Former Governor speaks on politics, religion

By MICHAEL CHAMBLISS
News Writer

In his capacity as chairman of "The Charter for Protection of Children and Young People," former Oklahoma Governor, Frank Keating spoke Monday to a packed house in the Lisburn Center Auditorium on the topic of politics and Vatican. A Republican and lifelong Catholic, Keating served as governor of Oklahoma from 1995 to 2003. He is widely known for his attempts to mitigate social ills such as drug use, rape, abuse, divorce and domestic violence through mobilization of the clergy. Keating has also been lauded for his strong leadership after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing. Keating spoke at length about the obligations of Americans to participate in public life. "Every one of us has a vocation to politics. We all have an obligation to serve," said Keating. He added that the merging of the public and the private sectors is essential for the success of the United States. Keating, who could only serve a maximum of eight years as Oklahoma's governor, said he believed modesty limits support this healthy mix. "The role of a Catholic should be to present himself as a person of honor and integrity, a symbol of what a citizen should be like," said Keating of the role of Catholics in American public life.

Keating also addressed the recent sexual abuse scandal within the Catholic Church. "There isn't a greater calling anywhere in life than that of ministry, but something happened and people saw evil face-to-face and they turned away," said Keating. The former governor is currently involved in a study to root out the causes of behavioral problems in the clergy and the lack of vocations. Keating expressed concern at the number of scandals that...
Basketball to the rescue

I had fears about my first spring semester at Notre Dame. The stories of blustering cold, fierce winds and depressing days without a trace of sunlight left me wondering how I would make it through my first winter in South Bend. Being from Dallas, Texas, a place where snow falls only once a year and the entire city becomes as helpless as a student facing an early morning Organic Chemistry test, I wasn’t sure what I would do to survive. There would be no thrills of football games to keep me occupied, no leisurely readings of textbooks while relaxing on a comfortable bench overlooking the Golden Dome — no aimless strolls around campus without a particular destination in mind. I sincerely hoped that I would not conk myself out in my dorm room, living off of Diet Sherry Chicken Thighs, long grain and wild rice, parsley buttered potatoes, French bread pizza, collard greens, ter fried pollock, macaroni and cheese, french fries and chicken, a meal I was told to avoid. Or perhaps I would get up and run errands while trying to stay warm. Whatever the case, I intended to keep myself going.

Fortunately for me, I get out quite often, dressed in more layers of clothing than I ever thought humanity possible and a pair of huge hiking boots I only imagined Army ROTC cadets to wear. I rush off to class and the dining hall as often as I did in the fall, although at a slightly faster pace and with a little more unmentionable shuffling underneath my most important layer. Most importantly, however, I have found a relief from the piling up of snow and schoolwork that shattered all worries of days spent under a warm comforter — Notre Dame basketball. With a game to a few close friends, I now relish the chance of arriving incredibly early to the JACC to gain a coveted seat from which to watch an energizing game of thrilling baskets, heartbreakng misses and raucous fans shouting insults prepared by legions of fans with too much time on their hands. Now, not necessarily those of The Observer.

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Joe Trombello
News Production Editor

What's Happening @ ND

• Art Exhibit: Display of photographs depicting the Gallah Culture by Doris Ulmann all day at the Snite Museum of Art.
• Mendoza Majors Night: The fair will couple with departmental presentations that would provide students with additional opportunities to talk with faculty and current upper-class students about the opportunities available in the Mendoza College of Business, 5:30 p.m., Mendoza College of Business.

What's Happening @ SMC

• Lecture
  Talk about Community Leadership, 12:15 p.m., North Woods Room.
• Reading
  Contemporary Drama: Reading & Dinner, 4:30 p.m., President's Dining Room.
• Lecture
  Eating Disorder Awareness Week speaker, 7:30 p.m., the Carroll Auditorium.

What's Going Down

NDSP takes drunken student home
NDSP transported an intoxicated student to his off-campus residence Sunday morning. The case is being referred for administrative review.

Employee injured in fall
After an employee sustained injuries during a fall Saturday, NDSP transported the employee to the University Health Center for treatment.

Visitor reports missing jewelry
A visitor reported losing her necklace Friday at the Grotto. The woman later notified NDSP she had found her necklace in her purse.

What's Cooking

North Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Boiled mostaccioli, boiled spinach fetuccini, pasturia meat sauce, fried cheese ravioli, Swiss steak, russet herb garlic potatoes, whipped potatoes, haddock with herbs, sugar snap peas, potato gnocchi, chicken tenders.

Today's Dinner: Boiled fettuccine, Alfredo sauce, cheese frenchbread, sherry chicken thighs, long grain and wild rice, whipped potatoes, broccoli spears, grilled redfish, baked sweet potatoes, beef tamale, corn and pepper flanmer.

South Dining Hall
Today's Lunch: Pasta shells primavera, fetuccine, gorgonzola sauce, french bread pizza, collard greens, ter fried pollock, macaroni and cheese, french fries and chicken, a meal I was told to avoid. Or perhaps I would get up and run errands while trying to stay warm. Whatever the case, I intended to keep myself going.

The discussions for disability awareness week that took place at the CSC, is actually cited, "Experiences With Special Needs: Students, Parents, Children, Siblings Adults."
CCDC raises eating disorder awareness

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students will have a chance to learn more about eating disorders this week. The Counseling and Career Development Center is sponsoring National Eating Disorders Awareness Week on campus.

The week is a nationwide campaign by the National Eating Disorders Association to raise awareness about the growing problem of eating disorders.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association, it is estimated that between 5 and 10 million girls and women and 1 million boys and men struggle with eating disorders, such as anorexia, bulimia and binge-eating disorders. The group also found in a recent college campus survey that 91 percent of college women control their weight by dieting.

Today students can attend the lecture and discussion "Body Image, Food and You" led by licensed clinician social worker Gwen DeHorn from the Eating Disorder Recovery Center. The lecture will be held in Carroll Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday the Nursing Department is sponsoring a health fair from 2 to 5 p.m. in LeMans Reinebeaux Lounge. At the fair, women can learn about the varying components that will affect their health now and in the future.

On Thursday and Friday the CCDC will be offering eating and body image screenings. The screenings will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday and from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday. The screenings are free and confidential and no appointments are necessary.

The CCDC is located in 166 LeMans. For more information, contact the CCDC at 284-4565.

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Mathcounts competition scheduled for Saturday

Special to The Observer

A regional competition of Mathcounts, a nationwide math coaching and competition program, will take place Saturday (Feb. 22) in DeBartolo Hall at the University of Notre Dame.

More than 200 middle and junior high students from the northern and central Indiana counties of St. Joseph, Elkhart, Fulton, La Grange and Marshall are expected to compete.

Mathcounts promotes math achievement among sixth, seventh and eighth graders around the country through competitions similar to school athletic events. Student "mathletes" train individually and on teams, then compete in local and state competitions. Prizes are awarded at all levels, and winners at the state level receive a trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the national competition, where the prizes include scholarships, trips and trophies.

This year as many as 35,000 students are expected to compete nationwide in Mathcounts, which began in 1983. Michael M. Stanisic, associate professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at Notre Dame, is regional coordinator of the Mathcounts competition, which has been held at the University for the past eight years.

Call for Student Nominations

The College of Science invites student nominations for Kaneb Teaching Awards

Take advantage of the opportunity to nominate your best professor in the College of Science for a Kaneb Teaching Award.

