Mooney looks to future as 11th SMC president

ND VP will take over June 1

By ANNELEISE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary’s Editor

The Saint Mary’s Board of Trustees named Carol Mooney, Notre Dame vice president and associate provost, to be the 11th president of the College. She will take office on June 11th.

“Dr. Mooney has extensive experience in Catholic higher education — as a student, professor and administrator,” said Sister Joan Marie Siedman, chair of the Board of Trustees, in a letter to the Saint Mary’s community. “The Board believes this background uniquely suits her to address the special challenges inherent to this institution. The Board is confident in her ability to lead this community forward.”

Community prepares to welcome new president

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

Some at Saint Mary’s are impressed by her previous leadership positions, others appreciate that she is a woman and others love that she is an alumna. Whatever the reason, most faculty and students support the Board of Trustees’ selection of Carol Mooney as the eleventh president of Saint Mary’s.

“I know Carol Mooney and am thrilled that she was selected,” current president Marilou Eldred said. “She is an excellent leader and will position the college well for continued success.”

Students were invited to participate in the selection process by attending student forum sessions planned for each candidate’s visit. In addition, students had the opportunity to make their comments and concerns.

Indian tribe sues ND over land

Library suffers water damage

Books and periodicals damaged on lower, first floors

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

Water flooded parts of the lower level and first floor of the Hesburgh Library Jan. 8, leaving nearly 500 items irreparably damaged, according to library officials.

A broken damper on the heating/cooling unit allowed cold air to rush in, rupturing between 10 and 16 coils. Subzero temperatures froze the water in the unit, which was later released through the ruptured coils when building facilities warmed the library back up as staff began their work day early Wednesday morning.

The water reached about 1 inch in depth in portions of the current periodicals room on the first floor, according to Nigel Butterwick, associate director for user services.

Library staff worked quickly to protect collections from water that flooded the lower level and first floor last week. Approximately 500 items were damaged beyond repair.
INSIDE COLUMN

Love the Eagles

If you’re not an Eagles fan already, you should be. Period. There is no logical argument against this. I don’t care if you grew up in Chicago, Dallas, Miami, Boston or — heaven forbid — Pittsburgh. The Nitts welcomes all fans. You’re old enough to pick your loyalty.

Grew up in Texas? Jump off the Cowboys bandwagon already and support the green of the City of Brotherly Love. Chicago native? It’s time to get over the 2001 divisional playoff loss and root for the modern era Eagles — we’re not in the 80’s anymore. Bonus: Donovan McNabb is from Chicago, but his loyalty belongs in Philadelphia — shouldn’t yours?

I understand that you might need to explain to your friends from home why you’re switching allegiances.

Don’t worry — it might be awkward now, but they’ll appreciate your wisdom someday. So out of sympathy with your neophyte status, here are a few logical reasons to proudly support the Eagles on their quest for their first Super Bowl title.

One: Donovan McNabb is simply McAllentious. After Rush Limbaugh’s racist rant at McNabb’s home recuperating from his knee surgery, called the Eagles quarterback a goat, now it’s the Dale Earnhardt cat.


The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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IN BRIEF

Dance the night away at Legend’s Nightclub Dancing Thursday through Saturday from 2 a.m. to 4 a.m.

The Student Activities Office is sponsoring Open Billiards at 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at ND Express in the LaFortune Student Center.

The Joyce Ice Arena will host a College Student Skate this Friday from 7 to 9 p.m. There is a $3 skate rental fee.

FlipSide will sponsor a night of bowling at the Beacon Bowl on Friday. Buses will leave the Library Circle at 9:30 p.m.

The band “Kennedy’s Kitchen” will perform Friday from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Legends. Come enjoy this seven-piece Irish band, and be prepared to dance.

Sign up for RecSports for a cross-country ski clinic to be held Saturday from 2 to 5 p.m. located in the old golf pro shop of the Rockne Memorial. The pro shop will also hold an open house at that time.

The Center for Social Concerns will hold an interviewing workshop for students applying for this summer’s service programs. The workshop will take place Jan. 20 from 5 to 6 p.m. in the CSC building.

Come check out service and social action opportunities at the Social Concerns Festival Jan. 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
Carol Ann Mooney
Saint Mary's 11th President
Became Notre Dame Vice President and Assistant Provost in 1996

Has been actively involved in Notre Dame committees:
University Committee on Cultural Diversity
Academic Council
Provost's Advisory Committee
Academic Affirmative Action Committee
Laetare Medal and Notre Dame Award selection committees

Graduated from Saint Mary's College in 1972 with a B.A. in English, and received her J.D. from the University of Notre Dame Law School in 1977, graduating first in her class.

Source: Saint Mary's College

Information Session

for those interested in the position of
Assistant Rector
for University Residence Halls

Tuesday, January 13, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Recker's Hospitality Room

OR

Wednesday, January 21, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
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Light refreshments served

For further information visit
www.nd.edu/~stdntaff/AsstRector.html
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In addition to the current periodic sections, portions of the lower level, the faculty/staff lounge located on the first floor and the special collections area were also affected.

Lou Jordan, head of special collections, said that approximately 150-200 books in the rare books and special collection area of the library were suspected of suffering some water damage, although none were damaged irrecoverably.
Jordan said that the vast majority of the damage was only to specially made plastic covers that protect many of the rare books; Jordan estimated that only 15-30 books actually suffered some water damage and said that this damage was often confined to only a few pages and could be treated by the preservation staff.

"It was an emergency situation ... but we really averted a disaster because of all of the people helping out," he said.
He also said that approximately 20 staff members, including a team that responds to emergencies using specific preservation techniques, worked to save the rare books. He said that help from the police and fire department, as well as bystanders, ensured that no books were destroyed.
The department was closed for two days for repairs, Jordan said.
The Risk Management and Safety department quickly contracted a consulting firm, Munsters, to make repairs.

The firm has been removing and repairing the ruptured coils, using fans and special tubing pumping in dry air to remove moisture and cleaning carpets and other damaged areas. Younger and Butterwick said they expect the firm will complete its work today.

University facilities will absorb all costs associated with repairing the building, which leaves the library to foot costs associated with lost staff time.

Younger said that a final report of the library's costs will be sent to risk management, which is in charge of the University's insurance, in about one month for reimbursement; however, she said that she expects very little money.

