Walker speaks of search for self

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

When author Rebecca Walker began to think about writing her most recent book, she wanted to compose a piece of writing that would talk about race emotionally. She also wanted to write a book that would let readers see through the masks people wear and think about identity in terms of something other than racial, economic and regional categories.

The result was her book "Black, White and Jewish: An Autobiography of a Shifting Self," which she talked about Monday at Saint Mary’s.

Walker, the mulatta Jewish daughter of feminist author Alice Walker, said the book was a journey for her in order to become a real adult, a real woman, a real adult.

“I was facing adulthood in a very real way,” Walker told a near-capacity audience in Carroll Auditorium. “In order to become a real woman, I really needed to make peace with my past.”

For Walker, that meant analyzing her childhood experiences.

The daughter of an aspiring author and a civil rights reformer in the deep south, Walker said she was born into a community that knew her as a "movement child."

But when the black power movement began shifting focus and her father’s idealism changed, her parents’ marriage began to disintegrate. That sent Walker into a nomadic childhood of shuffling around the country to different schools and homes.

"What have I had to reconcile, who am I if I am not a movement child?" Walker said. "Who am I when the context that made me make sense no longer exists?"

Walker began to realize that people wear masks and follow a "social script" that predetermines how their race or class should act.

"Fundamentally, race, class and culture are performative," Walker said. "It was for me..."

By SARAH NESTOR
News Writer


SMC trustees act on center, tuition

Students react to Saint Mary’s “Monologues” performance

SOLIDARITY IN THE SNOW

Fourth-year architecture student Jeff Schwaiger was one of more than 10 students in the Notre Dame Peace Coalition who spent the night in the snow on South Quad Monday to demonstrate solidarity with the refugees in Afghanistan.

The Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees approved a 6 percent tuition increase for the second straight year at its February meeting last week.

The primary factor in raising the student fees is positioning and looking at similar institutions. Saint Mary’s is lagging behind when looking at costs of similar budget-size institutions, said Keith Dennis, vice president of finance and administration.

Tuition will jump to $27,642 in 2002-2003, a $1,310 increase from the 2001-2002 amount of $26,332. Including tuition, fees, room and board, the average total cost next year will be $57,642. The average 2001-2002 total was $55,939.

The tuition increase will go in part towards increasing funding for financial aid and for increasing salary for faculty and staff.

Melanie Engler, director of public relations, said the increase would not go towards funding the new student center, which the Board also approved at its meeting last week.

The Board approved a 5 percent increase in the amount of money available for staff and faculty salaries.

Three percent of the increase will be divided evenly between all staff employees.

The remaining 2 percent will be distributed to bring employee's up to or above their target salary. If an employee is already at their target salary, they will receive a 3 percent salary increase.

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Sterilized tragedy

I didn’t feel like I had a right to be there. It wasn’t my disaster, it wasn’t my tragedy. This massive loss of life, this memorial, belonged to the souls who lost their lives and the people who loved them.

It’s been months since the World Trade Center fell in a fiery heap of metal, smoke and dust. Six months since thousands of people were crushed beneath the collapse. Six months since two terrorist-navigated planes created craters in the center of Lower Manhattan. The World Trade Center site is sterilized now. Behind police tape and orange work vehicles, it looks like a construction zone, rather than the site of a major national tragedy. Only the blown-out windows of the Twin Towers, the American flag hanging on the cleanliness, give evidence that it’s not a renovation project.

Since the day that New York City opened the observation deck on Fulton Street in lower Manhattan, thousands from around the world have flocked to see the debris site. They’ve left their I would care anywhere-on the observation deck—signatures on the walkways and railings, posters and pictures of loved ones. The flowers still brought daily to the deck’s gates.

I was lucky to see this tragedy to try and understand in real life the scenes that played themselves out on the network news like a horror movie. I imagine, from the multitude of American flags flying all over Lower Manhattan, they came to celebrate their country, to come together, to vow to never let anything break us apart as a nation. But someone else was there.

Standing elevated above the tragedy, looking down into the two gaping craters, I knew there were still souls underneath that heap that I couldn’t love. Souls whose families were waiting for their loved ones to be discovered by handtruths so they could have the emotional relief of a tangible piece of death.

Around me, the 250 people allowed on the viewing deck—my group was silent, I was relieved they were at least respectful, relieved they realized this wasn’t a tourist attraction. But breaking the silence was the constant creak of snapshot cameras, freezing in time the cleanup effort of the greatest tragedy to ever strike America.

I know it is history. I know it is part of a healing process for the country to see it, to witness it, to understand it. I felt wrong, though, as the cam­eras snapped pictures of this crater. I felt odd, thinking that here, in a sterilized war zone, people were snapping vacation snapshots.

I looked down onto the balcony, and began to remember what I was there for. Some of these flowers still brought daily to the deck’s gates. I was lucky to see this tragedy to try and understand in real life the scenes that played themselves out on the network news like a horror movie. I imagine, from the multitude of American flags flying all over Lower Manhattan, they came to celebrate their country, to come together, to vow to never let anything break us apart as a nation. But someone else was there.

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Correction/Clarification

In a headline from the Observer on Feb. 25, the headline should have read "Callahan begins quest for third title with prelim victory." The Observer regrets this error.

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Saint Mary's Board of Governance will donate $300 to co-sponsor Bethany Tovey's senior comprehensive project, the Board announced Monday night.

As a theater major, Tovey is required to select, analyze, cast, direct and produce one main play. According to Tovey, theater majors are given $200 by the theater department to use in expenses in their comprehensive productions. All other expenses, Tovey said, come out of the seniors' pockets.

"I wanted to ask for some money and this," Tovey said. "Usually what happens is you end up paying for it out of your own pocket, or people look for scripts that don't really require a set. I ended up falling in love with a play with a set."

"Usually what happens is you end up paying for it out of your own pocket, or people look for scripts that don't really require a set," Tovey's production plays Sunday in Moreau's Little Theater at 7 p.m.

The production is also co-sponsored by Bethany Tovey's classmate Kristen Matha, student body vice president and Student Academic Council coordinator. Matha is committed to the proposal for an additional study day was rejected by the Faculty Assembly.

Tovey chose to produce the play. "It's about these women who I fell in love with a play with a set."

According to Matha, one of the concerns voiced by the Assembly was the possible combination of registration day with the first day of class. Some faculty felt that this would be too much for one day. "The faculty denied the study day, but it's not a dead issue," Matha said. "There was some support for it, and we are still talking and discussing it."

Additionally, Technology Commissioner Elizabeth Cusick reported that the traditional four-week computer course required for freshmen has been shortened to two weeks, and an additional class will be offered for those students who need extra help.

Tovey and Matha hope that the promotion of Tovey's project will encourage some of the students who have been turned off by the computer technology skills.

In other news:

- Junior Adrianne Durbish is the new Student Activities Board coordinator for the BOG.
- Saint Mary's will celebrate International Women's Day on March 6. Massages, chocolate, French-brushing and make-up tips will be offered in the Student Center.
- The results from the International Women's Day writing contest will be announced at a reception later that evening.
- Meet the Candidates Night for the class board elections will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. in Haggar Parlor. Elections will be Friday at 5 p.m. and runoffs will be March 7.
- Saint Mary's is planning a day of prayer with the women of Notre Dame. "Irish Belles" will be held in both lounges of the Coleman-Morse Center.
- Tickets to Saturday's All-State Concert will be available for purchase today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Reineghaus Lounge.

