A Notre Dame student was mugged while walking home from Boat Club over the weekend, according to a Saturday e-mail sent to Keough Hall residents.

The 7:45 p.m. e-mail from Keough resident Fisher Pet Jarrett said "there has been an incident this week that raises issues about safety off campus is student walking home alone from the Boat Club was mugged and injured." Jarrett's message listed no other specifics about the assault.

Notre Dame Security/Police and South Bend police officials said they had no knowledge of a Notre Dame student being mugged. Student Affairs officials also denied knowledge of the alleged incident.

Jarrett's e-mail cautioned students to always carry their ID, in light of the alleged mugging and freshman Chad Sharon's disappearance. The e-mail recommended that Keough residents leave and return to Notre Dame with other students. Jarrett declined to comment on his wide-spread e-mail or the alleged assault. He could not confirm whether the student was female or male, but stated that all the information in his message was truthful and came from a source connected to the alleged victim.

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E-mail reports mugging

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The Online Blotter narrative said "a visitor reported a confrontation with a University employee regarding parking." The incident was reported at 1:14 a.m. Friday. While police officials said they were unable to comment on any possible investigation into the report, the incident is listed as "active" on the blotter.

"If it says it's active then it's been assigned to a detective," said Phil Johnson, assistant director of NPS.

Storin said he believes the dispute occurred over the location of WNDU vehicles parked in the spaces between Fisher Hall and South Dining Hall. "I saw the trucks in the parking area that I believe is probably part of the South Dining Hall parking," he said. Storin said the news vehicles may have been parked in spaces reserved for South Dining Hall parking and not Fisher Hall parking.

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Scally confronts TV reporter

By TEREASA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

A confrontation between WNDU-TV reporter Bonnie Drucker and Notre Dame executive vice president Tim Scully occurred near the Fisher Hall parking lot shortly before the beginning of the 10 p.m. Mass celebrated Thursday for missing freshman Chad Sharon.

Scully said, "Father Scully told the WNDU crew that they were parked in the wrong spots," said Notre Dame spokesman Matt Storin.

"Father Scully confronted the WNDU crew because they were parked in the wrong spots," said Storin.

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New student magazine debuts

By KIFLIN TURNER
Assistant News Editor

Faced with questions about career paths and the personal interests that motivate those decisions, students frequently consider various post-graduation options throughout their college careers. But on the Notre Dame campus, there are few options for this type of career guidance, said Notre Dame senior John Cannon, president of the new student-run magazine, Changing Times, that aims to provide uncertain students with possible answers about their futures.

"I think we realized that it's just not coursework, but all college students wanting an answer," said Cannon.

Planning began last October when two roommates brain-stormed an idea that eventually became a reality in the form of a non-profit foundation. Like most other students, Cannon and John Mirshekari, found themselves puzzling over their futures and discussing their plans for after college.

"Challenging students to think about these questions means more than reaching some answers and inspiring them to do those things with the broader society in mind is the goal of the magazine," said Cannon.

Cannon and Mirshekari said they wanted to help students face their own doubts about how to focus on their interests and then use those as strengths to help the world in their own way.

"It's time for us to sit down and talk with our readers about careers on campus," said Cannon.

"It's really important to have people

ND cancels graduate insurance subsidy plans

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Budget cuts have forced University administrators to cancel previous plans to subsidize the cost of a larger, more comprehensive health insurance plan for graduate students, representatives from the Graduate Student Union and the Graduate School confirmed.

GSU plans to officially inform Notre Dame graduate students of the lack of subsidization later this week via e-mail.

"University officials" had been saying all along that they didn't think it would fit into next year's budget," said Heather Edwards, GSU Healthcare Committee Chairperson.

Edwards said the large-scale, GSU leaders were informed of the decision by administrators within the Graduate School early this semester. Administrators, however, also warned them last semester that lack of funds would likely make subsidization for the 2003-04 academic year unlikely, she said.

James Powell, associate dean of the Graduate School, also confirmed that subsidized health insurance will be unavailable to graduate students next year. But he said the University will remain focused on the issue and committed GSU to its hard work on the issue.

"GSU has done everything it possibly can to achieve this goal," Powell said.

Despite these efforts, GSU President Tim Dale said he expects complaints from graduate students, some of whom have grievances with the current health insurance plan.

"I'm sure there's going to be outrage and outrage, but there's not much to do," he said. "Negotiating with an empty bank account doesn't really work. The main thing is to keep this on the agenda.

Subsidizing health insurance remains a priority among University administrators, the GSU president said.

"It is on the top of their list," he said. "It's on the top of everyone's list. It seems that at the earliest possible moment that funding

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By JOHN MIRSHEKARI and JOHN CANNON

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Days to remember

Last Sunday I walked back onto campus after a long vacation — for the last time. As I walked down the hall of my dorm and greeted my friends who I hadn’t seen for the last three weeks it struck me that this was the last time this group of amazing women would be within yelling distance. It wasn’t until that moment that the thought finally struck home. This is my last semester of college.

And as I thought about that, I made a pact with myself. I think it’s a fact that all of us who take a moment to consider and, sometimes, I acknowledge that. Sometimes, I please contact us at 631-4941 so we can correct our error.

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ND students plan Martin Luther King week events

MLK week organizers have planned a full week of activities to help commemorate King’s life and achievements.

Katie McCoy
Associate Sports Editor

What’s Happening @ ND

• Art Exhibit: Contemporary Impressions: Art by Native American Artists
All day at the South St. Museum of Art

• Women’s Basketball vs. Connecticut
2 p.m. at the Joyce Center

• Art Exhibit: Girl Culture: Lauren Greenfield Photographs
All day at the SNite Museum of Art

What’s Happening @ SMC

• Interfaith Prayer Service
4 p.m. at Stapleton Lounge

• Residence Hall Association Info Session
7 p.m. at Huggar Parlor

• Sister School Project Forum
12 p.m. at Huggar Parlor

What’s Cooking

North Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Swiss steak, herb-garlic rutab, potatoes, brown sauce chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, minted peas & carrots, haddock with herbs, curried vegetable rice pilaf, baked potato, sugar snap peas.

Today’s Dinner: Sherried chicken thighs with mushrooms & water chestnuts, long grain & wild rice, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli spears, grilled redfish, cut corn, sliced carrots, baked sweet potatoes, baked potato, cauliflower, fried cheese ravioli, three-pepper sauce, french dip sandwich

South Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Neapolitan spaghetti pesto-popper-tomato mostaccioli, Italian sausage marinara, sausage pizza, cherry turner, pestel sticks, cheese & rice croquettes, broiled tomato halve, chicken jambalya, beef & noodle cassore, rotisserie chicken, Italian rice pilaf.

Today’s Dinner: Neapolitan spaghetti pesto-popper-tomato mostaccioli, Italian sausage marinara, four-cheese pizza, breadsticks, broccoli-cheese rice casserole, Italian-blend vegetables, buffalo wings, rotisserie beef churras-cuits, grilled pork chops, hot apple sauce

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SOUTH DINING HALL

What’s Going On

Two people apprehended near parking lot

NDSP apprehended two suspicious people near the parking lot. One suspect was arrested for criminal trespass and the other individual was identified, issued a no trespass warning letter and released. The case is being investigated further.