Nomination forms may be found on the College of Science webpage at: www.science.nd.edu or you may pick up a nomination form in the Dean's Office, 174 Hurley Hall

Deadline for nomination is Thursday, March 6

Return to: Sr. Kathleen Cannon, O.P., Associate Dean Dean's Office, College of Science 174 Hurley Hall
As things continued to wind down for the Board of Governance administration, officers on Monday held their final meeting before spring break. The meeting primarily centered around several student organizations and their appeals for co-sponsorship funding for various events.

Katie Harrison, Student Academic Council (SAC) secretary and treasurer, requested $300 from BOG to help sponsor a campus visit by Yale University professor Cynthia Russett planned for Wednesday. The professor recently published a book titled, “Catholic Women's Colleges in America.” Thursday, administration and faculty will meet with Russett to discuss qualities of Saint Mary as an institution and the future of women's Catholic education.

"The administration is really excited about this," Harrison said. "But it should be a student sponsored event. We want students to attend the lecture as well, not just the administration."

BOG members expressed their excitement to participate in the upcoming event.

"Having BOG's name down is a show of student support," said Student Body Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl. The funding was approved unanimously by BOG.

Russett elaborates on the experience of women, and mentions Saint Mary's 16 times in her book. It is currently on sale in the Saint Mary's bookstore.

In other BOG news:

- BOG also granted $900 to the Biology Club to assist with the Ecology Fair. The fair will be held in conjunction with the annual Student Diversity Board (SDB) picnic on April 14. Three booths will be set up on the library lawn and will provide students with information about world environmental issues. SDB will also sponsor a student collection that will also include a live band.

- The Board voted to deny a $1,560 request from several Saint Mary's students traveling to Haiti over spring break. The students are going abroad as part of a justice class that examines poverty and development.

- The trip, the most expensive undertaking by Saint Mary's students, is largely being funded by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. Board members said participating students should be responsible for raising the remaining money they need for the trip.

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"First we want to see what everybody in the class wants to do," Paulin said.

They announced the plan to initiate an "Independent Women Series" that would include subject matter ranging from business etiquette to oil changes.

"The point of senior year is to have a great and shining year, but we also want to prepare Saint Mary's women for an independent life," Paulin said.

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U.S., allies seek U.N. approval for war resolution

**Associated Press**

**UNITED NATIONS**
Seeking U.N. approval for war, the United States and key allies Britain and Spain submitted a resolution Monday to the Security Council declaring Saddam Hussein "has lost the political opportunity" to disarm and indicating he must now face the consequences.

But France, Russia and Germany, pushing a military option, circulated an alternative plan to pursue a peaceful disarmament of Iraq through strengthened inspections over at least the next five months. Their memorandum won immediate backing from China, despite Secretary of State Colin Powell's lobbying efforts with top officials in Beijing on Monday.

The rival positions set the stage for a heated battle over whether the council would back the U.S. and British demand for war now or the French, Russian, and German call for war to be "a last resort." The council decided to hold another closed meeting to discuss the two proposals on Thursday.

The showdown heightened fears of war, with Wall Street posting its biggest decline in a month Monday after a day of light trading.

Getting approval for the U.S.-backed resolution will be a daunting task. To pass, the resolution must have nine "yes" votes and avoid a veto by France, Russia or China. Only one of Bulgaria's 28 ministers was considering a strong bid to support the U.S.-British-Spanish plan.

Eleven of the 15 council members have endorsed the idea of continuing weapons inspections, but the United States insists they will only be part of some of its top negotiators to the Security Council in recent days to push for the resolution.

For some of the countries such as Angola, Guinea and Cameroon — poor African nations whose concerns drew little attention before they landed seats on the council — there is the possibility that supporting the resolution may reap financial benefits from the United States. But members of the council support continued inspections are also lobbying hard.

After the rival presentations, no council member indicated a clear position. Several council diplomats said there was room for a compromise.

"As a result, we are seeking a compromise," said Jon K部门" United States' envoy to the U.N. (right) and John Negroponte, the United States' Ambassador to the U.N. (left) arrive together at the United Nations Monday to present their new joint draft resolution.

But U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said the only way Iraq can avoid serious consequences now is to demonstrate "a major, drastic, dramatic change in the attitude that that government has displayed towards the issue of disarming itself of weapons of mass destruction."

Washington has reserved the right to wage war with a coalition of willing nations, but U.N. backing would provide legitimacy and financial support for military action and its aftermath. On Monday, Turkey's Cabinet agreed to host tens of thousands of U.S. combat troops.

Iraq

Saddam Hussein challenges Bush to televised debate

**Associated Press**

Saddam Hussein indicated Monday that he does not intend to follow a U.N. order to destroy his Al-Samoud 2 missiles and challenged President Bush to an internationally televised debate via satellite link.

In a three-hour interview with CBS anchor Dan Rather, the Iraqi leader said he would not move his live darts away from the lines of those in a U.S. presidential campaign, according to the network.

Rather reported on the interview during the evening newscast. CBS said it planned to broadcast excerpts on Tuesday and the entire interview on Wednesday.

Rather said that Saddam walked a little stiffly when he met with him but was "calm and unhurried" during the interview.

Regarding chief U.S. weapons inspector Hans Blix's order that Iraq destroy its Al-Samoud 2 missiles, Rather quoted Saddam as saying Iraq must prepare proper missiles and we are committed to that.

Asked whether the Al-Samoud 2 missiles are "proper," Saddam was quoted as replying: "We do not have missiles that go beyond the prescribed range."

The order was issued after international experts determined the missile flew farther than the 93-mile limit set down by the United Nations in 1991. Iraq maintains some of the missiles overshoot the limit because they were tested without warheads and guidance systems.

"This is not a serious issue," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said in the reported debate offer. "There is no debating his need to disarm.

Fleischer said Saddam's comments about the Al Samouds represented "open defiance" of the United Nations. "He refuses even to acknowledge that the weapons are prohibited," Fleischer said.

Iraq has until the end of the week to begin destroying the missiles, components and other related systems. If it fails to do so, that could give impetus to a draft U.N. resolution submitted Monday by the United States, Britain and Spain that would pave the way for war.

Iraq had suggested it was trying to persuade the United Nations to allow it to keep the missiles after technical modifications worked out in talks with U.N. technicians.

World News Briefs

North Korea test-fires missile into sea:
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**U.S. charges 55 with selling drug gear:**
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U.S. charges 55 with selling drug gear: Federal authorities charged 55 people with trafficking in illegal drug paraphernalia in an investigation they said targeted the nation's biggest Internet distributors of marijuana bongs, crack pipes and other drug abuse gear.

In coordinated raids on Monday, officials confiscated "thousands and thousands of tons" of paraphernalia, said Mary Beth Buchanan, U.S. attorney in Pittsburgh whose office is leading the "Operation Pipe Dreams" investigation along with the Drug Enforcement Administration. "No one would possibly use these items for smoking tobacco," Buchanan said at a Justice Department news conference.

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Convicted spy won't face death penalty

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The government's attempt to impose the death penalty on convicted spy Brian Patrick Regan was rejected Monday by the federal jury that convicted him of offering to sell U.S. intelligence to Iraq and China.

Regan, a former Air Force master sergeant, was found guilty last week on two attempted espionage counts and a single charge of gathering national defense information. He was acquitted of attempting to spy for Libya.

The Iraq conviction required the jury to consider a second question: Did Regan offer the jury to consider a second possibility of the death penalty.

Regan, a 40-year-old, married father of four from Bowie, Md., had worked at the National Reconnaissance Office, which operates the government's spy satellites, first for the Air Force and then as a civilian employee for TRW, a defense contractor.

