tollackson was walking normally after the game.

Duke 100, Virginia Tech 65

Deron Washington found out early what he and his Virginia Tech teammates were up against.

About 90 seconds into the game, the forward was running back on defense when he got shoved hard from behind by

Duke's Shelden Williams. Washington went sprawling across the floor, then waited for the foul to be called.

The whistle never blew. "I was like, 'This game is going to be wild if that's the way it's going to be called,'" Washington said. "I flew from the 3-point line all the way out of bounds."

The Hokies' first trip to Cameron Indoor Stadium as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference didn't go much better after that.

Williams had a double-double by halftime and J.J. Redick scored 29 points despite a shaky performance at the free throw line, helping the second-ranked Blue Devils bury Virginia Tech Sunday night.

Williams finished with 25 points and 17 rebounds for Duke (16-1, 6-1), which bounced back from a home loss earlier in the week to Maryland. Daniel Ewing added 17 points.

"We wanted to come out and make a statement," Williams said. "We knew they were going to be a scrappy team, so we wanted to throw the first punch, so to speak."

Oklahoma St. 104, Colorado 86

Oklahoma State freshman James On Curry played a lot like a senior in his first start for the Cowboys on Sunday.

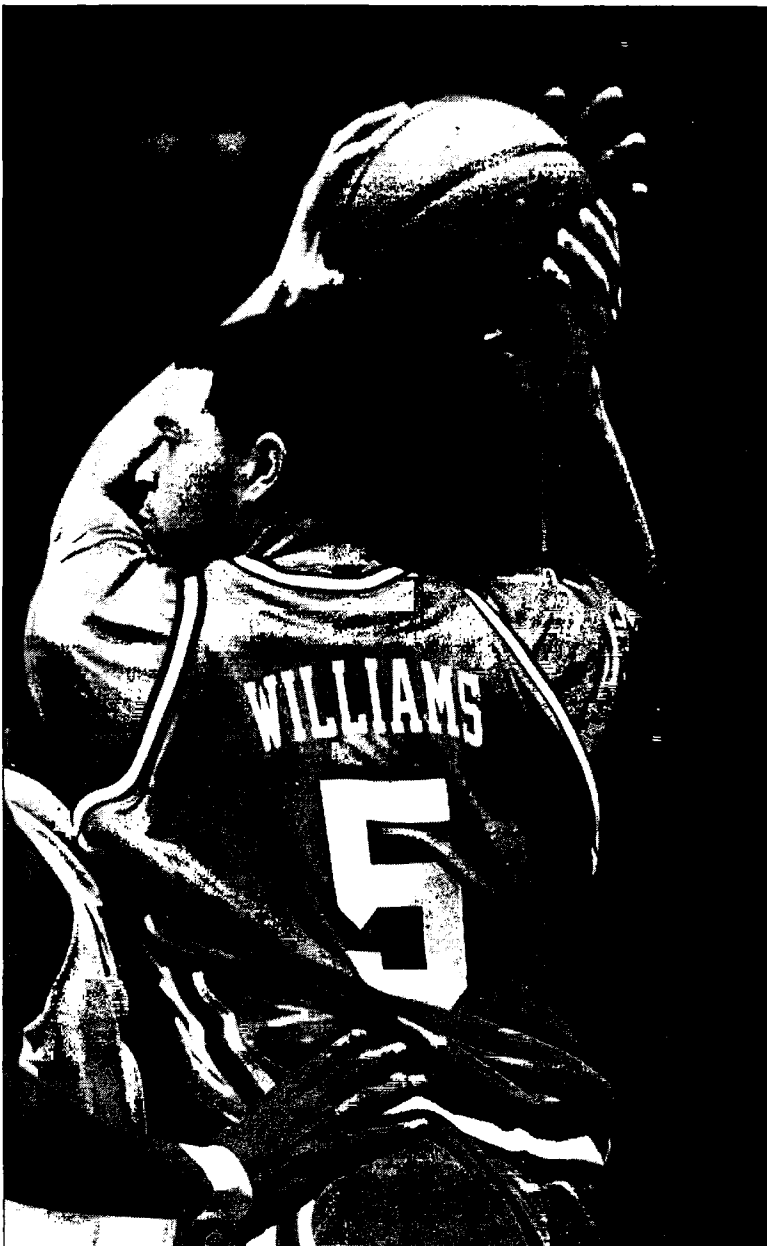
Curry scored 17 of his career-high 22 points in the second half and was 6-of-8 from 3-point range — including making all five in the second half — in No. 9 Oklahoma State's victory over Colorado.

Curry, who started in place of Daniel Bobik, helped shut down Colorado freshman Richard Roby, who burned the Cowboys (15-3, 5-2 Big 12) with four 3-pointers and 12 points in the first half.

Coach Eddie Sutton put Curry on Roby exclusively in the second half, and Curry held Colorado's leading scorer to just two more points in the game.

"The guy played a terrific game" said Curry's backcourt partner, John Lucas, who added he thought the pair are the best guard combination in the Big 12.

Curry was more reserved about his performance.



Illinois' Deron Williams looks to pass during the Illini's 89-66 victory over Minnesota Saturday.

"I had six steals and no turnovers, that's all that matters," he said.

Lucas scored 26 points for Oklahoma State, which won in Boulder for the first time since Feb. 24, 1996. The Cowboys also got their most points since scoring 108 against Oklahoma in 1989, when they played in the Big 8.

"I thought it was the best offensive performance we've had in a long time," Sutton said. "When your starting guards have 48 points, 12 assists and only one turnover, you're not going to lose very many games."

Andy Osborn and Chris Copeland each scored 19 points to lead the Buffaloes, who were outrebounded 36-23.

The Cowboys were 13-of-21 on 3s, while Colorado was a school-record 17-of-29. The 30 3-pointers was the most by two teams ever at Colorado's Coors Events Center.

Oklahoma State rebounded from a 67-57 defeat to No. 13 Oklahoma last Monday, when Lucas and Bobik combined to shoot 4-for-16 and Curry scored just four points.

The Buffaloes made 11 3-pointers in the first half.

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Syracuse	7-1	20-2
Pittsburgh	4-2	14-3
NOTRE DAME	5-3	13-5
Georgetown	5-3	13-6
Villanova	4-3	12-4
Connecticut	4-3	12-5
Seton Hall	2-4	10-7
West Virginia	2-5	12-6
Rutgers	1-6	7-10
St. John's	1-6	7-10
Providence	0-6	9-10

Women's College Basketball Big East Conference

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

Central College Hockey Association

team	CCHA	overall
Michigan	17-3-0	20-7-1
Ohio State	15-4-1	18-7-3
Northern Michigan	11-6-3	13-8-5
Nebraska-Omaha	10-8-2	14-10-2
Bowling Green	9-7-2	12-9-3
Alaska Fairbanks	7-10-3	8-11-3
Lake Superior State	6-7-5	7-13-6
Miami (Ohio)	7-10-3	11-13-4
Michigan State	8-9-1	13-12-2
Ferris State	4-13-3	9-16-3
Western Michigan	5-12-1	10-13-1
NOTRE DAME	3-13-4	5-18-5

MIAA Women's Basketball

team	MIAA	overall
Albion	10-1	18-2
Hope	10-1	17-2
Calvin	8-3	14-4
Tri-State	5-6	8-12
Kalamazoo	4-6	9-10
SAINT MARY'S	4-6	9-10
Adrian	3-8	6-12
Alma	2-8	7-9
Olivet	2-9	7-12

MLB



Sammy Sosa is only a few steps away from being traded from the Chicago Cubs to the Baltimore Orioles. The pending trade sends Jerry Hairston and two minor league prospects to the Cubs in return for the unhappy Sosa.

