Four tickets vie for student body leadership

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

As election year begins across the country, so it begins on the Notre Dame campus as candidates begin campaigning for the top spots in the Student Union — student body president and vice president.

This year, four tickets — Ryan Craft and Steve Lynch, Charlie Ebersol and James Leito, Mark Healy and Mike Healy and Adam Istvan and Carla Bell — will compete for election compared to last year’s seven tickets. This drop in numbers is most likely due to the number of student signatures the candidates had to obtain on petitions before being accepted to run. Last year, candidates were required to obtain 300 signatures, but the number was raised to 700 during a December Council of Representatives meeting.

The approval process for each ticket comes from having the required number of signatures, and each candidate must be in good academic standing and good standing with the Office of Residence Life and Housing, Judicial Board President Elliott

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Incumbents Lao, Chin will not run for re-election

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

Two names will be notably missing from the list of candidates in the upcoming Notre Dame elections. Student body president Jeremy Lao and student body vice president Emily Chin will each chosen not to run for office next term. Lao and Chin both cited different reasons for their decisions.

Although Lao said his student government experience has been a good one, he said he would like to find other activities in which to be involved during his senior year.

"Being involved with student government for the past three years has been a really fulfilling experience," said Lao. "I’d like to use my final year to pursue different interests and to find new experiences for myself."

As an example, Lao said that he had been accepted into an applied investment management course, but was unable to take the class due to his commitments as student body president.

Three tickets compete for SMC presidency

By ANGELA SAOUD
News Writer

Three tickets will vie for student body president and vice president in tomorrow’s election, the largest pool of candidates in three years.

The three sets of running mates are Sarah Brown and Michelle Fitzgerald, Shay Jolly and Veronica Saavedra and Sara Catherine White and Mary Pauline Moran.

White and Moran, both juniors, are running with the campaign slogan "Belles Ring in change."

"With Dr. Carol Mooney as our new president, the new apartment and a new student center coming to campus, we want to embrace the change, and we feel it's time for new student government representation," White said. "We’ve had a wonderful experience working together this year and would like to carry that on into next year as well. We know we are ready to take our involvement with student government to the next level."

As the current junior class president and vice president, White and Moran said they plan to the future of Saint Mary’s.

“Our philosophy really centers around the students,” said White. "We want to work to energize student life, approach student’s needs

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Students march on Washington
ND Right to Life Club participates in March for Life

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Notre Dame students often have a reputation for being apathetic to current events, but don't tell that to members of the Notre Dame Right to Life Club.

The pro-life organization took about 200 Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students to Washington, D.C., last week to participate in the March for Life. The march, now in its 31st year, commemorates the Supreme Court’s decision in Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States. Janel Daufenbach, club president, said the march provided a unique opportunity to meet with pro-life activists from colleges across the nation.

"It was really inspiring to be there with so many college students," she said.

Daufenbach said about 250,000 abortion opponents took part in the march, which led from the Washington Monument to the Supreme Court. Several students who attended the march said they were motivated by love for the unborn. Andrew McEllinney, a student at Moreau Seminary, said he had a desire to defend the unborn.

"It’s a really powerful experience," McEllinney said. "It’s a great opportunity to show support for the most unprotected people in our society."

Senior Meg Hunter-Klimer echoed that sentiment, calling the march “powerful.”

Hunter-Klimer said the massive gathering was a chance to build unity among pro-life students from different colleges. She said the Notre Dame
INSIDE COLUMN

Rock the vote

During Winter Break, gathered at a friend’s house over dinner, the conversation quickly turned to politics. She, a Stanford sophomore, told us of the circus-like atmosphere to which California had fallen as a result of the recent governor’s recall and spoke of her excitement at finally being able to vote as a Californian. She proudly mentioned how she, like so many other Palo Alto residents, had bucked the state-wide trend to recall Gray Davis.

Her vote meant something, even though she voted for a losing proposition, and she was excited at getting to do it.

During a short break in the conversation, another friend quietly asked, “Guys, I’m sorry, but, what recall?” Pithy laughter ensued — my friend, the lovable screw-up, smiled sheepishly. I laughed too, later finding this emotion replaced by one of slight embarrassment.

It’s time to buck that stereotype about political apathy in today’s youth. We've earned the right and are capable of fulfilling it.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW ARE YOU STAYING WARM IN THE BITTER COLD?

Anna Nussbaum
Sophomore Farley
“Cuddling with my roommate.”

Brian Hedges
Freshman Siegfried
“Wearing my Jagermeister jacket.”

Dan McSwain
Junior O'Neill
“I'm going to Australia, seriously!”

Dan Grelwe
Freshman Siegfried
“Lots and lots of layers.”

Kristina Drilac
Junior P.E.
“Strapping live squirrels to my body for warmth.”

Sarah Schneider
Senior Off-Campus
“Vegetarian Chicken Noodle Soup.”

OFFBEAT

Bloomberg offers Mrs. Atkins steak dinner

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg, embroiled in a battle over remarks he made about Dr. Robert Atkins, offered the diet guru’s widow a low-carb meal culpa Saturday — an invitation to a steak dinner.

Richard Rothstein, a spokesman for Veronica Atkins, said Saturday evening that the dinner invitation had been accepted.

The mayor, who a day earlier advised an angry Atkins to “lighten up,” didn’t deliver an apology himself.

Instead, mayoral spokesman Ed Skyler issued a three-sentence statement about the food fight.

“While talking to firefigh­ters about the challenges of losing weight, the mayor made a joke which upset Veronica Atkins,” Skyler said. “He never intended to insult her late husband or offend her, and is sorry that has been the result.”

