South Bend raises sewer rates

By LINDA SKALSKI
News Writer

The South Bend City Council recently passed an 80 percent price raise in the cost of sewer utility, a cost that is assigned to the user of the Notre Dame community.

"An increase in rates is necessary for the Wastewater Utility to continue to serve as a community asset for environmental stewardship and economic development," wrote Mayor Stephen Luecke in a statement to the community.

The proposal affected the student government, who are studying the proposal. The student government expects to vote in the Sands Sunday at 8 p.m. to consider the proposal.

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

The Office of Information Technology is inviting students to participate Monday in a mock election to test an application for online voting in the upcoming student government races.

"It's going to look and operate just as the actual election will," said Patricia Sperry, manager of Web developer services.

From 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., students can access the voting Web page from any computer with Internet access and vote for imaginary candidates, logging into the page with their APS ID and password. The judicial board will e-mail the link to students Sunday at midnight.

"We're hoping very much that people will do the mock election so that we can really have a test on it," Sperry said.

The goal of the mock trial is to make sure the application can handle the traffic of the thousands of students expected to vote in the campus-wide elections.

"If the server cannot handle it, we will have to make changes," said Danielle Lesedema, president of the judicial board, which runs campus elections. "We don't want 50 students to vote and have the server crash in the real election because the mock election didn't have nearly the amount of students.

Although unforeseen things do happen," Sperry said OIT anticipated a successful mock election that will flash a green light for regular elections.

The major advantage of the online election for students, Sperry said, is the convenience of voting from any computer with Internet access.

This option specifically caters to students who are studying abroad. Though they have been able to e-mail their votes to the judicial board in previous elections, they have sacrificed their confidentiality. In the proposed online election they would be as anonymous as any other voter.

The judicial board will have an even greater time determining the winners.

"The tallying of who wins is going to be extremely fast," Sperry said. "They will have the totals right there on the board.

The first real election is in 10 days and a run-off is scheduled for Feb. 13.

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Laws can strengthen institutions

By HELENA PAYNE
News Editor

American institutions have been reduced in recent times, but the law has a useful role in renewing their significance, said the archbishop of Chicago Thursday.

"In the courtroom of the Notre Dame Law School, Cardinal Francis George commissioned the room of modest see CARDINAL

The revue ready to rock

South Bend dining hall T-shirts espouse rivalry

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

One entree and four sides. That's what students can get at Grab 'n Go at the North and South Dining Halls. What some students don't know about is the little chunk of loving rivalry that comes with each brown paper bag.

Notre Dame Food Services employs two couples who work at the dining halls, Mike and Barbara Quigg and Jim and Edna Anspaugh. The gentlemen work at NDH, while their wives are employed at SDH.

Mike Quigg, who describes himself as "basically retired," has been at Notre Dame since 1983, and formerly worked for the maintenance department. Believe it or not, he came to North for the job, "like staying at home."

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"Tell Mike I said so."
White House postpones poetry

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Two former U.S. poet laureates criticized the White House on Thursday for postponing a literary symposium it believed would be politicized. Stanley Kunitz and Rita Dove characterized the decision as an example of the Bush administration's hostility to dissenting or creative voices.

The Feb. 12 symposium on "Poetry and the American Voice" was to have featured the works of Emily Dickinson, Langston Hughes and Walt Whitman. The postponement was announced Wednesday and no future date has been set for the event, to be held by first lady Laura Bush.

"I think there was a general feeling that the current administration is not really a friend of the poetic community and that its program of attacking Iraq is contrary to the humanitarian position that is at the center of the poetic impulse," Kunitz, the 2000-2001 poet laureate, said Thursday.

In a statement, Dove, who served as poet laureate from 1993 to '95, said the symposium had been postponed, Noelia Rodriguez, a spokeswoman for the first lady, said: "While Mrs. Bush respects the right of all Americans to express their opinions, she, too, has opinions and believes it would be inappropriate to turn a literary event into a political forum.

Mrs. Bush, a former librarian who has made teaching and early childhood development her signature issues, has held a series of White House events to salute America's authors. The gatherings are usually lively affairs with discussions of literature and its effect on society.

Hughes and Whitman themselves were frequent social commentators. Whitman once complained that the presidency and other offices were "bought, sold, electioneered for, prostituted, and filled with prostitutes." Hughes' political writings and leading sympathies led to FBI surveillance and harassment from Sen. Joseph McCarthy.

Kunitz, Dove and others had refused to attend the symposium and a nationwide protest was scheduled for Thursday.

Sam Hamill, a poet and editor of the highly regarded Copper Canyon Press, e-mailed friends asking for poems or statements opposing military action against Iraq.

"Make Feb. 12 a day of Poetry Against the War. We will compile an anthology of protest to be presented to the White House on that afternoon," the e-mail reads.

He had expected about 50 responses, "he's gotten about 2,000, including contributions from W.S. Merwin, Adrienne Rich and Lawrence Ferlinghetti, whose poem, "Coda," includes the lines "And America turns the attack on the World Trade Center-Into the beginning of the Third World War."

Hamill will post all the submissions on a Web site that began running Thursday.

White House invitations have inspired protests before. In 1965, poet Robert Lowell refused to attend a White House arts festival, citing opposition to the Vietnam War. Marilyn Nelson, Connecticut's poet laureate, said Wednesday she had accepted her invitation to the poetry symposium because "she felt her presence would promote peace."

"Antwone Fisher" critically acclaimed

Associated Press

NEW YORK

Prominent critics like Roger Ebert of the Chicago Sun-Times and Stephen Holden of The New York Times are quoted in ads for the movie "Antwone Fisher." But some recent ads show that political and social leaders also give it a "thumbs-up."

"Antwone Fisher" is a compelling testament to the strength of spirit and resilience of a remarkable child," said Martin Luther King III.

And Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund, says: "Antwone Fisher" is the potential to be one of the greatest films of this era.

Fox Searchlight marketing head Nancy Uelsey acknowledges the ads are an attempt at catching the attention of Academy Award voters; they're scheduled to stop running as of Friday now that the Wednesday deadline for Oscar ballots has passed.

But Fox Searchlight may start running them again if "Antwone Fisher" earns any Oscar nominations. Feb. 11, Uelsey said the company hopes for nominations for best picture, best actor (Derek Luke) and best director (Benzena Washington).