Prosecutors never claimed Regan actually passed secrets. But they said Regan was desperate to get out of under $17,000 in credit card debts and drafted a letter to Saddam Hussein offering to sell U.S. intelligence for $13 million. He made similar offers to Chinese and Libyan officials, prosecutors contended.

Using his access to a classified Internet network, Regan looked up dozens of top-secret documents, including satellite photos of Iraqi missile sites. He was arrested Aug. 23, 2001, at Dulles International Airport outside Washington while boarding a flight for Zurich, Switzerland.

Regan was carrying information with the coded coordinates of Iraqi and Chinese missile sites, the missiles that were stored there, and the date the information was obtained, prosecutors said. He also had the addresses of the Chinese and Iraqi embassies in Washington, D.C., and tucked into his right shoe.

Defense lawyers said Regan might have fantasized about spying, but never copied anything of value and had no real intention of selling secrets. In court, attorney Nina Ginsberg called his actions "childish," "unprofessional," "irresponsible" and "harmful.

It was unusual for the case to even reach trial. The government, wary of disclosing classified material in public, normally agrees to plea bargains in espionage cases.

It also surprised many that the government sought the death penalty in a case in which sensitive material never was passed. In cases much more damaging to the government, the CIA's Aldrich Ames and the FBI's Robert Hanssen were sentenced to life in prison.

Ginsberg said Monday that the verdict should send a strong message to Attorney General John Ashcroft "that he has way overreached on death penalty decisions."

McNulty's statement did not address the government's reasons for seeking the death penalty, but prosecutors argued during the trial that the classified documents Regan looked at would have caused severe harm to U.S. national security had they been passed to a foreign government.

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Keating explained his reasons for supporting the policy.

"I distinguish between guilty human life and innocent human life. I think that it would cheapen life to say that Timothy McVeigh will not pay for what he did," said Keating.

He added that his is "basically the Catholic Church's view," explaining that while the pope does not believe in capital punishment, the official teachings of the Church do not yet condemn it.

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Robinson Center to celebrate anniversary

Special to The Observer

The Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC) will celebrate its second anniversary Friday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Notre Dame, the center is located at 921 N. Eddy St., South Bend.


Entertainment will be provided by Jacqueline Jefferson of the Gullah Choir.

Community in South Carolina. The festivities also will include award presentations to five outstanding center participants.

Since its creation in 2001, the RCLC has registered more than 1,700 Northeast Neighborhood residents, who have benefited from center services such as youth tutoring, computer training, GED classes, and music and exercise instruction. Through its literacy corps, which operates in five locations, the center has trained some 150 tutors who have developed one-on-one relationships with approximately 175 young people.

Chad S. Sharon

Member of the Notre Dame Community
Faithful Friend
Devoted Son
Class of 2006

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
And may perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace.
Amen.

Visititation with the Sharon Family:
Tuesday, February 25, 2003
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Lady Chapel, Sacred Heart Basilica

Memorial Mass:
Tuesday, February 25, 2003
5:15 p.m.
Sacred Heart Basilica

If you wish to contribute to the Chad S. Sharon Memorial Fund please contact the Development Department at (574) 631-7164.
The Netherlands
Ahold execs admit to scandal

Food retailer joins Enron, WorldCom

Ahold, one of the biggest supermarket companies in the world, reported Monday that it overstated its profits by at least $500 million.

Shares of financial companies ING Groep and Aegon, who have direct investments in Ahold, fell 7.1 percent and 6.9 percent, respectively. The broader Dutch market fell 5.4 percent.

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AMSTERDAM

With WorldCom and Enron still fresh in investors' minds, Europe was confronted with its own corporate accounting scandal Monday when the world's third biggest food retailer Ahold admitted vastly overestimating earnings over the past two years.

Ahold's top two executives resigned and several senior managers were suspended while investigations focused on whether income was booked prematurely at the company's U.S. food service arm. Ahold also owns Stop & Shop and other U.S. supermarket chains.

Its shares plunged 63 percent in Amsterdam trading after the company said it had inflated earnings in the last two years by at least $500 million. It will restate earnings for 2001 and delay its 2002 earnings report, pending results of ongoing investigations at its operations in the United States, South America and Europe.

Merrill Lynch estimated the restatement could wipe off 70 percent of the company's estimated 2002 per share earnings.

The news dragged down shares in the European retail food sector, but analysts said there didn't seem to be an industry-wide problem. Delhaize of Belgium sank 5.3 percent and Carrefour and Casino of France fell 1.9 and 3.6 percent respectively.

However, analysts said the disclosure hurt investor confidence in the Netherlands as it called into question the soundness of accounting practices used by a well-known and widely-held company.

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Coke extends its lead over Pepsi

Atlanta

Coca-Cola Co. slightly increased its lead over rival Pepsi-Cola Co. in 2002, in part to the successful launch of Vanilla Coke and the growth of Diet Coke, according to U.S.oft-DineIndex rankings released Monday.

Coke gained 0.6 percentage points in market share and increased its case volume by 2.1 percent, according to Beverage Digest/Maxwell, a New York-based industry newsletter and data service.

The company captured a larger share of the market even though its Coke Classic brand fell 0.6 percentage points in market share.

A multibased Coca-Cola dominates 44.3 percent of the U.S. soft drink market, but saw its market share drop between 1999 and 2001. With the latest gains, it's only 0.2 percentage points away from where it stood in 1998 at 44.5.

Pepsi-Cola, based in Purchase, N.Y., lost 0.2 percentage points in market share. The No. 2 company commands 31.4 percent of the U.S. soft drink market.

The Dr. Pepper/Seven Up unit of Cadbury Schweppes, the third-largest soft drink group, fell 0.6 percentage points in market share to 15.0 percent.

"The only top ten brands that grew were several of the diet brands," said John Sichter, editor and publisher of Beverage Digest. "At least one reason is because consumers are interested in low- or no-calorie beverages."

Diet Coke and Diet Pepsi gained 0.2 percentage points apiece. And though Dr. Pepper lost market share, its diet version grew 3.9 percent in volume to knock Coca-Cola's Barq's Root Beer out of the top 10 brands.

Sugary drinks aren't out of the picture yet, but they are harder to market after their initial launch, Sichter said.
The joys of being a girl

The Vagina Monologues. The Girl Culture Exhibit at the Stine. You can't swing a tawpon these days without hitting something having to do with the female experience. Though we've already celebrated a decade of co-education at Notre Dame ice cream, tomorrow, equality, I'd like to take a few moments to reflect on what it's like to be a girl and how this experience plays out under the Golden Dome. So let's talk about 'girlness,' and I'll try my best not to hurl elephant dung at the Virgin Mary.

It's hard to discuss anything bordering on feminism here precisely because any attempt to do so is seen as a direct attack on the Mother of God, as a rejection of what a good Catholic woman "should" be. According to Notre Dame in Play, if I'm not Our Lady, I must be the Samaritan woman by the well. That is, I either need to figure out a way to have babies without having sex (ah, the perfect woman), or I have to have several husbands and maybe a few more on the side.

I could be a virgin or a whore. Indeed, this binary opposition is very much at play in our community, though it seems to have become more pronounced in light of the fact that Notre Dame girls aren't being called "catty" (but you had to be there, right?), we're being called "prudes." I suppose if we actually try to live up to the example of Mary, we are judged negatively by men, and if we don't, we're judged as sluts by both men and women. Anyone else confused?