Sosa trade awaits approval from Selig

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa was once as popular as a fixture at Wrigley Field as the ivy-covered brick walls and the ancient scoreboard hanging over the center field bleachers.

Fans flocked to the neighborhood ball park to watch one of his majestic home runs, while other congregated in the streets to try and retrieve one of them.

Now he's on his way out of Chicago. A trade to the Baltimore Orioles for Jerry Hairston and two prospects is expected to reach Commissioner Bud Selig's desk Monday for approval.

From there, Sosa would need to pass a physical and the deal could be announced Wednesday or Thursday.

The once smiling slugger and the team he played for since 1992 are parting company. And not on happy terms.

"Sammy has been great for baseball and really great for the city of Chicago, and I'm sorry to see it end this way," Cubs manager Dusty Baker told the Chicago Tribune.

"It's really not what his legacy should be.

Sosa endeared many with his self-styled quirks — a home run hop, blowing kisses in rapid succession after retuning to the dugout, tapping his heart and racing to right field like a sprinter before each game to salute the fans in the bleachers.

Sosa feasted on the adulation from the fans, especially at Wrigley Field. They stayed with him even after he used a corked bat in 2003. But last

season, it began to turn as he struggled at the plate and the boos began to ring out from the frustrated home fans.

He batted just .253 — his lowest average since 1997 — and in 126 games finished with 35 homers and 80 RBIs.

Sosa, who often referred to himself as a gladiator, seemed to be surprised that people forgot what he had accomplished: 574 homers, including three separate seasons of at least 60, and — until last year when he had a back injury — nine straight 100-RBI seasons.

Others thought the showmanship got old. And it was no secret that his boom box that often sent out loud music throughout the clubhouse was not always popular with his teammates.

IN BRIEF

Williams overcomes injury to win Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams was losing and in pain, wincing on almost every swing. Her shots lacked their usual zing. Her hopes for a seventh Grand Slam appeared to be doomed.

Then, with a little help from the trainer, the woman who calls herself the toughest fighter in tennis started getting her power back. And it was top-ranked Lindsay Davenport who was in big trouble.

Williams rallied for a 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 victory in the Australian Open final on Saturday for her first Grand Slam title in 18 months.

She also extended her winning streak here to 14 matches.

Injuries had played a part in Williams' fall from the top spot in women's tennis, and it looked like her health would fail her again Saturday.

"I said: 'This is not happening again,'" she said.

Safin defeats Hewitt to win Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — Marat Safin finally won the Australian Open, overpowering Lleyton Hewitt 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 on Sunday night for his first title in the Gland Slam event after two runner-up finishes in the last three years.

The fourth-seeded Russian overcame a slow start to win his second Grand Slam title and end Hewitt's bid to become the first Australian champion since Mark Edmondson won the 1976 at Kooyong.

Safin, also the 2000 U.S. Open winner, ended top-ranked Roger Federer's 26-match winning streak in the semifinals Thursday before pushing aside the pesky Hewitt in the first night championship match in Grand Slam history.

Leonard overtakes faltering Ogilvie to win Hope

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Justin Leonard shot a 5-under 67 Sunday to overtake the faltering Joe Ogilvie and

win the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

Leonard finished the 90-hole tournament at 28-under 332, three shots in front of Ogilvie and Tim Clark of South Africa.

Ogilvie, still winless in his six years on the tour, had a closing 73. Clark shot 69.

Coming off his worst year since joining the tour full-time in 1995, former British Open champion Leonard rolled in six birdie putts and had just one bogey in the final round at PGA West's Palmer Course.

He began the day three shots behind the front-running Ogilvie, who had been tied for the lead or alone at the top since the opening round of the five-day event.

Defending champion Phil Mickelson, who also won the title in 2002, shot himself out of contention when he hit into the water on the par-4 No. 13 and took a double bogey.

His 71 left him tied for 12th at 21 under.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles drop meets to Albion and Calvin

By ANNA FRICANO
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The Belles suffered defeat this weekend against two conference opponents.

Both Albion and Calvin came out on top of the Belles, by scores of 157-72 and 184-45, respectively. The three-team meet was hosted by Albion, currently ranked at fifth place in the MIAA conference standings, one spot above the Belles.

Calvin currently sits in first place, with a 5-0 record. The team dominated the majority of the women's races, capturing firsts in nine of the 13 events.

The Belles struggled early in the race against the two teams, each with about twice as many swimmers as the Saint Mary's roster.

The first event of the afternoon seemed to provide a strong start for the Belles, who were coming off a loss to Kalamazoo one week ago. The Saint Mary's 200-yard medley relay team made up of sophomores Bridget Lebiecz and Nicole Korte, freshman Kelly Tighe and junior Sarah Nowak placed third in the event.

However, in the next women's event, the 1,000-yard freestyle, the Belles were unable to secure a scoring spot. For the

rest of the afternoon, the Belles seemed to be pushed out of top scoring positions by an array of swimmers from their opponents.

The sheer numbers of the other teams seemed to be the biggest factor in the outcome of the meet. Calvin has a women's team made up of 22 swimmers and Albion has 29 swimmers on the team.

With a Saint Mary's roster comprised of only 14 swimmers, the Belles could not keep up with the depth of their opponents.

The only first-place finish for the Belles on Saturday came from Nowak in the 200-yard individual medley, finishing in 2 minutes, 16.84 seconds. Nowak also came in second in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Junior Kelly Nelis came in third in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 26.62, as well as taking fourth in the 500-yard freestyle. Junior Katie Dingeman placed fourth in the 200-yard breaststroke, finishing in 2:34.52. Lebiecz and Nelis also contributed to the second-place finish made by the 200-yard freestyle relay, along with teammates Bridget Green and Lisa Balog.

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MEN'S TRACK

Benninger blazes through strong field in 3,000 meters

Irish take first place in seven events at tune-up for Meyo

By NATHAN DYER
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It was a day for great personal accomplishment Saturday, as the Irish welcomed Grand Valley State, Marquette, Michigan State, Loyola Chicago, DePaul and Butler to the Loftus Sports Center for the Notre Dame Indoor Invitational Meet. In a non-scoring meet, the men's team won seven events while the Irish women took 10.

Sophomore Kurt Benninger stole the show, winning the 3,000 meters with the fastest time in the NCAA, 7 minutes, 59.39 seconds. Benninger's great race not only qualified him for the NCAA Championships, but was only the fourth time an Irish athlete has broken the eight-minute mark in the 3,000.

"I was really happy to break eight minutes," Benninger said. "Hopefully my time stands up for the NCAA

[Championships], but I just have to let the rest of the season go as it may."

Fellow teammates and spectators watched as Benninger separated himself from the pack early on, running 68-second quarter-mile splits from the beginning of the race to the end, and simply never looked back.

Benninger looks to become the third Notre Dame runner in history to run a sub-four-minute mile next Saturday in the Meyo Mile at Loftus.

"As a team we ran very well. All of the guys really stepped up their focus and intensity and we had a very good meet," Benninger said.

Senior Selim Nurudeen continued his impressive career, again coming in first place in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 7.86 seconds. The senior stalwart came only .01 seconds short from claiming first in the 60-meter dash with a time of 6.85 seconds.

Multiple true freshmen also performed very well. Running in the 800 meters for the first time in his career, Adam Currie won the event with a time of 1:50.29, threatening the qualifying mark for the NCAA Championships in the process and putting himself in the mix to be one of the top contenders for the Big East title.

Fellow freshman Jamal Afridi qualified for the Big East Championships in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:55.08.

"The meet was a great tune-up for next week's Meyo Invitational," Afridi said. "[That] will really show us where our training is at against some of the best schools in the nation."

