Dorm fire cooks up scare for Saint Mary's students

By CAROLINE BLUM

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When students in Holy Cross Hall at Saint Mary's heard the fire alarm go off at 12:30 a.m. Saturday night, they thought it was just another security drill. Except for the students on the third floor. As soon as they walked out of their rooms, they knew exactly why the alarm was going off.

"The scariest thing about the fire was that it was on the third floor," Patty Cronley, the resident advisor on-call, said. "I talked to many residents today who told me that they were thinking about not going outside when they heard the alarm. That could have been very dangerous."

According to the security report, the fire started in a trash cart on the third floor, due to the "careless disposal of cigarette ashes." Although no students were injured in the fire, juniors Bridget Sullivan and Mary Barlo were treated on the third floor. As soon as they saw one girl come up from the tunnels and go to her room. She had no idea what was going on. I had to tell her to get out of the building.

The Saint Bend and Notre Dame fire departments also answered the emergency alarm, and aided Saint Mary's security officers in bringing the fire under control. Although the fire was quickly put out, students were prohibited from returning to their rooms.
New Zealand gunman kills six, injuries five

WASHINGTON, New Zealand

A man embroiled in a domestic dispute opened fire on his relatives and several passers-by today in the Christchurch suburb of Hagley, killing six people and wounding five, police said.

The shooting, described by residents of the village of Bauru with its spiral of a former psychiatric patient,kiel, naked and unarmored when police commandos seized him. He emerged from a dense forest about 600 feet from the killing scene, two hours after his rampage began. The suspect, Stephen Anderson of Wellington, made his first appearance


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News Writer

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The Feast of Eid marks the end of Ramadan. "The celebration is actually the prayer," said Chowhan. "The rest is on a personal basis — it's not something where there is glamour and dancing and a party and that kind of stuff ... it is the kind of celebration." "The celebration begins in the morning," said Sattar. "It's a day off. People get together with family and friends." While the fast is undeniably difficult, "[Ramadan] reminds you each year that if you are a believer in this faith, then this is how it has to be," said Chowhan. "It makes you a better Muslim, a better person," said Sattar.

Research from http://www.holidays.net/ramadan contributed to this report.

Many Muslims, after the breaking of the fast at night, visit family and friends. Ramadan is mentioned in the Qur'an, which reads, "Ramadan is the month during which the Qur'an was revealed, providing guidance for people, clear teaching and the status book. Those of you who witness this month shall fast therein."

Further restriction and explanation is given elsewhere in the Qur'an "Permitted for you is sex with your wives during the nights of fasting. You may eat and drink until the sight of the thread of night at dawn. Then, you shall fast until sunset."

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South Bend native wins Dooley Award

Kathleen Osberger, a South Bend native and a 1975 graduate, received the Notre Dame Alumni Association's 1997 Dr. Thomas A. Dooley Award.

Osberger is a licensed clinical social worker at the University of Chicago Hospitals department of psychiatry and holds master's degrees from the Maryknoll School of Theology and the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration. She is active in community efforts on behalf of Central American immigrants and a volunteer therapist with the Kilver Center for the Treatment of Survivors of Torture.

After her graduation from Notre Dame, she worked in Santiago, Chile, and Chimbote, Peru, in service programs sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross.

From 1977-87 Osberger lived in New York's South Bronx, working as a pastoral associate. While living there she helped found a community organizing movement, South Bronx People for Change.

From 1990-96 Osberger served as president of the Carmine Marine Tenants Association in Chicago's Uptown community. During her tenure she oversaw the creation of a limited equity cooperative which in 1994 allowed the Carmine Marine tenants to purchase their building from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the first such transaction in the nation's history.

The Dooley Award was established in 1983 in memory of the 1948 Notre Dame alumnus who became internationally famous for his devotion to the poor of Southeast Asia, his foundation for prayer at Notre Dame’s Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, and his cheery but all too successful death at 34 years of age. The award is annually conferred on a Notre Dame graduate who has performed an outstanding humanitarian service.