That's right, men and my Church make it very difficult to be a girl, but women don't help much either. Why are shows like "Josie Monelianice," which are in the business of objectifying and ridiculing women (don't get me wrong, I was hooked), more successful at selling femi­nine products than Maxxi subscriptions? Put... women like to judge women too. It's so sad that for whatever reason, many girls like to bullsh*tting other girls as much as they like complaining about how guys d*ck*le them. I don't remember n*cks the last time I was in the dining hall without hearing such comments from women as:

"What is this girl wearing?" "How dirty." "Look at her — she's anorexic." "Too much makeup. Where do you think she is?" "I wonder if our hair is beautiful to the members of our own sex are really a reflection of our own insecurities stemming from internalized unreal­istic expectations imposed by a male-dominated society... ooh... Yo-cramix!"

Okay, I only wish I had heard that last one. The point is, girls, with the help of some weak gender norms and a prevailing fear of what women could become if freed from these norms, have painted themselves (and their n*cks) into a tight corner.

So here's my dilemma. It's freezing out­side, and I want to go to the dinging hall. I could dress comfortably in sweat pants and be judged by male Domers (all in sweat pants) as a typical ugly, definitely­not-going-to-pout-out-tonight Notre Dame prude (and I just wanted a taco stick). Or, I could perform the feminine, face the cold and wear a skirt, only to be judged by male fanners (and I just wanted to look nice). And, of course, if I decide to stay home and write a column about this wacky situation, I'll be labeled as semi-funey (whatever that means) les­bian who only spells woman with a "y." "What's a girl to do?"

So, yeah, it's hard being a girl. My Church makes it difficult, guys make it difficult and all that bleeding makes it difficult (Honestly, what is the deal with that?). I don't pretend to know how to solve this problem, but I'm hoping in the future we can all be open to dialogue, to expressions of woman­hood that are both more attainable and desirable than the options currently available. I think it would be really cool if I could walk around campus without being the object of a condescending gaze, male or female, if I could just be who I want to be, wear what I want to wear, write what I want to write. For now though, I gotta go. Who has time to write when there are legs to be shaven?

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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The issue of ranking qualities of applicants seems completely logical because there are a variety of traits is clear every student needs to put forth significant effort, some factors that admission the governmental decisions here is debatable whether the administration has disclosed convincing evidence that Iraq, or is about to disclose of disclosure of information that would be contrary to national security. The governmental decisions here are entitled to the benefit of the doubt up to a point of incredibility that does not appear to have been reached in this case. One factor is that we no longer have an adjudicated liar in the White House.

I was dismayed to read the short-sided views of fellow Notre Dame students who are not exactly like us.

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Cat Power is purrrrty good

By JOSE deWIT
Scene Music Critic

It has been five years since Cat Power's last release of original material and three years since their last release altogether — a well- performed collection of covers — so, understandably, their new album, You Are Free, arrives charged and burdened with long-standing and well-settled expectations. Whether it lives up to its demanding expectations is a question that is unfairly severe for any artist, and its answer is unfairly impetuous when it is demanded of an album this fresh.

This is especially the case when the artist in question is Cat Power and the album in question is as moving and mature as this one, with a style similar to her earlier albums. You Are Free is a flower, and to appreciate it in a light so harsh as this, without allowing its delicate beauty and subdued profundity to develop and emerge from its budshine and shine in its own right, would be careless and presumptuous.

Cat Power is the vehicle for the singing and songwriting of Chan Marshall, the daughter of a traveling pianist from the South. She left high school to pursue her own musical talent and began to establish her own reputation after making a name for herself as an opening act for Liz Phair. Her fame grew steadily, helped along by the presence of several big names — such as the drummer from Sonic Youth, Stella Mozelle, who became part of her backing band — but mostly on account of her beautiful, melancholy voice and her unques-
tionable songwriting talent. Her backing band has changed since those days, but you are Free remains faithfully strong but gentle, true to Marshall's voice in the song.

The majority of the album is more akin to Cat Power's last collection of original material, Moon Pix, in which Marshall's voice is the force in Cat Power. Marshall's lonesome, forlorn singing asserts itself as the vital and defining element in the band and is accompanied almost entirely by her own work on the piano or guitar.

This style is at once the album's strongest element and its greatest shortcoming. On one hand, the solitary voice along the simple piano and guitar work is what gives it its characteristic and singular sound, lonely, melancholy mood. Its stark, simple style gives You Are Free its intimate, personal character, not only in its wistful, bittersweet sadness and its somber, brooding tension and angst, but also in its cathartic, reflective, soulful, and gentle melancholy.

With their style on earlier albums — reappears on the darker, slower fourth track "Speak for Me," which finds Marshall's singing in the most furiously passionate of its moods. This same style is present in the faster-pacing, angrier seventh track "We Were Young," and the slower, drum-driven bitterness of the eight track "Shaking Paper," in which the frantic, quivering tears of the lead guitar, which trembles in and out of bearing through the song, appearing then leaving as until it disappears toward the end, betrays as much of Marshall's operation and pain as in her voice in the song. The majority of the album is more akin to Cat Power's last collection of original material, Moon Pix, in which Marshall's voice is the force in Cat Power.

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If you are Free the listener is left waiting for its songs to sink in with a calm mind, closed eyes, a silent, open heart, and careful, patient ears. It allows the listener to come and sit in its shade and appreciate its beauty along with its sorrow and its hope. And while it shows at times that shade is just as good for sleeping as it is for thinking, feeling and resting the heart, and while it seems like the shade of its more unexciting pieces tends to overshadow some of its more beautiful material, You Are Free is definitely not an easy listen.

It is difficult to take in attentively at first. Its delicate nature contains much of its beauty more subtly than many audiences are used to hearing, and many of these treasures cannot be found without careful appreciation, and a subtle and contemplative mood. Marshall is an extraordinarily gifted songwriter with a strikingly versatile, expressive and beautiful voice. As an interpreter of emotion, heartfelt, heart-breaking, heart-mending songs about love, passion, pain, forgiveness, people, self and meaning, Marshall is almost unparalleled in talent.

Next to her, most other women songwriters seem shallow, melodramatic, wailing, wailing, whining, cackling, unauthentic, fabricated, plastic, superficial divas. She is at once profound and accessible, gentle and forceful, angry and forgiving, calm and passionate, soft and resounding, unassuming and overwhelm, and she's pretty cute — and if that doesn't make Cat Power's You Are Free worth giving a listen or two, well, sweetheart, nothing will.

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Not just any given Mayer

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Scene Music Critic

John Mayer, one of the few genuinely talented pop stars of our generation, sure does seem to have a lot going for him. Although he claims that "Something's Missing," it is sure hard to figure out what. He has a hit album, a Grammy as of Sunday, a massive following of devoted fans, a sense of humor, smarts, charm and a new release that is sure to please.

Recorded in Birmingham, Ala., during his last tour, Mayer's new two-disc live album, Any Given Thursday, gives a generous helping of tunes for those who are just simply not satisfied with Mayer's limited catalogue. Offering three previously unreleased songs, a cover of The Police's "Message in a Bottle" and a partial cover of Jimi Hendrix's "Hey Baby," as well as fan favorites from both Room for Squares and Inside Wants Out, this album is a much more diverse and intimate offering than any of his others.

Unlike many artists who turn their performances into huge productions that do not vary from city to city, Mayer focuses more on improvisation, encouraging fans to tape shows and follow him on various stops of his tour. Each song on Any Given Thursday is slightly different from the original, but these changes create the flow that is so crucial for a live show. The album is one cohesive unit, meant to be enjoyed in full, not by skimming around to listen to individual tracks.