The Irish will host the Meyo Invitational Friday and Saturday, with events beginning at 7 p.m. Friday.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Brey issues challenge, team responds with win

It wasn't when the little leprechaun sitting on the rim prevented Marcus Williams' layup from tying the game that told Mike Brey the Irish would come out victorious Sunday afternoon.

It was when the where-has-that-been-all-season dunk came from the suddenly dominant Torin Francis a couple minutes earlier that told Brey the Irish would get the much-needed win.

"It's almost like we were thinking we're going to get this one today," Brey said. "You're in this business long enough and the games and there's a flow to them. You're thinking that's a heck of an exclamation point."

That's the impact play the Irish have been waiting to get in the magnitude of a game they have been waiting to win all season.

Out of nowhere

After two disappointing road losses and the missed opportunity against Syracuse three weeks prior to Sunday, no one expected this type of performance out of the Irish.

So where did it come from? It came from a challenge by their coach.

One heck of a challenge. "I challenged their manhood [on] Wednesday night after the game at Villanova and the last two days, and I'm going to challenge it [today]," Brey deadpanned after the game Sunday. "It's funny, we all know when that's challenged, especially us males, we react."



Matt Lozar

Sports Writer

"I thought they reacted well." Brey's challenge triggered something in his players.

It triggered something in Dennis Latimore to be the type of player many expected to see after he transferred from Arizona.

It triggered something in Chris Quinn to drive to the basket and be, as Brey said, a two guard in the Big East that people should have trouble guarding.

It triggered desperation in the minds of the players in the locker room.

"Our backs were against the wall," Irish co-captain Jordan Cornette said. "I don't know if we realized that more now. I wish we had realized that the whole time, but it's go time and everybody realizes that."

"We weren't coming out of here today with a loss."

Until being faced with their postseason options hanging in the balance, the Irish didn't play with any sense of urgency.

And finding that urgency resulted in their best win of the season.

Think back to after the Irish made a good offensive play Sunday, backpedaling down court, Chris Thomas would call out defenses and not be celebrating with the rest of the crowd.

Recall the noise of the scorer's table echoing throughout the Joyce Center after Brey kicked it midway through the second half when the Irish fell behind 58-52.

The Irish wanted and needed this game. They wanted it more than Connecticut. Jim Calhoun acknowledged after the game that the Irish made more plays down the stretch necessary to win such a big-time game.

For the first time all season, they refused to lose. And they didn't.

What's it all mean?

On paper, it's a win — a very good win — for the NCAA tournament resume. It gets the Irish to 5-3 at the halfway portion of the Big East schedule. In this conference, that's no small feat.

In the locker room, it does even more.

It tells the backcourt making double-digit 3-pointers isn't mandatory to win, even against one of the better frontcourts in the country.

It gives them confidence going into the next three games against three more ranked teams.

Now Brey's job is to keep the confidence from going too high. With this veteran team, that shouldn't be hard.

Yes, the locker room was upbeat after the game, but Brey's postgame press conference was low-key.

That's because Brey knows it's only one game. And he knows what's coming up in the next three games.

In the Big East, that's the only way to take it. Every game is extremely valuable and getting too high or too low after each one will do more harm than good by March.

That's why Brey's mood didn't hit those extremes during the past three games.

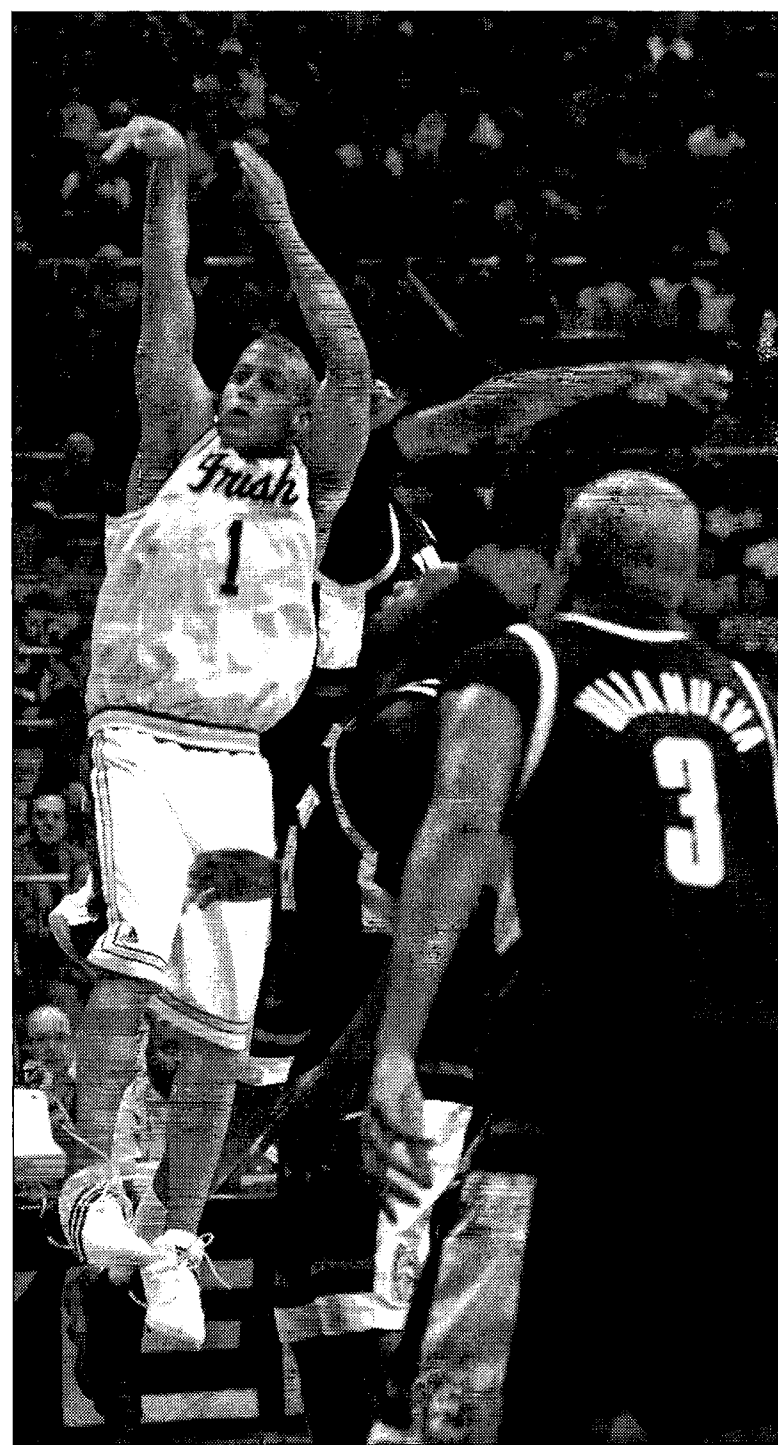
"I wasn't suicidal after Georgetown and Villanova," Brey said. "I'm going to go home, have dinner and be thankful we're 5-3."

Before going home, Brey might want to stop at the Grotto on the way.

And light a candle for that little leprechaun.

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

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Notre Dame's Chris Thomas follows through as Connecticut's Charlie Villanueva looks on during Sunday's 78-74 Irish win.

ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Bouvron, Irish come up short at Michigan

By MIKE TENNANT
Sports Writer

There were ups and downs this weekend in Ann Arbor, and in the end Michigan prevailed yet again.

The No. 25 Irish won seven events Friday at the University of Michigan, but it was not enough, and the No. 17 Wolverines won the meet 161-138.

Leading the way for the Irish was fifth-year senior and All-American diver Meghan Perry-Eaton. The Big East Championship's Most Outstanding Diver in both 2003 and 2004 won both springboard diving events, breaking her own record on the 1-meter board by almost six points. Her score of 328.43 on the 1-meter board was almost 15 points better than runner-up Alexis Goolik.