Jacqueline Moser, a University of Notre Dame senior, was a second place winner this year in the National Housewares Manufacturers Association's national student design competition. Moser is an industrial design major from Rochester, N.Y. Moser's design of a clip to secure skirts and pants onto traditional hangers earned her a $1,000 scholarship, which she received at the International Housewares Show in Chicago in January.

Moser's product, which she named "ZipHang," lets a person slide a garment easily onto a hanger from the side with one hand. The clips' flexible directional fingers grip the clothing securely, yet allow for easy removal from the center.

According to Down, Notre Dame had seven entries in the competition. More than 200 product concepts were submitted by 47 schools. There were two first place winners, two second place winners and 14 honorable mention winners receiving a total of $3,000.

Moser hopes to work for a design firm after she graduates, which she stacks as a possibility. She has been interested in developing the ZipHang.

Turbmoil plagues Indian frontier

KOKRAJHAR, India

Killed by just a thread of its identities and upset a balance when tribal chieftains ruled once proud kingdoms.

For 50 years, the Indian northeast has been tormented by separatist insurrection, guerrilla warfare and terrorism. Its inhabitants - nearly half of them from aboriginal tribes - are still uncertain of their place, whether within India or outside it.

When some insurgencies wane, others flare. Wars erupt among the tribes, even while those tribes battle the Indian government. Faction fights rival among their own people. Drug abuse and AIDS are rampant.

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"Arms flow in from neighboring Burma. Guerrilla retreat from camps in Bhutan or Bangladesh. Indian intelligence sources claim banks in Bangladesh hold more than $100 million extorted as "taxes" from the northeast region's merchants and tea plantation owners."

"The rebels have no chance of defeating the Indian army. But not all the rebels are from backward tribes. The most powerful guerrilla force is the United Liberation Front of Assam. It is drawn from people who identify themselves as Assamese, a racial concoction of southern and northern Indians and Mongoloid tribes, who have long been trying to dominate the region's biggest state."

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"More recently, poverty and war drove people from the delta of Bangladesh to India's northeast - an estimated 5 million illegal immigrants from 1961 to 1991."

"Powering the resentment is a self-perpetuating cycle of under development. Rebels say the government strips them of their resources - Assas supplies half of India's oil and 15 percent of all the world's tea - but plows little back by way of profit or investment."

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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS

Mmmmmmmmmm — Haagen-Dasz Low Fat ice cream is now low in fat. After three years of development, the world's leading maker of superpremium ice cream will introduce Haagen-Dasz Low Fat this Tuesday — that's Fat Tuesday — at a celebration in Tampa, Fla., one of the country's top 10 ice cream markets.

The slimmed-down versions of vanilla, chocolate, strawberry and coffee fudge are already in Haagen-Dasz shops, and will be in grocery stores nationwide in April.

The new stuff has fewer than 3 grams of fat per half-cup serving, about 80 percent less than the company's regular ice cream. Low fat vanilla has 170 calories, compared with 270 for regular vanilla.

Haagen-Dasz, a Minneapolis-based unit of Pillsbury Co., is the first superpremium ice cream maker with national distribution to make a low-fat version, following the lead of local and regional companies.

"We found over one-third of Haagen-Dasz ice cream buyers were also purchasing a competitor's low-fat ice cream," said Yvonne La Penotiere, the company's business team leader. "Those consumers were telling us they weren't terribly satisfied with what they were buying."

Haagen-Dasz will spend more than $10 million to promote the low-fat ice cream — the most it has ever spent introducing a new product, Ms. La Penotriere said last week.

Low fat ice cream will be introduced on Fat Tuesday. Associated Press

State agrees to drop Cosby reward

Sacramento, Calif. — Responding to Bill Cosby's request that no public money be used as a reward for information about his son's killer, Republican Gov. Pete Wilson on Friday withdrew the state's offer of $50,000.

Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, a Democrat, had offered the reward last month when Wilson was out of the country. He and Wilson are long-time political rivals.

Ennis Cosby, 27, was shot to death early Jan. 16 just off a freeway in Los Angeles. There have been no arrests.

Wilson spokesman Sean Walsh said Davis did not follow the governor's policy on rewards because it was not requested by the victim's family, law enforcement or community leaders and because all leads had not been exhausted. Davis could not be reached for comment.