"Unfortunately, the critical thing has become a blur to people," she said. "Literally every movie is using quotes, including 'Kangaroo Jack.' It becomes difficult when you have the real deal, when you have critical appeal, to get people to understand you're different, and you really do have people loving this movie."

But Peter Rainer, chairman of the National Society of Film Critics, thinks Fox Searchlight used this tactic because "Antwone Fisher" has received mixed reviews since its December release and has won no major critics' group awards.
Annual appeal assists gay and lesbian students

BY CAITLIN EARLY

News Writer

Each year, GALA-ND/SMC (Gay and Lesbian Association of Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College) sponsors a fundraising campaign to support gay and lesbian student groups on both campuses. OUTReachND and the Feminist Student Needs Committee work together to benefit the groups that benefit from the fundraiser.

The funds from GALA’s Annual Appeal support a variety of different student activities, including the organization of forums and speakers. Each year GALA also presents an undergraduate student with a scholarship to recognize his or her work within one of these groups.

GALA is a strong supporter of OUTReachND’s struggle to gain recognition by the Notre Dame administration.

“OUTReachND is not choosing to apply for formal recognition on campus this year because we feel, as a group, that our needs are not being met by our club status,” said Jeffrey Thomson, OUTReachND co-chair.

GALA has also been successful in placing a number of gay and lesbian student interns at Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s into needs that benefit from the annual end of the year formal.”

“GALA has worked in cooperation this past year to help educate the academic community about our students and the rest of the campus,” said Sister Dunn and Father Richard Warner.

The committee is responsible for campus-wide educational programs, including skills in Microsoft Word, Quark XPress, Photoshop, and Macintosh computers is required. Experience with

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Submit all applications to Andrew Soukup in the Observer office located in the South Dining Hall basement.

Please direct questions about these positions or the application procedure to Andrew Soukup and Managing Editor Kate Nagengast at 631-4541 or Business Manager Lori Lewalski and Operations Manager Bob Woods at 631-5313.

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Board of Trustees raises $1 million

By MELANIE BECKER

Saint Mary's Board of Trustees raised over $1 million for the College, fulfilling their commitment to the Lilly Endowment Challenge. In March of 2002 the Lilly Endowment Inc. announced the "Initiative to Stengthen Board Commitment," stating that they would match funds raised up to $3.5 million dollars.

The stipulations were that up to $3 million had to come from alumni, up to $250,000 from current and former faculty and staff, all of the funds had to be raised by the Board of Trustees from colleges and universities in Indiana.

"The Lilly Endowment believes that there is a strong correlation between the strength of a higher education institution and the level of trustee giving," Melanie Engler, director of Public Relations and Marketing Communications said.

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees decided to take the challenge along with the support of Marilou Eldred, president of the College, and Shari Rodriguez, vice president for College Relations. The aim was to raise $1 million over the nine-month period. By the end of the Lilly Challenge, the Board has raised $1,790,000.

In order to raise funds letters were sent to alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and other contributors. Health and Wellness held a bake sale in December which drew in approximately 27 percent of current students, faculty and staff and raised $1,500.

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alistic American culture, as well as the recent priest abuse scandals.

"The Church is now weakened educationally," said George.

Referring to his diocese, which covers Cooke and Lake Counties of Illinois, he pointed out its statistics on sacraments. Unlike baptisms, confirmations and funerals, he said marriages have "plummeted" as people have lost faith in it or decided to participate in civil ceremonies instead. Coinciding with lowered marriage rates in the diocese, he criticized no-fault divorces.

"This is troubling," he said.

George, who has also studied the diversity of human culture, also shared how the American society is unique in its relationship with the law, calling it a "culture carrier in the United States."

Quoting several academics including cultural anthropologists and philosophers, the cardinal called on the law to use its unique position to revitalize American cultural traditions.

"We need civil law more than ever to protect us in our institutions," he said.

In 1997, George became the first native of Chicago to serve as its archbishop. Before his appointment, George was the archbishop of Portland, Ore. and the bishop of Yakima, Wash. He also taught at Tulane University and Creighton University and served in Rome as vicar general of his order from 1974 to 1986.

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Bush to Saddam: time for diplomacy is short

President Bush said Thursday that the United States would not give Saddam Hussein another chance to defy the international community.

"This is a matter of weeks not months," Bush said. "The British and Italians are among Bush's staunchest supporters while a number of other U.S. allies, including France and Germany, want to give U.N. weapons inspectors more time in Iraq."

Bush met with Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, who offered Iraqis an opportunity to decide their future and sent a plan to offer Saddam exile. Bush said he was open to the idea.

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President Bush shakes hands with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi in the White House Thursday. Berlusconi pledged his nation's support in the event of a U.S.-led war against Iraq.

"There will be a reaction not only in Pakistan, also all over the Islamic world, there will be a reaction even in Europe," he said.

Bush also talked to Jose Manuel Durao Barroso, the Portuguese prime minister, and to Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson.

Meanwhile, Canada cautioned any military action be through the United Nations. Bush met with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and with Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin.

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Rubber dust may have caused explosion

Kevin Morgan, 30, said he escaped with some co-workers. "You just spout a holler, screaming," he said. "It just seemed unreal to me." Tommie Horsley, chief of a volunteer fire department, was the first to arrive. A woman pinned under steel beams screamed for help, but did not enter the building because the firefighters 10 minutes later to reach through a maze of steel and toppled walls, Howard said. "She died before we could get back in there," he said.

The three dead workers were identified by the funeral homes handling arrangements as Faye Wilkins, 50; William Gray, 51; and James Byrd, 60. No hometowns were provided.

Plant employee Wayne Brown said only a few people worked in the "automatic compounding system" section where the explosion happened. There, mixing machines on an upper level create molten rubber, which is poured into the ground and cut into blocks as it cools, he said. The rubber sheets were cut into pieces to be used for medical supplies such as syringes and IV equipment.

The state Division of Occupational Safety and Health said the plant was inspected in October and cited for 11 violations, seven of which were considered serious. The state average for similar facilities is less than six violations.

Don Morel, chief executive of the Lionville, Pa.-based company, said there was no indication the violations — which included problems with the electrical design, wiring and portable fire extinguishers — played a role in the explosion.