Visitor reports argument

A visitor reported an argument with a student regarding parking near the Main Circle on Thursday around noon. The case is being referred for administrative review.

NDSP issues alcohol citation

Police issued a University citation to a student Thursday evening near the East Gate for a minor in possession of alcohol. The case is being referred for administrative review.

Student treated for sports injury

NDSP responded to a report of an injured student near the Ruan Center Friday afternoon. The student was treated at the scene for a sports-related injury.

compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT’S UP

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THE OBSERVER
Students celebrate MLK week

By NATASHA GRANT

Beginning today, Notre Dame students prepare to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. While Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students must attend classes today, several groups and individuals hope to help students celebrate King's achievements through events with the overall theme, "Making Your Mark: A Journey Through Saint Journey," to help students celebrate series of events and a memorial theme, "Leadership." The weeklong program will feature a dinner titled "Food for a Journey" and a Mass, "Light for the Journey," said Ken Seifert, the student coordinator of the student coordinator of the student coordinator of the choir. Gomez said he also hopes that the celebration will make people more aware of King. "I think it is somewhat overlooked on campus because it is a national holiday, but here at [Notre Dame] we still have to go to class and go on with other activities," he said. "A wider recognition of MLK is certainly a worthy cause, and I just think that we just want more of an awareness of why there is a MLK celebration," he said. Gomez said students and administrators in particular should be responsible for promoting awareness of the holiday. "I think the University should make more of an effort to try to promote awareness of [King] to give him the proper credit even if we are still in attendance," in class," he said. Contact Natasha Grant at ngrant@nd.edu.

Activists remember abortion anniversary

WASHINGTON

Abortion activists marking this week's 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision say they have their first chance in years to put a dent in abortion rights now that Republicans control the House, Senate and the White House. "We will pass the first significant pro-life legislation actually limiting abortions in 30 years," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and a leading abortion foe. He predicted Congress will move quickly to pass a measure banning a late-term abortion procedure called partial birth. "I think we'll hear a great deal of hyperbole about Roe being at risk from the abortion side. I hope they're right," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J. "From our side, we're going to assert even more, with compassion but with earnestness, that the Holocaust of the unborn has to stop." But Douglas Johnson, legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee, said passing anti-abortion bills will continue to be difficult in the 100-member Senate, where 60 votes are needed to overcome parliamentary tactics for blocking action on most bills. The Senate has 51 Republicans, 48 Democrats and one independent. "This is not a Senate that's going to be approving sweep­ ing legislation to challenge Roe," Johnson said. "There's a Congress now in which we have a chance for a bill that deals with these sorts of reforms that are supported by most Americans." Abortion-rights supporters, who also have many of the events planned for the anniversary, acknowledge that the advantage in Congress has switched to abortion foes. "The Republicans are controlling every branch of government, and we have now entered the anti-choice trifecta," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y. Maloney and others pushed to a 2-1 vote in favor of a House bill that bars U.S. aid to international groups that support abortion and would cut $42 million from international family planning programs overseas.

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from particular fields provide ideas on careers to pursue post-graduation" said Sophomore J.B. Long, editor-in-chief of the magazine. "To complement those, we want students to be able to read articles from their peers to find out about other student initiatives."

Changing Times aims to provide this guidance by including stories of successful CEOs, professionals, professors and other students who pursued careers based on their interests with a focus on social responsibility. Though the Career Center offers resume publishing and interviewing courses for those who are confused about what direction they might begin to take in life, Cannon believes there are few resources available for students who need general guidance.

"They don't help you with the stage of critical analysis or introspection," said Cannon. Students who are constantly feeling the pressure of defining success in terms of financial gain will now have the opportunity to read and find inspiration from the stories of professionals who have contributed to the years of volun­teer their time and efforts to the project. In addition, Faustin hopes that the foundation will provide future generations of college students the inspiration and direction necessary for achieving substantial meaning in their own lives and in the lives of those around them.

"We want it to be a Notre Dame student organization now and five years later and then 10 years down the line," said Scully.

Cannon also points to the potential positive aspects that the magazine will provide for its own student organizers in gaining more experience in a publication, such as administrative, financial and media responsibilities.

Cannon asks for any students, regardless of major, interested in becoming a part of the magazine to visit the publication's website at www.changingtimes.org, or contact jencode@nd.edu.

Contact Teresa Fralish at tfralish@nd.edu

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working to renegotiate the exist­ ing plan to include one of these additional benefits while main­ taining approximately the same cost structure, said Edwards, the committee's chair. The commit­ tee plans to send out either an email or fax to graduate student organiza­ tions to prioritize the benefits. Graduate student health care has been a major issue at Notre Dame and around the country for the past several years. Most top national graduate schools offer some type of subsidized health insurance plan to their students.

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Powell supports U. of M. affirmative action system

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday he disagrees with President Bush's position on an affirmative action case before the Supreme Court, as the White House called for more money for historically black colleges.

Bush administration officials had filed with the Supreme Court was often on that issue of whether race can be a factor under some circumstances.

"It is very important to take race into consideration if you must, if race-related means do not work," she said. Rice had benefited from affirmative action during her time at Stanford University.

"I think they saw that people they thought had potential, and yet, they think they were looking to diversify the faculty," she said.

"I think there's nothing wrong with that in the United States," Rice said. "It does not mean that one has to go to people of lower quality. Race is a factor in our society." In a speech to the Republican National Convention in 2000, Powell sharply criticized GOP attacks on affirmative action.

"We must understand the cynicism that exists in the black community," he said. "The kind of cynicism that is created when, for example, some in our party mis no opportunity to loudly and loudly condemn affirmative action that helps a few thousand black kids get an education, but we hardly hear a whisper from them over the relatively afabulous people who load our federal tax codes with preferences for special interests." Sunday on the CBS program "Face the Nation," she remained "a strong proponent of affirmative action."

Rice said earlier that her position was the other black member of Bush's Cabinet.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell spoke on the CBS program "Face the Nation" about the University of Michigan affirmative action policies.

IRAQ

Baghdad officials disclose they have 4 more warheads

Associated Press

Baghdad, Iraq (AP) — Iraq has disclosed it has four more warheads like a dozen others discovered last week, and said there had been serious "disregard" of international community calls for the weapons inspectors, frequently called "the weapons inspectors, frequently call­ ing them spies."

Baghdad's Defense Minister Donald Rumsfeld said he supports giving Sarajevo's government immunity from war crimes prosecution if they go into exile. Secretary of State Colin Powell warned if the United States launches air strikes against the Iraqis.

U.N. chief weapons inspectors Hans Blix and Mohamed ElBaradei were in Baghdad Sunday for the first of two days of talks that could determine whether the United States, which dis­ putes Iraq's claims that it has no banned weapons, mounts a military attack to dis­ arm Iraq by force. As many as 14 hours of talks, Bli said, "I think we are making some progress. It was a constructive meeting."