According to Matha, the controversy is that they don't get along with each other. "There was some support for it, and we are still talking and discussing it."

Lauren Joy, junior political science major, said, "I'm about these women who decide to stand up to their bosses and when they are about to lose their jobs, they lock themselves in the factory." Tovey said, "What I realized is that they don't get along with each other." The production is scheduled to be performed at 7 p.m. on Sunday in Moreau's Little Theater.

Saint Mary's senior Tovey said, "I ended up falling in love with a play with a set."
Vagina
continued from page 1
for the attendance of sopho-
more Andrea DeLeon. She
was interested in how it
explored feminist issues.
"I want to know what all
the hype's about," DeLeon
said. "I know it's going to
have to do with a lot of
female issues and things like
that...I seriously think it
needs to be touched on
because it's about female
views and we're going to
have to deal with it.

Audience members
expressed interest not only
in the issues the cast presented
but how it was presented.
Freshman Naielle Losurdo
expected a light-hearted
approach to otherwise
terribly serious issues.
"I heard it was very
funny," Losurdo said.
"It cover issues such as
homosexuality, abortion, and
date rape in a funny manner and
I'm excited to see it."

A row of women began
drumming to signal the audi-
ence when the show was
about to start. The perfor-
mance began with a waiver
designing any affiliation with
Saint Mary's College or any
other special interest groups.
The women were] with a
song, praising the female
gender and the "Magic Power
Woman." A group of students read
the monologues, covering the
various topics pertaining to
the vagina. It touched on
topics that prompted hearty
laughter, namely the various
names of vaginas and the
answers to the question: "If a
could talk."

"I had never seen The
Vagina Monologues before
and I guess I was expecting
something militant and I was
surprised," DeGraff said. "It
was poignant, it was
comedic. I actually really like
the comedic portion because
it addressed the issues with
out being overbearing."

The show not only
appealed to those who pos-
essed the anatomy the mono-
logues are centered around,
but to men as well. Lee
Gloster expressed the
experience.
"I like it very much. I was
not offended at all," Gloster
said. "I had no idea it was
going to be as funny as it
was."

Not everyone shared
such positive accolades. Freshman
Grace Arredondo said the cast
needed to be subtler. "I think
that a woman's body and a man's
body and any part of nature,
for that matter, is beautiful
because we are creations of
God. No part of our bodies
and of nature should be
expressed through derogatory
statements, whether or not it's
jokingly.

Fellow freshman Kamille
Peter shared this attitude.
She hoped more would
have joined her in her senti-
ment.
"I thought it was classless.
I thought it was vulgar," Peter
said. "I wish I had known
more about it because if I did
I would not have gone. And I
was not the only person who
walked out minutes into it. I
wish that more people would
have left."

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WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Candidate charged with treason:
Just days before the presidential vote, the main challenger to Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe was charged Monday with the capital offense of treason for allegedly plotting to assassinate the current leader. Morgan Tsvangirai denied the allegations and pledged to continue campaigning for the election. Two senior party colleagues — Secretary-General Weldehm Sambe and shadow Agriculture Minister Benson Gasaela — were also charged.

National News Briefs

Shuttle launch countdown begins:
NASA began the countdown Monday for its launch Tuesday of space shuttle Columbia on a mission to renovate the Hubble Space Telescope. At least five spacewalks are planned during the 11-day mission. The spacewalking team will equip Hubble with a new camera, solar wings, power-control unit, steering mechanism and refrigerator system for a disabled infrared camera.

Mentally ill man won't be executed:
After an outcry from advocates for the mentally ill, the Georgia parole board commuted the death sentence Monday of a killer who is said to be so delusional he thinks actress Sigourney Weaver is God. Alexander Williams' sentence was commuted to life in prison without parole just hours before a stay of execution was to expire at midnight. Williams, 33, had been facing lethal injection for the 1986 murder of a 16-year-old girl.

Indian News Briefs

Man robs garage sale:
A man who stepped to look for a few bargains at a steals. After browsing through tables of goods the man could be charged with armed pulled out a pocket knife and demanded the Cutlass in jail and Ligonier, Ind. garage sale came away with a table and drove away in a white Oldsmobile.

WORLD & NATION

Afghan interim leader praises Iran

Associated Press

TEHERAN Ignoring U.S. claims that Iran seeks to destabilize his country, interim Afghan leader Hamid Karzai on Monday thanked Tehran for helping Afghanistan fight terror- ism and throw off the yoke of Soviet occupation more than a decade ago.

Speaking to the Iranian Majlis, or parliament, in Persian — the language of Iran and western and cen- tral Afghanistan — Karzai assured Iranians the Afghan people would not forget.

"We will never forget your support of the Afghan nation's struggle against the former Soviet Union and later against terror- ists," Karzai said on the second day of his first of- ficial visit to Iran.

Karzai, whose speech was broadcast live on state-run radio, also praised Iran for taking in some 2 million Afghan refugees over the years.

"You have shared our sorrows and pains, and millions of our refugees have been a big burden on your shoulders," he said.

After repeated charges by Washington that Tehran was sending fight- ers and money into Afghanism to destabilize the post-Taliban leader- ship, President Bush declared that Iran, Iraq and North Korea form an "axis of evil" that seeks weapons of mass destruc- tion and supports terror- ism.

Karzai was hailed in the United States last month when he visited Bush and other dignitaries. The interim leader was sitting in the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives as Bush made the "axis of evil" assertion in his Jan. 29 State of the Union speech.

He received as warm a welcome in the Iranian Parliament as he did in the U.S. Congress.

Karzai also met with Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who warned the Afghan leader his government "should be careful that the issue of reconstruction is not exploited by others to infiltrate Afghanistan politically and economically." Iranian state television reported, in an obvious reference to U.S. involve- ment.

On Sunday, Karzai urged the United States and Iran to put aside their differ- ences and cooperate in the reconstruction of his coun- try.

Energy bill comes before Senate

Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Senate is ready to take up broad energy legislation that has caused splits over automobile gas mileage, drilling in an Arctic refuge and electricity competition in the shadow of Enron Corp.'s collapse. Debate expected this week comes nine months after President Bush outlined his plan to increase the nation's energy supply by expanding oil and gas drilling on public land and rejuvenating nuclear power.

The House passed its version, but in the Senate, majority Democrats have offered legislation that relies more heavily on conservation.

To help bolster his argument for Senate passage, Bush checked out the engines of three "hybrid" vehi- cles that were parked on the White House driveway. He said more hybrids would be put onto the U.S. market next year. It was good news for American consumers who "under- stand the ramifications of dependen- cy on foreign sources of crude oil."

"Dependence can lead to price shocks and fuel shortages. And this dependence on foreign oil is a matter of national security," Bush said. "To put it bluntly, sometimes we rely upon energy sources from countries that don't particularly like us."

The crisis atmosphere of a year ago has all but disappeared — ener- gy prices are low, supplies plentiful — and the urgency to act, too, may have lost steam, say lawmakers and lobbyists.

Bush, in a weekend push to pro- mote his plan, dismissed claims that it focuses too much on fossil fuel pro- duction and not enough on conserva- tion and renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.