"We don't know whether there will be any money coming back to us," she said. "[But this] doesn't look to be a huge financial burden. It will mean some penny-pinching, but it won't have an effect on next year's budget."

Library officials nonetheless said that the potential for damage could have been great compared to what was actually experienced. Butterwick said the flood's occurrence at a time when students were not present and when the majority of library staff was available to assist in controlling the damage limited the event's impact.

"The damage is not as high as might have been expected," Butterwick said, "due to prompt action by library and other campus staff." It was very impressed by the way that people pulled together.

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Governor warns lawmakers
Conn. executive uses threats to stave off impeachment

Associated Press
HARTFORD, Conn. — In what some lawmakers are taking as a veiled threat, Gov. John G. Rowland is warning legislators that their own ethical shortcomings could come to light if they press for his impeachment.

"He said when the press gets tired of him, they will start on us," said Democratic Rep. Michael Lawlor, recalling a recent meeting at the governor's mansion. "It was clearly highlighted in the discussion and inappropriately, so I thought."

Other lawmakers — including some of those who have called on Rowland to step down — said they did not see the governor's remarks as a threat. They said Rowland was merely pointing out a political reality.

"I personally have never felt threatened by Gov. Rowland," said John Kissel, one of 11 GOP state senators who urged Rowland to resign.

Rowland said he only told the lawmakers they should be careful about setting "standards" for impeachment that could be applied to everyone.

Dean Pagani, Rowland's chief of staff, said some lawmakers were the ones who brought up the idea that they, too, could have ethical violations that might become known.

"It's on the minds of lawmakers as this process goes forward," Pagani said. "They realize there is the potential for unintended consequences."

The governor is under federal investigation and is facing threats of impeachment and calls for his resignation for accepting free renovations on his summer cottage and then lying about it. Rowland has said that the gift-givers were friends and that he did not promise them anything in exchange.

A draft ruling released Tuesday by the State Ethics Commission's executive director says public officials cannot accept expensive gifts from employees or state contractors.

Rowland's legal counsel, Ross Garber, disagreed with commission Executive Director Alan Pliskeys opinion, which did not directly address Rowland's actions.

"Current law prohibits a public official from using his office for financial gain and taking gifts from those doing business with his agency," Garber said. "It does not say Mr. Pliskeys contends."

The commission has planned a hearing on the issue Friday.

Also Tuesday, the Connecticut Post became the eighth daily newspaper in the state to call for the governor to resign. But despite the mounting pressure, Rowland made it clear that he is staying put.

"I made mistakes. I've apologized for those mistakes. I've taken responsibility for those mistakes and now it's time to govern," he told a crowd of reporters who followed him and his wife, Patty, to his car after a speaking engagement Tuesday.
Rowland is scheduled to meet privately Wednesday with Democratic House Speaker Moira Lyons, who must decide whether the House should go ahead with impeachment.

If he were impeached in the House, a two-thirds majority in the Senate would be required to remove Rowland from office.

Lyons' staff said she has not made her decision yet. Rowland believes she will likely call for some form of committee to look into his conduct, Pagani said.

"We have been told there is going to be a committee. We don't know the details," Pagani said. "He is looking forward to a process that is fair and deliberate."
**International News**

U.N. official missing in crash LONDON - A Ugandan government official has gone missing in a crash in Uzbekistan's capital, Tashkent, foreign ministry officials said Tuesday.

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known by filling out a question­naire on each candidate. Shary Jolly, residence hall association president, attended all four forums and felt Mooney was first in line for the position.

"Out of all the student forums I felt like Mooney interacted with the students the best by forming a personal relationship with the stu­dents from the beginning," Jolly said.

The student forums enabled the Board of Trustees to consider what matters of the Saint Mary's com­munity wanted in their next presi­dent.

"The first priority for students was that we have a woman as president. The second was that she have a vision for the education of women," student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl said. "The students felt that Carol Mooney embodied these qualities."

The possession of strong leader­ship skills and Saint Mary's values worked well for Mooney and being an alumna also helped.

"I think she has a very good idea of what the school is about and what we need. She is not coming into the position as a newcomer, but already established in the university setting and in the Saint Mary's commun­ity," alumna commissioner Anna Bauer said.

In alliance with the majority of the student body, Jablonski-Diehl endorsed Mooney as a positive step for Saint Mary's. "Mooney is smart, energetic and a visionary. But with all of that, her biggest strength is her commitment to Saint Mary's. It is a commitment that started years ago. She was a student here. She was always a leader."

states that the U.S. government was irresponsible in allowing Notre Dame to continue to trespass on the tribal land. Michael Walleri, a Fairbanks, Alaska lawyer representing the community, did not return a call seeking comment.

John Hamilton, a local attorney who filed the lawsuit on behalf of Walleri, told the Tribune that the lawsuit is a "friendly suit" and that he believes the suit will be resolved quickly and amicably.

The South Bend Tribune con­tributed to this report.

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Jablonski-Diehl said. Students and faculty are excited to see where this new woman will lead Saint Mary's and what she has in store for her term as president.

"I feel she will be a strong leader. I have only heard praises about her and I trust she will put her best foot forward," senior Daniela Urs said. "I see Saint Mary's becoming a stronger school, attracting more top-tier women and extending its influence into the next generation." Even with the support of the school behind her, Mooney faces a road of challenges ahead.

"Mooney's biggest challenge will be the same as all incoming presi­dents. It is difficult replacing a highly effective, much-loved presi­dent. I think that Mooney will excel in the position but it will be tough following Eldred," Jablonski-Diehl said.

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Test scores to affect teacher pay

Parrish, who teaches eighth-grade math at Bell Street Middle School in Clinton, S.C., will have 20 percent of any salary bump based on her students' test­score gains. An additional 30 percent will be based on test scores for her school, while the remaining 50 percent of her review will be based on classroom evaluations, including her ability to motivate stu­dents.

Parrish says it seems fair. The school, she says, has greatly expanded regular training for teachers, and the student evaluation is done in a way designed to minimize factors outside her control, such as whether a child comes from a poor home. Still, she's nervous.