"We are saying in no uncertain terms that Sarajevo is running out. ElBaradei said Europe is "a constructive side to the war in Bosnia and the United Nations. "We have to be a side to the war in Bosnia and the United Nations."

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Top Bush administration officials said Sunday they would welcome Saddam Hussein seeking exile outside Iraq, saying it could avert military action to topple the Iraqi president.

Also, Secretary of State Colin Powell went to the New York headquarters of the United Nations to meet with foreign ministers of Security Council members about Saddam and the Iraq problem.

His first two meetings were with the foreign ministers of China and France, two of the many countries who are not convinced the time is right to use force against Iraq.

North Korea's revived nuclear weapons program also was on the agenda for Powell's separate meetings with China's Tang Jiaxuan and France's Dominique de Villepin.

"To avoid a war, I would be personally would recommend that some provision be made so that the senior leadership in that country and their families could be provided haven in some other country," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said on ABC's "This Week."

White House Would Welcome Saddam Exile

"And I think that that would be a fair trade to avoid a war," On "Fox News Sunday," Rumsfeld said Iraq's Arab neighbors are urging Saddam to step down and go into exile "to avoid war, I would be a good thing for the world if he left," Rumsfeld said.

But Powell with his colleagues on a course about what the international community has sought since the Clinton administration: a change of leadership in Iraq.

"And the challenge before us then would be to see whether or not that new regime would commit itself to eliminating weapons of mass destruction, satisfying the international community that they are interested in the welfare of their people and not in threatening their own people or threatening their neighbors," Powell said.

"And we would have had an entirely new situation presented to the international community, and we might be able to avoid war," Powell said.

Most of the 15 Security Council members remain opposed to using the military soon, regardless of the contents of a report to the council next Monday by weapons inspectors.

A senior official said Powell was to meet separately with seven ministers, including those of Germany, Mexico and the permanent members China, France and Russia. The official said Powell is trying to agree with his colleagues on a course of action after the Jan. 27 report is in hand.

Also Sunday, American and British planes bombarded eight unmanned sites that are part of Iraq's military air defense command and control system. U.S. Central Command said in a statement:

The strikes at about 7:10 a.m. EST came after Iraqi air defense forces fired anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles at coalition planes patrolling the southern no-fly zone over Iraq, according to the statement. The sites were between Al Kut, about 95 miles southeast of Baghdad, and An Nasiriyah, about 176 miles southeast of the capital.

Rumsfeld said he remained hopeful Saddam would consider living elsewhere, or that Iraqis would topple him.

"I think that the people in his country know what a vicious regime he runs, and they may decide to throw him out. He and his family may decide that they'll leave," Rumsfeld said.

"War is your last choice," he said. "It would be displeased if Saddam Hussein threw in the towel, said. The game's up, the international community has caught me, and I'll just leave."

Some analysts say Saddam would have to be given guarantees he will not face a fate like that of former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, who is on trial on war crimes charges.

Hundreds of Iraqis have been killed since Saddam came to power in 1979, and the Iraqi leader could face calls for retribution.

Rumsfeld, asked if the United States would be willing to offer Saddam immunity from possible war crimes prosecution, said that was a question for the White House or Justice Department.


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Segway hits legal pothole

*Sidewalk use of personal vehicle banned*

**Associated Press**

SAN FRANCISCO

With its love of geek chic and congested streets, San Francisco might have been expected to embrace Segway, the environmentally friendly, self-balancing personal vehicle that promises to entice people out of their smog-spewing cars.

Instead, the city on Monday becomes the first large municipality to outlaw the Segway Human Transporter on its sidewalks—two months before the chariot-like vehicles are made available to the public.

The Board of Supervisors acted last month following intense lobbying by Segway LLC in state capitals to change laws to permit the two-wheeled vehicles on sidewalks.

Thirty-three states, including California, have approved Segway-enabling legislation. But that doesn't mean major cities will readily embrace the scooters touted by inventors Dean Kamen, when he introduced them to great fanfare in December 2001, as apt to "change civilization."

The upright device is controlled by body movements with the help of tiny computers and gyroscopes. The Segway has been tested across the country by postal workers, police officers and meter readers. They're on sale to the public at Amazon.com for $4,950 each and will begin shipping in March.

Critics say the Segway is a safety hazard on sidewalks because it weighs 69 pounds and travels at up to 12.5 mph, three times faster than the typical pedestrian. No state is regulating that its drivers be trained, although some have set minimum age and helmet requirements.

"We don't want to say that it doesn't even evoke bike sense. But in urban settings there isn't enough room for all the pedestrians," said Ellen Vanderslice, president of America WALKs, a pedestrian advocacy group based in Portland, Ore.

In hilly San Francisco, officials feared the battery-powered Segways would cause more problems than they would solve, particularly for the disabled and senior citizens.

"There were statistics submitted to us about injuries, and the Segways themselves did not have adequate safety features to alert people they might be behind them," said Tom Ammiano, a San Francisco supervisor who supported the ban.

Segway officials say the scooters have been tested for 100,000 hours on city streets across the nation without injury.

Ammiano also said Segway's campaign rubbed officials the wrong way.

"Segway didn't help themselves by hiring very expensive lobbyists," he said. "I think that backfired on them, too."

New Hampshire-based Segway hired lobbying firms but has made no contributions to any public officials or candidates, said Matt Dallida, the company's director of state government affairs.

Along with California, about half the states that passed laws to allow the Segway also permit cities to opt out, but so far most major municipalities are taking a wait-and-see approach, Dallida said.

Dallida says Segway has worked with many state and local legislators to show that the scooters are safe alternatives to cars. Buyers also must attend a multi-hour training course before the scooter is shipped to them, he added.

"We understand that this is an entirely new technology that each city needs to regulate," he said. But "we think the action by San Francisco was premature."

Dallida passed a measure allowing Segways in towns that specifically pass ordinances permitting them. Most, including Chicago, have not done so.

Segway expects New York to allow the vehicle throughout the state, except in New York City, where use in the first year would be limited to government and commercial users.

Claude Harvey and his wife Judy ride their Segway "human transporters" along the bike path on Santa Monica beach. San Francisco recently outlawed use of the Segway. 

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Create a 'Flex 10' student meal plan

The Student Senate Steering Committee believes that students deserve a new meal plan option, and we have decided to make this the focus of our meeting this week.

The current meal plan allows students to choose either 21 or 14 meals per week in the dining hall. Statistics show, however, that undergraduates on the 21 plan eat an average of 19.4 meals in the dining hall per week, while those choosing the Flex 14 option consume an average of 9.2 meals. Moreover, only 3 percent of students participate in the 21 meal plan.

We believe a new meal plan of approximately 10 meals per week and additional Flex points would greatly benefit the student body. In light of this fact, we believe that more detailed information on current consumption would help formulate a meal plan that would appeal to the student body.