Also highlighting the trip for the Irish were sophomore Katie Carroll and junior Olympian Christel Bouvron.

Carroll won the 200-yard

individual medley, posting an NCAA "B" cut time of 2 minutes, 37.75 seconds.

"When I dove in my goggles fell a little, so I think the only thing on my mind was to finish the race as soon as possible so I could see again," Carroll said.

Carroll is the defending Big East Champion in the event, and was an honorable All-American selection, but has been sidelined for most of the year by injuries.

"I haven't had many meets this year so I kind of wanted to make a statement not only to my coaches but also to the Big East ... tell them 'we're ready,'" Carroll said.

Bouvron won both the 100 and 200-yard butterfly events.

Her time in the 200 of 2:01.95 was nearly five seconds faster than the rest of the field, and she missed the NCAA "B" cut by a slim three-tenths of a second.

It was the fastest time in the Big East.

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ND WOMEN'S TRACK

Cowan clears bar for Irish

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After Stacey Cowan cleared the high jump bar, 1.80 meters above the Loftus Center field, she hit the mat and let out a squeal of joy. This expression of emotion summed up her feeling and that of her entire team as the Notre Dame women's track team dominated its second straight home meet.

The Irish duplicated last week's performance by winning 10 of 15 events.

Cowan's jump, her personal best this season, and fourth best in the NCAA this season, was one of many highlights for the Irish on Saturday.

Tiffany Gunn dominated the 400 and 500-meter events, winning both in personal best times. Petra Dankova won both of the horizontal jumping events by taking the long jump

and triple jump titles.

A trio of Irish freshmen emerged victorious this weekend as well. Sunni Olding, a contributing member of Notre Dame's fourth-place NCAA cross country team, won her first ever collegiate track race, taking the mile in a personal best time of 4 minutes, 51.98 seconds.

Brienne Davis won the 200 meters and sprint standout Dominique Manning won the 60-meter hurdles. The success of the youngest members of Notre Dame's team was a highlight of Saturday's

meet in the eyes of coach Tim Connelly.

"We had a lot of success on Saturday with PR's [personal records], and victories, but I was most impressed with our inexperienced runners who ran solid races, Connelly said. "Our milers were especially impressive, as we had several PR's in that race,"

"Our milers were especially impressive, as we had several [personal records] in that race."

Tim Connelly
Irish coach

Other winners included Maryann Erigha in the 60-meter dash and Meghan Horn in the shot put.

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Connelly clinched the doubles point, beating Katie Martzolf and Danielle Schwartz 8-1 at No. 2 and improving their record to 14-4, and a 3-1 record in dual matches.

Sarah Jane Connelly said securing the doubles point was pivotal to the team's success.

"It's so important to get the doubles point," Connelly said. "It's easier to win three singles matches instead of four and there's a lot less pressure."

Adding to the team's momentum, sophomore twins Catrina and Christian Thompson defeated No. 33 Karin Coetzee and Ashlee Davis 8-3 at No. 1. The nationally ranked No. 2 Thompsons remain unbeaten this spring and are 12-2 this year.

No. 85 Buck capitalized on the

team's momentum following singles, upsetting No. 16 Coetzee 6-1, 6-1 at No. 2 singles. Coetzee had been a 2004 NCAA singles Championship qualifier last year, and has been ranked as high as No. 10 during her career. Coetzee, who hails from South Africa, was the runner-up in last fall's ITA Southeast Championships.

At No. 6, Alex Hirsch collected the first point for Wake Forest, beating junior Liz Donohue 6-3, 6-3. But Connelly extended her six match winning streak, putting the team within a point of the victory, besting Schwartz 6-4, 6-4 at No. 4.

Stastny clinched the win for the Irish at No. 5, with a victory over Jenna Loeb 6-3, 6-1. At No. 3 singles, Christian Thompson followed up Stastny's win, claiming a victory over Martzolf 6-2, 6-2 to extend the Irish advantage to 5-1.

No. 69 Catrina Thompson was the last to walk off the courts,

falling to the No. 77 Davis. In the fiercely contested match at No. 1 singles, Davis pulled ahead in the tiebreaker 7-6 (7-5), 2-6, 1-0 (10-8) to tally the Deacon's final point.

Sarah Jane Connelly said although the Irish walked away with the victory Sunday afternoon, the Deacons proved to be anything but a pushover.

"Wake Forest was definitely a better team than their No. 30 ranking," Connelly said. "We really had to compete today."

The Irish will take a brief respite from competition before taking on No. 35 Harvard on Feb. 11. Connelly said the team plans to utilize that time off to recover and to revitalize themselves for the rest of their rigorous schedule.

"We're not stopping here," Connelly said. "There's still a lot more wins to get this season."

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ent as Sunday's final two matches dragged into third sets, with the Irish on the sidelines throwing themselves into supporting their teammates on the court.

The No. 34 Irish improved to 6-0 with the weekend's victories.

In Saturday's action, the Irish began their rout of the Tar Heels with victories at No. 2 and No. 3 doubles. Parbhu and Eric Langenkamp put the Irish within a point as they posted an 8-3 win at No. 2, and Stephen Bass and Barry King followed with an 8-6 win at No. 3 to seal the point for the Irish.

Patrick Buchanan quickly finished David Stone at the No. 6 spot with a straight set 6-3, 6-4 victory. Bass went down to No. 66 Raian Luchici at No. 1, but the Irish quickly rebounded as Parbhu topped Benjamin Carlotti 6-3, 6-2 at No. 4.

The clincher came at No. 3, as King used a second-set tiebreaker to defeat Geoff Boyd 6-4, 7-6 (7-0).

Akhvlediani would be sidelined with an ankle sprain for Sunday's match, and Bass spent Saturday night in the emergency room after getting a particle stuck in his eye. However, the Irish came out strong again in doubles against Florida State.

Although Bass and King would lose at No. 3 in a quick 8-2 show-down, D'Amico and Keckley held fast to an 8-6 win and Langenkamp and Parbhu clinched the point with an 8-4 defeat of the Seminoles.

The singles matches turned into nail biters, however, as Buchanan's strenuous efforts in the second set could not secure a victory at No. 5. His 6-1, 7-5 loss preceded Keckley's 7-5, 6-4 victory at No. 6. Bass had chances in a 6-4, 6-4 defeat at the hands of Mat Cloer at No. 1, but was unable to get ahead.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Team posts 3 wins over the weekend

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Emotionally-draining losses usually set up two scenarios for a team. One, it can fold and drop a contest that should have been within its grasp. Or two, a team can dig deep and make a statement in its following competition.

This weekend, Notre Dame proved its mettle, falling into the second scenario.

Swimming with passion, the No. 21 Irish erased any lingering doubts following their heart-breaking loss to No. 14 Northwestern last Saturday. Posting three solid victories on the road, Notre Dame (9-2) swept past both Cleveland State (8-3) and Canisius (0-10) on Friday and St. Bonaventure (6-4) on Saturday.

"We wanted it to be [a statement swim]," head coach Tim Welsh said. "We talked after finishing our meet last week about how the rest of our season was on the road and the [Big East] Championships were on the road. In the Championships, we race at night and the following morning so we wanted to be able to race well one night and then again the following morning."

The Irish set four Reilly Center Pool records en route to a 150-87 victory against St. Bonaventure on Saturday afternoon. Finishing first in all 11 swimming events and both diving competitions, Notre Dame showed few signs of fatigue after its Friday dual-meet.

Junior Doug Bauman, junior Patrick Davis and freshman Jay VandenBerg set individual pool records in the 200-yard backstroke (1 minute, 51.02 seconds), the 500-yard freestyle (4:38.80) and the 1,000-yard freestyle (9:23.51). The 400-yard medley relay team of Bauman, junior Tyler Grenda, sophomore Tim Kegelman and senior Frank Frakowski rounded out the Irish quartet of pool records, with a time of 3:26.52.