Several rewards — including one offered by Los Angeles County — have been dropped. But a $25,000 reward from the city of Los Angeles, and rewards of $200,000 and $100,000 from tabloid newspapers — have not been withdrawn.

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Researchers lose cancer-fighting agent

By RICHARD COLE
Associated Press Writer

SAN FRANCISCO

In a dark cave 100 feet below the surface of the Pacific, hidden in the tissue of a rare sea creature, scientists found one of the most powerful cancer-fighting compounds they've ever known.

They have not been able to find it again.

The discoverer, William Fenical of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, has returned repeatedly to the Philippine island of Siquijor in a vain search for more of the chemical.

"We've been looking for years, and still have never found it again," he says. "We find some creatures that look a lot like it, but none of the animals there had the right compound."

Researchers don't even know if the creature itself produced the compound, or if it was a byproduct of some symbiotic fungus or bacteria.

But the story, reminiscent of the 1992 fictional movie "Medicine Man," in which Sean Connery finds — and then loses — a cure for cancer in the Amazon, may have a happy ending.

Researchers at the University of California-Santa Cruz saved some of the sample, and say within a few years they expect to synthesize the compound, called diazonomide A.

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They collected samples of a rare creature called Dizaonana cheniensis, a jellylike animal related to the sea squirt, which attaches itself to rocks and filters its food from the ocean.

The creature had been studied two or three decades earlier, but researchers even knew if it was a byproduct of some symbiotic fungus or bacteria.

"Much to our surprise and shock, there were enormous amounts of this new molecule, and the molecule had the ability to kill human colon cancer cells with very high proficiency," Fenical says. "It was very potent at very small doses."

He had not expected that such test tube success doesn't mean the compound works in humans. That can only be determined by clinical trials, and many times such compounds prove too toxic for medical use. But the lab tests were exciting.

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Ecuador

Congress votes out president

BY CARLOS CISTERNAS
Associated Press Writer

QUITO, Ecuador — Congress voted Thursday to remove President Abdala Bucaram for "mental incapacity," exasperated by a six-month stint in office in which the president sang and pulled political stunts while Ecuador fell into economic crisis.

Congress voted 44-34 to seat Bucaram, with two congressmen abstaining. Bucaram, a showman who cheerfully referred to himself as "El Loco," called the vote on his mental incompetence a "coup by Congress" and said he would not recognize it.

Congress named its leader, Fabian Alarcón, as interim president pending new presidential elections within a year.

Minutes after the vote, caravans of banking cars roared down the main avenues of Quito, celebrating the vote to dismiss Bucaram.

Henz Moeller, a member of the opposition Social Christian Party and it's new interim executive's responsibility to carry out the Congress's decision if Bucaram refused to step down.

As the session opened, the armed forces issued a call to national authorities to use "dialogue and cooperation" to resolve the political crisis.

"This is a great day for the citizens on the heels of a nationwide strike Wednesday in which up to 2 million people marched through the streets of this Colorado-sized South American country demanding the ouster of a leader they call corrupt and failed."

In his third television address to the country in as many days Thursday, Bucaram (pronounced Boo-kah-RAHIM) said he would seek every legal recourse to stay in power.

"We are on the verge of a very dangerous confrontation that we must avoid," he said.

He told reporters later that the government would "vigorously apply the Constitution and the law to legally identify those trying to carry out a coup by Congress."

Opposition lawmaker Oscar Verduga called Bucaram's remarks a "veiled totalitarian threat."

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American family. They raised their children to cherish this country and its values, to stay optimistic and hopeful despite setbacks, and by all accounts, Nina has turned out beautifully, a child of great promise.

So why is she so surly at the moment? She tells me that her prospects for gaining admission into the University of California school of her choice are dim. Nina has performed well in high school, near the top of her class, and she has posted SAT scores that place her in the top quarter of college-bound seniors nationwide. So what is the matter?

It’s the race-based admissions policy adopted by the California system, she tells me. Under the affirmative action program, students like Nina, who identify themselves as “Asian, American Pacific Islander” in ethnic origin, find that their chances at admissions drop precipitously.