"I tell you, as many years as I've been in teaching, I've had good years and bad years," she said, refer­ring to both her own perfor­mance and some unruly classes. "There are years I'd hate to think that I'd be paid based on the perform­ance of the children given the situation I was given. You don't want to make excuses, but on the other hand, it needs to be fair."

The pay-for-performance idea is part of a compensa­tion overhaul recommend­ed by the commission, whose members include former IBM Chairman Louis Gerstner Jr., President Clinton's Education Secretary Richard Riley and former first lady Barbara Bush.

The group also recom­mends an increase in base salary for all teachers to make the profession's pay more competitive; new paths for teachers to boost their pay and responsibili­ties without leaving the classroom; bonuses for teachers to serve in hard-to-staff schools or take on high-demand sub­jects.

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Mexico holds trade summit

United States makes trade concessions to Mexico, Canada, other countries

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Mexico — The United States reached out to its neighbors on free trade and battling terrorism, smoothing tense relations with Latin American leaders at the 34-nation Summit of the Americas ended Tuesday.

Canada and Mexico won the biggest prizes from the summit as President Bush told Canada it will be eligible for a second round of U.S.-financed reconstruction contracts in Iraq that the administration valued at about $4.5 billion.

A day earlier, Mexican President Vicente Fox accepted an invitation to visit Bush’s ranch in Texas and praised his proposal that would allow migrants to work temporarily in the United States.

Others also welcomed Bush’s plan. Honduran President Ricardo Maduro said it would “allow us to have closer ties to Latin Americans in the United States.”

But countries complained the region was not doing enough to battle poverty.

During negotiations, Prime Minister Ralph Goodale of St. Vincent asked: “What’s the use of freedom if people are poor?”

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva said governments need “a new development concept” that distributes income fairly.

“If we want a world that is safe and stable, we need to be active toward a just and fair world,” he said.

Outside the meeting site, in the mountains of northern Mexico, about 1,000 anti-globalization protesters clashed with police, hanging an effigy of Bush in a security barrier and burning it before a wall of police.

Bush arrived at this week’s summit to find many nations publicly criticizing his free trade stance.

The leaders agreed to support a hemisphere-wide trade area without setting a firm deadline, a concession to Brazil and Venezuela.

The United States had sought a 2005 deadline for the Free Trade Area of the Americas agreement, the summit’s final declaration calls for following the NAFTA’s “established timetable,” with no specific date mentioned.

Although the original timetable called for an accord by 2005, recent FTA talks have stalled on the prickly issues of removing agricultural subsidies and intellectual property rights. Many have questioned whether the original timetable is still realistic.

In a news conference after the meeting, Fox said Mexico wanted a Free Trade Area of the Americas that favored all nations. “We just don’t want just any agreement,” he said.

“We want a good accord, one that considers differences between countries.”

Despite expressing reservations about the declaration, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said he would sign the document. He pushed summit participants for a humanitarian fund that could be used to help countries during financial and natural disasters, and leaders said they will consider the proposal.

In addition, the summit declaration does not call for banning corrupt governors from future summits, as the United States requested. Instead, the declaration only calls for consultations on countries that don’t meet the requirements of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption.

Washington’s concessions appeared aimed in part at reversing the region’s increasing disenchantment with U.S. policy.

In return, countries pledged to “intensify our efforts and strengthen cooperation” to fight terrorist threats. In the last few weeks, Mexico canceled at least two flights because of security concerns.

Wal-Mart hit hard by labor audit

NEW YORK — An audit by Wal-Mart Stores Inc. of about 25,000 employees uncovered thousands of labor violations, including minors working during school hours and workers taking lunches.

The company’s July 2000 audit found 21,171 violations of child-labor laws, including minors working too late, too many hours in a day or during school hours. On more than 60,000 occasions, workers missed meal and coffee breaks, said the audit.

In a statement Tuesday, Wal-Mart said the audit was not a valid study and should not be taken at face value. The document was distributed to top Wal-Mart executives and has emerged in lawsuits against the company.

The audit, obtained by The New York Times, covered employee records at 128 Wal-Mart stores nationwide. The Bentonville, Ark.-based company has 1.2 million seasonal and full-time employees.

Wal-Mart said its auditor looked at numbers alone and did not examine employees’ circumstances. “The audit erroneously assumed that each time an associate failed to clock in or out ... it was because the associate missed a meal break or rest break,” the company said.

“In some cases, associates modified their schedules to meet a personal need, such as working through lunch in order to leave early that day,” the statement said.

Company officials declined interview requests Tuesday.

James Finberg, an attorney who represents Wal-Mart employees seeking class-action status in New York and Washington state on grounds the company didn’t pay for all hours worked, said the audit shows Wal-Mart broke its own rules.

“The policy book says the right things, but the pattern and practice is clear — managers tell people to do the work, no matter how long it takes, and they tell them they’re not going to pay them overtime,” Finberg said.
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ND 2010 stresses the need to improve the rankings of 19 programs. It lists four academic goals. 1: “Provide ... integrated teaching and research better than any other university.” 2: “Among leading American research universities.” 3: “The premier center of Catholic intellectual life.” 4: “A diverse and international academic community.”

The real goal is research. “We must take the next step — to move forward as a center of outstanding research and scholarship.” In the “allocation of resources,” we “must focus on those academic areas that give us the greatest opportunity for growth and funding in the future.” Translation: Get the bucks. ND 2010 hopes to “increase externally sponsored research expenditures to $100 million a year,” double the current levels.

ND 2010 says that hiring and promotion should be limited to “those faculty for whom superior teaching is a priority.” That bet on it. That same section lists, among the student programs, “fundraising.” “A heightened sense of urgency for the centrality of research and scholarly publication,” including “competition for federal, state and private dollars to support the research enterprise.” This “centrality of research” applies to “every academic unit.” ND 2010 stresses the importance of hiring new faculty, reducing teaching loads, improving research collaborative support and increasing support for graduate student programs. ND 2010 omits two things:

1. ND 2010 says not one word about the extent of the costs imposed on students. ND 2010 mentions several times the serious commitment to “financial aid” by the University and its excellent Financial Aid Office. But the underlying problem is a “stickier price” continually rising above the inflation rate. In 1978-79, when Notre Dame began its pursuit of Research Greatness, undergraduate tuition, room and board totaled $5,180. If it had kept pace with inflation it would now be $14,302. The figure for 2003-04 is $34,100, a 6.5 percent increase over last year. Notre Dame offers various kinds of aid to students. The primary form of aid, however, is the student or parent loan, whether federal or private.