"What's interesting is the symmetrical-ness of it all," Welsh said. "Northwestern set four pool records against us on Saturday and then we went out and set four pool records against St. Bonaventure this Saturday."

The Irish propelled themselves to a quick start, leading 29-6 after two events. Notre Dame won the 400 medley relay by more than six seconds in the first race of the meet, breaking the pool record.

"The 'get a good start and increase your lead' philosophy works every time but it's just hard to do," Welsh said.

The margin would only widen from there. Sophomore Louis Cavadini and senior David Moisan took the two top spots in the 200-yard freestyle race with times of 1:44.87 and 1:45.98, respectively.

Saturday's competition wasn't the only source for individual Irish accolades. Sophomore Ted Brown (9:22.88) and Davis (9:25.02) also posted the two fastest unshaved 1,000-yard freestyle times in Irish history during Friday's meet at Cleveland State.

En route to their 137-101 victory against Cleveland State and a 172-53 win against Canisius, the Irish again got off to a quick start. The team won seven of the first nine races to set the pace early.

After sweeping through the weekend's meets, the Irish also clinched their eighth winning season in the last 10 years.

"Obviously, a winning record is where we start from and we'd like to do that every year," Welsh said. "Our focus this year has been really on getting ready for the Championships. If we race well along the way, a winning record is what comes with it."

Notre Dame only has one more regular-season meet ahead — a road meet at Oakland University in Rochester, Mich. Beyond that meet, the Big East Championships loom.

And with all the success the Irish have achieved this season, they'll be hungry to make one final statement on the season.

"The excitement mounts," Welsh said. "We are in a countdown until the start of the Big East Championship. And yet the meet Saturday at Oakland is an important preparation meet for us. We think that there's plenty to get done to make sure we're as ready as possible for our Big East Championship run."

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HOCKEY

Irish lose 2 straight to Falcons

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The look on Morgan Cey's face midway through the third period of Saturday night's game against Bowling Green said it all.

The Irish goalie looked dismayed while leaning over the team bench, watching Notre Dame finish out a 6-2 loss, their eighth consecutive defeat dating back to Jan. 7.

For the Irish, it has been a season of frustration, a seemingly endless amount of losing, which again came to light this weekend as the Irish dropped both games to Bowling Green in a home-and-home series.

Friday night's game started out with the Falcons getting three quick goals in the first 12:46 of the first period.

Taylor Christie scored for Bowling Green at 8:33, putting a rebound past Irish goaltender David Brown.

Just over three minutes later, Ryan Minnabarriet scored at 11:42 on the power play for the Falcons, after a Brett Pilkington shot deflected off Brown right to Minnabarriet who was in perfect position for the put back.

Things did not improve for Notre Dame.

About a minute later, at 12:46, Steve Brudzewski scored on a one-timer from James Unger, who was situated behind the net.

Irish right wing Michael Bartlett scored midway through the second period at 10:23 to cut the Bowling Green lead to 3-1. But another Minnabarriet goal early in the third period at 5:23 put the game out of reach.

Saturday night, both teams traveled to the Joyce Center to play the second of two games, but the only thing that changed for the Irish was the arena and the final score in the loss.

Once again, the Irish quickly found themselves down early in the game.

James Unger started the scoring at 13:30, when he took the puck from the left side, beat an Irish defender and found himself with an open net to give Bowling Green a 1-0 lead.

Bowling Green quickly added on another goal at 14:10, when Alex Foster found Mike Falk in front of the net with another



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Notre Dame's Jason Paige looks for an open teammate as Bowling Green's Taylor Christie defends Saturday.

look at an open goalmouth.

"At that point we had given up two scoring chances and two goals," Irish coach Dave Poulin said.

"We showed them tape this morning of the game [on Friday] and it was eerily like last night's game where we played very well for a lot of the game, and we had our chances again tonight."

"We have to bury our chances early in the game before it's out of hand."

Unfortunately for the Irish, things did get out of hand.

Early in the second period, Falk scored his second goal of the game at 2:20 when Jonathon Matsumoto found the Bowling Green forward in front of the crease with another open look.

The scoring continued for Bowling Green when they tacked on two more goals at 9:17 and 9:27 in the second period by Minnabarriet and Derek Whitmore, pushing the score to 5-0 — and prompting Poulin to pull goalie Morgan Cey from the game.

Minnabarriet's goal came on a 5-on-3, a play Poulin identified as the turning point in a game, which was still very much in reach.

"The call to put us two men short ... the interpretation was a directive on the NCAA video, and it didn't fit the description to me at all," Poulin said. "And then I watched it on video, and

it clearly didn't."

Jason Paige was whistled for hitting the goalie, despite Poulin's contention that Sigalet was never touched.

Matt Amado put the Irish on the board at 19:14 for the Irish after a Bowling Green turnover left the Irish forward with the puck in the slot. Amado beat Sigalet for the first Irish goal of the night.

Bowling Green and Notre Dame traded third period goals, as Ben Geelan scored on a one-timer from Minnabarriet for the Falcons at 6:33, and Mark Van Guilder scored on the power play from in front of the net at 15:09 for the Irish.

Following the game, Poulin had an optimistic view about the way in which the Irish played in the losses.

"You're going to look at this weekend and say we got swept 4-1 and 6-2, and I'm going to look at it and say you start to play well before you win and unfortunately we played better this weekend than we've had," he said.

Notre Dame will have to regroup for a pair of home games next weekend against Nebraska-Omaha.

Of the eight remaining games for the Irish, six of them are home — one of those home matches scheduled to be played in Fort Wayne against Michigan.

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Fencers

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that time, including the duals with Penn State and Northwestern, coach Janusz Bednarski did not mind finishing out the day Sunday without one of his top fencers.

"We need to give the backup fencers some experience," he said.

While the women were able to avenge their sole defeat, the No. 4 ranked men's team was unable to beat the Buckeyes in their second try, losing by an identical 16-11 score. Despite another strong effort in the epee, where the Irish, led by senior Michael Sobieraj and sophomore Aaron Adjemian, dominated the Buckeyes 7-2, the team could not muster much of an attack in the other two weapons. The Irish attack was especially frustrated in the sabre, where Ohio State, led by two-time defending cham-

pion Adam Crompton, swept the Irish 9-0.

"I expected the loss. The result is not showing the intensity of the bouts; lots of bouts were 5-4," Bednarski said, adding "however, we should not lose 9-0."

The loss was not the only one for the Irish men, as No. 2 Penn State bettered them 15-12 on Saturday. The defeat was again characterized by an opponent's domination in one weapon — this time in the foil. The foils, who are struggling without All-American Derek Snyder who will miss the season recovering from hand surgery, managed to win only two matches against the Nittany Lions. Led by an undefeated Soberiaj, the epeeists highlighted a 42-3 day by winning six of nine.