As part of this program, Asian-descent students essentially compete amongst each other for admissions to allow traditionally under-represented ethnic groups a chance to attend the university. For Nina and other Latino or African American students, however, reverse preferences are in effect.

Nina sees that these minority groups denounce measures such as the recently passed Proposition 209, which repeals statutory language that required public universities to consider race and a host of other factors when making admissions decisions. She notes that if she were anything but Asian (which I remind her, isn’t such a terrible fate), her chances of admission would skyrocket.

What burns Nina most is that the unofficial numbers game — no more than a fixed percentage of Asians may comprise a given campus — actually works in favor of those groups that have a program established. Even white students have greater odds at admission than she.

So I try to reason with her. I ask her to reflect upon the American reality that made affirmative action programs necessary. I ask her to consider why so many Latinos and African-Americans are such vocal supporters of these programs, and she says that their reality is not hers.

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L. CARL DAVIS

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How about an Oscar?

Directed by: Anthony Minghalla
Starring: Ralph Fiennes and Juliette Binoche

By MIKE MCMORROW
Accent Movie Critic

One major risk that filmmakers and screenwriters run when trying to make a film that has a complicated and tangled plot is the idea that the crash. Soon, we are introduced to a horribly burned man who is in a paravan of other wounded soldiers from the war. His situation being too hopeless to justify treatment, a nurse named Hans (Juliette Binoche) stays behind with him and cares for him in a monastery somewhere in Italy. He remembers almost nothing, but the nurse begins reading to him his copy of Herodotus, the only possession he holds. These readings slowly remind him of his past, and it is through these reminders that his story is developed.

It turns out that this man is a Hungarian Count by the name of László Almásy (Ralph Fiennes), who is a member of the Royal Geographic Society and is making maps of sections of northern Africa. Soon he meets a newly-wed, another member of the society, named Katherine (Kristen Scott Thomas), and there is an immediate mutual attraction. The suspense of whether or not these two characters will give in to sin is one of the great qualities of the movie. It

Ralph Fiennes stars as a mysterious patient of an English nurse in the recent adaptation of Michael Ondaatje's novel "The English Patient." The story is completely entangled people. If you are in the mood to laugh, enjoy a somewhat happy ending, and feel that everyone seems to like to talk about. Usually, I would say that those with a little bit of common sense, though his decisions might not lead one to believe so. John Mahoney's crude and boisterous voice shapes him into the domineering, yet thoughtful father that he is.

The quick verbal exchanges are augmented by the way the conversation scenes are cut. Often, Burns would cut back and forth between different con-versations that were related to one another. This would help bring different storyline events until the end. All in this is a thoroughly enjoyable film. It is no masterpiece, but it holds the attention of the viewer and is effective in dissecting the lives of two totally different, completely entangled people. If you are in the mood to laugh, enjoy a somewhat happy ending, and think a little bit too, this might just be a movie you want to think about renting soon.

**Video Pick of the Week**

"She's The One"

By JOE KRAUS
Accent Movie Critic

She's the One, a delightful, romantic comedy about the love lives of two brothers and their father is now available on video from Twentieth Century Fox. If you are looking for a light-hearted yet halfway poignant movie to pass your time with, this may be the film for you. Directed by and starring Edward Burns, this movie details the relationships between two brothers, Mick and Francis Fitzpatrick (Burns and Mike McGlone). These two have been raised in competition with each other their whole lives, and this spirit carries over into their love lives as adults. Along the way, these two receive well meant, but misguided advice from their father (John Mahoney), who himself has no room to talk about successful relationships.

The paths of the two brothers could not be more different. Mick, the older brother ends up, as his ex-flames got mines. His young brother, Heather (Cameron Diaz), puts it, "the only white, English speaking cab driver in New York City." Francis, on the other hand, ends up Wall Street Tycoon who is married to his college girlfriend, Renée (Jennifer Aniston). However, big bucks and the perfect wife do not necessarily spell happiness and the dissatisfied Fran finds out. He turns to having an affair with Mick's ex-flame and ex-booker, Heather. Mick, who is often ridiculed by his brother and father for being an unsuccessful do-nothing, seems to be the only one who finds happiness as he marries a cab fare, Hope (Maxine Bahns), that he picks up on the street one day. The story progresses to the ultimate outcome of each brother's marriage. In the end, not each Fitzpatrick man is happy, but they all, father included, learn a little bit about life and love.