One reason that has been cited against a Flex 10 option is that it would conflict with the mission of the University. It has been argued that eating in the dining hall fosters a sense of community, and therefore a decrease in dining hall meals may harm this community.

We believe, however, that the Notre Dame community transcends the dining hall system. Students eating together at Burger King or Subway feel the same sense of community as do undergraduates in the dining hall. An additional meal plan would also benefit students who may have conflicts with class, work or meetings. Certainly we do not want to diminish the sense of community at Notre Dame. However, a Flex 10 meal plan would simply be a realistic response to the current fact that most students only consume an average of 9.2 meals a week in the dining hall.

Ruling forcing students to choose a minimum of 14 meals per week compel a student to pay for meals which he or she may not eat. While we recognize that a new meal plan may have an effect on revenue, it is in the best interest of students that we work to overcome this problem.

One major concern that has been voiced against the Flex 10 meal plan is that it would be unfeasible for those who obtain their meals through the on-campus Dining Hall. However, we believe that the new meal plan can be modified to accommodate those students who have an on-campus meal plan.

In conclusion, we believe a Flex 10 meal plan would better serve the needs of Notre Dame students. It would provide an option that is flexible and affordable, while still allowing students to participate in the community that Notre Dame is famous for.

Sister (in slightly annoyed but equally high-pitched voice): What baby brother or sister? Mom (still apparently channeling my baby niece's latent desire for companionship): The little brother or sister I'll have in a couple of years. I'll be lonely without one.

Sister (now also channeling Autumn): Don't you mean the baby cousin I'll have when my aunt Amy has kids soon? Me: Hell no — coochie coo — hell no.

This concludes another example of how my family is completely insane. But hey, everyone's family is crazy, and honestly, isn't that what the holidays are really about?

In the end, the big family Christmas went better than expected. Though we all know our cousins definitely found me out as exciting as the Gator Bowl (let's just pretend they would know what that was), at least there were no major injuries or cultural clashes. However, if they return next year, I refuse to eat another avocado cream pie.

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

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NDToday/OBSERVER POLL QUESTION

Should colleges be allowed to use race as a factor in admissions decisions?

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Quote of the Day

"A family is a unit composed not only of children, but of men, women, an occasional animal and the common cold."

Ogden Nash

American poet
Media bias still abounds

Several interesting articles have been printed in these pages recently concerning race, media bias and Roe v. Wade. I would like to add a few observations which have not yet been made by others.

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When the decision came down, I was 14 years old. I remember shuddering at the thought of who would consider doing such a thing. As a young adult, I was just beginning to understand the tragedies of war in Vietnam, the Vietnam War, and the fallouts from the rest of the unforgettable tumultuous events of the 1960’s. Such things could not pos­sibly be happening in this world in which I was growing up. Little did I realize the far-reach­ing consequences that would follow from this fateful meeting of minds. Little did everyone else.

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Carrabbas Italian Grill: worth the wait?

Carrabbas Italian Grill provides friendly services and a decent meal, but is it worth the time?

By EMILY HOWALD
Assistant Scene Editor

One usually thinks that when there is a 2 1/2 hour wait at a restaurant, the meal will prove to be worthy of the wait. Carrabbas proved that theory wrong.

The meal was not bad, but after waiting for such a long time, not to mention, nowhere to sit while waiting, the meal did not meet the expectations that one builds up while they anxiously and hungrily wait to eat.

After making a mistake in the order, which they readily corrected, the meal just wasn't any good. Many of the entrees come with a side choice of some form pasta. The chicken parmesan cam was delightful - only because they entered the restaurant at any time.

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Something wonderful: getting to know Siam

By JACK WATKINS
Scene Writer

There is a certain rut that it is easy to get into at a restaurant scene — a rut that involves going to the same restaurants on Grape St. or the same burgers, the same buffalo wings, and yes, even the same Bloomin' Onions. Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students who are looking for a change of pace can hardly do better than Siam.

Located downtown, adjacent (and connected to) the Cheesecake Factory, Siam offers Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students superb Thai food and a quiet atmosphere, well-suited for dates and conversation.

A distinct aura of class hovers around the place. Service is quick and extremely polite, in a manner that is perhaps typically associated with restaurants featuring Asian food.

The small tables and low lights create an intimate feel. There’s a la carte menu, which may be a little intimidating to those not accustomed to ordering tea, but it’s fairly straightforward and customers should be able to find something they’d like with ease.

Coffee is also available with dessert, and is excellent, providing customers with an excuse to linger and enjoy themselves further into the evening.

Naturally, not everyone likes Thai food, and for those who don’t, Siam will have little appeal. But there are a great many who enjoy Thai food, and others who have never had any, and for them Siam is a great opportunity. It is worth at least one trip for the experience, and many, many more for those who fall to its charms.

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Fiddler’s Hearth a new hit

The new Fiddler’s Hearth mixes well with the Irish environment and gives the students a tasty and enjoyable place to escape

By JOSE CARLOS DE WIT
Scene Writer

"Aw, gimme some more of that juicy tang!" was the first thought that crossed my mind after I took my first bite of the Pork Tenderloin with Treacle and Mustard sauce at the Fiddler’s Hearth, downtown South Bend’s new Irish restaurant and pub.

The Fiddler’s Hearth opened its doors this past October, establishing itself as South Bend’s self-described "local public house: a gathering place for Celtic artists and the public at large."

Local artists take the stage on Friday and Saturday evenings at the Hearth to perform music and dance. Seven Celtic bands, ranging from cheerful and intimate to high-energy, set the stage for the food coming to your table, and create an energetic, inspiring, and entertaining atmosphere.

The genuinely Celtic atmosphere and entertainment is complemented by an equally authentic food and drink menu, which offers an assortment of spirits, meals, and, of course, beers, that are as warm and friendly as the music and the fireplace. Which brings us back to the pork tenderloin. Its soft, juicy medallions of tender pork are glazed in a tart, playful sauce of peppery hot mustard and sweet, spicy molasses, creating a startlingly exciting flavor combination.

And of course, for those who like tea, it’s an attraction certainly not rivaled at most other South Bend establishments. Wine and soda are also available, but it seems incongruous to order anything but tea and water.

A wide variety of appetizers is available, along with the standard Thai entrees, which are organized by type of meal (with categories such as “Favorites,” “Curry,” “Noodles” and “Vegetarian”) and carefully described, ensuring that Thai food novices are comfortable ordering.

In addition, the food is rated for spiciness, on a scale of zero through three, although there appeared to be only one dish rating a three, meaning that the average dish is not too spicy for the American palate, although additional spice can be requested with anything. Favorite among Pad Prik Pao (a dish featuring chicken, onions, rice, and various vegetables) and Pad Thai noodles are excellent here, as is the curry.

Siam does not offer American appetizers or entrees. But, slyly, the dessert menu features cheesecake, some made in-house, some from the adjacent Cheesecake Factory, and all ridiculously good.