The major universities, including Notre Dame, have built their research enterprises on the backs of borrowing students. The loan burden distorts the careers and family options of students, especially, if they contemplate graduate study. ND 2010 is a detailed analysis of many things. Its failure even to mention this problem indicates an astonishing indifference. The main beneficiaries of the University envisioned by ND 2010 will not be the students but the researching professoriat, well paid administrators and striving academics. ND 2010 is peppered with references to Notre Dame as a Catholic university. But it omits any acceptance of the definition of that term in Ex Corde Ecclesiae, the 1990 apostolic constitution on Catholic higher education. ND 2010 says that the University “must take into account ... sensitivity and respect the formal teaching role of the Magisterium in the life of the Church.” But Notre Dame does not accept the authoritative nature of that role. For example, in the bishops’ Application of Ex Corde to the United States states: “Catholic students have a right to receive from a university instruction in authentic Catholic doctrine and practice, especially from those who teach the theological disciplines.” Notre Dame accepts that duty neither in theory nor in practice. Notre Dame is servile toward secular academic bodies, the government, the NCAA and others. The only authority it will not accept is that of the Catholic Church to define the “Catholic university.” As Father James Burkhauser has demonstrated, a “Catholic” university that severs itself from the defining authority of the Church will predictably follow the secularizing patterns of Vanderbilt, Harvard and other original Protestant institutions. And there remains a consumer fraud problem in Notre Dame’s claim to be “Catholic” when it does not accept the definition of that term by the Catholic Church. ND 2010 chronicles the success of our leaders in transforming Notre Dame’s historic character and mission according to their own lights. But it also evokes an image of the log of the Titanic. The bill-paying students and families deserve better.

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**Letter to the Editor**

This Christmas I was driving over a small bridge on the way to pick up my grandparents for Christmas dinner, and I saw a black plastic garbage bag in the middle of the road. The bridge had just recently been repaired after about six months of repair, which was a contentious issue in my local community, as the construction redirected traffic from a fairly major road. As I swerved around the garbage bag, I could not help but think about what is happening over the winter sky. I was turned into a culture shocker.

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To put it nicely, my driving record is a non-factor. I will try again for one more year without getting caught violating a traffic regulation. Through June, halfway home and no tickets. Okay, I was in London for the first five months of this year, but that still does not take away anything from the extraordinary accomplishment. Making the trip back to school in August from Louisville to South Bend was back to the ultimate test. For no reason other than to raise revenue for the state of Indiana, US-31 from Indianapolis to South Bend is only 55 miles per hour—a absolute nightmare for any drivers under the age of 35. Despite the delay, before I passed the test with flying colors, making the round trip on two separate occasions this semester for the holidays, I looked for straight must sometimes look can be deceiving. On Dec. 30, at 9 o'clock in the afternoon, only 32 hours before the dawn of a New Year, a familiar sound filled the air and lights that I would recognize anywhere lit up the dreary winter sky. I was back to being pulled over again.

Instead of concentrating all our energies on trying to kill the innumerable hordes of imaginary terrorists that we really think that they're trying to kill people and not stop for a minute and consider what it is they're actually trying to say with such horrific acts? I will try to examine how that ideology was so carried away with their cause that they actually believed they have left, because apparently no one knows what they're trying to say.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Missy rushes latest effort**

By KENYATTA STORIN

Scene Music Critic

Much like fellow pop rap group Outkast, Missy Elliot and her master producer, Timbaland, have been changing the face of pop for years. She is probably the most successful female rap artist of all time. But despite these facts, Missy regrettably stumbles on her fifth effort, *This is Not a Test!*

Across the board, Elliot's flow sounds forced and poor production.

**The album**'s best track, "Wake Up," provides a fresh perspective on hip-hop by attacking thug rap with the chorus, "And your wheels don't spin (it's all right) / And you gotta wear them jeans again (it's all right) / Yeah, if you tried oh well it's all right / Emooses stop the beef, let's sell it (it's all right)." She also uses a little creative on "Spelling Bee," where she intersperses the spelling of words in her rap and on "Toys," an ode to vibrators. But even the lyrics on these tracks are average, making them generally sound more gimmicky than innova-

Missy also suffers from an unfortunate number of dull, underachieving guest appearances. Elephant Man's contributions to the bouncy "Keep It Movin" are more distracting than anything else, and R. Kelly sounds off on "Days Was When I'm T a l k i n g About." Also, rappers Jay-Z, Fabolous and Nelly all provide short, unmemorable flows. Nelly's best line, "Go, go, gadget die," is not even his own, coming straight from an Eminem song.

The album's one saving grace is Timbaland's production, once again showing that he is one of the best, if not the best, producer in the business. His batch of futuristic beats often seems to use every sound imaginable except those found on a standard drum. "Wake Up" is one of his best efforts, where he utilizes electronic echoes, subtle bells and a simple bass beat. Regrettably, Timbaland does not produce the whole album. Missy does roughly half of the production, most of which are her R&B tracks, with mixed results at best. She provides solid beats for "Pass That Dutch," "I'm Really Hot" and "Toys," but her R&B productions are lame piano melodies that will put most listeners to sleep.

Even with Timbaland's imaginative beats, *This is Not a Test!* is an unchar-

acteristically conventional album for Missy Elliot. Instead of taking her time, she rushed to make a follow up to her 2002 hit album, *Under Construction,* and it clearly shows in her lyrics and her noticeably bland R&B tracks. The lack of quality guest appearances will hopefully lead Missy to question throw-

ing company and production for her albums in the future. Considering her track record, this musical lapse is likely temporary. Missy will probably bounce back on her next record. But in the meantime, unless you are a hardcore Missy fan, do not bother putting this on your wish list.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Belle & Sebastian return to glory**

By RYAN RAFFERTY

Scene Music Critic

Very few artists can claim such a comeback as Stuart Murdoch.