The strength of this film lies in it's montage and dialogue. The rapid quips and one-liners between the characters help move this movie at a quick, though appropriate pace. The voice tone of each character helps create the perfect image that Burns is trying to get across. Fran's loud, arrogant tone leaves the audience with no doubt who the pompous, yet insecure brother is. Mick's soft, yet direct voice asserts his character as the one with a little bit of common sense, though his decisions might not lead one to believe so. John Mahoney's crude and boisterous voice shapes him into the domineering, yet thoughtful father that he is.

"The English Patient" is generating a lot of Oscar buzz, and it has already won many critics' awards and the Golden Globe of Best Drama. It is the type of movie that the Academy voters love: rich cinematography, length, and that "epic" feel that everyone seems to like to talk about. Usually, I would say that those with a little bit of common sense, though his decisions might not lead one to believe so. John Mahoney's crude and boisterous voice shapes him into the domineering, yet thoughtful father that he is.

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**Rental Review**

"Rent" is a cluster of short one-act plays, featuring some very good acting and an excellent cast. The performances are wonderful, the music is great, and the whole show is a delight. It is a shame that it is so short, only one act long, as the performances are truly remarkable. The cast includes some of the best actors in the business today, and they do an excellent job of bringing the characters to life. The music is also outstanding, with great songs that are sure to stick in your head for days. The set is simple, yet effective, with a few props that really help set the mood of each scene. Overall, "Rent" is a must-see for anyone who loves theater. Definitely a play that you don't want to miss.
Metro: New Cast, Same Story

By DAVID WEATHINGTON

Metro is an accurate title for this film because it is about as exciting as a ride on public transportation. The predictable plot involves Eddie Murphy as a police officer who's best friend is murdered by an evil bank robber. Following several high speed automobile chases Murphy's character, Officer Roper, apprehends the villain and sends him to prison. After a less than suspenseful string of events, the criminal escapes from prison and attempts to trap Roper in his web by kidnapping Murphy's love interest.

During the closing scenes Roper's partner is shot, his girlfriend is almost gets rundown and Roper himself is almost gets rundown from Murphy's abilities. Many of the sequences were poorly put together creating chains of events that were, to put it honestly, pretty stupid. Now for the worst part of all. If this movie was a school paper, it would receive a big, fat zero for being plagiarized. The list of films "Murder" stole scenes from is long and impressive. Some of these films include "Seven," "Beverly Hills Cop," "Cape Fear," "The Rock," and of course, "48 Hours." As you have probably already guessed these are not improvements on the original scenes either.

Overall this movie proves deficient, if not completely inept, at fulfilling any of its responsibilities to the viewer. The directing is awful. The characters were not well created or well cast. The movie itself is just plain boring. To anybody who is thinking about seeing this film I would recommend renting "The Nutty Professor."
WAKE AND MEMPHIS PREVAIL

By R.B. FALSTORM
Associated Press Writer

COLUMBIA, Mo. - Second-ranked Wake Forest forested first for the first time since 1992 early Monday, Sunday, getting 20 points and 20 rebounds from Tim Duncan and pulling away in the last half of the second half for a 73-65 victory.

Missouri (12-12, 9-8 Southeastern Conference) made a chance to beat the No. 2 team on its home floor in Wake Forest (19-3, 12-2) in an off day for the Owls on Wednesday that might have cost the Owls the No. 3 ranking, put this one out of reach in a 20-2 run in the last half of the second half, taking a 55-33 lead after 13:49 left. Missouri had only eight points and got off only three shots in the second half. Still, it was his third career 20-point game and his rebounding total tied a season high.

Missouri's Tyron Lee got the first basket of the second half, scoring on a drive to the basket, but Wake Forest took over with a mix of inside and outside strength. Rashad McCray had seven points, Brevard had consecutive 3-pointers and center Loren Kriger had a boil with a dunk and a three-point play in the last 20 seconds.