The women, on the other hand upheld their perfect record, defeating No. 3 Penn State 16-11 on Saturday. Kryczalo, Ament, Zagunis, and sophomore sabre Valerie Providenza led the charge against the Nittany Lions,

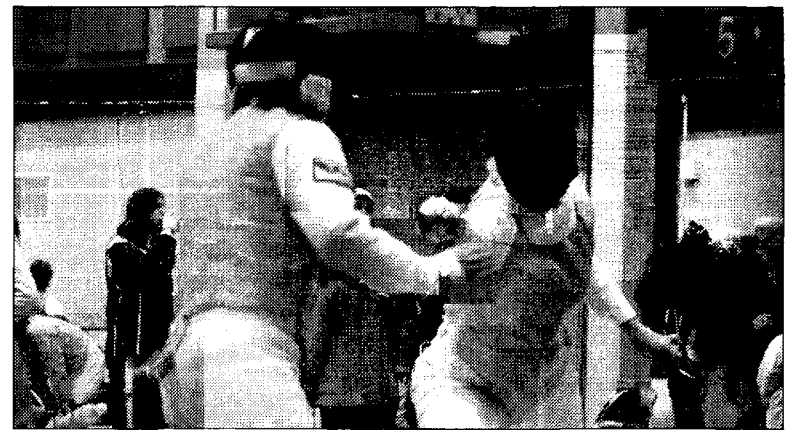
with all of them going undefeated. The match featured a rematch of the 2004 sabre title bout, as defending champ Providenza again defeated Sophia Hiss, this time by a score of 5-4.

"The women's team really did a great job," Bednarski said.

The Irish faced little other competition, as both the men's and women's teams rolled through the rest of the field. Despite its No. 6 ranking, Northwestern, who only fields a women's team, proved to be no match, as the Irish easily defeated them 20-7. The women and men triumphed over Michigan by scores of 25-2 and 24-3, respectively, and both squads had identical scores against Wisconsin, Cal-State Fullerton and Michigan State by respective scores of 27-0, 25-2 and 24-3.

Bednarski was pleased with Saturday's results.

"We beat Penn State in women's, lost minimally in men, and overall we beat them," he



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Irish foilist Alicja Kryczalo, right, battles her Ohio State opponent at the Notre Dame Duals Saturday.

said. "[Saturday] was a pretty good day."

The Irish continued their success on Sunday. Other than the men's loss to Ohio State, both teams cruised through the rest of the teams, topping Cleveland State, Detroit, Lawrence, Wayne State and Chicago without difficulty.

Despite their early accomplishments, the team leaders do not seem inclined to rest on their accomplishments.

"In the long run, we have to keep moving forward," Walton said.

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from long range but outscored Connecticut (12-5, 4-3) 38-20 in the paint Sunday to come away with a much-needed 78-74 win at the Joyce Center.

"This is the team we said we were going to be at the beginning of the season," Chris Thomas said.

Notre Dame connected on 6-of-23 3-point attempts, but the team shot 42.6 percent overall and made of 14-of-20 free throws, all of which came in the second half.

Torin Francis led the Irish with 19 points, grabbing seven rebounds and limiting Connecticut center Josh Boone — who averages 14.8 points and 9.6 rebounds — to six points and

two rebounds.

"We really battled physically today," coach Mike Brey said. "I'm really proud of our front-line. I think they responded in the Villanova game, especially Torin, but to do what they did on the backboard and scoring inside was a key to the game [today]."

The Irish had 36 rebounds to the Huskies' 41, a formidable showing considering Connecticut leads the nation in rebounding.

Thomas reinforced his belief in the importance of an established inside game.

"We just want to make an effort to get our big [guys] touches, get them confident," he said. "So many teams have been going inside against us, so we want to be able to counter that with our big [guys] having confidence on the offensive end as well."

Francis, Dennis Latimore (12 points, nine rebounds) and Rick Cornett (six points, one rebound) gave Notre Dame its first consistent inside-out offensive sets of the season. Francis, however, was the star against one of the nation's top frontcourts in Boone, Charlie Villanueva and freshman Rudy Gay.

"The perimeter has confidence in me," Francis said. "They are giving me the ball down low. They know I'll make the right decision if I get doubled, I'll kick it out. If I don't, I'll take it up strong."

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun did not elect to double-team Francis often, and in the waning stages of the game it cost the Huskies.

With 2:44 remaining in the game and Connecticut up 74-72, Francis took a baseline pass from Thomas and flushed the

ball down over Villanueva for the basket and the foul. The Irish center missed the foul shot out of the TV timeout, but the Huskies did not score the rest of the way.

Connecticut's defeat was sealed with 15 seconds remaining. Husky sophomore point guard Marcus Williams (10 points, 16 assists) stripped Notre Dame's Chris Quinn but missed the layup to tie the game.

Thomas made two foul shots to extend the lead to four and end the ballgame.

Following a jumper by Connecticut guard Denham Brown (9-of-15, 20 points) with 5:07 to go, Thomas scored or assisted on every Notre Dame basket to close out the game. His 3-point shot to answer Brown's jumper gave the Irish momentum and helped them hold Connecticut scoreless for the

final 3:09 of the game.

"This team doesn't need my scoring," Thomas said. "It needs my confidence. It needs my play-making ability. And that's what I did. I saw the opportunity there and I put in the dagger."

The Irish win snapped a two-game losing streak after Notre Dame dropped consecutive Big East contests to Georgetown (55-54) and Villanova (65-60) this past week.

"We've kind of been all over the board with different people stepping up at different times of the season," Thomas said. "But right now we have to ride what's working for us, and we're controlling tempo."

Notre Dame played a quicker tempo Sunday, going into the half with Connecticut up 41-39.

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had lost at home in a regular season Big East game since a Feb. 27, 1993 contest against Georgetown.

"We're extremely excited and proud of our effort tonight," Duffy said. "We've never come into Storrs and beaten them on their home court. It was a total team effort."

Notre Dame All-American Jacqueline Batteast logged 37 minutes, but was mostly ineffective thanks to having the stomach flu. She finished the game just 3-of-17 from the field for nine points.

Despite Batteast's struggles, the Irish still got payback on their biggest conference rival.

"I thought we were more aggressive and not intimidated, and I just felt we played our game and did what they did to us," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

Notre Dame forced 16 first-half turnovers and converted those possession changes into 17 points. Extending their 2-3 zone defense and using a full-court press at times, the Irish continuously pressured Connecticut's point guards and intercepted numerous sloppy cross-court passes.

"I thought they took a lot of time off the clock, and we were able to get some deflections which led to steals," McGraw said.

Notre Dame took command of the game late in the first half by sprinting off a 10-0 run that helped give the Irish a 34-24 halftime advantage.

But Connecticut came roaring back in the second half, cutting the

lead down to two at 38-36 on a Jessica Moore layup with just more than 16 minutes left. The Irish battled to stay in front, and extended their lead back to seven when Charel Allen drained a field goal with 10:58 remaining. Allen ended the game with 11 points on 5-of-6 shooting.

With 4:36 left, Ann Strother, who finished the game with 25 points and seven 3-pointers, drilled a 3-pointer to trim Notre Dame's lead to just one at 52-51. On the ensuing Irish possession, Batteast nearly lost the ball out of bounds before firing a pass to Allen in the corner of the court. With the shot clock winding down, the freshman swished a 3-pointer, putting Notre Dame back up by four.

Notre Dame extended its lead to five on a LaVere layup before Strother hit another 3-pointer to make the score 61-59. The Huskies quickly fouled Duffy, who came into the game as the fourth-best free throw shooter in the nation at 91.6 percent. The junior calmly sank both shots and all but ended Connecticut's hopes for a comeback.

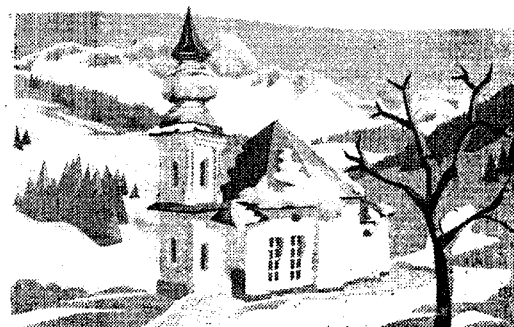
"This whole season I've just had a great amount of confidence at the free throw line," Duffy said. "It was so loud with the fans and everything. We needed two points, and I just stepped up and there were absolutely no nerves whatsoever."