North Carolina Deputy Labor Commissioner Dr. John Johnson said the violations were "unexceptional." "They weren't anything that would make the hair on the back of our neck stand up," he said. Company executives were checked, and said they told employees they would be paid at least through the end of February. "He has no intention of underdelivering," said analyst Tom Wolzien, an analyst with Sanford C. Bernstein 

"It's hard to know how Ted will surface. It's an absolute certainty he will surface." Wolzien said in the short term, at least, Turner's departure could help Parsons, giving him more leeway to negotiate a combination of the company's online news channel with ABC News, said Quaizar Khan, an analyst with UBS Warburg Capital Partners.

Turner, who founded CNN, was known to be a sharp critic of such an arrangement. Turner's departure fueled some speculation Thursday that he might try to buy CNN from AOL. But analysts said it appears unlikely that AOL would be interested in selling an operation that is at the core of its business, and noted that with so much of his fortune tied up in depressed company stock, Turner could be constrained from making large purchases unless he sells his stake.
Panel looks at Title IX change

WASHINGTON

A sharply divided Bush administration advisory commission voted Thursday to change a landmark gender-equity law that substantially increased the number of female athletes, but the panel stopped short of the major overhaul some women's advocates favored.

The Commission on Opportunity in Athletics considered two dozen recommendations for Title IX in two days of contentious meetings. The most sweeping recommendations were defeated, and the panel deadlocked 7-7 on a proposal to make a major change.

That proposal called for altering the requirement that the ratio of male and female athletes at colleges and universities be roughly the same as the overall student body.

Commissioner Lisa Graham Keegan showed up after the plan was considered and left the meeting early without talking to reporters about why she missed the vote.

The commission will forward a report to Education Secretary Rod Paige, who will consider changes to Title IX. It takes an act of Congress to fundamentally change the law, but Paige can alter the way compliance is measured.

University of Maryland Athletic Director Debbie Yow, who proposed the recommendation that produced the tie, said she's satisfied because under commission rules the deadlock means it still goes into the report.

After Yow's proposal failed to pass, several more changes that would have altered or eliminated Title IX's fundamental requirement of proportionality were debated. The composition of the panel was 5-5 male, 4-4 female.

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The commission recommended two changes to the first standard. One would establish a predetermined number of roster spots on each team that count toward Title IX compliance, rather than the actual number of athletes.

Co-chairman Ted Leland, athletic director at Stanford, said this rule would prevent a school from putting "100 women on the rowing team" to comply with the law. "People just pump their numbers up by having a huge roster on their first day of competition," Leland said.

The commission also voted to not count male walk-ons — athletes not on scholarships — and additional students such as those who are part-time or older as part of a school's male total. The change would mostly affect smaller schools, particularly community colleges.

Northern Illinois University athletic director Cary Groth opposed the recommendation. "Walk-ons do cost money," Groth said. "We get back to what is the center of these discussions, and that is money.

Yow amended her plan to try to get it passed. It called for schools to be allowed a 50-50 split of male and female athletes, regardless of the student body makeup, with a bow of 2 to 3 percentage points. Her earlier proposal called for a bow of 5 to 7 percentage points. "If we had an apple and were hungry and we wanted to be fair, we would split it 50-50," Yow said.

Commissioner Julie Foudy, a member of the U.S. women's national soccer team, was among those who voted against the plan. "If I don't believe the commission's mandate was to change proportionality and favor representation, to demonstrate the existence of an existing law.

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Critics say proportionality has forced schools to cut male sports to meet the ratio requirement. Roughly 400 men's college teams were eliminated in the 1990s, with wrestling taking such a blow that the National Wrestling Coaches Association has filed suit, claiming that the first prong has evolved into a quota system.

Ridge changing border security

MIAMI

President Bush will ask Congress to devote $41.5 billion to homeland security in the 2004 federal budget, according to the secretary of the new Department of Homeland Security, Tom Ridge.

That figure represents an increase over the $37.7 billion spent last year on homeland security across the government, including the military. Ridge announced the budget increase in Miami, where he paid his first public visit to department employees since his confirmation last week.

On Thursday alone, Ridge said, workers would deal with more than 1 million people crossing U.S. borders, process 2.4 million pieces of luggage at airports and inspect tons of imported food products — not to mention handle thousands of visa and green card applications.

"The sheer depth and breadth of this nation, the magnitude of what our country here from sea to shining sea, means simply that one slip, one gap, one vengeful person can threaten the lives of our citizens at any time, in any number of ways," Ridge said. "We will organize to mobilize. It will lead to outcomes that better protect our country.

Under the president's proposal, the Homeland Security Department alone would have a budget of $36.2 billion in the fiscal year that begins in October. That is just short of a 10 percent increase above the combined budgets of all the agencies being rolled into it. A good deal of the new spending is devoted to upgrading Coast Guard ships and aircraft, officials said.

Ridge described plans to combine border security and inspection agencies to streamline the entry process and increase the chance of catching terrorists and weapons at the border. People entering the United States would be checked with a single Homeland Security officer标识s" " Going through all the things, customs, immigration and law enforcement means instead of four faces at the border, we'll have one," Ridge said at Miami's seaport. "The focus here is to help legitimate goods and people enter our country swiftly, and keep dangerous people and their weapons out.

In Washington, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee criticized Bush for using federal agencies to set stricter policies for screening identification at U.S. borders. He released the findings of a General Accounting Office report that showed undercover investigators made it into the country from Canada, Mexico and Jamaica by land, sea and air, using fake IDs and carrying weapons.

"The agents on the front lines obviously need to be given more authority," said Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. "Bouncers at college could spot one kind of fake IDs that were used by investigators. The officials in charge of border security need to be at least that good at their job.

In response to Grassley's comments, Ridge said, "It obviously raises some legitimate issues."

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Perhaps it is because the weather is not favorable to side-walk chalk wars. Perhaps it is because the football season has ended. Whatever the reason, cheers to Air Force ROTC, the College Democrats, the College Republicans, Notre Dame United Muslim Organization, Pax Christi and the Peace Coalition for their collective effort to raise discussion at Monday’s panel about the Iraq situation.

At a time when foreign policy is a crucial topic, the University campus is an essential forum for conversation. It is refreshing to see student-led efforts for dialogue and debate come to fruition. What’s more, the panel, though organized by the Peace Coalition, was comprised of students representing numerous sides of the argument.