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Kentucky manhandles Villanova "Cats, 93-56

By MIKE EMBRY
Associated Press Writer

LEXINGTON, Ky. - Ron Mercer had 23 points and 11 rebounds as third-ranked Kentucky dominated No. 16 Villanova 93-56 Sunday.

Kentucky (22-3) shot 55 percent from the field, including 8-of-19 from 3-point range, outrebounded Villanova 42-17 and forced the visitors into a season-high 24 turnovers, including 11 by point guard Alvin Williams.

It was only the fourth time this season that Villanova (17-6) was outrebounded.

Mercer scored six points and Cameron Mills added five during an 18-4 run that put Kentucky in control.

Villanova fell behind 22-8 but rallied to 24-16 on Williams' jumper with 7:47 remaining in the half. Mercer ignited Kentucky's spurt with a dunk off a rebound and Jared Prickett capped it with a layup off a turnover for a 42-20 lead.

Villanova, which was averaging 16 turnovers a game, had 14 in the first half as Kentucky built a 44-24 lead. Kentucky scored 19 points off the mistakes.

Kentucky players Mohammed each scored 11, and Allen Edwards added 10. Chuck Korzegay scored 12 points for Villanova, which shot 48 percent from the field. Jason Lawson added 11 and Williams 10.

Paul Grant was "too keyed up" to start against No. 13 Michigan, but he regained his composure in time to help Wisconsin pull off an upset.

Grant, from West Bloomfield, Mich., scored 19 points Thursday night as the Badgers topped the Wolverines 58-53.

"I'd been looking forward to this game all year," said Grant, who came off the bench to start against No. 13 Michigan.

"It was a game we steadfastly thought we could win," Kornegay said. "I was really pumped for the first time in the Badgers' Big Ten season.

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Wisconsin did an incredible job.

"We kind of decoyed them," Grant said. "I just acted nonchalant, like nothing was happening and they weren't expecting it. That was a big play for us.

Michigan responded with a six-point run with Maceo Baston scoring the last four to cut the deficit to 48-46.

Lakeelder and Bullock then traded baskets and Daughtery hit one of two free throws to give Wisconsin a 51-48 edge with 1:02 remaining.

Grant scored on a layup with 48 seconds left for a 53-48 lead.

The Badgers then preserved the lead by making five of six free throws.

David Burkereme made the clincher with nine seconds left after Bullock had pulled the Wolverines within 56-53 on a 3-point basket.

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Impressive individual showings highlight meet

BY STEPHANIE YLINSKI

From the reaction of the swimmers and divers after their meet against Hillsdale College on Saturday, it was hard to tell Saint Mary’s lost the meet. There were six first place finishes for the Belles, and a school record was broken.

“I’m pleased with our performance,” sophomore co-captain Tara Thomas said. “Hillsdale is our big rival, and we could have won the meet if we had a bigger team. They (Hillsdale) had three people for our every two.”

Hillsdale used that advantage to defeat Saint Mary’s 135-112. First place finishers included Shannon Kelleher in the 1000 free, Allison Smith in the 200 free with a time of 2:05.29 and in the 500 free with a time of 5:25.37, and Tara Thomas in the 200 back with a time of 2:24.87.

Freshman sensation Michelle Samreta swam another outstanding meet and continued to top her personal performances. Samreta finished first in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:12.38, which is just off her school record of 1:12.32. However, she shattered her record in the 200 breaststroke. Her record had been 2:40.30, and against Hillsdale she finished with a time of 2:38.47.

“My state of mind and the way I prepared myself for the meet helped me perform so well,” Samreta said. “I like being a part of a smaller team because we are close and it helps me to push myself.”

The diving team was missing more divers than usual. Sophomore Katie Ryan was the only diver who dove against Hillsdale.

“She did a great job. It took a lot of guts for her to go out there and dive by herself,” said swimming coach Angela Addington.

Ryan believed it was challenging to dive by herself today, but thanks to her past performances, she was ready to perform.

The meet was hard today because I had to force myself to take time. Dan helped me a lot in this meet with his encouragement. “He has been very positive since I have been back,” Ryan said.

The meet against Hillsdale ended the Belles regular season. The Belles saw a great deal of improvement during their season in areas such as speed, times, and team unity.