Market Watch February 25

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Group condemns Guantanamo detention

Human rights groups want POW designation for Taliban prisoners

Associated Press

GUANTANO MO BAY (AP) - Three human rights organizations filed a petition Monday challenging the detention of al-Qaida and Taliban suspects without charges or "prisoner of war" protections.

The Center for Constitutional Rights, the Human Rights Clinic at Columbia Law School and the Center for Justice and International Law called the detentions illegal in a petition filed with the Organization of American States' Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

"Although the United States has an obligation and right to arrest and try the perpetrators of the horrific crimes of Sept. 11, it must do so in compliance with fundamental principles of criminal law and humanitarian law," the New York City-based rights groups said in a statement. "It has not done so."

The petition asks the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to demand that the detainees be given official prisoner of war status, which would give them protections under the Geneva Convention.

Earlier this month, President Bush said the Geneva Convention applied to Taliban prisoners - but not to captured al-Qaida terrorists. But his administration has refused to consider charging any of the 300 detainees from 26 countries as prisoners of war, saying they were fighting for an outlawed terrorist group and an unrecogn- ized government.

Mag. Stephen Gol, a spokesman for the Guantanamo mission, declined comment on the petition but said: "Our treatment here on the ground is aimed at firm, fair and humane treatment for all detainees, regardless of status."

The United States now has the power to try the detainees in closed military courts, where they can be sentenced to death with just a two-thirds vote from a military commission, said Jenny Green, an attorney with the Center for Constitutional Rights.

The detainees at Guantanamo "don't know what they're charged with. They have no access to attorneys," she said. "When faced with a possible death penalty, that's a serious violation of their rights."

The Inter-American Commission is authorized to intervene when human rights are threatened in one of the 35 member countries. It was created with the Organization of American States. However, its power is "largely one of influence."

The rights groups say the United States is a signatory to the OAS American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man, which protects prisoners from arbitrary or prolonged detention and from being held without access to friends, families, govern- ments or legal counsel.

"Either they were picked up on the battlefield, in which case they're POWs, or they did something criminal, in which case they should be charged," said Michael Plattner, vice president of the Center for Constitutional Rights. "There is no legal limbo status."

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Officials report AIDS improvement

Associated Press

SEATTLE

Doctors have been so suc- cessful in saving the lives of people with AIDS that the number of Americans living with HIV is actually increasing again after holding steady for years and is now approaching 300,000, according to gov­ ernment estimates.

Experts say the total num­ ber of Americans living with HIV is probably rising by about 25,000 a year - a ten­ tament to the power of AIDS drugs that have vastly improved treatment over the past six years.

The government estimates that 400,000 Americans catch HIV each year, a figure that has remained roughly stable for over a decade. However, until the turnaround in AIDS therapy, this figure was near­ ly offset each year by AIDS deaths, so the total number of Americans carrying the virus stayed level.

Now, AIDS deaths have plunged from around 40,000 annually to about 15,000. As a result, new infections are outstripping deaths.

Dr. Patricia Fleming of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention presented the new estimates Monday at the Ninth Annual Retrovirus Conference in Seattle.

The estimate of U.S. HIV prevalence, calculated as of 2000, is between 850,000 and 950,000 people.

During the 1980s, the gov­ ernment believed that with over 1 million people had HIV, but it later revised that figure downward. According to the latest estimates, between 400,000 and 450,000 were infected in 1984. This grew to 550,000 to 650,000 in 1986. By 1992, the figure was 650,000 to 900,000.

According to the CDC, the total number of infected Americans has increased by about 50,000 in the last two years studied, 1999 and 2000. That suggests the total could reach 1 million this year.

Survival increased almost overnight when drug combi­ nations that included medi­ cines called protease inhibitors transformed HIV from a death sentence to a chronic treatable illness.

By the late '90s, many doc­ tors feared these gains would evaporate as the treatments lost their punch. Doctors noticed that after initial suc­ cess that seemed to eliminate HIV, many patients developed viruses that were resistant to all the major classes of medic­ ines. Their virus levels crept back to the point where they could be measured on stan­ dard tests.

Doctors worried that the virus would eventually resume its destruction of their immune defenses.

To their relief, however, this has not often happened. Even when resistant virus emerged, patients stayed on the drugs usually keep their HIV levels low and remain free of obvious dis­ ease. Dr. Constance Benson of the University of Colorado said that in her AIDS prac­ tice, the annual death rate is 1 percent to 2 percent and is not changing.

The '90s, "The fear that treatment failure would result in a sub­ sequent rise in mortality has not so far panned out," she said.

A major CDC goal is to increase testing among peo­ ple at high risk of catching HIV. Infected people should know about it so they can begin treatment when neces­ sary and guard against spreading HIV to others.

Fleming said that about three-quarters of infected people in the United States know they have the virus, up from about two-thirds in 1998. "The proportion is improving, but we have a long way to go," she said.

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Evolving epidemic

More people than ever are living with AIDS in the United States thanks to advances in treatment. But in recent years, the rate of decline of AIDS cases and deaths has slowed.

People living with AIDS

- 1981: 5,000
- 1985: 15,000
- 1990: 300,000
- 1995: 1 million
- 1998: 1.1 million
- 2000: 1.1 million

AIDS-related deaths

- 1981: 2,000
- 1985: 14,000
- 1990: 55,000
- 1995: 40,000
- 1998: 29,000
- 2000: 27,000

SOURCE: Center for Disease Control and Prevention

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ATTENTION NOTRE DAME AND SAINT MARY'S STUDENTS: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE
Pilot Seminar for Sophomores...

Sophomores are invited to apply to a new pilot seminar. A group of sophomores will travel to the sea islands of South Carolina from May 11-18 to work with the Gullah people and other members of the coastal communities. The group will work with the Catholic sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in their ministries of home repair, GED tutoring, ESL tutoring, food and clothing distribution, in addition to learning about the rich history and culture of the area.

Applications are available at the Center for Social Concerns. For information contact Carl Loesch at loesch.4@nd.edu or Mary Murphy at mmurph16@nd.edu

Operation Smile Student Organization

Did you know that you can give the miracle of a smile for only $750? The Operation Smile Student Organization will be taking donations in LAFORTUNE right by the Huddle. We hope to raise $750 to sponsor a surgery for one child! Donations will be taken in LAFORTUNE Monday through Wednesday, February 25th-27th, from 11am-2pm & 8pm-11pm Thursday, February 28, from 9pm-12am. Please support a GREAT cause!

For further questions and information regarding our club, check our website at http://www.nd.edu/~opsmile

Tutors to help with 1-step preparation - Nan Soltinski - 283-7516

Many, many tutors are needed to help high school juniors and seniors study for their 1-step tests, which they must pass in order to graduate. Help is needed for English and Math, Monday-Friday from 3:00-5:00 at LaSalle High School from February 25th-March 8th.

Greater St. John Church Tutoring Program - Thelma Harris - 631-5447

They have a homework-focused tutoring program on Tuesday nights from 5:45-7:00 and are looking for volunteers to help keep the children on task and answer questions on their homework. The church is located on the west side of South Bend and its program serves up to 45 children of all ages.

Male Mentors at Madison Center - Tony Castelino - 235-5457

Three students aged 14-16 at Madison Center are in need of positive male role models in their lives. Please be available to come to Madison Center during their lunch hour (11:30-12:30) or after 5:30 at least once a week. Madison Center is also looking for general tutors for H.S. students.