The ideologically diverse panel represented varying political, religious and social views on the topic of war and international conflict, reminding all that foreign policy issues cannot be simplified. While it is easy for the average college student to obtain a synopsis of the current events, it is far more useful to take it one step further and analyze the complexities of those events in the appropriate setting.

The Observer has said before that the student groups on campus should channel their passions into dialogue. The student panel shows the willingness of some to get involved. The 100 students who trekked through inches of snow Monday evening to Becker’s in order to take part in the conversation are an addition to the list. This student-led collaborative effort is yet another positive sign that many are interested in the world beyond 46556.

Upcoming events will give members of the Notre Dame community even more opportunities to discuss current events. While the Iraq situation is one pertinent topic, campus discussions can cover many other areas, foreign and domestic.

No matter the topic, hopefully students and faculty can make a concerted effort to fill the rooms and foster stimulating discussions.

Alcohol laws save lives

I can understand Juan Bernal’s frustration, expressed in his Jan. 28 letter, with laws prohibiting alcohol to people under 21. They are hypocritical, but they are hardly sterile, worthless or counterproductive. Last year I might have made the same arguments as he made, but a little research convinced me otherwise.

The alcohol ban from ages 18 to 21 exists for one reason: the ’80s, Mothers Against Drunk Driving campaigned for federal legislation establishing the drinking age at 21. Previously, the decision of the drinking age was left to the states and many, though not all, set the age at 18. MADD eventually won their fight, and though the federal government cannot constitutionally mandate a drinking age, it can deny highway funds to states that do not change the age to 21. Within a few years, all states had complied.

MADD had a very simple reason for pushing that legislation — they wanted to save lives. The 16-21 demographic, especially males, are statistically the most dangerous drivers, and though other age groups suffer from a high incidence of drunk driving deaths, such deaths were very prevalent in the 16-21 demographic. This especially offended MADD, who was apparently bothered more by the deaths of teenagers and young adults than by the deaths of older people.

The laws have worked. Since they took effect, underage drinking has declined, and more importantly, traffic fatalities have declined, especially among people between 16 and 21 years of age. This disproves Bernal’s prohibition analogy and his claims that the laws actually motivate young people to drink more. While there is still much illegal drinking, people in this age bracket were more likely to drink before the hike in legal drinking age than they are now. They were also more likely to die in a traffic accident.

This also explains why the police are so intent on seemingly frivolous enforcement. If they do not enforce the drinking age, the laws will not fulfill their intended purpose — saving lives. This requires that they bust bars and ticket minors, even if those minors might not be driving; they must do so to deter those who would drive. When seen in this light, we can see that the enforcement is not hypocritical or without purpose, and that the police are not necessarily wasteful and time-consuming.

Before I researched the issue, I thought drinking laws were unjust. Now that I am more informed, I see that they are just. This does not make the laws perfect. We might be able to reduce traffic fatalities without out treating legal adults like children. For instance, though drunk driving was a big problem for those aged 16-21, it was also a problem for people, especially men, in their 20s and 30s. There is no reason that we should only focus on saving the lives of young people.

Then again, as Bernal pointed out, prohibition did work and it would do no good to ban alcohol altogether. Perhaps if we allowed everyone over 18 or maybe even everyone to drink but enforced zero-tolerance driving laws across all ages, we could have the same positive effects from our laws without legal hypocrisy. Maybe this wouldn’t work, I don’t have the policy expertise to speculate and I wouldn’t want to jump to conclusions. But in any event, the laws are there for good reason. It does no good to jump to conclusions and assume that, because we cannot see the reasons, lawmakers don’t know what they’re doing.

Michael Romano
junior
Dillon Hall
Jan. 29
Trip to Washington supports an immoral cause

Sometimes you hear that there are terrible problems in Catholic higher education, but then you read about something like the women from across the road who were flown to Washington, D.C., to support the brutal and gruesome destruction of innocent unborn children.

How marvelous that the pro-life girls had to take an unexcused absence from class and pay their own bus fares while the abortion advocates were flown — was it first-class? It is marvelous too that they managed to come up with such clever, original arguments: "A woman has a right to choose what to do with her own body.

I agree that a woman has the right to do what she pleases with her own body. Women can set themselves on fire, go on a cranberries-and-pickles diet or get pengrams tattooed on their foreheads for all I care, and it really would not surprise me.

But somehow it seems to me abortion is about more than a woman and her own body. Perhaps it was a design flaw by God to have us spend the first nine months of our lives inside someone else, someone who may be just itching to have us killed in a most barbaric way.

Abortion is not performed via carbon monoxide poisoning, in case you were not aware. That unborn children are truly living beings themselves becomes clearer and clearer every day through science and technology. Thanks to those few ladies who are taking an exorcism plane out to Washington to stand up heroically for the bloody "termination" of unwanted life, in the face of overwhelming evidence that unborn children are alive, so that women may be as promiscuous as they like without having to worry about consequences. Makes you wonder how so many people at Notre Dame come to think the girls across the street are immoral and ignorant.

Eric Glass
Chas of 2000
Jan. 30

Gary Caruso
Capital Comments

State of the Union serves up something for everyone

State of the Union's political advantage simply by occupying the Oval Office. Each day the media report on how the president and his administration handle current events and plan for the future. The president's supporters say that what you see is what you get with Bush, and they contend that he is a man of conviction and does not sway from his beliefs.

However, focus groups across the nation reacted with mixed emotions immediately following the State of the Union message. Democrats, Republicans and independents picked portions of the speech with which they could agree, but also doubted other assertions articulated by the president. Bush targeted various voting blocs by advocating programs that transcended the political spectrum, thus providing something for everyone.

Targeting programs across the political spectrum is not new in State of the Union addresses. In 1965, Lyndon Johnson wanted to muster support for many new Great Society initiatives that he moved the address from mid-afternoon to evening so that he could be seen by more Americans.

Bill Clinton mastered the art of raising his political approval ratings by expanding the laundry list of programs he mentioned. Ronald Reagan began the practice of placing citizens who represented various voting blocs in the gallery so that he could honor them during his addresses. With the time, effort and care that goes into drafting a State of the Union address, no president will ever walk away with less support than when he entered the House chamber.

Those who oppose a president need to weather the moment and then begin to chip at the edges of the policies they oppose. Clinton actually strengthened his national support after his State of the Union address during his impeachment. Reagan deflected criticism from himself regarding the Iran-Contra scandal following his address.