“I think the team unity got much stronger during the season,” Addington said. “They all are helping to push one another, the swimmers are supporting the divers and the divers are supporting the swimmers.”

As the team prepares for the Liberal Arts Invitational on Feb. 20, members of the team are going to partner up. The pairs are going to work on pushing and getting each other mentally prepared. The Belles are also going to have shorter practices.

“Our focus now is speed not endurance. Their bodies are broken down and we are where we need to be. We are going to use this time to taper down,” said Addington.

Individual times have been the focus for the team because of their small size. Being confident in all their dives.

However, Addington has talked with a few diving prospects. “The team will be bigger next year so we will not have to deal with all the problems of having such a small team,” said Addington.
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the Domers to 18 percent shooting in the second half when UConn pulled away. The Huskies blanketed Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer Beth Morgan as she scored just eight points on 3-15 shooting from the field and she also came up dry from behind the arc on six attempts. In fact the entire squad came up dry from long range on 11 attempts.

In the first stanza senior center Katryna Gaither carried the load and kept the contest close as she had 15 in the first half. The Irish played right with the Huskies for the first ten minutes as the score was knotted at 15 before UConn went on a 7-0 run behind the shooting of Amy Duran who dialed long distance three times in the first half on her way to 13 points in the afternoon.

In the second half, Notre Dame's scoring woes continued as they could only muster six field goals on 33 attempts for just 18 percent. The Husky defense had McGraw's offense completely out of sync as they had only six assists and 20 turnovers.

Senior point guard Jeannine Augustin scored eight on three of five for the Irish but her mates in the backcourt did not help as well. Junior guard Mollie Peirick, who started despite spraining her ankle last Thursday, was one of four from the field with four points. Sophomore Sheila McMillen, normally a dependable outside threat, was one for seven from the field and came up short from three point range on three attempts.

However, the Huskies found their touch in the second as they connected on half their shots. Early in the second Wolters continued to dominate inside opening the margin to as many as 26 while UConn's head coach Geno Auriemma received outstanding play from his backcourt as Duran had 15, Rita Williams and Big East Freshman of the Year candidate Shea Ralph had ten apiece.

The Irish will look to bounce back from this loss and start a new win streak as they have five Big East games remaining before post-season action begins as the beginning of March. Three of those five games are at the Joyce Center and the Boston College Eagles will be the first to visit this Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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SAFERIDE begins on February 21.
Past Irish hoop teams did not have a consistent work ethic. They did not get better. Observing a strong work ethic on this year's squad may not be revelatory, but sometimes the simple things deserve attention.

Simple things that now have the Irish in the hunt for their first post-season tournament since a 1992 NIT berth. Take Saturday for example. If Pete Miller is not taking another charge in the lane, Derek Manner is emerging from a rebound.

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"Every year so far it's been such an empty feeling when it's over," Miller said. "That's the last game and we know it's over." Miller said. "That's not a feeling we want to have this year. We've had it every year in our career and that's not the way we want to go out."

You can bet the Irish are going to work hard to prevent going out like that.

Senior guard Admore White attributes the team's improvement to their tough play against all their opponents.

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"Every year so far it's been such an empty feeling when it's over," Miller said. "That's the last game and we know it's over." Miller said. "That's not a feeling we want to have this year. We've had it every year in our career and that's not the way we want to go out."

You can bet the Irish are going to work hard to prevent going out like that.

Senior guard Admore White attributes the team's improvement to their tough play against all their opponents.
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Icers drop two games and fall into last place

By CHARLEY GATES
Sports Writer

The script for this weekend's crucial Central Collegiate Hockey Association games against Ohio State couldn't have gone any worse for the Notre Dame hockey team. They came into the pair of home games with possession of the final playoff spot in the league, a 3-point lead over the Buckeyes in the standings, and a 1-0 lead in the three-game series with the Buckeyes via a 3-0 win on Oct. 25.

By virtue of two losses, 5-3 on Friday night and 4-3 on Saturday night, they left the weekend in dead last, trailing the Buckeyes and the final playoff spot by three points with only five games remaining in the season.

"Obviously, we're very disappointed," stated junior captain Steve Noble. "This was the worst case scenario.