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This window seat at Siam is an example of the comfortable environment that is created at the restaurant.
Tampa Bay defense sends Buccaneers to first Super Bowl

Associated Press

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers forgot about the cold and their past. They simply rolled up their sleeves and let their league-leading defense go to work.

Now they're off to Sunday's Snow Bowl for their first Super Bowl title since 1989. The Bucs shut down Donovan McNabb and company to beat the Eagles 27-10.

"Nobody really expected us to win this game," said Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden, in his first year with the team. "That fueled our enthusiasm to play."

Gruden and the Bucs will play next Sunday against his old team, the Philadelphia Eagles, who beat the Tennessee Titans 41-24 in the AFC Championship game.

"We ain't going for no vacation," said Eagles coach Andy Reid. After the Bucs' early flurry, sparked by Rich Gannon's 70-yard return of the opening kickoff, it was all Tampa Bay. The Bucs led 17-10 at halftime and stifled Philadelphia after intermission.

"They were the better team," Eagles coach Andy Reid said.

"They got after us. We didn't answer the bell on a few things. It's very disappointing. You come this far, 20-some odd weeks of football. You put yourself in position to strike for the Super Bowl and you lose."

Brad Johnson finished 20-of-33 for 259 yards against a Philadelphia secondary with three Pro Bowl selections, allowing the Bucs to control the ball and the clock, especially in the first half.

The defense, meanwhile, totaled 14 penalties for 127 yards.

"We didn't want to give up the big play," said Gannon. "That didn't - Mitchell's return was against the special teams."

"If we could do that, we'd have a real good chance of winning."

The Bucs started playing in 1976, lost their first 26 games, then made a brief run at the playoffs. Then, from 1983-96, they did not have a winning season and lost 10 or more games in 13 of those 14 seasons.

And this past season, they had been bounced from the playoffs in Philadelphia, where they also lost in October.

Mitchell's return of the opening kickoff and Tampa Bay's 20-yard touchdown run two plays later gave the Eagles a 7-0 lead 52 seconds into the game. But that was the high point for Philadelphia.

"We came out early and set the tempo, then we did absolutely nothing," Eagles receiver Antonio Freeman said.

David Akers' 30-yard field goal midway through the second quarter tied the game at 10. But the Bucs took the ensuing kickoff and won 80 yards in 12 plays, scoring from 9 yards out when Johnson (Brad) found Johnson (Keshawn) just over the goal line on a third-down play.

The Eagles reached the Tampa Bay 24 in the final minute of the half, but McNabb was sacked by his old high school teammate, Rice, who knocked the ball loose and recovered the fumble.

"The same thing happened on the Eagles' first possession of the third quarter. Barber knocking the ball loose on a carry blitz and Ellis Wyms recovering at the Philadelphia 47."

Gannon's 3 TD passes leads Raiders to 41-24 win

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. - The Oakland Raiders did more than "Just win, baby." They celebrated. The raucous, raucous mix that famous renegade style of play they've been so good at beat the Tennessee Titans 41-24 in the NFC championship game.

Rich Gannon, the 37-year-old quarterback, led the way with three touchdown passes and a bevy of vicious hits on Tennessee's pass defense, including a fourth-quarter touchdown.

It will be a Silver and Black championship game, tinged with a little more than just a touch of gray.

The veteran Raiders — the team built to win right now — will go for their fourth Super Bowl title next Sunday in Tampa. They'll play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who beat the Philadelphia Eagles 27-10 in the NFC championship game earlier in the day.

The Raiders were perfect, day at a stadium known as the Black Hole, Raiders looked as much like the old group of swashbuckling bad boys they used to be as the new team they have become.

The old: 14 penalties for 127 yards, a handful of cheap shots and a bevy of vicious hits on Steve McNair, who paid a huge price for his 194 yards passing and two rushing touchdowns.

The new: UnbelievablyOakland called exactly one running play over the first three quarters, leaving the work to Gannon, who threw 41 times for 296 yards, nine completions for 41 more, including a fourth-quarter touchdown.

"We were making a lot of dumb mistakes out there," line- backer Eric Barton said. "Fortunately, we sucked it up and stopped it. That shows the character of this team."

The Raiders took the lead for good late in the second quarter, when Barton stripped Tennessee's Robert Holcombe, giving Oakland the ball at the Tennessee 16. Two plays later, Gannon hit tight end Doug Jolly for a score and a 21-17 lead. That drive, like this game, was nothing pretty, but then again, Davis has never demanded perfection.

"The owner's unsigned mes- sage is 'Just win, baby,'" said Gannon. "We've always been his desire to field a team that could pull out even the ugly games.

"In that vein, they signed a group of veterans who had endured a lot in this league. More penal- ties and a hot quarterback weren't going to be enough to halt this Super Bowl run."

"He fought all year long," Rice said. "When we lost four straight games, this team stuck together and now we're going to the Super Bowl."

"For McNair to match by himself."

"No one gave us a chance when we were 1-4, tight end Frank Wycheck said. "We can hang our hat on the fact that we were 30 minutes from getting to the Super Bowl."

For the Raiders, this trip is especially sweet considering their recent playoff past.

This time, there was no denying the team Davis built to win — and win now. Brown will go to the Super Bowl for the first time in his sterling career. He led the Raiders with nine catches for 73 yards.

Rice will go for his fourth title. He made five catches, including two that gave the Raiders first downs inside the 10, en route to touchdowns.

"This is what, Jerry Rice's 75th Super Bowl?" Porter said. "It feels good to get Tim Brown to the Super Bowl. That was one of the team goals — to get him to the Super Bowl."

They wanted to get Davis back there, too.

The team's eccentric, 73-year-old architect will get a long-awaited trip to the game he, in part, created. He helped engineer the AFL-NFL merger and then became the Thorn in the league's side, moving his team twice and suing the NFL while he was at it.

For all the trouble he's been caused, many in football think the NFL is a better place when the Raiders are doing well. If that's the case, then the league is enjoying a mighty fine year.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Tar Heels upset Huskies

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C.

Many people wrote off North Carolina three weeks ago when the Tar Heels lost center Sean May with a broken foot.

It may be time to re-evaluate things around Chapel Hill.

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The 17-950-seat Comcast Center, which opened in November, got its first taste of the Terrapins beating a Top 25, including the win over No. 1 Duke. Maryland was 7-for-11 from the field and 9-of-20 at the foul line as the Tar Heels improved to 11-5, beating their second top 10 team of the season a year after a program-worst 8-20 record.

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"They made a run to open the second half and I think we didn't respond," Redick said. "We knew if we make a little run we could blow them out of the water. It was them who made the run."

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Terrapins hands No. 1 Blue Devils their first loss

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md.

Cole Field House and the Comcast Center are across campus from each other. Maryland found a bridge between its old and new buildings.

The No. 15 ESPN/USA Today, No. 17 AP) Terrapins beat the last undefeated team in the country, downsing the top-ranked Blue Devils 87-72.

"It was the second straight year Maryland prevailed at home when Duke was No. 1, and it came in the new arena that sounded a lot like the old one when the finals buzzer sounded and the students rushed the floor."