Any Given Thursday has a distinctly acoustic sound, without all of the expendable pop stylings that give Room for Squares somewhat of an "easy-listening" feel. Mayer's jazz and blues influences are perhaps most evident on this album, especially during the instrumental solos added to the songs specifically for live performance. These jams give Mayer an opportunity to show off his guitar skills that are sometimes neglected in the polished studio tracks. His guitar ability most clearly registers during the long solo of "Covered in Rain." Gocking in at 10 minutes, 25 seconds, it is the longest song on the album.

After Listening to Any Given Thursday, it becomes obvious to listeners that Mayer thrives on live performance. He updates his songs, fully invoking the flexibility that performing live has to offer. Both "3x3" and "Why Georgia" are greatly improved due to the addition of long toasting instrumental intros. The song "25th" benefits from a partial cover of Cyndi Lauper's '80s hit "Girls Just Wanna Have Fun." And "Your Body is a Wonderland" has a magnificent jam in the middle.

Listeners who have not yet been fortunate enough to see Mayer live in concert, will understand why they need to after hearing Any Given Thursday. Each concert is an experience, and this album gives a glimpse of what that experience is like. Very rarely does an album come along of such quality, in which every song is not just good, but probably someone's personal favorite.

Although "St. Patrick's Day," a favorite from Room for Squares, is regretfully absent from Any Given Thursday, the album does a nice job of capturing the best that Mayer has to offer, and is a must-have for any fans' collection.

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Walkmen blend only the best

By BJ STREW
Scene Music Critic

No desire is more natural than the desire for good new music. Some might say that these guys remind them of a more refined Strokes, some might counter that they sound more like early U2. There's a shade of truth to both claims, but The Walkmen have a unique sound that builds on the two, and easily surpasses both. They're newer. They're better.

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The Irish split their first four games, lose twice to No. 4 ASU

No. 11 Notre Dame hits well in early games

BY CHRIS FEDERICO
Sports Writer

It was an up-and-down weekend for the Irish in Tempe, Arizona, as No. 11 Notre Dame split a four-game weekend to open its 2003 season by knocking off Dayton and Newman before dropping a pair to host No. 4 Arizona State.

The talented Irish starting pitching staff also had a productive weekend. The first rotation of sophomores Chris Nies (1-0) and Ryan Kalita followed seniors Pete Ogilvie and Ryan Kalita held opponents to one earned run over six innings pitched.

"All four of our starting pitchers pitched tremendously for us," Mainieri said. "But we're early in the season, and you have to control how many pitches they throw, so they're going to be easy out than you would have to later on in the year. So our bullpen is going to be pitch.

Unfortunately, the Irish bullpen had its troubles. The bullpen of five relievers combined to allow 23 earned runs in 10 innings, including a five-run seventh inning by Dayton Friday to tie the game and a ninth-inning five-run loss by the Sun Devils Sunday to overcome a four-run Irish lead.

"This was as well as we've ever hit the first weekend of the season in the nine years that I've been here," Mainieri said. "We had a lot of young guys swinging the bat pretty well." Senior right fielder Kris Bmillar provided much of that offensive muscle, going 2-4 over the weekend with nine RBIs and three home runs.

Matt Laird and Martin Vergara were both up for 11 earned runs by the two bullpen hitters. "In the two Arizona State games, our bullpen faltered," Mainieri said. "It's going to be able to do the job for the year progressed. I'm more worried about the deficit than we would score a four-run loss by the Sun Devils.

The Irish bats, which have been historically cold at the beginning of the season, exploded in the four games this weekend as Notre Dame bats smashed 24 hits and scored 36 runs over the four games.

"Overall, I was very happy. We had a lot of hits and scored a lot of runs." Paul Mainieri

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Irish narrowly lose to Wildcats

By JOE LINDSEY
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Once again, it was a close match for the Irish.

With Notre Dame leading 3-2, the final two matches were complete. On Monday, No. 34 Notre Dame was on the verge of an upset victory over No. 40 Northwestern Saturday. With a victory by either freshman Patrick Buchanan or sophomore Luis Haddock in those last matches, the Irish would have earned their first upset win of the season.

But the Wildcats hung on. Tommy Hammad tugged Haddock in a closely contested 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (7-4), 7-5 triumph, tying the score. Then, seconds later, Buchanan fell, so it was the hope for an Irish victory, as Adam Schachterle won 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, 7-4 (7-3). Northwestern won 4-3.

Against Michigan State Wednesday, Haddock had saved the day for the Irish with his victory in the final match. After fighting for a long time Saturday, he could not do the same against Hammad.

"I had a pretty tough match," Haddock said. "I didn't put it together at the end."

Last season, the Irish were 10-1 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. This spring, they are 0-5. But the Irish, 3-6 overall, began the day with the hope of winning their first home victory of the season.

"It's pretty surprising that we actually have a better record on the road right now," Haddock said. "The past few years here at home we were unbreakable."

The Irish have seen some tough competition at home, though, and have suffered a few close losses. Notre Dame started to turn around a season that began 0-4, and the team sees some signs of improvement.

"We're definitely playing better than we did at the beginning of the year," Haddock thought we played a pretty good match Saturday. "We put ourselves in the position to win."

For example, for only the third time this spring season, Notre Dame claimed the doubles point, to go ahead 1-0.

Junior Matt Scott and more Brent D'Amico upset Sceachterle and Josh Azier, ranked 31st nationally in doubles. Then, after a loss by juniors Nicolas Lopez-Aevedo and Ben Hatten, the Irish took the doubles point with the 9-6 victory by Haddock and senior captain Brian Farrell.

Although winning the doubles points in, Haddock's words, "makes a huge difference," the Wildcats came back. D'Amico was defeated for only the second time during the spring season as Azier won, 6-1, 6-3. Farrell and Scott brought the score to 3-1 with their victories. Farrell defeated Chuck Perrin, 6-4, 6-2, and Scott defeated 119th in the nation, triumphed over Jackie Jenkins, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4).

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Irish lose 3 to top 25 teams

By JOE LINDSEY
Sports Writer

In a weekend of play that included losses with both men's and women's teams. The Irish were upset a little as they added three losses to their record.

Notre Dame was edged 4-3 by both No. 25 Kentucky and No. 17 Tennessee Tuesday and Sunday, respectively. Before leaving southern road trip, the Irish were defeated 5-2 by Duke, the nation's No. 1 team.

"It was definitely a little bit disappointing," junior Alicia Salas said. "(Although) we knew we were playing top teams."

The Irish fell beginning against Kentucky as they claimed the doubles points. There were some good moments in singles too, with junior Caylan Leslie upsetting 85th-ranked Lauren Connelly, 6-3, 6-4, and freshman Kristina Stasny winning over Shannon Lyons 6-4, 6-4. It was Leslie's third singles victory of the weekend.

"We played a lot better in doubles ... but we fell short in singles," Salas said.

Salas was defeated by No. 34 Sarah Witten, 6-1, 6-2. Senior captain Katie Cunha, sophomore Jane Allen and seniors Lauren Connolly and Lauren Connelly were all defeated in straight sets also.

The doubles point was a high point for the Irish Monday. Tuesday, that was disappointing against Tennessee was losing the doubles point." Salas said. "That could have made a difference in the match for sure."

Against the Volunteers, the duos of Canha and Stasny upset the 22nd-ranked pair in the nation, 6-4. The first day Cunha and Stasny also defeated Duke's Hillary Adkins and Kelly McCain, ranked 13th nationally.