Soccer Coaching at El Buen Vecino - Sarah - 287-8228

El Buen Vecino has a soccer team for high school teens and is in need of a coaching assistant this season. They would like to practice after school twice a week, however it would be up to the new coach or coaches to set the dates and times of practice.

***If you have any questions about these volunteer projects, feel free to email cscvols@nd.edu***

http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu
How I learned to love the Olympics

How to love the Olympics: Find a way to watch them, even if it's not on television. I did that by volunteering at the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, as part of a project called "Olympic Village." I was assigned to the K-9 unit, which was there to help with security. We had a lot of fun, but it was also a lot of work. I remember being out in the cold for hours at a time, but it was worth it. I loved being part of the Olympic experience and helping to make sure everything went smoothly.

The Salt Lake City Winter Olympics will be long remembered for its politics and the fortunes of the athletes.

The view of the Olympics has changed dramatically since 1984. In those days, the focus was on the athletes and their performance. Today, the Olympics are a global event that brings together people from all over the world. The athletes are still the stars, but the games have become a celebration of culture and diversity.

The Olympics are a great way to learn about different cultures and to appreciate the strengths of people from all over the world. I am looking forward to watching the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics and seeing how they are able to bring people together in a spirit of peace and friendship.
Homosexual acts are categorically increase.

In 1992, the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith sent to the United States Bishops a "background resource" on Legislative Proposals on Discrimination against Homosexuals. "Sexual orientation" [is] not comparable to race, ethnic background, etc. In respect to "orientation," it said: "Unlike these, homosexual orientation is an orderly disorder. It is not unjust discrimination to take sexual orientation into account in the adoption of children for adoption or foster care, in employment, or for purposes of military recruiting." In response to the European Parliament's 1989 call for same-sex marriage and the adoption of children by homosexual couples, John Paul II described it as an "attempt to tell the inhabitants of this continent that moral evil, devi­ tion, a kind of slavery, is the way to liberation, thus distorting the true meaning of the family. The relationship of two men or two women cannot constitute a true family; still less can one grant such a union the right to adopt children. These children suffer grave harm, because in these 'substitute families' they do not have a father and mother, but two fathers or two mothers. This is dangerous." As Father John Harvey, the founder of Courage, a support group for men and women who try to live in accord with Catholic teaching on homosexuality, put it, "The Roman Catholic Church is now the counterculture." The homosexual culture has a privileged status in the media and other politically correct institutions, including universities. "I have often wondered," said Chicago's Fr. Joseph Good, "why a supposedly heterosexual man, perhaps married and with children, is admired and celebrated when he declares himself homosex­ ual, but a journey in the opposite direction is excoriated as repres­ sive."

The Church insists on the dignity of the person while affirming that homosexual acts are an "intrinsic moral evil" and that homosex­ ual inclination is a disorder as is the tendency to any other moral wrong. In the words of the 1986 Letter, "Departure from the Church's teaching about it, in an effort to provide pastoral care, is a betrayal of pastoral care. Only what is true can ultimately be pastoral. That truth is politically incorrect. But Catholic students are entitled to that truth from the administration without omission or equivocation."

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Letters to the Editor
Remember the suffering Christ of 'fact'

President "George V.F.W. Bush" is confined, to borrow the opening statement of Mike Marchand's Viewpoint column yesterday. While Marchand's column is admittedly a par­ ody, his underlying message that critics of recent U.S. foreign policy are snobbish or anti­ American is rather explicit. This is, however, an oversimplification of a very complex issue. By branding the nations of North Korea, Iran and Iraq as "an axis of evil" during the highly visible State of the Union address, the presi­ dent was not merely affirming his commit­ ment to protecting U.S. citizens from the threat of terrorism. This was not an off-the-cuff comment that certain pundits have blown out of proportion, but a calculated evocation of an anti-american war-time reference in an era where three small words can quickly resuscitate throughout the world.

In recent months, the Bush adminis­ tration has been working feverishly to legit­ imize the United State's "war on terrorism" in an effort to maintain broad-based internation­ al support. However, most foreign leaders have been quick (and correct) in pointing out that the three aforementioned countries represent three different situations that require separate and distinct responses; the "war on terrorism" could never properly be compared to any con­ ventional war.

The international response to the events of Sept. 11 was remarkably supportive, but this broad backing of U.S. initiatives has waned. Consequently, the Bush administration must be more sensitive in its foreign policy, or else they will be forced to "do what is necessary to ensure our nation's security" without support.

Russia has been vocal about non-interfer­ ence outside of estates in Afghanistan. South Korea, which for the past decade has been enticing North Korea to open up its relations and economy, has expressed concerns that Bush's remarks are undermining its own diplomatic efforts. These are not expressions of anti-American sentiment and should not be viewed as such.

The bottom line is that combating terrorism is not a black and white issue and if President Bush continues to refer to his allies as "weak­ kneed" for not supporting his own initiatives, the United States will have no choice but to fight this "war" alone.

Derek Vollmer
Observer off-campus
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Remember the suffering Christ of 'fact'

It's said that a person who has had 15 years of Catholic education would ask why humor about God would make people uncomfortable. After 15 years, he should know the answer.

According to Muto, people are squeamish about these jokes because they don't know his Christ. "If fact" — someone who associ­ ates with prostitutes and the Devil and goes people drunk. But the real Christ of "fact" — the New Testament — forgave the sins of the prostitute, changed water into wine in obedience to Mary and sent the Devil packing. Not to mention that the Christ of "fact" was scourged, crowned with thorns, spit upon, mocked, stripped and nailed to a cross, where he slowly suf­ fered to death to save us from damnation.

But this isn't the "intense" Christ that Muto wants to hear about, it seems. Suffering and death are not "hip." It's easy to "hang out" with a god who associates with prostitutes, Drunkards and the Devil. It's hard to "hang out" with a God whose mission was to be tortured to death. (Note well: Catholics are required to believe in a perfect, not "flawed," Christ. See: "The Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma.") The suffering Christ is too intense. That's why, instead of seeing the face of the dying God when they look at a crucifix, some people choose to see "nice ads" and to worry about balls and frames. These people make the crucifixion a joke because they can't handle the truth.

That's a fact, and it isn't funny.

Christ told St. Peter to "feed my sheep." We can only conclude from Muto's article that, somewhat along the line, some sheep weren't led to pasture. We hope that religious instructors will realize that chil­ dren depend on their guidance and, in light of the apparent failure of Muto's educa­ tion, that they will redouble their efforts to provide solid teaching in the faith.

But perhaps we drive home the point too strongly. After all, we're just another couple of Catholics without a sense of humor.

Shannon and Frank Valenzuela
Valenzuela family
Feb. 24, 2002
**ALBUM REVIEW**

Ramone stays ‘fast and furious’ to the very end

By SEAN MCLAUGHLIN
Scene Music Critic

On April 4, 2001, Joey Ramone succumbed to a six-year battle with lymphatic cancer, and America lost one of her true rock ‘n roll saviors. A staple of New York City’s legendary CBGB’s, the Ramones released their debut album in 1976. Tired of disco and cheeseball arena rock, they wanted to send shockwaves through a music scene that was nearly as lame as the landscape we currently endure today.