As lead singer and songwriter of the Glaswegian septet Belle and Sebastian, Murdoch crafted two of the most elegant and eloquent albums of the '90s. But the band raised its reputation by attempting to divvy up the songwriting and their fol-

lowing albums sounded like a hodgepodge of musical styles, and the band quickly dis-

appeared. Belle and Sebastian's latest album *Dear Catastrophe Waitress.* This album came to the rescue and returned the band to it's previous grandeur, but with a differ-

e nt direction. Formerly a very private and elusive band, Belle and Sebastian has lifted the veil and started speaking with the press and publishing band photos. But what really made this album a return to glory for the band was Murdoch's return as the sole songwriter. There are two songs on the album which feature other band members on vocals, but they do not stray far from the uber-pop that Stuart Murdoch and company have perfectly crafted on *Dear Catastrophe Waitress.*

Belle and Sebastian teamed up with producer Trevor Horn, who has worked with the likes of T.A.T.U. and Seal, to make their latest album. With Horn's help, the band turned its formerly misguided chamber pop into pop music that could be the soundtrack to any Portridge Family episode. Many bands could easily push this sound over the edge into fluff, but Murdoch and company have learned from the past and know exactly where to draw the line.

Dear Catastrophe Waitress just like Johnny Cash, walks the line. It walks a fine line between fluff and intelligent and catchy; and the music is glorious. Songs like "I'm a Cuckoo," "Piazza New York Catcher," "Stay Loose" and the title track soar amongst the lush backdrop of 1960s pop. Belle and

**Dear Catastrophe**

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Some stories of lost love and somehow manages to work in endearing words for Mike Piazza.

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Not the guy from Rushmore's band anymore

By BRIAN FOY
Some Music Critic

Phantom Planet may have lost its founding member, but the band still managed to release a quality album.

Phantom Planet: Phantom Planet

The Polyphonic Spree should end

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Some Music Critic

The Polyphonic Spree may be a groundbreaking and unique group, but the large choir falls into the trap of redundancy throughout their second album.

The Beginning Stages of...

The Polyphonic Spree

Hollywood Records
Abdur-Rahim scores 29 points for surprising 86-77 victory. The Hawks built a big lead in the second half. "Sometimes it seems like we're the best team and we get bored sometimes," said Miller, who had double-doubles in 11 of his 13 previous games but fell one rebound short of another.

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DENVER — In a broadside against the woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape, defense attorneys argued Tuesday that her sexual past and mental health history should be allowed as evidence to prove she had a "scheme" to falsely accuse the NBA star.

Attorneys Hal Haddon and Pamela Mackey said denying them the right to bring up such evidence would violate Bryant's constitutional right to a fair trial.

Defense attorneys said the 19-year-old woman was injured during sex with "multiple" men in the three days before her encounter with the Los Angeles Lakers star at a Colorado resort.

They also said the woman's medical history, including treatment for mental illness, is relevant because it could help explain "her motive, scheme, plan and modus operandi for falsely accusing Mr. Bryant of sexual assault."

The defense has suggested the woman engaged in a pattern of dangerous acts, including suicide attempts and accusing Bryant of rape, to gain the attention of an ex-boyfriend.

The woman "expected Bryant to put a move on her" before she accepted his invitation to come into his hotel room, the defense said.

John Clune, an attorney for Bryant's alleged victim, did not return a call seeking comment. "If we do respond, it will be in the courtroom," said Krista Flannigan, a spokeswoman for the prosecution.

Bryant, 25, faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation if convicted of felony sexual assault. He has said he had consensual sex with the woman.

The Lakers star sprayed his shoulder Monday and is expected to sit out a minimum of two to three weeks.

Bryant is due back in an Eagle courtroom on Jan. 23, when state District Judge Terry Ruckriegle is expected to hear arguments on whether the woman's medical records can be used as evidence. The defense says she waived her right to medical privacy, a claim the prosecution denies.

In the latest court filings, Mackey said evidence suggests the woman was either in a manic state or experiencing rapid cycling of manic and depressive states at the time of the June 30 incident in Bryant's hotel room. Mackey said common symptoms of mania include sexual indiscretions.

The defense also said the incident occurred about a month after the woman attempted suicide by overdosing on an anti-psychotic medication, Seroquel, and occurred while she was taking the anti-depressant Wellbutrin.

Such evidences would be relevant both to help explain to the jury why this young woman might have engaged in multiple acts of consensual sexual intercourse ... and/or why she might be suffering from a delusion — a false but strongly held belief — about what occurred in Mr. Bryant's hotel room," Mackey wrote.

Jury selection begins in Jayson Williams trial

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — Jayson Williams was introduced to a pool of potential jurors Tuesday as the start of the NBA star's manslaughter trial for the shooting death of his limo driver two years ago.

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More than 300 potential jurors were sworn in and filled out questionnaires after being introduced to the former New Jersey Nets center, who rose and said "Good morning."

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A small number of pool members were excused Tuesday because the trial's length would pose a hardship.

The 15-year-old Williams faces seven charges, including aggravated manslaughter and witness tampering, that could carry up to 55 years in prison.

Williams and his wife did not respond to questions from reporters when they arrived at the courthouse.

Christofi was killed Feb. 14, 2002, after driving Williams' vehicle after a game. Both agreed to testify for the defense.

Prosecutors have said Williams recklessly handled his 40-room estate in Alexandria Township.

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Williams retired from the Nets in 2000 after a decade in the NBA, unable to overcome a broken leg from a year earlier.

He was suspended from his job as an NBA analyst for NBC after the shooting.

The 6-foot-10 Williams was known for his affinity for guns, and was in his 2000 memoir that he almost shot New York Jets wide receiver Wayne Chrebet by accident at a range at the Williams estate.

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ND SWIMMING

Men and women pick up wins on training trip

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Most swim teams used the extended winter break for some much-needed relaxation, but not the Irish men's and women's swim teams. In holiday competition last Friday, the men's squad finished off a 12-day training trip in Mission Viejo, Calif., by picking up a pair of duel meet victories in a triangular meet against UC Santa Barbara and Wyoming, 104-101 and 133-98, respectively.

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**NBA**

Lakers guard Kobe Bryant reacts to his shoulder injury in Los Angeles' Jan. 13 game against Cleveland. Bryant is expected to miss at least two to three weeks.

### Wizards’ Laettner receives drug suspension

**WASHINGTON** — Washington Wizards forward Christian Laettner was suspended for five games Tuesday for violating the NBA’s drug policy.