The Irish went into Friday's match with Duke with the attitude that they had nothing to lose, and the 5-2 loss was not entirely disappointing. According to Salas, the matches with Tennessee and Kentucky were "improved, but at the same time disappointing."

The Irish have more tough competition looming ahead, with No. 42 Wake Forest and No. 14 Texas coming to the Eck Pavilion Friday and Saturday, respectively. The teams hopes to use their experiences from last weekend's tough slide to turn potentially close matches into Irish victories.

"These were two of our closest matches of the year," Salas said. "Being a young team we just learn a lot by getting in those close matches, realizing how important the doubles point is. If we win the doubles point, we have to realize that it's still very possible to lose the singles."

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Basketball author signing at Hammes

The author of a newly released book about the rigors of coaching college basketball will be autographing books at the Hammes bookstore Tuesday.

Brian Curtis wrote his book, "The Men of March: A season Inside the Lives of College Basketball Coaches," by following four Division 1 mens basketball coaches during last year's season. Notre Dame coach Mike Brey was one of those coaches and his experiences and attitudes are recorded throughout Curtis' book.

The first chapter involving Brey explains the nerve-wracking week that led up to the hiring of Matt Doughterry as Notre Dame head coach in 1999.

The book goes on to tell about Brey's eventual hiring at Notre Dame and the ups and downs of the 2001-02 season.

The book also describes the experiences of Iowa's Steve Alford, UCLA's Steve Lavin and Illinois' Bill Self during last season.

At points in the book, Curtis weaves different coaching examples from the four coaches and compares and contrasts them.

He also shows how Brey's and the other three handled slumping players and mistakes while coaching.

Curtis has received praise from numerous sports figures and commentators across the country, including Bob Costas, Lee Fowler and Seth Davis of Sports Illustrated.

"Brian Curtis has put together a rare, insightful and thoroughly reported look at the highest levels of college basketball. Anyone who watches and follows college hoops is going to love this book," Davis said.

Curtis wrote this book by following all four coaches around during their presseaon, regular season, conference tournaments and finally into the NCAA tournament. He takes turns describing the triumphs and struggles each coach and his respective team go through as the season moves forward.

He will be signing his book for most of the day Tuesday.
CURRENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Special Needs:
A tutor is needed for a special needs child who is in kindergarten (6). He could be tutored on any afternoon or evening besides Wednesday, Feb 26th, Panel Discussion - Experiences with Special Needs: Students, Parents, Children, Siblings, Adults. 7 p.m. at the Center for Social Concerns

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Sr. Deanna Sabotta from the New York Teacher Volunteer Program will be at the Center for Social Concerns to meet with women who are interested in teaching positions at an all girls Catholic High School in New York City on Wednesday, February 26 (9-4 or later) and Thursday, February 27 (9-12 am). Sign up for an interview time at the CSC front desk.

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The Haitian Project runs the Louverture Cleary School, which is committed to restoring Haiti through education. The school is a five-day boarding school for under-privileged, academically gifted middle and high school students. As a volunteer, you will live at the school in community with other volunteers, teach classes according to your experience and talents, and learn how it feels to be part of a family of 200 students, faculty and staff.

Returned volunteer, Kate Kowalski '99 will be at the CSC, to talk with interested students.
To apply, or for more information, contact Reese Jarret '01 at (401)521-2255 ext. 54 or thp@ids.net

Faculty Opportunities

The CSC is offering course development grants to faculty members for the development of new community-based learning courses ($2000) and for the incorporation of community-based research assignments ($500). Courses are intended to involve students in community service, community-based research, or in learning from and within the local community (or elsewhere, if trips are planned) in other ways. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis; applications are due April 15. Additional information can be found on the Center website:
http://centersocialconcerns.nd.edu (Go to faculty opportunities and then faculty programs), or by contacting Mary Beckman - (beckman9@nd.edu, 631-4172). We are looking particularly this year for individuals who would like to:
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Prayers for Peace

Campus Ministry would like to invite you to join other students, faculty, and staff to pray for peace.

Each Friday, the 5:15 p.m. Mass in the Basilica will be a Votive Mass for Peace. As our country and the world face much conflict, we recognize the importance of gathering as a community of hope to pray for the perfect peace Christ gives.

Please join us this Friday and in the weeks to come.
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first half, running up and down the court for easy layups, while coercing the Irish into playing their up-tempo style of play. "Certainly I take my hat off to Connecticut, I thought they played fabulous basketball," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "They really had us back on our heels in the first half. They hurt us early with layups, then we adjusted a little bit and then they're drilling threes. I don't think we can take both away with (their) kind of speed.

Anderson provided much of the spark for Connecticut in the first half when he drilled 2 of 7 3-pointers and had 15 points at halftime. The Huskies also got significant contributions from Marcus White, who grabbed 14 rebounds in a reserve role.

"We get contributions from different people at different times and that really makes it special," Calhoun said. "Of all the players today the kids were happiest with this win. This was on the road, in a tough environment against an awfully good basketball team that can do some very good things. We were able to impose our quickness on them tonight."

Matt Carroll led the Irish with 28 points, while Chris Thomas added 19.

"You up your hat off to them. They played a hell of a game," Carroll said. "They proved to us, I think we made a nice run in the second half, but it's tough especially against a team like UConn when you get down that many to comeback and try and get back in it."

But Irish Danielle Okafor actually jumped out to an early 15-8 lead on 3-pointers from Carroll and Thomas. But the Huskies quickly turned that deficit into a lead by ridding off a 38-16 run to end the half. Anderson led the charge, knocking down five 3-pointers, despite playing just 10 minutes in the half. His trey with 11:12 left in the first half gave Connecticut a lead they would not relinquish.

As the Connecticut run continued throughout much of the first half, Notre Dame became increasingly frustrated with their opponent and the referees. Thomas became especially agitated after a flagrant foul was called on him when he attempted a layup with just less than eight minutes left in the half. Thomas argued his case before a television timeout and officials added a few more comments after the timeout. That extra jawing got him a technical foul.

The Huskies stretched their advantage to 17 in the early moments of the second half before the Irish started to crawl back into the game. Notes Okafor cut the lead to 10 with 14:12 left in the game, before Anderson drained his sixth 3-pointer of the game. But Notre Dame wouldn't quit and got the lead down to 10 again at 16:53 when the Connecticut bench picked up a technical foul after Carroll had been fouled. Then the Irish got their best free-throw shooter on the line for four straight shots and helped hit them all. Suddenly Notre Dame was within six points.

After Okafor missed a jumper on Connecticut's next possession, Dan Miller drilled a 3-pointer to get Notre Dame within five at 14:40. Connecticut scored the next five points before Miller hit another 3-pointer to cut the Irish deficit to two.

But Notre Dame would get no closer as Connecticut scored the next five points and hung on to win by eight.

"We weren't composed to get hit," Carroll said. "We didn't react to what they were doing. We let them dictate the game." The Irish didn't defend well, giving up 22 points in the first half.

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poorly - as well as the Irish played Monday night. Connecticut didn't look as much better as Notre Dame and it dug itself a hole two points too big.

When the Huskies nearly doubled Notre Dame's offensive output after the first television timeout, the Irish responded. First, the Huskies got the lead by scoring layup after lay-up after lay-up. Then, when the Irish looked tired, late in the game Connecticut made them pay from beyond the arc. When the Irish needed a defensive stop, they couldn't get it. When they needed a momentum-changing basket, they couldn't get it. And it didn't help that the SWAT team lent Eneka Okaro to the Huskies for the season.