Armed with little more than leather jackets, cartoon lyrics and two-minute, three-chord blitzkrieg, the Ramones’ “punk rock” ignited a revolution and has influenced countless bands from Ramones, U2, Pearl Jam and Nirvana to the White Stripes and the Strokes. Finally disbanded in 1996, the Ramones released their final album in 2001. Almost a year after his passing, it has finally seen the light of day.

Unlike many lead-singer solo albums that are plagued by uninspired attempts at experimentation, Don’t Worry About Me follows the trail the Ramones blazed over a quarter-century ago. The album is loud, fast and furious, and filled with lyrics of well-timed humor and sentiment.

“Maria Bartiromo” is a loving punk ode to the CNBC stock analyst. “Searching for Something” is a great acoustic rocker that Elvis Costello probably wishes he had written. “1969” is a rambunctious tune that chronicles the death of peace and love. Capturing the underlying alienation surrounding the era of Nixon, Vietnam, and Altamont, Joey laments “War across the USA/ It’s another year for me and you/ Another year with nothing to do.” On “I Got Knocked Down (that I’ll Get Up),” Joey directly deals with his battle with cancer. The track is easily the most touching song on the album. Standouts aside, Don’t Worry About Me is more than a worthwhile selection for any Ramones fan. For those less familiar with the band’s catalogue, the album serves as a stark reminder of Joey Ramone’s legacy. Joey Ramone always understood one key fact: rock ‘n roll is best played loud, simple, short and fast. And under those guidelines, he was simply a master.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

Chris Isaak finally finds the right formula

By JOE LARSON
Scene Music Critic

Chris Isaak has been churning out smooth, moody surf songs since his arrival on the music scene in the late ‘80s. His songs oozed emotion and the sultry videos he continues to flaunt back up the vibe of his music.

On all his albums, his crystal voice plunges down low and then soars up into a soulful croon for lost love. This is Isaak’s staple, but substantial commercial success has mostly eluded him.

His most popular work to date is his 1990 smash song and accompanying video, “Wicked Game,” and some people could be familiar with Isaak’s “Baby Did a Bad Thing” from Stanley Kubrick’s last movie, “Eyes Wide Shut.” His previous efforts were always good and achieved critical accolades, but the feel that he had still not found the missing link for major success continued to prevail.

That feeling is negated in his latest effort, Always Got Tonight, which is his best album to date. On previous albums, Isaak’s voice was the main and only focal point, but with the addition of his new producer, John Shanks, this album concentrates on presenting a fuller guitar sound to complement Isaak’s silver voice. Shanks said, “I wanted to take Chris’s songs in a different place — making songs rock a little harder.” And they do.

On this album, Isaak not only provides the slow, moody songs he is best known for, but adds crunchy guitars and cranks out some great fast songs, too. The balance between fast rock songs and slow crooners on this album is perfect. On previous albums, there were always a few tracks in a row that beg to be skipped, but this album cruises throughout without ever getting too repetitive or boring.

The album starts with the haunting “One Day,” a quick-paced song about desire. The song mixes a swinging acoustic background, thumping bass line, and melodic lead guitar playing with Isaak’s breathy vocals asking for “One day of your life.”

The second song and first single, “Let Me Down Easy,” is a catchy, toe-tapping lighter number where Isaak’s vocals again shine through. In the chorus, he shows his range, while he is begging for his love interest to take it easy on him.

Other tracks include “Courthouse” and the theme from the Showtime series that bears his name, “American Boy.” “Courthouse” (spelled through the verses and then Isaak belts out the chorus “I don’t care what people say! I will always feel this way! I don’t care how long it takes! You’re not to blame!” The song builds and peaks with lead guitarist Herbel Yatzivo’s riffs.

“American Boy” is an instant classic that immediately connects on the brain after the first time you hear it. It tells the story of, you guessed it, an American boy who plainly states “I’m no James Dean, baby! But you know I care.” Isaak fights for the regular guy and rocks through the song that could have been written for Elvis.

A new sound for Isaak comes on the title track, which rocks harder than any of Isaak’s previous work. The song begins for a lover to take another chance with her former partner. Isaak’s low voice begs for the person to return and the guitar borders on a heavy stomping beat.

This song and the very speedy and electric “Notice The Ring,” which boasts some floating flute riffs, explore the musical possibilities that Isaak had not delved into previously.

Isaak stretched on this album and that is why it’s so great. He took his Elvis and Beach Boys-based sound and added a better guitar sound and quicker tempo, which put this album high above his other efforts to date. “Always Got Tonight” rocks from the first song to the last song, alternating between up-tempo songs about desire and slower, more emotional songs about loss.

As always, Isaak’s vocals are incredible, but on this album, the band and sound surround him and he comes together to form a truly great rock record.

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White Stripes take minimalist approach too far

By LIAM FARRELL
Scene Music Critic

It may have taken longer than expected, but the anti-boy band/anti-Britney/anti-marketed pop music movement has begun. Along with a new legion of singer/songwriters and bands such as the Strokes, minimalist artists reminiscent of underground '60s rock and early punk music have taken their music to the masses. Like the Strokes, the White Stripes have also been hailed by music critics everywhere as the saviors of the currently languid and boring rock world.

Initially, I thought that White Blood was one of those albums. It may have taken longer than expected, but the anti-boy band/anti-Britney/anti-marketed pop music movement has begun. Along with a new legion of singer/songwriters and bands such as the Strokes, minimalist artists reminiscent of underground '60s rock and early punk music have taken their music to the masses. Like the Strokes, the White Stripes have also been hailed by music critics everywhere as the saviors of the currently languid and boring rock world.

Originally from Detroit, Jack and Meg White are an ambiguous group of people. No one is really sure if the two are brother and sister, husband and wife or maybe just former lovers. One thing is for sure, however, and that is that the duo plays the barest form of music possible in the rock world.

With Jack on guitar and sometimes piano and Meg on drums, there are no extraneous instrumentations on their new release, White Blood. Everything on the album is stripped to its barest parts.

Some albums grow on you; the music may not hit you at first, or the lyrics may not have been fully meaningful the first time around. Initially, I thought that White Blood was one of those albums. However, after repeated listenings, I realized that I wasn't the problem — the album was. The more you keep wanting the White Stripes to show you the musical genius that is constantly being attributed to them, the more irritated you get at the tired punk riffs being passed off as something new.

Overall, it looks like the White Stripes are cheating themselves out of finding something musically meaningful. There is some obvious lyrical talent on the album, but some songs have lines that make no sense, and some tracks, like "I Think I Smell a Rat," are so ridiculous they belong down in a basement, away from all sunlight, and even more importantly, away from my ears.

Musically, Jack White shows tremendous promise. He plays some excellent riffs on the album and is very good at making his guitar whine like a dying cat. On the other hand, Meg White has to be the most expendable drummer in the history of music. Her beats are boring and reminiscent of a middle school band. She really needs to practice more.

When listening to an album by one of the new "minimalist" groups, the question has to be asked if playing music along these lines will ever truly produce an artistically successful career. The rules of the genre were laid out by the Velvet Underground and American punks like The Ramones, and the form was developed and perfected by The Replacements on their masterpiece, Let it Be. Why listen to the White Stripes if someone else has already done it better? It's like the current state of jazz. Do I really want to listen to Wayne Shorter's "Plymouth" when I can listen to Miles Davis' "So What?"