Bush has delivered two State of the Union addresses. Last year he called a united nation and a sympathetic world following the September attacks but squandered much good will with his harsh rhetoric naming Iraq, Iran and North Korea as the "axis of evil." He vowed to catch all of those who were involved with the attacks and to end terrorism. Many contend that Bush's rhetorical excesses led to the current deterioration of relations and defiance of North Korea.

Last year Bush also promised to improve the economy, create more jobs and stand strong with free nations throughout the world. This year his address contained the same messages, but the economy and our relationship with other nations have deteriorated the past twelve months.

His determination to proceed with his agenda has not changed much since last year. While Bush publicly seems consistent, his State of the Union address shows that he is moving toward the political center in preparation for next year's election.

Today Americans are willing to go another mile with Bush as a show of unity, but are uneasy about our unstable economic

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Residents expand their humor in the Revue's 27th year onstage

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

When people think college humor, they think of lewd, obnoxious, off-the-wall crotch-brutering raucous fun. The Keenan Revue offers all of the above, and more besides. The skits, written by Keenan Hall residents, contain comedic insight on national security and religion lodged between parietals jokes and beer bashes.

Over the past 27 years, the Keenan Revue has become an important part of campus tradition. The first show, produced in 1976 by Tom Lenz and Rick Thomas, was meant to be a small, hall talent show but became a hit when the residents actually proved to have both musical and humorous talent. The show has continued to lighten up the winter months ever since.

Although director Rick Herbst and producer Chris Murphy have been working on the show for the past five months, the show as always was barely pulled together in the last week. The skits were chosen and the show assembled over the weekend, with only three days of rehearsal to follow. Herbst made final changes at the Wednesday dress rehearsal.

Over half the residents of Keenan Hall turn out to participate in the show, either writing skits, acting or playing in the show's musical numbers. "It's a real rallying point for the dorm," said Herbst.

Although the Keenan Revue is the dorm's particular point of pride, the whole campus gets involved in the event. Other hall presidents helped find funding for the show, which relied on ads and donations to raise the $12,000 needed for production. Saint Mary's also got involved in the show's production. In appreciation, the authors toned down the inevitable Saint Mary's jokes in the Revue.

Students come to the Keenan Revue expecting irreverent humor at the expense of students and the administration, and they have never been disappointed. This year is no exception.

The theme of this year's Keenan Revue is "Our Nation's Pastime." The theme actually refers to baseball, the audience might be excused for thinking the national pastime is cross-dressing, a theme which pops up far more often throughout the show. The show opens with a rendition of Weezer's "Buddy Holly" musical numbers and a group striptease.

Many of the skits in the first half prey on popular campus topics, such as "Parietals Bite" and "The Elegant Prospect." The campus has struggled with oppressive parietals and drinking laws since the show began, and the inevitable sex humor appears translated into 17th century English and in a parody of Lisa Loeb's "Stay." The authors put in everything they can get past the show's censors.

The tone changes in the second half with some "Dogma"-esque religious parodies and less Notre Dame centered humor. Skits like "In the year 3000" provide general cultural commentary, while "The Keenan Review News" preys on President George W. Bush, campus squirrels and The Shirt. Skits like "Matlock ... yeah," the brainchild of Murphy and Nic Williams, manage to be inexplicably funny despite an apparent lack of jokes.

The Keenan Revue draws on the comedic talents of all the residents. Performers find a sense of humor they never knew they had.

So where do the authors get inspiration for their skits? "Late night caffeine and sugar highs," said Williams.

Tickets for the show were passed out last week. Those lucky enough to have them are in for a good assortment of songs, antics and jokes. And as the cast points out, if you don't like it, don't complain — the tickets were free.
InFocus Conference

The 2nd Annual Conference aims to promote awareness of Asian Issues

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Scene Writer

Here at Notre Dame, a mere 4 percent of undergraduates are Asian or Pacific Islanders. With that in mind, a conference held to address Asian and Asian-American issues might appear to speak to a miniscule fraction of the student body. However, the sponsors of the 2nd Annual InFocus Conference hope to connect with all students who feel that diversity is a concern and priority—a much higher percentage than that 4 percent.

Last year's InFocus Conference was awarded Outstanding Club Program by the Student Coordination Council for 2001-2002, and this year's completely student-run program promises to live up to the high standard set by the inaugural year. With a schedule that includes cultural demonstrations, various workshops, high profile speakers and a comedy show, the activities planned should appeal to a wide range of participants.

This year's theme is "InFocus 2003: Unlocking the Past, Shaping the Future." The event begins today with a fireside chat in Coleman-Morse with Chandra Johnson entitled "Owning our Cultural Heritage." All students are welcome to come speak with Johnson, who is assistant to the president and assistant director of Cross-Cultural Ministry.

The conference begins in earnest on Saturday with registration and breakfast. The opening ceremony speaker is Dr. Evelyn Hu-DeHart, who will also be speaking in one of the morning workshops. Denise de la Rosa, a junior and the executive chair of the conference, has heard Hu-DeHart speak and hopes many will be able to attend her speech.

"She's a very powerful speaker, very spirited—there's something about when she speaks that makes me want to go out and educate and to spread the awareness, not just for Asians or Asian-American ideals but just for [anyone] learning about something other than what you've learned for 18 years," de la Rosa said.

Another notable speaker will be Kristine de la Rosa, a senior and the executive chair for public relations, who will lead an afternoon workshop called "Asian-American Political Activism" and will be the keynote speaker for the closing ceremony and banquet. Shin, who has also served as a member of the Washington State House of Representatives, is one of a very small number of Asian-American politicians in the American government, at either the local or national level.

"I think it's one [workshop] that's got everybody really excited again, he's a very spirited person and he likes to see Asian-Americans getting involved, being more outgoing, being more outspoken than what we have been stereotyped to be in the past," de la Rosa said. She hopes that his workshop will encourage not only Asians and minorities but also all people to participate in government.

The conference also highlights other political and cultural issues, such as foreign affairs and inter-racial dating. Included among such weighty topics are Fun Workshops; these include Asian desserts, dances and Japanese origami.