"We came down and hit a shot, it felt like they came down and hit two - and a lot of those were threes," said Matt Carroll, who watched his chances of playing for his country disappear faster than the Joyce Cup last week in the waning minutes of Monday's game.

The wheels finally came off the bus when Thomas thought he had a basket then a foul, Connecticut scored the next five points before Miller hit another 3-pointer to cut the Irish deficit to two.

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The opinions expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andrew Soukup at soukupaf@nd.edu

Irish finish season

by Matt Loazar Sports Editor

With the competition at the highest level this season, the 14th-ranked Notre Dame will be vying for their share of the ACC title, as well as an spot in the NCAA tournament. The Irish will be looking to continue the handicap they have over their opponents.

"We're prepared. Usually it is a hard couple of weeks, but it is better for us and we can show how physical strength we have," Bednar said. "We work very hard on our physical side. The mental side - if you work on it then you are stronger mentally.

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NHL

Steve Yzerman's season debut was a success as the Detroit Red Wings beat the Los Angeles Kings 5-4 on Monday night. The Red Wings captain missed the first 61 games this season because of surgery on his right knee. Yzerman played 18 shifts, totaling 13:17 of ice time, but didn't record a shot. He won nine of 15 face-offs. First shift and Igor Larionov each had a goal and an assist, and Kirk Maltby, Tomas Holmstrom and Sergei Fedorov also scored for Detroit. Mattheu Schneider, Ian Laperriere, Eric Belanger and Derek Armstrong had the Los Angeles goals. Eric Belanger pulled the Kings back within one goal when he scored with 2:06 left. Laperriere's goal, off a rebound, with 16.4 seconds left in the second period brought Los Angeles within 4-2. The Red Wings scored three goals in the period. Larionov made it 2-0 just 40 seconds in when he tipped in Fedorov's pass. But Schneider's power-play goal at 5:37 put the Wings on the board.

Yzerman returns to lead Detroit to victory

Associated Press

DETROIT

In his first game since returning from right knee surgery Steve Yzerman and the Detroit Red Wings pulled off a victory against the Los Angeles Kings. Yzerman last played in Game 5 of last year's Stanley Cup Finals.

College Basketball

South Carolina at Florida 7 p.m., ESPN
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Women's Basketball Polls

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In Brief

Game helps Orioles cope

After one of the most tragic weeks in franchise history, the Baltimore Orioles welcomed the opportunity to play a baseball game Monday. Exactly one week earlier, the players were pulled from the field and told that teammate Steve Bechler died of heatstroke. The team then spent the rest of the week trying to come to terms with the tragedy.

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Return is unlikely for 76ers' MacCulloch

Diagnosed with a disease that weakens his legs and disrupts his balance, Todd MacCulloch could be done playing basketball. The Philadelphia 76ers' center underwent additional tests Monday at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Team spokesman Chris Wallace said the 76ers wouldn't immediately discuss the results.

Medical experts said Monday it's unlikely MacCulloch will be able to continue playing with a genetic disorder known as Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease.

In most cases, doctors said, patients lose normal use of their feet and legs slowly as their nerves stop working properly and their muscles deteriorate. "It's a progressive disease, and at this time there is no treatment," said Dr. Carlos Garcia, a professor of clinical neurology at Tulane. "Sometimes surgery can help but I don't believe you can play basketball once you have these types of problems in your feet and your hands."

At a news conference Sunday, MacCulloch tried to sound upbeat but choked back tears as he talked about making basketball "secondary."
freshman, Pierce was a phenom in the 155-pound weight division. But Pierce was stopped short of fighting his way out of the Joyce Fieldhouse when he lost in the semifinals. As a sophomore, Pierce again blazed his way through the 15-pound weight division. But this time there was no roadblock in his path to the second dome of the Joyce Fieldhouse. Pierce earned a spot in the finals and was victorious before a large crowd. In the two short years since he picked up a pair of boxing gloves, Pierce admirably parried and pummeled his way to the top of his weight class. But Pierce disappeared from the campus's boxing elite as quickly as he had appeared on it. Neither an injury nor a precipitous decline in skills were to blame, as Pierce spent the boxing season abroad during his junior year. The decision to bypass defending his title was not an easy one. It was tough," Pierce said. "I'm working on my fight style but it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to go abroad. Now a senior, he has faced the abbreviated fight. He has advice for any students considering boxing next year.

"Definitely give it a shot," Pierce said. "My main goal this year was to pass on to the younger guys how much fun I've had with the camaraderie and hard work ethic. There's also a higher purpose with the money that we donate to Bangladesh. Our chaplain reminds us before each fight that it doesn't matter how we do, because we are already champions."

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- ND SOFTBALL

**Irish start season with tough games**

By AARON RONSEHIM
Sports Writer

After a rain-drenched weekend at the NCAFA Leader Classic, in which the No. 23 Irish played only three games instead of the scheduled five, it looked like the sun would shine on the Irish as they led No. 17 Alabama 4-0 going into the seventh inning on Sunday afternoon.

Irish pitcher Steffany Stenglein retired the first two batters before lighting up as the Crimson Tide scored seven runs before the inning was over.

"Against Alabama, we played a great 6 2/3 innings," Irish head coach Deanna Gumf said. "We were one out away from keeping them scoreless and we let the game open and from there they took over. We hit well, we pitched well, and we played defense real well until 6 2/3 innings. We just have to finish him."

Alabama first baseman Jackie McClain started the scoring in the seventh with a three-run homer that brought the Crimson Tide within one. Coach Gump responded by making a pitching change as she brought in freshman Heather Booth to get the last out. After a walk, Alabama outfielder Jekko Wilkinson hit a two-run home run to put the Tide in front 5-4. Alabama would score two more runs in the inning before the Irish recorded the third out.

After rain postponed all of Friday's action, the Irish took the lead Saturday at home No. 4 California, the defending national champions. Soon the Irish found them down 2-0, when Bearcat catcher Courtney Grace drilled a two-run homer over the left field wall in the first inning.

In the bottom of second, the Bearcats would score four runs on two hits, and take advantage of two Irish errors.

"Against Cal, we didn't get it done defensively," said Gumpf. "And when your pitching isn't consistent and also when you get it done defensively you are not going to win a ball game."

Notre Dame's only scoring change came in the top of the third when pinch hitter Kristina Thurson struck out pinch hitter Carrie Wiesen and induced shortstop Andria Bledsoe to pop up to end the inning.

"After facing Cal the Irish squared off against Illinois State on Saturday afternoon. This game materialized into a pitcher's duel as Illinois State's Gary Harith and Notre Dame's Heather Booth both posted zeros on the scoreboard through seven innings.

In the sixth inning rain came down for the second time, as the Irish were postponed until Sunday morning.

In the bottom of the eighth inning the Irish would finally score when center fielder Megan Calli doubled into left field to plate Liz Hartmann.

Booth finished the game with eight strikeouts, along with eight strikeouts, as she improved to 3-1 on the young season.

Even though the Irish are 3-4 in the young season they have been playing some of the top teams in the country.

Gumpf thinks that these early tough games will help the Irish down the stretch as they look to improve on last year's result, a loss to Nebraska in the Regional final.

"We play this tough schedule for a reason," Gumpf said. "These are the teams we will face in the regional tournaments to get to the College World Series and we need to find out what we need to beat them. Can we get there? Absolutely."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to beat the Flying Dutch

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's has not had the season that it hoped for, however, their first-round matchup tonight with nationally ranked Hope in the MIAA tournament gives them a perfect opportunity to turn a negative into a positive.