Originally is rare to find these days, and White Blood Cells ultimately sounds like 40 minutes of a band cheating themselves out of true development. The best songs are when the band stir out of their sulky "we were born in the wrong generation" mood and play upbeat country numbers like "Hotel Yorba" and unrequited love songs with Paul McCartney vocals like "The Same Boy You've Always Known."

There are few songs on the album that show some spark. "The Union Forever" is a bizarre love song set to music straight out of a cheesy horror film, and it works rather well. But in between all of these good songs are packed, tired, boring, "we wrote this in 10 minutes" songs. Ironically, when the White Stripes actually conform to some sort of musical rules their music is at its best. "Now Mary," a great country tinged song, produces the most promising lyrics on the album: "What a season to be beautiful without a reason." It's too bad the White Stripes don't take their own lyrics to heart.

White Blood Cells does not produce the fragile beauty that is shown on The Velvet Underground and Nico or on The Replacements' Let it Be. Instead, it sounds like the death rattle of a musical form. There is not enough room for development in their music, and a drastic sort of change will be needed for them to create anything artistically interesting over the next few years. They have fallen into the Pearl Jam trap: going too deep into a type of music that isn't going to let you change your sound enough to keep the listener interested.

The White Stripes have some growing up to do in terms of their musical and artistic outlook. Nothing they've written can make me want to listen to them instead of Pale Blue Eyes.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish netters sweep Big East honors

Flechy, Ratay named Big East players of the week

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame made it a clean sweep of this week’s Big East Conference women’s basketball awards, as junior guard Alicia Ratay was named Big East Player of the Week, and freshman forward Katy Flecky was selected as the Big East Rookie of the Week. The conference announced Monday. It’s the second award in as many days for the Irish, as Flecky earns the first top-rookie honor of her career.

Flechey averaged 27.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game last week while helping the Irish to a pair of conference victories and the No. 2 seed in the upcoming Big East tournament.

Ratay also shot 50 percent from both the floor (14-28) and the three-point line (8-16) and connected at a 90.5 percent clip (19-21) from the free throw line last week.

Against West Virginia, she pumped in a season-high 31 points, including 20 in the second half as Notre Dame extended its nation’s longest home winning streak to 51 games.

She also knocked down career-best 11 free throws and four three-point field goals in the triumph. Ratay then netted a game-high 24 points and seven rebounds in Saturday’s win at Georgetown. Once again, she logged 29 second-half points, capping four more treys against the Hoyas to help move her into 10th place on the Irish career scoring list with 1,301 points. This season, Ratay ranks third in the Big East in scoring (14.9 ppg.) and first in free throw percentage (.874). Flechey notched 11.0 points and 6.5 rebounds per game last week while making just the three free throws and fourth starts of her collegiate career. The Lone Tree, Colo., native tallied eight points and six rebounds against West Virginia, before coming back with a career-high 14 points and seven rebounds in a career-best 28 minutes of action at Georgetown.

For the season, she is averaging 4.8 points and 3.3 rebounds per game, but she has nearly doubled her scoring average since moving into the starting lineup three games ago, carding 8.7 ppg. in that time.

Flechey is the second Irish freshman to be named Big East Rookie of the Week this season - forward Jacqueline Battle was a six-time winner of the award.

No. 22 Notre Dame (19-7, 13-2 Big East) will play its regular-season home game Tuesday at 7 p.m. when it welcomes Villanova to the Joyce Center for Senior Night. The Irish, winners of nine of its 10 this year and 17 of their last 20 games, will be seeking to secure not only their consecutive 20-win season, but also stretch their Big East home winning streak to 32 games and knock up a third straight undefeated regular season at the Joyce Center.

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basket as much as they wanted to. "We didn’t play that badly when we played them," McGraw said. "Defensively, we struggled and that was a problem. So hopefully we’ll shoot better."

The Irish veterans have found the basket of late, however. Ratay has scored 25, 31 and 24 points in the last three games and senior Ericka Haney is hoping to close out her final regular season by hoping to score in double-figures for the sixth game in a row.

If she can do that, it McGraw thinks may be the focus of a farewell for Haney to the Joyce Center. After a slow start to the season, the last three games the Irish have played since January have been a boost for the lone senior and as she takes the floor before the game to participate in senior recognition, the emotion of a hard-fought season may surce. "I think there will be a lot of emotion for Ericka," McGraw said. "Hopefully she won’t have to much emotion, it’s always an emotional night."

Tip-off is 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Notes:

1. Sophomore guard Jeneka Joyce is probable for play tonight. After sitting out the last several weeks due to an Achilles’ injury, Joyce practiced on Monday and should play.

2. Freshman post-player Jackie Battle is still out with a torn posterior cruciate ligament. She should be ready to play in the Big East tournament when the Irish tip-off on Sunday.

McGraw did say Battle may be ready to play a minute game during the Big East tournament.

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Irish fall short in rainy tourney

The Notre Dame men's golf team shot a final round 304 to finish in 11th-place in the rain-shortened Ben Smith Invitational, held by the University of South Florida in Tampa on Tuesday afternoon.

That put the Irish 35 strokes behind tournament champion Georgia Southern, who came from four strokes behind to defeat Jacksonville State.

Georgia Southern had a 36-hole mark of 574 (286-288) to edge Jacksonville State (577-282-295) by three strokes.

The University of South Alabama (297-284) and Southern Mississippi (294-288) tied for third with 36-hole totals of 582. Arkansas State rounded out the top five with a 593 after rounds of 295 and 298.

Individually, senior Steve Ratay, who finished 11th in a tie for 20th with a six-over par 148 following rounds of 74 on Friday and Sunday, paced Notre Dame.

That put Ratay 10 strokes off the pace set by medalist Steve Sokol of Florida Southern, who shot a four-under par 138 with rounds of 71 and 67. Sokol won the tournament by three strokes over four players — Justin Kolumber of Georgia Southern, Gareth Maybin of South Alabama, Aron Prize of Georgia Southern and Notre Dame’s David Collinits, who tied for second with 141 total strokes.

Following Ratay for the Irish was senior Chris Whitten, who tied for 39th with a two-round total of 155 (76-79). Collinits was a stroke behind as he tied for 60th with a 156 after rounds of 79 and 77.

Junior Brandon Lunke rounded out the Irish contingent as he finished 49th with a 170 after two rounds of 85.

The Notre Dame men's golf team returns to action on March 14-15 when they travel to Port St. Lucie, Fla., to participate in the Treasure Coast Classic at the PGA Country Club.
The Irish earned a tough 5-2 season-opening victory over Penn State. However, the match was far from decided as three Irish seniors, Becky Varnum, Lindsay Green and Nina Vaughan all dropped the first set to put the team in a precarious position. Fortunately, all three battled back to push their respective matches to three sets, and when Varnum earned a 3-4, 6-4, 6-4 victory over Iowa’s Toni Neykova, the Irish were finally able to breathe a sigh of relief.

“Our seniors were really clutch when we needed them,” Loudback said. “Sunday against Virginia Tech, there was no such suspense to make things interesting. Aside from a close battle for the doubles point, which the team earned after Cunha and Vaughan rallied off four straight games to take their match 8-6, Virginia Tech simply seemed outmatched.

“Stewart worked hard in practice, and I felt he gave us the best chance to win,” said Corrigan.

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ty made me realize that the program is more than just the boxing and more than just winning and losing," Fumagalli added. "If you win the whole time you're kind of on cloud nine and you don't really see the downside of it. After losing I really appreciated the training I did sophomore year."