The suspension, without pay, began with Tuesday night’s home game against Houston.

“I deeply regret any embarrass­ment that my actions have caused to members of my family, my team­mates, my fans and the Washing­ton Wizards organization,” Laettner said in a statement released by the team. Neither the league nor the team­ cited the confidentiality rules of the collective bargaining agreement, would comment on when the viola­tion occurred or what substance was involved. A player has to fail three drug tests before drawing a five­game suspension.

Laettner was not allowed to attend Tuesday night’s game, although he is eligible to practice with the team.

Because of the Wizards’ schedule, Laettner will have one of the shortest five­game suspensions possible. They have five games in seven days, end­ing Monday against Chicago. He can return for the Jan. 23 game against Boston.

Maddux, Rodriguez remain on free agent market

**NEW YORK** — Now that most of the top stars have signed, Greg Maddux and Ivan Rodriguez are the biggest names left on the free­agent market.

Maddux, a four­time Cy Young Award winner, has been talking with the Chicago Cubs, his original major league teams. Following seven sea­sons with the Cubs, Maddux spent the last 11 years with the Atlanta Braves.

“We’re continuing to negotiate with about four or five teams,” Maddux’s agent, Scott Boras, said Tuesday. “There’s a possibility something can happen this week, but a lot of Greg’s considerations involve meeting oun­wers of clubs personally, and he’s talk­ing a very methodical approach to this.”

It’s unclear what teams Rodriguez is talking to. After earning $10 mil­lion last year with Florida and lead­ing the Marlins to the World Series title, the team let him go after he asked for a four­year deal.

**LeMieux undergoes knee surgery**

**PITTSBURGH** — Marie LeMieux had arthroscopic surgery Tuesday to repair the left hip injury that will sideline him for the rest of the Pittsburgh Penguins’ season.

LeMieux, who hasn’t played since Nov. 1, learned last week that two months’ worth of rest and rehabilitation did not heal the chronic tendini­tis in his hip. LeMieux had similar surgery on his right hip before missing more than two­thirds of the 2001­02 season.

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loose ball to a teammate. Thomas and Chenowith combined to make five 3-pointers in the last three minutes of the game to get the Irish from down nine at 63-54 to within 67-66 and down two at 71-69.

But it was Thomas’ two 3-point attempts coming off pump fakes, and for the second straight game, his foul on an opponent’s 3-point shot that really hurt the Irish down the stretch.

It was a disappointing end for Thomas who had a solid all-around game. The junior finished with 29 points on 11-of-22 shooting, including 7-of-13 on 3-pointers.

Meanwhile, the Panthers, who shot 50 percent (11-of-22) from the free throw line, consistently beat the Irish to the loose ball off free throw misses and got a number of second chance points.

The win extended the Panthers’ (17-0, 3-0 in the Big East) home winning streak, the best in the nation, to 36 games and ended Notre Dame (8-4, 2-1) its first loss in seven games.

In a raucous Petersen Events Center where Pittsburgh has won all 30 games it has played, the Irish didn’t let themselves get taken out of the game early. Thomas scored 13 points in the opening 13 minutes. The Irish held a seven-point lead with less than five minutes left in the first half, but the Irish fell to the blow in the second half. Luckily for the Irish, the Panthers only scored six more points as both teams didn’t score in the first 11 minutes of the half. The Irish led 31-30 at the break.

Pittsburgh made its run 46-42 with just over 12 minutes remaining in the game. Six different players scored on the Panther 21-8 run that allowed them to hold a nine point lead before Thomas and Quinn tried to use 3-pointers to get the Irish back in it.

Indiana 66, Notre Dame 63
Little-used bench player Iran Thomaz hit a 3-pointer with 28 seconds left to lift the Hoosiers to extend Notre Dame’s losing streak to three games Dec. 10.

Thomas led the Irish, who shot only 39 percent, with 14 points. Falla shot a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left, but his shot hit the rim and time expired.

Notre Dame 82, DePaul 69
In what a number of people called his best all-around game in a Notre Dame uniform, Thomas only scored 13 points, but had five assists, five rebounds, four steals and only one turnover in leading the Irish to their first win in over two weeks Jan. 14.

Corazone tied his career high with 17 points, and Notre Dame broke a shooting slump by making 51 percent of its field goals.

Notre Dame 78, American 74
The Irish came back in a 37-point shooting night by American and avoided its second embarrassing home loss of the season Dec. 21.

American converted on 63 percent of its field goal attempts, including a stretch that saw the Eagles make 10 straight at one point. Thomas scored a season-high 28 points and the Irish won their first home game since Nov. 29.

Notre Dame 79, Quinnipiac 62
Quinn finally found the shooting touch he had been missing for most of the season, connecting on his six 3-pointers and registering a career-high 25 points to lead the Irish in their third straight victory Dec. 23. Luckins recorded a double-double with 19 points and 11 rebounds.

Notre Dame 94, Morehead State 69
After missing his last nine shots against Quinnipiac, Thomas missed his first seven against Morehead State before finding the range and scoring 23 points Dec. 28. Francis had another double-double with 21 points and 10 rebounds.

The Irish were only up 74-67 with 4:32 left to play when Thomas and Quinn tried to use 3-pointers to get the Irish back in it.

Notre Dame 63, West Virginia 52
For the first time in Bruce’s four years at Notre Dame, the Irish won its opening game in the Big East conference Jan. 7. In the process, the Irish ended Mountain- ners’ guard Drew Schifino’s double-digit scoring streak at 48 games.

Jones was the major reason for ending Schifino’s streak. Jones also had his best all-around offensive game of the season, scoring 17 points and pulling down a career-high 13 rebounds.

Notre Dame 82, Villanova 78
The Irish broke another streak at Philadelphia in beating the Wildcats for the first time in Big East play Jan. 10. Villanova was the last team the Irish had not beaten in conference action.

Down six points with 3:31 to go, the Irish came back on a 12-2 run to get the win.

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Social Concerns Festival Held
January 21 from 7-9 pm
Learn about service and social action in South Bend at the Center for Social Concerns annual "Social Concerns Festival."

Representatives from area service organizations will be on hand to introduce students to opportunities with local community organizations.