"This crowd was as good as any crowd we've had since we've been here at Maryland," said Gary Williams, who has been coaching at his alma mater since 1989.

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The Blue Devils had won 14 of the last 17 games played against Maryland, but those were all in Cole Field House.

"Maryland played like a veteran team and we played like a young team," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "They just played better than we did. They deserved to win. They played harder and better."

Maryland scored the first six points of the second half to tie the game at 43 and then turned the tables going in the last time at 53.

The Terrapins went on a 10-0 run with all the points coming from newcomers John Glisch and Jamar Smith. The Blue Devils shot 55.3 percent without a field goal, missing six shots and committing three turnovers in that span as Maryland went up 6-0 6:33 into the second half.

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**WOMENS FIGURE SKATING**

After winning her seventh national title, Michelle Kwan poses with medal winners Sasha Cohen and Sarah Hughes after the WOMENS Championships awards ceremony. The three will skate at the World Championships.

Kwan shines at U.S. Championships

**Associated Press**

DALLAS

Her arms held wide, gathering in all the applause, the adoration — the love — Michelle Kwan was in the perfect place after the perfect performance.

Olympic disappointment was a forgotten memory. The “old lady” of skating erased all the skepticism about her decision to stick around.

And she did it as only Kwan can, winning her sixth straight national title and seventh overall Saturday night with the style and grace that has defined her illustrious career.

“Besides my friends and my family, I think that is the next best thing, just being out there,” the 22-year-old Kwan said. “It’s just so intense, it’s incredible. It’s an incredible feeling. It’s why it’s hard for skaters to turn professional.

“It’s just like the movies. It’s your own movie.”

Not all of her movies have been happy endings. Kwan does not own Olympic gold, but should that really matter, the way she keeps piling up U.S. Figure Skating Championships?

Only one of the sport’s legends, Maribel Vinson, has more U.S. championships, with nine. Kwan now has as many titles as any U.S. man, and she also owns four world crowns.

She will go after her fifth in Washington in March. So even with Olympic gold lacking — Kwan owns a silver and a bronze — there is no arguing her dominance on ice.

The 6.0 was her 28th perfect mark at nationals, and she had six 5.9s. Her program, to Aranjuez, was stunning, including six triple jumps that were so smooth they seemed automatic.

Just like the way she collects national titles.

**IN BRIEF**

**Rockies reach agreements with Hernandez, Reed**

Infielder Jose Hernandez and reliever Steve Reed have reached agreements in principle with the Colorado Rockies on one-year contracts.

The deal with Hernandez is contingent on him passing a physical and management approval, Rockies spokesman Jay Alves said.

Hernandez, who also attracted interest from San Francisco and the New York Mets, was an All-Star shortstop last season with Milwaukee. He hit .288 with 24 home runs and 73 RBIs.

Hernandez could play shortstop or third base for the Rockies.

Reed was 2-5 with one save and a 2.01 ERA in 64 games for the Mets and San Diego. The Padres traded him to New York on July 31.

Reed, a right-hander, pitched for the Rockies from 1993-97. He was part of Colorado’s original roster as an expansion team.

Hernandez and Reed both became free agents when they were not offered salary arbitration by their teams.

**Venus, Hantuchova to meet after straight-set wins**

Venus Williams had Nicole Pratt sprawling and sighing.

Justine Henin-Hardenne was in pain and fearing she was finished.

Both advanced to the quarterfinals of the Australian Open on Sunday as Henin-Hardenne came back from 1-4 and a late painful cramp to beat Lindsay Davenport 7-5, 5-7, 9-7 in 3 hours, 13 minutes.

Williams stayed on course for a slam of the majors, plays her fourth-round match Monday against 18th-seeded Eleni Daniilidou of Greece.

Hantuchova, who reached her third consecutive Grand Slam event quarterfinal, went all out in her match, spraying 39 errors while hitting 27 winners. She was helped by 27 misses by Schnyder, who had won three of their five previous meetings.

Noting that she nearly beat Williams last year, Hantuchova said, “Maybe I needed more experience at the time and that’s something I feel I have now. That’s why I feel ready and very optimistic about this match.”

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles win last race on Senior Day to defeat Albion

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

It came down to the final race. Going into the 400-yard freestyle relay, Saint Mary’s trailing Albion 110-107 and needed to win in order to pull off the upset. During the break before the final event, the Belles received not one but four pep talks.

"It was nice," junior Megan Ramsey said. "We had our [three] coaches and athletic director speak.

"Drawing from their multiple sources of inspiration, the Belles combined for a resounding victory. After Maureen Patchak staked the team to an early half-length lead, Lane Herrington and Kelly Nellis each added a full body length between Saint Mary’s and the next closest swimmer. From the anchor position, Ramsey then coasted to a first-place finish, ensuring a 120-114 Belles victory.

"With the lineup we had, it was kind of how we expected it to be," Ramsey said. "We had some good, surprising swims right from the start."

The Belles lost to Alma (1-4) in the second half of the dual meet, 127-110. Saint Mary’s trailed Alma and Albion (2-4) from the start, yet the squad refused to succumb to defeat. The Belles mounted a furious comeback, led by junior Megan Ramsey, who won the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard butterfly. Like her teammates, Ramsey refused to panic and focused only on doing her best.

"(Being behind) was definitely inspirational to us. The two teams we were battling against were close to us. We knew it was going to be close," Ramsey said. "Any time I swim, the biggest competition is myself."

Patchak had the Belles’ other first-place finish, winning the 100-yard freestyle in 2 minutes, 1.68 seconds. Freshman Kelly Nellis continued her string of strong meets, finishing second in the 500-yard freestyle and third in the 50-yard freestyle.

"It was a good, positive meet. There were a lot of good swims by everybody," Ramsey said. "We’ve been getting technically better all season. It was mental-ly and physically good."

After a hectic schedule of three meets within three weeks, the Belles now have three weeks to train for the MIAA conference championships. But the time won’t be spent solely on rest and relaxation.

"There’s always lots of hard work, weeks and months of hard work," Ramsey said. "This is kind of the fun part of the year. Most of the hard work is done, and it’s time to focus on the smaller parts of swimming and get excited [for the conference meet]."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Auburn moves to 4-0 in SEC with 77-68 win over Alabama

Associated Press

AU BURN, Ala. — Coach CHUCK Ellis and the Auburn Tigers were glad to keep their streaks going, especially at the expense of (No. 10 ESPNU/USA Today, No. 9 AP) Alabama.

Reserve Brandon Robinson had 13 points and seven rebounds to lead the surprising Tigers over struggling Alabama 77-68.

The victory was Auburn’s seventh in a row overall and seventh straight win at home against their cross-state rivals.

"This was just a wonderful win. We added a new dimension to this season and kept up what we have been doing the last several games," Ellis said. "We also continued our streak at home and we are continuing to build momentum."

The Crimson Tide, meanwhile, have lost three of their last five games after being ranked No. 1 earlier this season.

"We are just a little bit off and a little bit out of sync. We have to find a way to fix it," coach Mark Gottfried said.