Thinking ahead to his senior season, Fumagalli began his training last summer from his home in Shrewsbury, Ill., and continued his workouts during a month of reaching rookie boxers last fall.

"I trained in novice hard and tried to train as much as possible this spring season through all the presidential stuff I had to do," Fumagalli said.

When the boxing coaches drew up the brackets for the 135-pound division a week ago, Fumagalli's talent and experience helped earn him the top seed in the weight class and, along with Hollowell, a bye in the preliminary round. Prior to his quarterfinal match-up on Sunday, Fumagalli said he was only nervous that the boxer he had to face would have already fought on Friday.

"The same thing happened last year. Tony had a fight under his belt and I went in not as pumped up. But having the experience helps," he said. "Being your senior year you have to cherish it while you're in there. I'd rather fight Friday because I'm excited and I'm really pumped up."

Even without a fight in the preliminaries, Fumagalli was in the boxing room two hours before action began on Friday night, double-checking the evening's logistics and helping other boxers suit up for their fights.

After watching the other competitors in his weight class, he and Czintil worked as corner men for over 40 different fights Saturday brought a light workout and plenty of rest, before the quarterfinals on Sunday afternoon.

In his return to the ring, Fumagalli won a split decision over freshman Luke Dillon and earned a spot in the semifinals on Wednesday night. Surrendering a reach advantage to the slugger Dillon, Fumagalli absorbed several strong right hands over three rounds but ultimately won the fight with his speed and tenacity on the ropes.

"I don't usually like brawling and I'd rather fight a more technical fight but I had to try and cut the ring off as much as possible, knowing that his right hand was working so well on me," he said. "This year my philosophy is 'Don't leave anything up to the judges.' My corner told me to really turn it on in the third round, and they said, 'You have to do something this round to not leave it up to the judge.'"

Now only one fight away from a return to the finals in the Joyce Arena on Friday night, Fumagalli's relationship to boxing and his role in the Bengal Bouts continues to develop.

"I would say the best decision I ever made in my life was coming to Notre Dame, the second best decision was being in this program," he said. "It's an honor and a privilege to be an officer and now the president, even more, and I definitely wouldn't give that up for anything. Working with the guys, being a role model, being more of a teacher, I love that. It makes you a better person because you work your ass off outside of boxing to achieve that same level that's expected from you when you fight."

The boxing club's unique fusion of solidarity and solitude is a reality for each of its 135 members, but is especially evidenced by Fumagalli, the link between the fighters and the program that supports them.

"RecSports runs our program, so if they have anything that they want done, I go through me, even the stuff in novice," he said. "I have keys to the boxing room so I have to do stuff, in the morning and at night... Programs, ads, forms, essentially making sure everything flows smoothly."

He also wants to ensure that the last few fights of his Notre Dame boxing career go smoothly.

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HOCKEY

Irish strong in sweep of Lake Superior

By CHRIS FEDERICO Assistant Sports Editor

The men's hockey team won its third straight weekend to take away any momentum that it had gained in an impressive performance against then-No. 3 Michigan State.

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The Irish returned to the ice this past weekend at Lake Superior State and gained a two-game sweep of the Lakers, 6-0 and 3-1.

"I think we're right where we need to be," head coach Dave Poulin said. "We've played extremely well in our last four games."

The improved play of the Irish began three weekends ago at Michigan State when they played the Spartans to a 2-0 loss the first night and then knocked off Michigan State in the second match-up. Following the bye week, the Irish made another impressive trip, this time to Lake Superior State, and came home with two more road victories to extend their winning streak to three games, longest of the season.

"We best [Michigan State] that Saturday night when they hadn't lost in 34 straight games at home," Poulin said. "Then to carry it through the break week and be able to play as well as we played at Lake Superior is terrific."

The play of the defense has been a key to success for the Irish in their recent streak.

Over the last four games, they have only allowed five goals, one of which was on an empty net at the end of the Michigan State loss.

"Our defense has been the biggest change," Poulin said. "We’ve given up four goals in our last four games, excluding the empty net goal, after giving up 13 in a week­end. We really tightened up this weekend."

Much of this improved defense has shown through in the stellar play of freshman goalie Morgan Cey, who allowed only one goal in the weekend series that included the second shutout performance of his career.

"Morgan’s playing extremely well," Poulin said. "Sometimes it’s easy to forget that he’s a freshman. He’s given the team a lot of confidence, and our special teams has gotten better in front of him."

The Irish jumped ahead in the opener Friday night in the first period when freshman Cory McLean scored the first goal of his career on a shot from the blue line that sailed over the head of Lake goalsie Matt Violin. At 8:26 of the second period, Notre Dame added to its lead when defensemen Brett Lebda took a pass at the point from Connor Dunlop and flipped it past Violin.

Lake Superior State pulled within one at 10:21 of the second period on a goal credited to a scramble in front of the net. That was as close as the Lakers would come, however, as the Irish defense held strong.

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Cey recorded 16 saves and notched his second shutout of the year.

The pair of victories moved Notre Dame’s record to 12-15-5 overall and 10-12-4 in the CCHA.

The Irish hope that their winning streak can carry them through the final two games of the regular season next weekend and into the CCHA playoffs.

"This is a lot to play for right now," Poulin said. "You’re playing for positioning, and you’re playing for where you are going to play in the playoffs, and you want to go in on a positive note."

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Given the grim set of circumstances that have hung over the sports world for the last five months, simply this year's Olympic Winter Games look on a greater significance. To patriotic spirit of sports fans who would normally watch little else but football and basketball on television were riveted by sports such as figure skating and bob-sledding because of a possibility existed for an American to win a medal. We who would normally root for a guy from Texas to be here or be this good, but if watching an Afghan take home a medal fills you with national pride, then one reason alone: they're American, like you and me.

It was for that reason that I watched much of the games, and my fellow Americans did not disappoint. But if watching an American take home a medal fills you with national pride, then the heartwarming stories behind some of those triumphs makes you want to drape yourself in the flag and head over to Afghanistan to lend the troops some assistance.

Night after night, Bob Costas brought into our lives heroic stories of human triumph. There was the recent liver transplant recipient, Chris Klug, who captured an Olympic medal in snowboarding and Jim Shea who raced to gold in the skeleton with a picture of his recently deceased grandfather tacked away in his helmet.

Athletes step up to the Olympic stage as virtual unknowns. Often they enter the American house. Brian Shimer had driven the U.S. bobsled in four previous Olympics, but had never medaled. He finished fourth years ago, but all that got was a mention in a recent Sports Illustrated column about guys we forget because they didn't leave with anything around their necks.

Shimer has been in this business a long time, and many give him credit for putting the United States back on the world bob-sledding radar screen. Years ago, he went door to door trying to raise money from sponsors to pursue his dream of racing in the Olympics. He wasn't even supposed to be in these games, much less a medal contender. But he put off retirement to give it all one last shot. He was driving the second-ranked sled for a country that hadn't medaled in the sport since its parents' lifetimes, but he couldn't pass up one more chance.

After three of the four runs, Shimer's medal dreams still appeared far-fetched. His sled stood in fourth, a miracle in itself given his chances going in, but still out of the medal picture.

Then it happened. With a brilliant final run, Shimer got his medal. It mattered little that it was bronze. He wasn't supposed to be here or be this good, but if medals were given out for effort and dedication alone, Shimer's would have been gold.