When: January 21 from 7 pm – 9 pm.
Where: Center for Social Concerns

Reception Held for Malaquias Montoya Exhibit
An exhibition by Malaquias Montoya entitled "Premeditated Meditations On Capital Punishment New Work." will be on display beginning Sunday, January 11 at The Snite Museum of Art.

Vehicle request forms revised
Revised vehicle request forms and policy information for spring 2004 will be available at the Center for Social Concerns for pick up on January 15. Vehicles will be available for use beginning the week of January 19.

Several policy changes will necessitate careful reading of the revised policy statements before completing your request form. The Policy statements will be attached to the forms for your convenience.

Applications Available for Mexico Seminar
Applications are now available for the Oaxaca, Mexico Seminar. Applications can be downloaded on the Web or are available at the Center for Social Concerns. The due date for the seminar is January 30.

The Mexico Seminar provides students the opportunity for two weeks of experiential-learning in Mexico City (and other areas) in collaboration with local organizations. This one-credit seminar (THIE 360) involves extensive, student-directed planning, resource development, and reflection.

During the spring semester,

Service & Social Action Group Leaders reminder
Group meetings at the Center for Social Concerns are scheduled for only one semester at a time. If your group uses CSC rooms for meetings during fall semester, please remember that you will have to contract the receptionist to be put on the schedule for the spring semester.

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fought back with a 10-3 run to close the half down 33-26.

Notre Dame led the entire second half. Taurasi hit a baseline jumper with 4:50 left to cut the lead to 53-51, but that was as close as the Huskies would get. The Irish closed the game with an 11-0 run, including five points by Batteast.

"I was excited about our defense," McGraw said. "Our zone frustratred them a little bit. We really worked hard in our zone. I think now we're starting to believe in it."

The Notre Dame defense was key, holding the Huskies to a season low 31 percent shooting. Taurasi, who averaged 19.8 points, was held to 11 points on only 4 of 15 shooting.

A crowd of 8,574, the second largest in Irish history, looked on as the Irish played with poise down the stretch.

"I'm just so proud of this game. We played with poise down the stretch," McGraw said. "Probably not many people thought we could win that game. We played with great determination."

Notre Dame shot a scorching 59.5 percent from the floor and outscored the Huskies 32-24 in the paint.

Courtney LaVere scored 14 points, including her second career three-pointer. Le'Tania Severe added 12 points for Notre Dame, who snapped Connecticut's Big East regular season win streak of 44 games. Severe also tied a season high with six assists and only one turnover.

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Ken Schanzer, the president of NBC Sports, told reporters last month that NBC believed if it didn't renew the television deal, other networks would be more than willing to step in. The contract extension, coupled with other networks who consistently televise Irish away games, will help satisfy Notre Dame fans who have come to expect that the Irish will appear on television, Heisler said. "All of our fans have become spoiled to that, and the expectation has been that in some way, shape or form the game is going to be available," Heisler said. "This will help to give that a chance to be reality on a daily basis." Since 1991, a portion of the money generated from the NBC contract has been channelled into undergraduate scholarships for non-varsity athletes. The University says it has distributed more than $12.6 million in financial aid from this fund, and in 2003-04, 111 undergraduate students are receiving an average of $17,600 from money from the NBC contract. The revenue from the television deal has been one major reason why Notre Dame says it is able to meet 100 percent of the financial needs of its students, Heisler said. "That's a huge and unprecedented achievement," Heisler said. "For the people in admissions and financial aid, that's a big deal."

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HOCKEY

Cey and Brown net shutouts

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

Right now, it doesn't seem to matter who is in net for the Irish.

Both junior Morgan Cey and freshman David Brown recorded at least one shutout over the break as Notre Dame went 3-2, including a 1-0 win over then-No. 3 ranked Maine on Dec. 28. Cey collected consecutive shutouts versus Maine and Findlay, a 1-0 victory on Jan. 3 at the Joyce Center.

Brown collected Notre Dame's most recent win, a 3-0 home shutout of CCHA opponent Bowling Green on Jan. 9. It was a nice change of pace for the freshman, who had allowed a combined 15 goals in his last three starts, all losses.

"Those losses were very frustrating to me," Brown said after the 3-0 win over Bowling Green. "They were a real test to my character. I was dropping the puck in front and there were some fluky shots that went in. I just tried to focus on one shot at a time tonight and keep the game simple."

Fellow freshmen Josh Sciba and Jason Paige, along with senior defenseman Brett Lebda, provided all the offense Brown would need as he stopped 32 Falcon shots. The shutdown was Brown's fourth of the season, a school record.

With the win, the Irish are now 11-7-2 overall and 8-6-2 in the CCHA; good enough for third in the conference and just one point behind Michigan and Miami (Ohio) for first place.

Notre Dame travels on the road to face No. 3 Wisconsin this weekend in a two game non-conference series.

No. 14 Cornell 4, Notre Dame 0

The Irish were blanked by Cornell in the opening round game of the Everblades Hockey Classic on Dec. 27, stymied by Big Red freshman goaltender David McKee, who stopped all 27 Notre Dame shots.

Brown made 18 saves in the loss as the Irish fell despite outshooting Cornell 27-22.

Notre Dame 1, No. 3 Maine 0

The Irish shocked No. 3 Maine at the Everblades Hockey Classic on Dec. 28, defeating the Black Bears to take third place in the tournament. The win snapped a three game losing streak for the Irish.

Sophomore Mike Walsh scored the game-winning goal and Cey made 32 saves to pick up the shutout.

Notre Dame 3, Findlay 0

Cey recorded his second consecutive shutout and senior forward Rob Gibbons scored the only goal to give the Irish a win over non-conference opponent Findlay on Jan. 3.

The junior stopped 27 shots in the win over the Oilers.

Bowling Green 5, Notre Dame 4 (OT)

The Falcons' James Unger scored the game-winning goal with 28 seconds remaining in overtime to give his team the victory Jan. 8.

Lebda, Sciba, Paige and senior Aaron Gill each scored for the Irish in the road loss.

Notes:
* For his efforts in Notre Dame's recent 3-0 win over Bowling Green, Brown was named the CCHA Defensive Player of the Week for the week ending Jan. 11.
* It is the first such honor for the freshman, who has been named rookie of the week three times this season.