Auburn (15-2, 4-0) had been predicted to finish near the bottom of the Southeastern Conference, but with the win over defending conference champion Alabama (12-3, 2-2) extended its lead to two games in the SEC West.

Playing before a loud, capacity crowd, Auburn jumped out to a quick 9-0 lead and dominated the Crimson Tide most of the game.

"This is just a huge win for us. It gives us more confidence," Robinson said. "We missed the first 11 games of the season because of eligibility questions, scored 11 points as Auburn took a 37-29 halftime lead.

"Auburn is a legitimately good team," Gottfried said. "I would say they are as good on defense as anyone that we have played."

Junior Mark Daniels, Marco Killingsworth and Derrick Bird also scored 13 points each for the Tigers.

Daniels said Auburn’s fast start gives the Tigers "a good feeling."

"We have to remain focused," Daniels said. "We can’t get too up or down no matter what."

Alabama was led by Emmet Thomas, who hit 3 of 5 3-point shots and scored a career-high 26 points. But Thomas also fouled out of the game with 5:38 to play.

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Freshman Yale goalie shuts down Notre Dame offense

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

After a 4-1 loss at home Friday, a change of goaltender and a change of venue didn't have the desired effect as Yale again defeated the Irish, this time by a score of 3-1, in Chicago on Saturday.

Yale freshman goaltender Josh Gartner, making only his third and fourth career starts, was sensational as he stopped 59 of 61 Irish shots on the weekend for a .967 save percentage.

Friday, Yale got on the board first about nine minutes into the first period when the Irish failed to clear the defensive zone and Bulldog defenseman Jeff Dwyer held the puck in at the blue line.

The Irish were able to gain some momentum five minutes into the third period when Irish senior captain and defenseman Evan Nielsen skated in on net and wristed a shot over Gartner's right shoulder.

A Yale power play goal later in the period put the Irish away.

"We got outplayed and out-bustled," Irish coach Dave Poulin said. "We started well but when they got the one goal early we deflated, and that shouldn't happen."

The Irish may have been due for a letdown after tying CCHA leader Ferris State in their previous hockey game.

"It shouldn't matter who you play," Poulin said. "Yale is a very good team. You should play the same way every time."

The Irish traveled to Allstate Arena in Chicago the next day, hoping that a larger pro-Notre Dame crowd might enable the Irish to win its rematch against Yale.

One part was true, the announced attendance was 5,091, most of whom were Irish fans. The extra support made little difference though, as Gartner and the Bulldogs again stymied the Irish offense.

The Irish gave Darien, Ill., native Tony Zasowski the start in net and the senior matched Poulin's 32 saves in a scoreless first period.

Yale struck first early in the second period when Zasowski wristed a shot from the bottom left circle that struck the crossbar over Zasowski's right shoulder before bouncing into the goal.

The Bulldogs then opened the game wide open by scoring two goals in a 51-second span.

The Irish spoiled Gartner's shutout bid just 30 seconds into the third period, with forward Rob Globke deflecting a shot from defenseman Brent Lebed past a helpless Gartner. It was Globke's 18th goal of the season, a new career record for the junior.

That would be all the offense the Irish could muster.

"We needed to bury our chances," said Poulin. "(Gartner) did very well."

Zasowski finished the night with 32 saves.

"This was an exciting game," the senior goaltender said. "It was nice to have the (Notre Dame) band here. Besides a six-minute stretch there in the second, I thought I did all right."

The Irish will have to bounce back from the disappointing Yale series and look ahead to its difficult upcoming 12-game CCHA schedule, which includes a two-game series against perennial powerhouse Michigan State on Jan. 24 and 25 at the Joyce Center.

"You're really hoping to come into league play coming off a better outcome," Poulin said. "We have to have positives and the biggest positive is to win ... but we still played a very good game."

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TRACK AND FIELD

Irish start well at Central Michigan

Observer Staff Report

Three Irish male athletes won events and two female athletes set school records as the men and women track teams opened their seasons at the Central Michigan Open Friday night.

Freshman Thomas Chaney won the 400 meters in his first collegiate race, finishing just ahead of Central Michigan's Ron Miller in 1 minute, 54.83 seconds.

Sophomore Chris Staron won the high jump, clearing 2.00 meters while classmate and teammate Ryan Postel also won the 200-meter race (23.05). Senior Jaime Volkmer also broke her own school record in the triple jump with a mark of 40-2 1/4. Volkmer also won the pole vault, clearing 11-9.

In the 440-meter race, the Irish took the top two spots with Kynia Love in first (56.29) and Tiffany Gann second (56.93). Gann won her specialty race, the 60-meter hurdles, in a time of 8.85.

The Irish continue their season next weekend against Ball State at the Loftus Sports Center.
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Irish were ranked in the top 10 at the beginning of the season and won seven of their first eight games, before losing four of seven, including Saturday's loss to the Scarlet Knights. Since its hot start, Notre Dame has struggled to play to its potential for 40 minutes. And waiting to kick them when they're down is No. 3 Connecticut, a team that has won a Division I women's basketball record 55 straight games and could surely see it in her teary eyes. Something positive just needs to happen for McGraw's Squad. You can see her holding her frustration at practice. You could see during the games the team has lost. And you could surely see it in her tearful eyes after the Rutgers game. The Irish have their backs against the wall and something must be done for them to salvage this game. Rutgers was in much the same position a season ago. "Notre Dame is a very good team," Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer said. "They've got great size. They're just young, and as soon as they get out of that slump they'll be fine. They have great talent and they play hard and they're very good. Last year we were in the same position as they are this year, and it plagued us all season long."

The Irish don't want to let this plague affect them the rest of the season. They have to find a way to win again. An easy foe won't help the Irish at this point. They don't need a pushover. They need to play a team that will push them to their limits and challenge their toughness. A team that no one thinks they can beat. A team like Connecticut.

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respond. "It's a move I've been working on in practice, it's a move I'm trying to own," Pondexter said. "It was a good look. She had me so I just stepped back and had a wide-open shot. So I took it." And she nailed the lid on Notre Dame's coffin.

"We were winning and we should have won," McGraw said. The Irish took an early lead and, despite a brief Scarlet Knights resurgence near the end of the first half, held a substantial score advantage most of the game. But with 11 minutes remaining, Scarlet Knights coach C. Vivian Stringer called a timeout and told her team that it was time to play real basketball. "We had called a timeout and Coach said to act like there were five minutes left in the game, so just play as hard as you can," Rutgers guard Mauri Horton. "So that was my attitude, just to attack and play hard."

In the next 11 minutes, the Rutgers' attack started to work on Notre Dame. The Scarlet Knights, who are now 7-1, are faster than the Irish squad, began forcing turnovers. The Irish hit only four field goals in those final 11 minutes and turned the ball over five times. Those turnovers were the first ingredient in the recipe for the Rutgers comeback. The second was rebounds. The Scarlet Knights outrebounded the Irish 47-37 in the final 11 minutes of play. "We just really did some of the things that we've been plagued with all year long," McGraw said. "No. 1 - turnovers. We have to take better care of the ball, and No. 2 - rebounds. We need to rebound better."