It is the collaboration of multiple groups that is responsible for the planning of details and variety of activities. The Coalition for Asian Awareness is presenting the conference with other sponsors that include the Asian American Association, Filipino American Student Organization, Korean Student Association, Indian Association, Center for Asian Studies, Student Government-Diversity Committee, the Center for Social Concerns, Campus Ministry and Asian Languages and Literature. The Multicultural Student Programs and Services are also sponsoring the Annual Multicultural Comedy Show that will conclude the conference.

The planning process began during spring semester of last year, and started up again in September of fall semester. While Notre Dame is behind the curb development and execution of the conference, many other schools were invited, including Michigan State, University of Michigan, Northwestern, Loyola, Valparaiso, Purdue, Indiana University and Saint Mary's.

Adrienne de la Rosa, a senior and the executive chair for public relations, wants the main focus of the conference to be the heightening awareness about diversity. "Obviously, that's not just applicable to Asian Americans. It's really important, especially on a campus like Notre Dame, to be able to embrace everybody's differences. It's so important not only to share your culture with other people but to be really proud of it," Adrienne de la Rosa said.

The executive committee behind the conference emphasizes that anyone who is passionate about diversity is welcome to attend. "That works on all levels, whether it be sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, there are so many factors of diversity. Conferences like this stir discussion and dialogue and that's the most important part about trying to make a change," Adrienne de la Rosa added.

Denise de la Rosa echoed her sister's sentiments, and said that the conference should get out an awareness that Notre Dame is striving for diversity. "Diversity is meant for everybody, and especially on a predominantly white campus it's important to know reasons why friends act a certain way, or stereotypes that are seen in the media—those are things that we need to be aware of." Denise de la Rosa said.

"If anything, I would just invite everyone to come with an open mind, to come with a lot of insights, and to come with a curiosity and a respect for learning about something that at least on this campus is not exactly the easiest to get out of a classroom."

Registration forms for InFocus 2003 are available online at the InFocus Web site, www.nd.edu/~aac/AC, or participants can register at the door. Cost is $5.00, and the conference runs from Thursday to Saturday. Check the Web site for a schedule of activities.

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**College Basketball**

Stanford pulls off upset of No. 1 Arizona

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Matt Lottich scored 23 points, including a clinching 3-pointer with 58 seconds to play, to lift Stanford to an 82-77 upset of No. 1 Arizona.

The Cardinal (15-5, 6-2 Pac-10) had never won a game at McKale Center for the third year in a row and handed the Wildcats their first Pac-10 loss.

Julius Barnes, who had 14 points and 10 assists but shot just 4-for-21, sank both free throws in a one-and-one situation with 31.4 seconds left to seal the victory.

Jason Gardner scored 22 and Luke Walton 18 for the Wildcats (15-2, 7-1), who rallied from a 14-point second-half deficit to take three-point lead but couldn't hold it.

Salim Stoudamire, who scored 31 in Arizona's victory at Kansas last Saturday, played just 17 minutes because of foul trouble and had three points on 1-for-5 shooting.

Bob Little scored 13 for Stanford, including a crucial 3-pointer with 1:09 left that gave the Wildcats' their first lead but couldn't hold it. Arizona was just 14-for-26 at the line.

Gardner missed the first of a one-and-one and 23 seconds to play to give Arizona a chance to tie it, but the Wildcats couldn't convert.

The Wildcats trailed by as many as 11 points in the first half and were down 41-38 at the break.

After Walton's inside basket cut the lead to 41-40, Stanford went on a 12-2 run to go up 53-42 on Barnes' 3-pointer with 14:55 to play. A 6:49 spurt gave the Cardinal their biggest lead, 59-45, at 11:34 to go.

The Wildcats trailed by 20 in the first half at Kansas last Saturday, then rallied to win by 17.

### NHL

Thibault stops 44 shots in 3-1 Bruins victory

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Chicago Blackhawks had one last chance to head into the Star break — snap a six-game winning streak.

Goalie Jocelyn Thibault made sure it happened.

Thibault's 44 saves and Theo Fleury's breakaway goal gave the New York Rangers 3-1 Thursday night and move into the final period helped the Islanders defeat the Blackhawks 3-1.

Fleury's power-play goal at 6:57 of the third period gave the Washington Capitals a victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Miller scored with 8:29 remaining in the game, taking advantage of Nylander's quick thinking. When Nylander couldn't get the puck on his forehead 10 feet in front of the Penguins' net, he pushed the puck back to Miller, who connected from between the circles.

Nylander had two assists and Sergei Gonchar also scored for Washington, 3-1-2 in its last six games.

Blue Jackets 2, Predators 1

Rogers Knutsen and Marc Denis were the difference in the Columbus Blue Jackets' win over the Nashville Predators Thursday night.

Denis stopped 33 shots but said he was sloppy handling the puck and gave up far too many rebounds.

Knutsen was playing just his second game after missing 39 games due to an abdominal injury and surgery.

Knutsen tied it at 1 early in the third period, Knutsen beat defenceman Andy Delmore to the puck near mid-ice and turned him around. Knutsen streaked up the ice, leaving a sliding, mishandling Predators goalie Tomas Vokoun from the left side just as veteran Karri Skratskin closed up the play.

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Buccaneers hang on to Kiffin with 3-year deal

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. -

The Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers demonstrated their commitment to keep Monte Kiffin from moving to the San Francisco 49ers or anywhere else, signing their defensive coordinator to a new three-year contract Thursday night.

Terms were not disclosed, but Kiffin already was among the NFL's highest-paid defensive coordinators at close to $1 million per year.

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**Trying to end a three-year postseason drought, the Anaheim Mighty Ducks acquired All-Star defender Sandis Ozolins and left wing/defenseman Lance Ward from the San Jose Sharks for two second-round draft picks.**

This move brings the Ducks to 15 victories in 51 games this season. They were voted into the starting lineup for the Eastern Conference in Sunday's All-Star Game, to be played in Florida. It will mark their fourth straight All-Star appearance and seventh overall — six of them started.

Ozolins played in 83 games last season for Carolina and Florida with 14 goals and 38 assists, ranking him fifth among NHL defensemen.

A 6-foot-3, 215-pounder, Ozolins represented Latvia in the 2002 Winter Olympics at Salt Lake City. He has played in 712 regular-season games with 149 goals and 343 assists.