Shimer's is just one of the great stories of these games that have had everything, but perhaps it best represents everything that is great about sport. It is wonderful to watch the best win medals in bunches, but far better to see a guy from the bottom of the ranks of the merely good take home the one prize he'd worked so long to earn.

Shimer assured audiences Saturday night that he won't be forgotten. He, like most other Olympic athletes, doesn't make millions. He just makes us proud to be American.

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Sports Columnist
Injuries lead to disappointing weekend

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Assistant Sports Editor

Injuries to four Irish starters led to a difficult series this weekend in the Run Maesti/University of New Orleans Classic.

The Irish came away with a win in the opener against Missouri on Friday, but then dropped a one-run loss to host New Orleans Saturday, followed by a 6-2 loss to Southern Illinois on Sunday morning.

"All of our freshmen and basically all of our position players on this trip got in the game in some capacity due to the injuries we had," assistant coach Dusty Lepper said. "We had quite a few injuries. Three All-Americans are out of our line-up right now, so there are four starting position players injured and out of the lineup."

The Irish played the entire three-game tournament without freshman shortstop Matt Merl and catcher Matt Laird. Second baseman Steve Sollmann, last season's Big East Rookie of the Year, was injured during Friday's contest with Missouri.

In addition, the Irish played Sunday's contest against Southern Illinois without preseason All-American Brian Stavisky and third baseman Joe Thaman, both of whom are out of the lineup due to injuries.
FOURTH AND INCHES

TOM KEELEY

HELLO, JOHN
HELLO, CARL

WHICH PROFESSIONS OF DIFFERENT MAJORS ARE?

GOOD, GOOD, AND THE STUDENTS OF THE ARTS
JUST AS WELL.

TAKE CARE SEE YOU MORN

FOXTROT

WHOOPS!

OH NO! I SPILLED MY HISTORY NOTES ALL OVER MY FLOOR IT'S GOING TO TAKE FOREVER TO PUT THEM BACK IN ORDER!

THERE GOES ANY HOPE OF STARTING MY WORLD WORK TODAY!

SEE, THE TRICK IS NOT TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE PROCRAS- TINATION.

APART FROM THESE BEING YOUR CHEMISTRY NOTES.

BEEFED AND BEMUSED

RYAN CUNNINGHAM

ARE YOU WALKING IN THE TRASH, RICK? I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE, BECAUSE I NEED TO TAKE OUT THE TRASH.

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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Michael Bolton, Tony Randall, Johnny Cash, Fats Domino

Happy Birthday! Your insight into human nature will enable you to make the right choices for yourself as well as for others. It is a very powerful influence that can lead to overwhelming results. You have so much to give if you play the game straight and everything to lose if you don't. Your numbers are 2, 14, 25, 35, 44, 49

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have a choice today. You can let things get to you emotionally and become totally consumed or you can take action and make things get to you emotionally and have a choice today.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let a sign being lazy get you out of the event that will bring you in contact with people who will spark enthusiasm in you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20): Be careful where you put your cash. Fast cash schemes are not likely to pan out. Don't get involved into joint ventures with someone who is pushing you to give him or her money.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let anything or anyone bother you. Focus on yourself and your own well being. Take time out to relax yourself. Fast cash schemes are not likely to pan out. Don't get involved into joint ventures with someone who is pushing you to give him or her money.

Birthday Baby: You adapt easily to change. You need to have plans to do things with friends who will take any nonsense you want.

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BENGAL BOUTS

The weight of the ring

By PAUL CAMARATA
Sports Writer

Two days before the Notre Dame Boxing Club was set to begin hosting the 72nd Annual Bengal Bouts at the Joyce Center, senior club president Matt Fumagalli sat at a small desk in the lobby of South Dining Hall.

Along with Mark Cribb, another senior boxing captain, Fumagalli tried to convince students walking by to purchase a ticket for the four-night boxing tournament held each February. Selling the $10 all-session passes was one of Fumagalli's final responsibilities before the season commenced.

In his term as president he has helped run the fall training program for novice boxers, organize the club's advertising and donations, set up photo shoots, write articles for the tournament program and club newsletter and create the boxing club's Website. On top of all those tasks, Fumagalli has trained tirelessly for his final Bengal Bouts.

"At the end of sophomore year, the president that was graduating asked me if I'd be interested in being a captain and I said yes right away," Fumagalli said. "Last year I was a junior officer, and Mark and I were in charge of ads. We both worked on those really hard to try and get as much ad money in as possible.

Their diligence paid record-setting dividends as the 2001 Bouts raised over $75,000 for its charitable support of the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

But the event was not nearly as successful for Fumagalli in the ring. After winning the 130-pound title his sophomore year, he was upset in the first round of last year's tournament.

"I didn't train as much as I should have," he said of last year, which ended on the losing side of a decision to then-freshman Tony Hollowell.

"Last year was weird because I'm real superstitious. Sophomore year I wore regular shoes, I wore wrestling shoes all the way up to the ring, I was the underdog and I beat the No. 2 seed and the No. 1 seed.

"Then junior year I went in with wrestling shoes, didn't wear the robe, I was the top seed and I got upset ... I saw [Hollowell] fight the night before and he knocked the kid down so I knew he was not a pushover at all. I definitely didn't underestimate him but definitely was not ready. He was a horse."

Despite his frustration, Fumagalli discovered in his defeat new lessons about the sport and program that have been central to his years at Notre Dame.

"Everybody, from people that aren't involved in boxing to the guys that are, expect you not to sail on through but to be at the top of your class in athletics. So I was definitely disappointed that as a captain I didn't perform up to what others thought I should have and what I thought I should have.

"But losing last year definitely taught me some lessons from the ring and his victories out of the ring.

Bengal Bouts president Matt Fumagalli has learned lessons from his defeats in the ring and his victories out of the ring. DUFFY MARIE ARNOLD/sketch Observer

Irish look to cage Wildcats

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

The last time Notre Dame and Villanova faced off, Villanova guard Mimi Riley led a last-second turnaround jumper to give the Wildcats a win on their home court. But tonight, the Irish have home-court advantage, and this time they hope to be the ones with the win.

"I think it's nice to have the opportunity to play them again to see how we've improved," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "It will be head-to-head with the win.

The Wildcats (17-9, 11-4) are the only Big East opponent the Irish face twice in the regular season. With the Big East tournament on the horizon, playing a team that could end up in the NCAA tournament will be beneficial for the Irish.

"They're a very good team," McGraw said of the fourth-ranked team in the Big East. "We haven't really played an NCAA tournament team since Boston College, so this will be good for us to get back and play against a really good team."

Junior guard Trish Jubilie is leading the Wildcats, who are riding a five-game winning streak. Their most recent win was against the Virginia Tech Hokies on Saturday. Jubilie leads the team with 14 points, but Riley, who hit the game-winning shot against the Irish in early January adds another 12 points per game.

The Wildcats are on a hot streak from the 3-point line. They've hit 118 3-pointers in their last 11 games, including 10 or more during seven games.

They're shooting a ton [of 3s] and they're playing really well right now," McGraw said. "I think they're in great shape for an NCAA bid. They've really come on strong at the end.

Defensively, Notre Dame had a solid showing against Villanova, but they fell short when it came to scoring baskets. Despite junior Alicia Ratay's game-high 22 points, the Irish just couldn't find the