What was more, the Irish didn't have anyone step up for the team. When the Irish shut down Pondexter in the early stages of the game, the Scarlet Knights responded by sending Horton in. When Jacqueline Batteast sat down with foul trouble, no one stepped up for Notre Dame.

"You have to rely on some-one out there play and change their game," McGraw said. "We can't win with Jacqui sitting on the bench. We cannot win the way we're playing right now, obviously."

Freshman post player Courtney LaVere hit 23 points for the Irish, and Ratay scored 12, although she went 3-11 from the field. But the Irish couldn't hold the momentum together long enough. They headed into Saturday's game knowing they needed to play 40 minutes. They fell short again.

"Not incredibly frustrating," McGraw said. Today the Irish will take that frustration into a game that could make history — if Notre Dame can play for 40 minutes. Notre Dame takes on No. 3 Connecticut today. If the Irish could manage an upset, they would end a Division I women's record 55-game Husky winning streak, making them the fourth Irish team in history to end such a streak. The Irish basketball team defeat-ed Oklahoma in 1957, the men's basketball team defeat-ed UCLA in 1974 and the women's basketball team defeated North Carolina in 1994.

Tip-off is at 2:05 p.m. in the Joyce Center. Contact Katie McVoy at mcv5095@saintmarys.edu.

MENS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Irish win 1 of 3 meets out east

by Lisa Rejula

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team had a whirlwind weekend, competing in three dual meets for Notre Dame. After a 181-116 loss to the University of Pennsylvania Friday night, the Irish concluded with a split at Villanova Saturday. The Irish fell 183-59 to Pittsburgh, but defeated Villanova 168-63.

The Irish (5-5) struggled at Penn, finishing second to the Quakers in 13 events to begin the competition. The first victory for Notre Dame came in the eighth event, when Matt Obringer won the 100-meter freestyle, Doug Krakowski in the 50-meter freestyle and third in the three-meter and third in the three-meter. The Irish divers contributed 30 points to the team's total score. A host of Irish swimmers placed second — Obringer in the 200-meter freestyle, Doug Krakowski in the 50-meter backstroke, Tim Randolph in the 100-meter breaststroke, Frank Krakowski in the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter butterfly, Troy Grandemange in the 200-meter breaststroke, J.R. Teddy in the 500-meter freestyle and David Molina in the 200 individual medley.

The next day at Villanova, Notre Dame easily outswam the best Wildcats but fell to Big East Championship favorite Pittsburgh. Pitt won all 13 meets, but the Irish won 10 of the 13 races against Villanova.

Obringer again shone for the Irish, winning both the 200 freestyle and 200 breaststroke. Jamie Lutkus (200 IM), Teddy (200 butterfly), Bauman (200 backstroke) and Molina (200 breaststroke) also won against Villanova.

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The Irish wrapped up a busy three weeks that included training camp in Mexico and the three dual meets. The team will have a brief break before resuming competition against Northwestern Saturday.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

It doesn’t get any easier

BY KATIE MCVOY
Associated Sports Editor

Irish coach Muffet McGraw’s reaction when she saw Saturday’s game statistics tells the whole story. She crumpled them.

Saturday’s 64-61 loss to Rutgers iced the cake of Irish losses that have come at their own hands. This time, Notre Dame gave up a 15-point lead in the final 11 minutes of play and left the team with little to say about the game. The frustration on her faces was enough to explain.

“I just didn’t do it,” McGraw said.

Saturday’s game had only a single lead change. Scarlet Knights guard Mauri Horton hit a trey with 26 seconds left and the Irish couldn’t put Rutgers on top by two, putting Rutgers on top by two, putting Rutgers on top by two, putting Rutgers on top by two.

MENS BASKETBALL

Cold-shooting Irish turn blue in Kentucky

BY CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

It was a rough afternoon for the Irish shooters. With very little inside game to speak of, Notre Dame looked to its perimeter players such as guards Chris Thomas and Matt Carroll for help, but there was only a limited response as No. 10 Notre Dame fell to No. 16 Wildcats 83-73.

A tenacious Kentucky defense held the Irish squad to just 34 percent shooting form the floor. Those same shooters contested nearly every Irish shot and rarely left a man open for a clean look at the basket.

“We had a hard time getting anything easy offensively,” Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. “We rely on our offense to get going a lot of times, and we couldn’t get open looks, we couldn’t get stuff around the bucket and nothing really in transition.”

Again, Notre Dame’s weaknesses in the paint showed as Kentucky center Marquis Estill pounded his way through Irish big men Tom Timmermans, Torin Francis and Jordan Cornette to net 18 points and grab eight rebounds.

“We felt coming into the game that Marquis [Estill] would be able to do well inside offensive­ly,” Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. “We tried to isolate him on Torin Francis, the freshman, and give [Estill] an advantage. We looked for him early, got the ball to him often and he was able to make plays.”

In addition, Wildcat forward Chuck Hayes dominated play in the middle, tallying his third double-double of the season with 17 points and 16 rebounds.

“I was worried about Estill the most, but the entire front line made inside stuff on us,” Brey said. “You’re always worried about playing a Kentucky team that has this number of big bod­ies walking us down. They got to us that way.”

Hayes set much of the momen­tum early for the Wildcats, pumping up the Kentucky Rupp Arena crowd with three big blocks on Francis and Cornette in the first 5 1/2 minutes of play.

“I was pleased with our effort, holding a great shooting team like Notre Dame to 34 percent from the field,” Smith said. “We challenged most of their shots. Chuck [Hayes] set the tone early with his blocks right on the rim to save baskets.”

After being down by as much as 15 with 7:04 remaining in the first half, the Irish crept back within eight points to 38-30 at the end of the first half.

But the Irish would get no clos­er than six points in the second half, as the Wildcats outshot the Irish 52 to 35 percent and outscored them 50-43 in the period.

“They got a big advantage on the inside early,” Thomas said. “They really hanged us on the boards and controlled the glass. Once you get down to a good team like that, it’s hard to come back.”

The disappointing loss over­shadowed one of the best scoring efforts by the hot-shooting Irish guard Carroll, who made 50 per­cent of his shots from the field and sank all 10 of his free throw attempts to net 29 points on the day.

Thomas was next in scoring for the Irish with 14 points, but the sophomore point guard was only 4-for-17 shooting, commit­ted nine turnovers and had only six assists.

“[Thomas] was trying to make plays for his team, but we just kept the heat on him and took him out of his game,” said Wildcat guard Cliff Hawkins, who — along with guard Gerald Fitch — had the chore of guard­ing Thomas for most of the game.

With the loss, the Irish fell to 14-3 on the season and must quickly rebound for their return to Big East play Tuesday against Providence.

“That’s the best basketball team we’ve played this year, and we’ve played a heck of a sched­ule,” Brey said. “We’re going to jump on the bus and get ready for Providence and move on quickly.”

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