On Friday night, in what head coach Dave Poulin later called the team's "poorest effort of the season," the Boys of Winter fell behind 3-0, rallied in the second period to come back within one tally, but the Buckeyes in the final playoff spot by three points with only five games remaining in the season.

"That's not responding, that's what it is," Poulin said, referring to the level of the Irish's play. "It's not accepting the challenge that was ahead of us at all and it was evident right from the start." When asked what the turning point of the game was, he responded, "We were never in it from the start.

Midway through the first period, Ohio State began its rampage on a short-handed goal. Buckeye Chris Richards intercepted an Irish clearing pass and dropped the puck to Chad Powers, who fed Christian Eister and gave the Buckeyes a 1-0 lead at intermission.

Ohio State scored two quick goals in the opening moments of the second period, giving them a 3-0 cushion and the Buckeyes in the final playoff spot by three points with only five games remaining in the season.

Freshman Joe Dusbabek scored a first-period goal that gave the Irish an early lead in Saturday's contest.

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**SPORTS**

**Split Decision**

**Men's Basketball**

By MIKE DAY
Assistant Sports Editor

Sometimes it's better to be ugly than good. While the saying might actually refer to luck, ugly is the only word that comes to mind when describing Notre Dame's play against Connecticut on Saturday.

An energetic crowd of 10,196 fans at the Joyce Center gritted their teeth and watched Derek Manier go airborne into the press section of the court. Pete Miller suffer a gash in his head at the final buzzer, and Marcus Young toss up a pair of underhanded, "granny" free throws.

In the meantime, Notre Dame turned the ball over 26 times, allowed 24 offensive rebounds to the Huskies, and shot just 2 of 12 from the three point stripe.

Indeed, this one was downright ugly. And yes, it was downright effective.

The Irish are slowly but surely gaining some recognition in the Big East. And as Saturday's 71-65 victory proved, they no longer have to play a perfect game to come out on top.

"Last year, they put it to us both times we played them," said Bussey, who chopped in 10 points and seven rebounds. "We felt we had

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Senior Matt Gotsch and junior Pat Garrity try to stifle UConn's Hamilton in route to the basket.

**Women's Basketball**

Despite the lousy loss, senior Katryna Gaither contributed 15 points in the first half alone.

**Huskies silence Morgan en route to a 72-49 victory**

By JOE CAVATO
News Writer

The Notre Dame women's basketball squad faced a formidable challenge. They looked to upset the Connecticut Huskies who have won 22 in a row and made trips to the Final Four the last two seasons.

Yesterday afternoon, they proved why they have gone 90-4 over the past three seasons as they turned away the fifteenth ranked Irish.

In a battle of the Big East conference leaders, the Huskies' win places them on top of the standings by themselves.

The Irish saw their ten game win come to a halt as they fell to 20-5 and 12-3. The Huskies, who beat opponents by an average of 30 points, shot just 39 percent from the field. They held the normally sharpshooting Irish to a dismal 27 percent from the field leading to a 72-49 win.

The Connecticut offense was not at its peak performance as they had 21 turnovers but they controlled the game under the basket. They out rebounded the guests by 18 and also outscored them in the paint by the mark of 42-28.

Najemswick Player of the Year candidate Kara Wolters had 16 points, ten rebounds, and five blocked shots as her 6-7 frame allowed her to simply shoot over Notre Dame's smaller defenders.

But, the Huskies defense was the dominating factor leading to the 33 point victory.

The top-ranked squad held

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Senior Matt Gotsch and junior Pat Garrity try to stifle UConn's Hamilton in route to the basket.

**Recruiting**

Reports hint that Minor will not sign

Observer Staff Report

Though a formal announcement has not yet been made, it appears that tailback Travis Minor, the USA Today Offensive Player of the Year, will not become Notre Dame's 2001 member of the Class of 2001.

The Baton Rouge, La.

native had narrowed his choices to Notre Dame, Florida State, Florida, and Louisiana State but published reports indicate that the Irish are no longer in the running. Though National Signing Day was last Wednesday, Minor, and all other potential signees have until April to make a decision.

**Sports at a Glance**

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