The win puts the Irish at 19-3 and 6-2 in Big East play and drops Connecticut to 13-5 overall and 6-1 in the conference.

Notre Dame faces Boston College at the Joyce Center Wednesday

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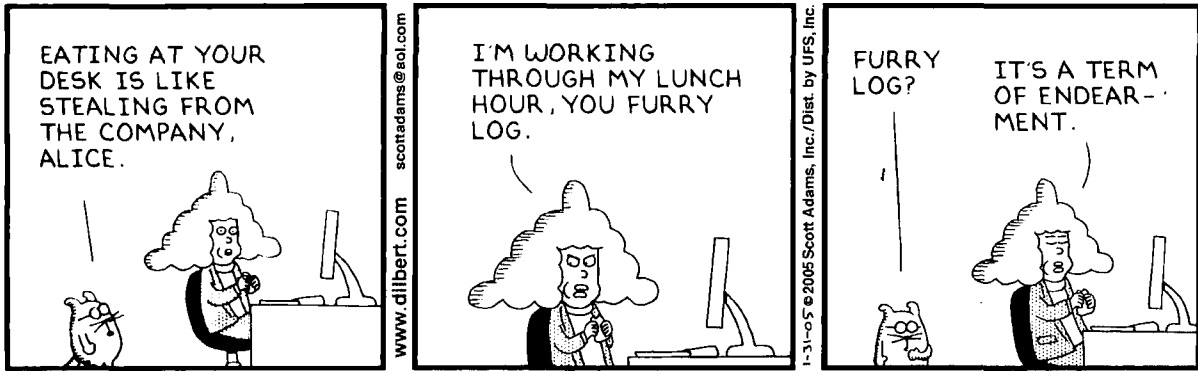
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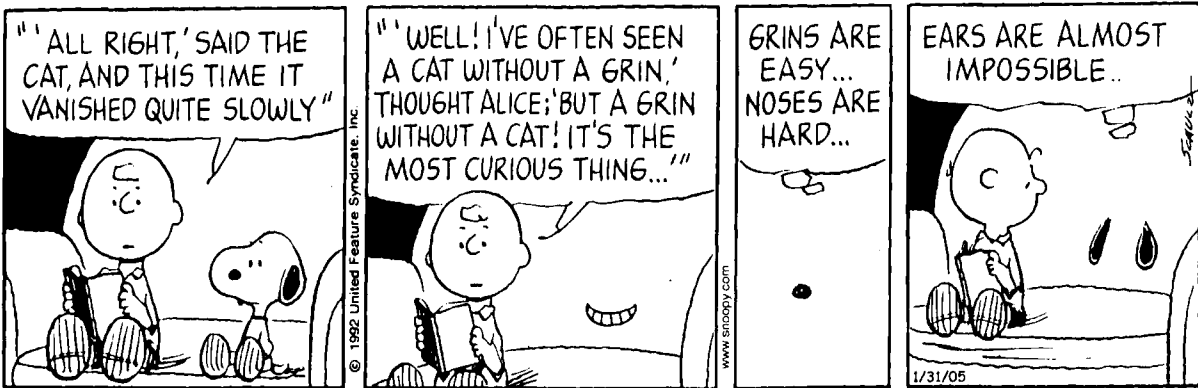
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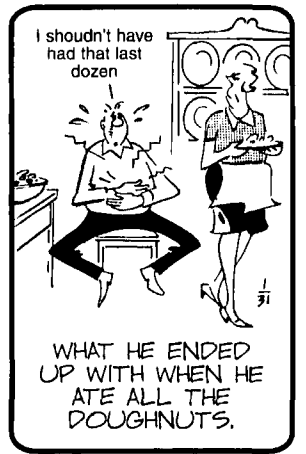
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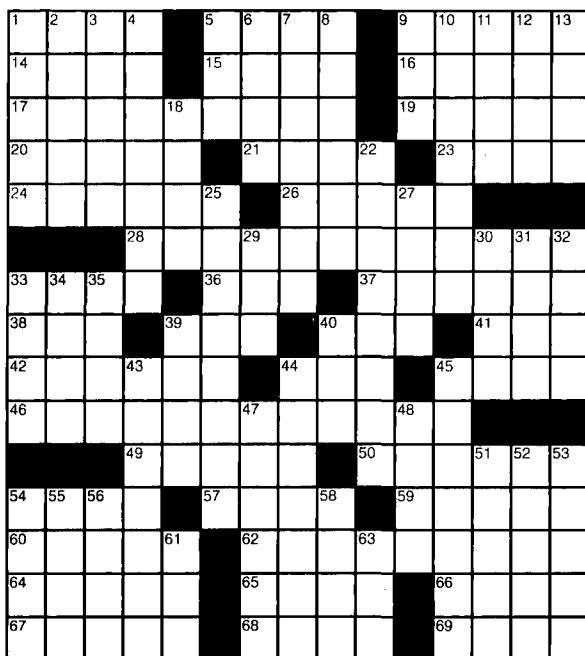
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- ACROSS**
- 1 God of love
 - 5 Diehard
 - 9 Give the heave-ho
 - 14 Audition goal
 - 15 Pet on "The Flintstones"
 - 16 Bravery
 - 17 Start of a Yogi Berra quote
 - 19 Online periodical, briefly
 - 20 "This is only"
 - 21 Ear part
 - 23 Off the wall
 - 24 Susan who wrote "Illness as Metaphor"
 - 26 Peruvian beast
 - 28 End of 17-Across
 - 33 Russian leader of old
 - 36 Knock the socks off of
 - 37 African fly
 - 38 Lilly & Co.
 - 39 Alternative to dial-up Internet: Abbr.
 - 40 "Quiet!"
 - 41 Cheerios ingredient
 - 42 The "r" in πr^2
 - 44 When a plane is due to take off: Abbr.
 - 45 B & B's
 - 46 Start of a Yogi Berra quote
 - 49 Mild cigar
 - 50 New Haven collegians
 - 54 Prefix or bucks bytes or bucks
 - 57 Out of control
 - 59 Spice of life
 - 60 Spend, as energy
 - 62 End of 46-Across
 - 64 Ditch digger's tool
 - 65 Plant's start
 - 66 Slightly
 - 67 Play (around)
 - 68 Bookie's quote
 - 69 Telescope part
- DOWN**
- 1 Diva performances
 - 2 "Live Free or Die," for New Hampshire
 - 3 Mary-Kate and Ashley (celebrity twins)
 - 4 Antares, e.g.
 - 5 Modifying word: Abbr.
 - 6 Small container for liquids
 - 7 Entail
 - 8 Two-base hit
 - 9 Christmas
 - 10 The 1920's
 - 11 Pen name for Charles Lamb
 - 12 It's south of Mass.
 - 13 Deuce topper
 - 18 And others: Abbr.
 - 22 Environmentalists' celebration
 - 25 Boxer's weak spot
 - 27 Beat to a pulp
 - 29 Harry Potter's messenger bird Hedwig, e.g.
 - 30 Lots and lots



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- 31 "No man island ..."
- 32 New Jersey hoopsters
- 33 Actress Garr
- 34 Venetian blind part
- 35 Gives a hand
- 39 Old-fashioned showdown
- 40 TV classic "The Erwin Show"
- 43 What bouncers check
- 44 Went from apes to humans
- 45 Prohibited
- 47 Melodious
- 48 Volcano flow
- 51 Seeing red
- 52 Big name in bottled water
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- 54 Net material
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ND BASKETBALL