Brown and teammate Cey have combined for six Irish shutouts this season, already doubling the school's previous record for shutouts in a year.

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Happy Birthday: You've got the drive and the passion to accomplish just about anything this year. Don't even think about settling on the sidelines of life. This is your time to take center stage and let the world know exactly how powerful you can be. You will not have a problem getting the attention you require, so just pass your fear forward and implement all those reservoir ideas that you have kept locked inside of you for so long. Numbers: 4, 19, 28, 37, 46

Aries (March 21-April 19): Expand your horizon. Take trips that will provide you with adventure and cultural knowledge. Social gatherings will prove an emotional connection. ***

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Don't limit yourself by being stubborn. Your refusal to listen to the advice given by friends or relatives will be your downfall. Job opportunities are present. ***

Gemini (May 21-June 20): Friends may be unhappy if you allow a new love to monopolize your time. Don't be too eager to get involved in joint financial ventures. ***

Cancer (June 21-July 22): Heated arguments with children may lead to changes in your home. Dramatic reactions toward others will be detrimental. Be careful when you lend money. **

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Your dramatic approach to emotional matters may alienate you from the ones you love. Don't let others blame you for things you didn't do. **

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Problems will surface if you have to deal with institutions. Try to put off meetings with superiors until a more suitable time. **

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You can make major improvements if you set your mind to it. Someone you live with appears to be confused. Try to help without making waves. ***

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your mental agility will be at an all-time high. Focus on your professional goals. You can make excellent financial moves if you consider residential changes. **

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Your need for excitement and adventure will be satisfied if you travel or get involved in philosophical groups. A change in your professional direction is in order. ***

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your need for stability in dealing with the affairs of others in your family. If you haven't felt yourself enough time, your mate may be disguised by the whole affair. ***

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): Tension will cause confrontations with your mate. Opportunity to get involved in secret enterprises are evident. However, the possibility of damaging your reputation is likely. ***

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): One-sided romantic connections will only lead you astray. You are not built to keep your thoughts to yourself. Resist the politics that surround you at your place of work. **

Birthday Baby: It will be hard to say no to you. You know exactly how to get what you want. You're loving, adorable and quick to win the hearts of all those who come in contact with you. You love the energy and enthusiasm of being in touch with those you meet. **

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NBC extends football contract through 2010

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

For 13 years, every Notre Dame football home game has appeared on NBC, and thanks to a five-year extension announced Dec. 18, that trend will continue at least through 2010.

Although University and NBC officials declined to say how much the school will receive annually, various news agencies reported the deal is worth $9 million annually.

"We're extremely pleased to augment what continues to be a very special relationship with NBC," Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White said in a statement. "The ability to have our home football games televised on a national basis becomes a tremendous vehicle for us in maintaining a national visibility and platform in terms of our football program's profile and recruiting." In the past, the money from the NBC deal has been used to provide financial aid to students at the University. Associate athletic director John Heisler said he expected that trend to continue in the future.

"We see the decision to renew its television deal should not necessarily be seen as a clear sign that Notre Dame will keep its football program independent, White said last month.

"There's not an immediate correlation of any kind between those two things," White told the Associated Press. "We made a decision to extend our deal with NBC. We're going to continue to see NBC..."

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Huskie-sized upset

Batteast all-around play leads Notre Dame to 66-51 win of No. 4 Connecticut

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

When she hit her first two shots, Connecticut star Diana Taurasi was on her way to redeeming herself after only scoring four points last year at Notre Dame. But Notre Dame's Jacqueline Batteast had plans of her own.

Batteast scored 23 points on 10-of-13 shooting and grabbed 11 rebounds in the Irish's 66-51 upset of No. 4 Connecticut (11-2, 2-1 Big East) Tuesday at the Joyce Center.

"Batteast was just the best player on the court tonight," Huskies coach Geno Auriemma said.

Batteast keyed Notre Dame not only on offense but on defense as well. With 3:17 left in the game and the Irish up 55-51, she blocked a driving Villanova, then proceeded to score against Taurasi on a driving layup to put the Irish ahead for good. The Huskies didn't score again.

"The block deflated Connecticut," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought it was a really big turnaround in the game." Notre Dame (9-6, 2-1 Big East) led the whole game, their largest lead other than 6:14 in the first half, when the Irish hit a layup to put the Irish 30-16.

Connecticut, however, fought back. After the final buzzer sounded and as the students rushed the court, Irish forward Jacqueline Batteast stood, appropriately at mid-court, threw her hands in the air and embraced the moment.

"Yes, Jackie, that game really happened," forward Courtney LaVere celebrates Notre Dame's upset.

See Also "Irish experience rollercoaster ride over break" page 17

FOOTBALL

Elam to play at Kent

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Former Notre Dame football player Abram Elam was convicted of sexual battery in August for his participation in an alleged gang rape of a female Notre Dame student with three other football players. But next week he will start classes at Kent State University with three other football players.

And while the rest of her teammates played great throughout the game, Batteast was the centerpiece in leading the Irish to a 66-51 victory over the Huskies in one of Notre Dame's biggest upsets in recent memory. The junior was the heart that kept pumping to carry the Irish ahead of mighty Connecticut Tuesday night.

Batteast showed everyone in the Joyce Center that she, not Connecticut's reigning National Player of the Year St. John's Michelle Snow, was the biggest names left on the court.

Although she and Snow finished with 19 points apiece, it was Batteast who had the clutch moments that the Irish needed to win the game, such as when she blocked a shot with 1:50 left in the game.

But Monday, although Page only made 1-of-4 from the line, Pittsburgh forward Chasity Traynor out muscled Notre Dame forward Tori Francis for the rebound and tapped the loose ball to a teammate.

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Rally not enough for Irish at Pittsburgh

By MATT LOZAR
Associated Sports Editor

FOOTBALL

Elam received an 18-month suspended sentence and two years probation for the felony. He was the only one of the four former Notre Dame players convicted of any crime surrounding the incident. Donald Dylkes was acquitted, while the prosecutor dropped charges against Lorenzo Crawford and Justin Smith before their trials.

Elam was a reserve safety for Kent State and redshirted as a freshman in 2000. Kent State ranked last in pass defense in the Mid-American Conference last season.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

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