LeBron reportedly accepts free clothing

**First it was LeBron James' Hummer. Now, it's his clothes.**

Just a few days after James was cleared of any wrongdoing for accepting a sports utility vehicle as a gift, Ohio high school officials are reviewing a report he received complimentary clothing.

Last Saturday, James, the nation's top high school player, was apparently given two free "throwback" jerseys worth $845 at a local clothing store.

Ohio High School Athletic Association bylaws state that an athlete forfeits his or her amateur status by "capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value."

OHSAA commissioner Clar Muscaro is aware of the report and is reviewing it, said spokesman Bob Golding.

Muscaro ruled that James, a senior at St. Vincent-St. Mary, would not lose his eligibility for accepting a custom-made Hummer H2 vehicle.

After attending a local high school game last weekend, James and some friends visited the clothing store "Next" where he picked out two jerseys — one of Chicago Bears Hall of Famer Gale Sayers, the other of Washington Bullets center Wes Unseld. The Sayers jersey costs $395; the Unseld jersey, $450.

Store manager Derrick Craig said the store's owner gave the jerseys to James for free.

"We get celebrities in here all the time," said Craig, who would not identify the owner. "They spend a lot of money and sometimes you just got to give them some love."
The Irish are also pleased with how Timmermans, Cornette and Francis responded to a slow start by Notre Dame's perimeter against the Mountaineers, a trend they hope continues throughout the rest of the season.

"That's what makes this team so tough, that's what I'm most proud of," Carroll said. "Guys like that come in there and bring so much to the table. When Chris [Thomas] and I are going, they know they role and do their thing. But when we're not going, they step it up. Each game is different, and you never know who it's going to be. But that's what makes this team so good."

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MENS BASKETBALL

Irish forward Dan Miller brings the ball up Wednesday in Notre Dame's 88-69 victory over West Virginia.

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Georgetown didn't need any extra motivation to play a top-10 team on the road, but they got it thanks to a blown call at the end of regulation in Wednesday night's 93-82 overtime loss to Seton Hall.

With the score tied and 10 seconds showing on the clock, the Pirates took a 74-72 lead on an alley-oop dunk off an inbounds pass. The catch? The Pirates had six players on the floor during the key inbounds play, something Georgetown coach Craig Esherick didn't notice until after he spoke with the media.

In fact, Seton Hall still had six players on the floor when Hoyas guard Gerald Riley drove the length of the floor to score a lay-up and send the game into overtime.

But even though Esherick didn't notice the officials' gaffe, that didn't stop him from lighting up his players for a perceived lack of effort.

"We've got to figure out who we have on our team that wants to win," he said. "Those people that want to win, and work to win, are going to play. Those who want to make excuses and don't want to win are going to have to play.

Miller time

Miller started the Big East season struggling somewhat. In his first three conference games, the fifth-year senior only averaged seven points a game.

But since Notre Dame's loss to Kentucky, Miller has averaged 13 points a game. Though his defense never suffered, Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said it's good to see the senior back in an offensive rhythm.

"Sometimes with a one-year transfer, you want to get it all in one game," Brey said. "He's back kind of in a groove offensively for us, and we need him to be a threat out there.

Physical play

The wear and tear of playing in such a physical league is starting to show on Notre Dame's seniors.

Against Boston College on Saturday, Matt Carroll crashed hard to the ground, a fall that knocked him out temporarily. Then against West Virginia on Wednesday, Dan Miller dove for a loose ball and came up with a bleeding chin, a wound that required six stitches to close.

But nicks and bumps aren't slowing the Irish duo.

"I don't think I've played a game where I haven't bled at least once," Carroll said. "Pretty soon, I might be wearing six wristbands to stop all the bleeding."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Struggling Belles look for 2nd win from Comets

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's has been ready for this game for a long time. But, they are not just ready to play, they are ready to win too, when hosting Olivet Saturday. The Belles have struggled of late, losing their last six contests. Saint Mary's last win came on Jan. 8, ironically for this game for a long time. But, they are not just ready to win, they are ready to win.

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Leading the way will be sophomore forward Emily Creachbaum, who averages 13.8 points and 6.6 rebounds. She has been one of the bright spots for the Belles, and looks to again lead the team to victory on Saturday. "It would be good to get a win," Creachbaum said. "We need to win to set the tone for the second half of our conference season."

With the first half of the conference race over, the Belles (5-13, 1-6 in the MIAA) find themselves tied with Olivet (6-12, 1-6) for last place in the MIAA. Saint Mary's and Olivet seem to matchup well, as both teams shoot about 38 percent from the field. In their last meeting, Saint Mary's defeated Olivet 64-53 at Olivet. Other positives for Saint Mary's have been found in its freshmen. Guard Bridget Boyce (7.6 points per game) and forward Anne Hogan (7.3 points, 4.9 rebounds) have led the way. However, the Belles still need to step up and realize their role," Creachbaum said. "Even though different people step up in different games, we need to be more consistent so that in each game at least one person steps up."

In Wednesday's 68-54 loss to Alma, the Belles hung tough and were put away by a late second half run by the Scots. "We played well on Wednesday; it was a positive for us," Creachbaum said. "We didn't win because we had a few letdowns, and were never able to capitalize."

However, in order to come away with a victory against the Lady Comets, the Belles must contain their leading scorer, Louisa Grill (115.5 points, 9.4 rebounds per game). The Belles and Lady Comets tip off at 3 p.m. on Saturday at the Angela Athletic Facility.

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Hockey

Battle of hot-shot scorers in weekend series

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

Two of the CCHA’s leading goal scorers will clash this weekend as Notre Dame tries to get back on the winning track against Ohio State in a two game home series.

The Buckeyes (17-6-2, 11-4-1 in the CCHA) are led by junior center R.J. Umberger, who is tied with Irish right wing Rob Globke for second with 18 goals in the CCHA goal-scoring race.

Scoring goals has been Notre Dame’s Achilles’ heel during its current seven game winless streak. Even after a 3-3 tie with Michigan State last Saturday, the Irish have averaged fewer than two goals per game in their last four contests.

That’s not good news for a team preparing to face the Buckeyes, who have given up a little more than two goals a game on average for the entire season.

Junior goaltender Mike Betz has been outstanding in goal for the Buckeyes, leading the CCHA with a 1.90 goals-against average in 12 conference games, while being helped by a defense that only allows 24.1 shots per game.