The task at hand is great for the Belles (6-19, 2-12), as they face the Flying Dutch (25-0, 14-0), who have proved to be a force to be reckoned with nationally, as d3hoops.com ranks them second in the country. They average 78.7 points and 44.9 rebounds per game.

Hope is led by a balanced attack that features Amandas Kerkeria, (16.3 points, 9.3 rebounds per game), who shoots 57 percent from the field, and Amy Athamnias (9.6 points, 3.9 assists per game).

Saint Mary's will counter with offensive firepower of their own, led by sophomore Emily Creachalum, who averages 12.5 points and 5.8 rebounds per game, and junior Shaun Russell, (6.2 points per game), who averaged 15 points in her last two outings, is playing extremely well for Saint Mary's.

"Our team knows anything is possible," Bellina said. "That's why you play the game."

The eight-seeded Belles face the top-seeded Flying Dutch at 7:30 p.m. at Hope College, in Holland, Mich.

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SMC SWIMMING

Ramsey falls short of qualifying

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

After six months, 11 meets, three school records and one MIAA championship, Megan Ramsey's season is finally over.

The SMC swimming star mastered at this weekend's NCAA qualifying meet but was unable to meet her final burst of energy in order to earn a spot in next month's championships.

Ramsey took third in the 200 butterfly, Ramsey decided to attempt to get more distance counting her strokes and her coach, Greg Petcoff confirmed that Petcoff had his游泳mer peaking at just the right time, even if the summit lasted for only one weekend.

In her other race, Saturday's 200 butterfly, Ramsey decided to start refining her stroke for next year. Ramsey experimented with counting her strokes and attempting to get more distance with each arm. While the changes weren't good enough for her to qualify, she nonetheless finished in a promising eighth place.

"The 200 was interesting," Ramsey said. "My times were down and we realized that I wasn't going to make the cut, so Petcoff had me try something new."

Now that the season is over, Ramsey has experienced mixed feelings. She will miss the camaraderie and security of the pool, but she will have her other passions.

"The end of the year is bitter-sweet," Ramsey said. "We're like a family with the time that we spend together everyday. It will be nice to have the breaks -- we will learn it mentally and physically, but it'll be the fun..."

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2002-2003 STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Request for Nominations

We are requesting nominations for the Student Leadership Awards. These awards are given to the ten undergraduate students who best exemplify the spirit of Notre Dame in social, recreational, residential, service, and religious activities that promote the welfare of the University and extended communities.

Selection of the recipients of these awards is based on outstanding service on or off campus through participation in voluntary and/or elected co-curricular activities with an emphasis on quality of participation.

We ask your assistance in identifying students deserving of such recognition. A student may nominate another student, but no self-nominations will be accepted. If you wish to nominate a student, please provide the following information.

1) The name of person doing the nominating and their relationship to the nominee.
2) The name and year in school of the nominee.
3) All major activities, number of years involved, and leadership positions held while at Notre Dame, both on and off campus, and the year of participation. For example, Class Council hall representative 2, Red Cross volunteer 3, Biology Lab lecture coordinator 1, tutor 1, etc. Also include any awards and honors received.
4) Expound not only on the leadership positions held, but more importantly, the student's quality of the involvement. Be explicit in explaining the student's contributions and not just describing and/or listing leadership position(s) held.

PLEASE RETURN ALL NOMINATIONS BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2003 TO:
Awards Selection Committee
315 LaFortune Student Center
University of Notre Dame
Notre Dame, IN 46556

If you prefer, you may email the nomination to sao@nd.edu.

Contact Karen Alkema in the Student Activities Office at 631-7308.
MASSACRE site
10 Take the construction
14 Warmed the coup_

Happy Town
Jack Monahan
Hey dude! Come smell my foot, it's really nice!

Why would I want to smell it if it's totally nasty?

Serious dude, you gotta smell this!

...Your loss.

Stop smelling your damn foot!

Crossword
ACROSS
1 Part of Q.E.D.
5 Contract
10 "You can say that again!"
14 Mascara site
15 Ain't correct?
16 What the fourth little aggy got
17 Take the ball
18 Construction playthings
20 Like Mickey Mouse
22 Coup
23 Metric measure
24 ___ Seat of "Star Wars"
25 Like some suit
27 Houston-based org.
29 Bikini, "Star Metnc"
32 Sharp-tongued
33 Poor person
34 Avnu of dance
36 New Age ___
37 Tiny bits
38 Port near Hong Kong
40 Nutritional ___
41 ___ (long well)
42 Munchen master
44 Cute lullaby
45 ___ Volunteer
47 Spellbinders

DOWN
1 Alabama county seat named for a European island
2 Wet forecast
3 Bikini wear
4 Teen's hangout, perhaps
5 One who's up
6 Canal of song
7 Do's and don'ts
8 Publicity
9 When Dept gets hot
10 Pre-cable news
11 Like some poisons
12 New Age songs
13 Branch headquarters
15 Nutritional fig.
21 One ___ (long well)
23 Munchen master
25 Cafe holder
26 Whatever!
27 Tiny bits
28 Port near Hong Kong
29 Headlined for ___ (in eminent trouble)
30 Wasn't afraid

WILL SHORTZ

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MENS BASKETBALL

Falling hard

Quick UConn team wore down the Irish in 87-79 loss

By JOE HETTLER Sports Editor

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun told his team Sunday night at their hotel that no matter what Notre Dame did at practice that day, they couldn't improve in one area — their quickness.

The Huskies used that speed advantage to out-run the Irish in building a 15-point halftime lead, then held off a second-half charge en route to handing Notre Dame their first home loss of the season, 87-79, Monday night at the Joyce Center.

"The last thing I said to the team last night ... was that we're quicker than them. And if we don't take advantage of that, we'd be fools," Calhoun said.

"They could do other things, they could do a lot of other things, but they're not going to get quicker overnight. So you have to take advantage of that quickness and I thought we did a very good job of that, both defensively and offensively."

Guard Ben Gordon scored 25 points, center Emeka Okafor added 19 points and 10 rebounds and reserve guard/forward Rashad Anderson tied a career-high with 22 points off the bench to lead the Huskies (18-6, 9-4) to their third straight win.

Connecticut showed their quickness midway through the first half.

Notre Dame responded like a team that had won 20 games for three consecutive seasons by cutting the deficit to a field goal — a field goal the Irish never made.

In the second half, Notre Dame responded like a team that had lost 20 games in three consecutive seasons by struggling to keep up with an up-tempo style of play completely foreign to the Irish. They got rattled, they lost their composure and they were down 15 at the half.

But keep in mind that as rough stuff and started playing hockey in elementary school. He was not known for deft skating or prolific goal scoring.

"I've played basically my entire life, since I was nine," Pierce said. "I was a 'grinder,' mostly just a checking line player."

A gritty right wing and center, Pierce played on both A and AA traveling teams while growing up. He also played for three years in high school, but instead of continuing his physical abuse of opposing wings and defensemen at Notre Dame, he followed another calling. "I first thought of boxing at Activities Night," Pierce said.

"I talked with one of the captains, and he said, 'Come out for a week, and if you don't like it you can go home.' I've kind of been boxing ever since."

"Ever since" has consisted of three seasons of intense training, six-month bursts of weekday practices from 4 to 6 p.m. and Saturday practices from 10 a.m. to noon. As a senior captain Tom Pierce, it can lead to an entire life of training, six-month bursts of activity.

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