Connquest

Francis scores 19 points to lead men's victory over No. 19 Huskies

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

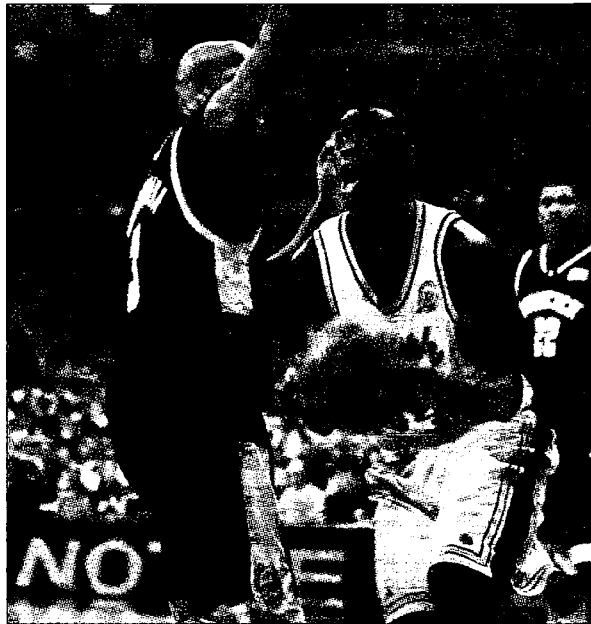
For every coach in the Big East, the game plan for defending Notre Dame's offense may have changed Sunday.

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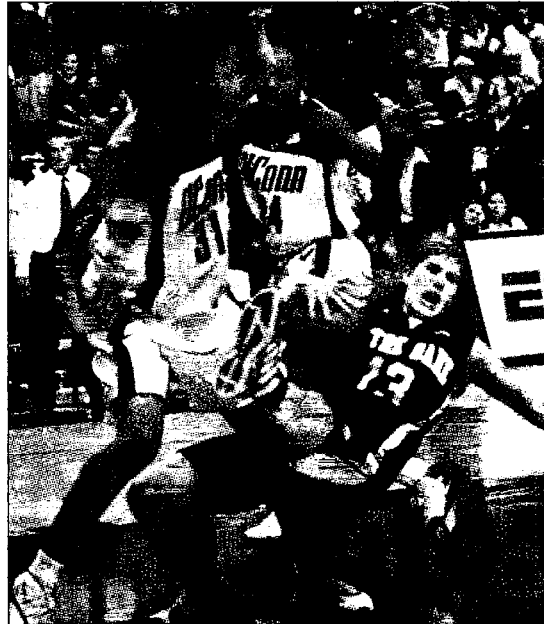
Demonstrating they do not live and die with the 3-point shot, the Irish (13-5, 5-3 Big East) struggled

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AP

At left, forward Torin Francis goes up strong for a layup against Connecticut's Charlie Villanueva Sunday. At right, Irish guard Megan Duffy hustles after a loose ball against the Huskies.

Women break UConn's 121-game home Big East winning streak

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

The first time Notre Dame and Connecticut met this season, the Huskies handled the Irish 67-50 at the Joyce Center Jan. 12. This time around, Notre Dame returned the favor and in doing so ended a 12-year-old Connecticut streak.

Courtney LaVere had 14 points, Megan Duffy added 12 points and a career-high seven steals and No. 6 Notre Dame hung on to a 65-59 victory over No. 10 Connecticut Sunday evening in Storrs. It marked the first time the Huskies

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FENCING

Women's squad takes out No. 1 Ohio State

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Revenge is sweet.

The No. 2 Irish women found that out firsthand Sunday morning, as they topped No. 1 ranked Ohio State 16-11 in what turned out to be the marquee event of the two-day Notre Dame Duals, avenging a 14-13 loss from a

week ago and securing an undefeated record in the event.

The difference for the Irish came in the epee, where the Irish won two more duals against their Buckeye counterparts than a week ago, taking six of nine bouts. A crucial aspect of this shift was the fact that Kaela Brendler, Ohio State's top epeeist, who finished seventh in the 2004 NCAA's, was winless

against the Irish.

"[The matches] are always very close, but giving Brendler three losses was huge," epee captain Kerry Walton said.

The successful effort extended beyond the epees, as the foils, led by seniors Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament, who were 3-0 and 2-1 respectively against the Buckeyes, combined to take six of nine bouts against Ohio State.

The match was clinched when Ament defeated senior Metta Thompson, who has finished fifth in the NCAA's each of the last three seasons, making the score 14-10.

However, the Irish did have their share of difficulties during the event. Despite an undefeated effort by freshman Mariel Zagunis, the sabres struggled against Ohio State, taking only

four matches.

After her bouts against Ohio State, Zagunis quickly showered and left the arena in preparations of flying home to Oregon, where she is a finalist for the state's Amateur Athlete of the Year award. With the most important matches of the event having already taken place by

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MEN'S TENNIS

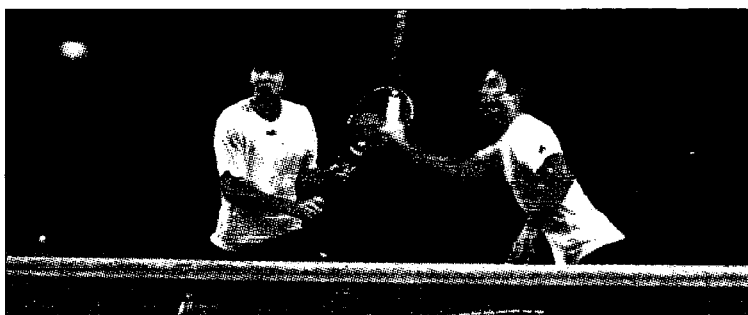
ND knocks off pair of ACC teams

Victory over No. 18 North Carolina gives No. 34 Irish program's 1,000th victory

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

There have been 1,001 victories in program history for men's tennis. But this weekend, the only ones that counted were the two most recent, as the Irish continued their winning streak against No. 18 North Carolina and No. 42 Florida State.

Freshman Sheeva Parbhu battled to a fierce three-set victory to clinch the Florida State match for the Irish, 4-3. The Irish also claimed the doubles point for the fifth time this season after struggling in doubles last year.



Observer File Photo

Notre Dame Barry King and Stephen Bass look to return a shot in a doubles match earlier this season.

"I'm pretty excited right now," coach Bobby Bayliss said. "From here it just gets a little tougher — we'll have to play really well next

weekend."

The team mentality was appar-

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 21 Irish dispose of No. 30 Deacons

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Contrary to popular belief, history does not always repeat itself.

Case in point — Notre Dame made history of its own Sunday afternoon, besting Wake Forest 5-2 after falling 7-0 last year. The No. 21 Irish (3-1) swept doubles and claimed four of the six singles matches en route to their victory over the No. 30 Demon Deacons (3-1).

And captain Sarah Jane

Connelly said revenge couldn't be any sweeter.

"That was one of the worst matches we played all last year, so it was definitely satisfying to win this year," the senior said.

At No. 3, Sarah Jane Connelly and junior Kiki Stastny jump-started the Irish effort, walking off the court with an 8-1 win over Blakeley Offutt and Alisha Talbot. The duo is 13-4 on the season and 3-1 this spring. Freshman Brook Buck and junior Lauren

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Michigan 161,
Notre Dame 138

Diver Megan Perry-Eaton performs well, but team can't get past Wolverines.

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Irish do well at
Invite

Notre Dame won 10 of 15 events at the Notre Dame Invitational this weekend.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles drop two
over the weekend

Saint Mary's fell in its last regular season meets, losing to Albion and Calvin.

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MEN'S TRACK

Team runs well at
ND Invitational

The Irish won seven events at this weekend's Notre Dame Invitational meet.

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Sosa should be
traded to Orioles

Blockbuster trade will be reviewed by MLB commissioner Bud Selig Monday.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Illinois 89,
Minnesota 66

The Illini had little trouble disposing the Gophers and keeping their No. 1 ranking.

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