“Once again, as is the case with so many good teams, (Ohio State’s) strength is their defense,” Irish coach Dave Poulin said. “They have a lot of high-profile forwards, but they don’t give up many goals.”

The Buckeyes are especially deep at the center position. Umberger, who leads the team in scoring, was a first round selection of the Vancouver Canucks in the 2001 NHL entry draft. In that same draft, the Los Angeles Kings selected junior center Dave Steckel.

In addition, freshman center Ryan Kesler is predicted by many publications to be a high draft pick this year.

That’s amazing,” Poulin said. “There are NHL teams that don’t have three first-round draft picks at center.”

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Irish hope for swift results

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

After a 76-48 loss to Boston College Wednesday night, Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said her team needed to learn from the game and move forward.

"At this point in the season we can’t linger too long on a loss," McGraw said. "We have to turn around and get ready for our next opponent."

When the Irish take on the Mountaineers, spectators will see a battle between two teams who don’t have much to lose, but still have a lot to win. Both teams are coming off losses, the Irish have something to prove to their fans. And, after four consecutive home losses, the Irish have something to prove to their fans.

"It’s always good to play at home," freshman Courtney LeVere said. "We haven’t been successful, but a home game I’ll take any day."

West Virginia has been suffering from similar problems and similar inconsistencies. The Mountaineers are coming off a loss to Pittsburgh and, like the Irish, fell to Boston College in recent Big East action.

But the Irish have an advantage, they already found the Mountaineers weak spot once this year and defeated them 66-59 in early January. Notre Dame used a big second half comeback to take over the Mountaineers and pick up a road victory.

"We want to put that loss behind them and focus on getting a win.

"That’s bad news for an Irish team that has been struggling to keep itself together this season. The Irish, who have lost four straight home games for the first time in school history, seemed to find their rhythm again when they won at Villanova on Saturday, but that rhythm fell very short when Severe exited the game Wednesday night. The Irish lost their spark and lost another game.

But Saturday, the Irish want to put that loss behind them and focus on getting a win.

"After four consecutive home losses, the Irish have something to prove to their fans. And, despite their recent success on the road and their recent failures at home, Notre Dame would still rather play in front of a friendly crowd."

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Irish guard Megan Duffy looks to pass the ball in a game earlier this year. The Irish return from a tough 76-48 loss to Boston College Wednesday to host West Virginia Saturday.
Fencing

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are in a transition phase," Bednarski said. "We lost only one match on the women's side at OSU. Ohio State has always been strong on the women's side. We were happy to stay close."

With women's sabre captain Desanie Milo not fencing last weekend due to an illness, Bednarski was forced to go deep down the roster and put some inexperienced fencers on the strip.

"The walk-ons made a good impression. They lost only to Ohio State in the other matches they were dominating," he said.

"We cannot put someone who started fencing 6 months ago with someone who has been fencing for 5 or 6 years."

The combination of Maggie Jordan, Danielle Davis, Tiffany Muller and Natalie Tenner went 46-14 in the six matches last weekend with eight of those losses coming against the Buckeyes. Jordan has fenced at sabre and foil in her first two years while Davis was 7-7 entering the weekend and Muller and Tenner had no prior collegiate experience.

With Milo still questionable this weekend and Natalia Mazur more than likely missing the season, Bednarski said, "Gabor Szelle returned and for one year wasn't competing so he is making it up this year, and he is getting better."

"Ohio State mens sabre team is almost like the national team." Notre Dame will fence Penn State at 11 a.m. Saturday. The Irish will also fence UC-San Diego Air Force, Detroit, Northwestern, Cal-State Fullerton, Wayne State and Lawrence.

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ND WOMENS TENNIS

Irish clawed to pieces by Wildcats

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame expected a battle heading into Thursday's match at Northwestern.

Turned out it was more of a massacre than a battle.

The No. 21 Irish failed to win a single set against the No. 16 Wildcats, and Northwestern won 7-0.

The young Irish team faced a Wildcats squad that featured four players ranked in the top 80 nationally. Notre Dame's highest ranked player is No. 124 Alicia Salas. The junior lost 6-1, 6-2 to No. 16 Cristelle Grier, a freshman.

Northwestern improved to 3-2, while the Irish posted beginning the season with two victories.

The match began with Northwestern's dominance in the doubles portion of the day's play. Ruth Barnes and Andrea Yung won the first match with their 8-4 victory over the Irish duo of freshman Laeana Connelly and Cristelle O'Callagham. Then Grier and counterpart Jessica Rush clinched the doubles point as they triumphed over Irish senior Katie Cuarna and freshman Kristina Sastny, 6-4, 6-2. The dominance continued with each of the Wildcats, playing without No. 18 Marine Pirieu, achieving singles victories in straight sets.

Junior Caylan Leslie lost to No. 63 Bath, 6-3, 6-4.
No. 76 Jamie Peisel clinched the victory for the Wildcats with her 6-2, 6-3 win over Lauren Connelly.
Lauren Connelly's older sister, Sarah Jane, a sophomore, could not prevail against Barnes, who won 6-4, 6-1. Stastny and Jennifer Smith, playing at the No. 3 and 6 flights respectively also could not achieve victory. Yung dominated Sastny, 6-1, 6-2 and Smith fell to Stacy Koks, 6-4, 6-4.
Salas's defeat was only the fourth loss of her career in dual-match singles play. Salas has achieved 29 dual-match singles wins throughout her Irish career.

More stiff competition, and hopefully a battle, is looming for Notre Dame Saturday, No. 5 North Carolina will visit the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Sugar and Sweetney

Georgetown and 6-foot-8, 260-pound forward Mike Sweetney storm the Joyce Center Saturday for a matchup with No. 11 Notre Dame

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Before the season began, Irish coach Mike Brey worried his perimeter players they would have to carry the load while the interior players developed...

ND WOMENS SWIMMING

Top 25 teams clash at Rolfs

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

According to the newest national dual meet rankings, this weekend’s meet between Notre Dame and Michigan should be a good one.

ND WOMENS VOLLEYBALL

Winners take all in Big East action

By ANDREW BARTLETT
Sports Writer

Two matches will be played Saturday, March 1, at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

FENCING

No. 1 Lions provide test at home for Irish

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Editor

It’s important, but the Irish are keeping things in perspective...