A student participates in ping-pong, one of the over 15 events in Friday’s Late Night Olympics. The event pitted teams of dorms against each other in athletic competitions and raised money for Special Olympics.

IN BRIEF

The English Department will present a lecture given by Vanderbilt professor Jonathan Lamb titled, “The Crying of Lost Things: Advertisements for Lost Property and the Beggar’s Opera.” The event will take place from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The final showing of the Student Film Festival runs in the Hesburgh Library Care Auditorium from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. tomorrow. Tickets are $5.

“The Thief,” a 1997 Russian movie that received an Oscar nomination for Best Foreign Language Film, will play tonight from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in DeBartolo 120.

Representatives from over 100 companies will speak with students about employment opportun­ities in the Winter Career and Internship Fair tomorrow. The fair will occur from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Students of all levels are encouraged to attend.

Amanite House, a post-graduate service opportunity in Chicago, will hold an information session for interested students. The session will be held from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns Lounge.

Fred Adams, a professor at the University of Michigan and Associate Chair for Graduate Studies, will present a lecture “Into the Dark: The Lung Term Future of Our Dying Universe” from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in DeBartolo 102.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Groups discuss Keenan Revue
SMC students, Keenan rector to talk about avoiding controversy

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

In an attempt to eliminate the controversy surrounding the Keenan Revue, Keenan Hall rector Father Mark Thesing and two Saint Mary’s student officials met Friday to discuss their concerns regarding the upcoming annual variety show.

Sarah Bailey, Women’s Issues commissioner for the Board of Governance, represented Saint Mary’s Keenan Revue Committee in the meeting and was accompanied by Student Trustee Sarah Mahoney.

“This meeting was groundbreaking and will influence the future (because) we have laid the groundwork for talking to Keenan before the Revue,” Bailey said. “The same issues come up every year and Saint Mary’s and Keenan have never met before the show. We want to keep things civil and enjoyable.”

Thesing declined to comment on the meeting in particular or the Revue in general.

Bailey said she presented her specific concerns about the Revue’s use of potentially offensive stereotypes, and she said the show’s material often focuses on racism, sexism and social issues.

Mahoney said she asked that Keenan consider the College’s mission in preparing its material. Both women said they felt that Thesing listened to their concerns and suggested practical ways to address issues.

“We want to keep things civil and enjoyable.”

Sarah Bailey
Women’s Issues commissioner

“Some things guys just don’t get,” Mahoney said. “It may not be offensive to them, but if they think in a broader sense and talk about all the possible ways people can be offended, it is our hope they will weed those things out before they get into the show.”

Mahoney said Thesing screened the skits Friday night. Each evening, the show will start with a disclaimer stating that the Revue is self-mocking and has no intention of offending the audience.

Mahoney said that, as a result of the discussion, she hopes that planning for the show will start earlier in future years and avoid many offensive jokes.

“The success of our efforts will depend on how much the producers and rector push the men of Keenan to do this,” Mahoney said. “This has to be something they value and want to do.

The Saint Mary’s Keenan Revue Committee will screen the variety show Wednesday. The committee consists of Saint Mary’s student body president and vice president, two members of Holy Cross College’s student government and may include two Notre Dame representatives. The committee also plans to meet with Keenan residents after the show to review how jokes worked, whether people were offended and how the Revue can improve.

“This was a good first step,” Bailey said. “Thesing was very nice to come over to meet with us, but, in the future, we need to do more before the event.”

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NEWSThis Observer

ARTISTIC AWARENESS

Artist Malaguas Montoya spoke about his “PreMeditated: Meditations on Capital Punishment” exhibit at the Smithe Museum on Sunday, Montoya, a California native, is a prominent figure in the Chicano graphic arts movement. His works include paintings, murals, washes, and silk screens.

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Sarah Brown

Who are they?
Sarah Brown is a junior philosophy and political science major. She is currently serving as the Saint Mary's student body vice president. Michelle Fitzgerald is a sophomore political science and religious studies major. She is currently the sophomore class president.

Fun Facts: If elected, Fitzgerald would become vice president after serving as sophomore class president, as did current Saint Mary's president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Brown.

Notable Quote: "We are not past administrations. We have different leadership styles," Brown said.

In their words...

Top Priority: Expanding the backgrounds of students involved in student government leadership positions.

First Priority: Drawing a large applicant pool for positions on the Board of Governance.

In our words...

Best Idea: Building upon efforts by the current administration to continue making student government leaders visible and available to students.

Worst Idea: Increasing the use of the student government logo as a marketing tool for the student body president.

Bottom Line: Brown and Fitzgerald are the most experienced ticket. They have both served in top leadership positions and Brown's experience in the Office of the Student Body President means she is very familiar with the workings of the office and what is feasible. Students should view their proposed expansions of current initiatives favorably as this year's student government was successful in both improving itself and working with the administration to achieve goals for students, such as the implementation of the reading day. This ticket wants to build upon what already has been done and follows the edict that if it isn't broke, it shouldn't be fixed.

Shay Jolly

Who are they?
Shay Jolly is a junior communications major. She currently serves as the president of the Resident Hall Association. Veronica Saavedra is a junior business major. She currently serves as the president of the Student Diversity Board.

Fun Facts: Jolly is passionate about sports and is considering being a sports broadcaster. Saavedra likes to play racquetball.

Notable Quote: "Student government needs more of a support system. We are all Belles in our own right and we should support each other," Jolly said.

In their words...

Top Priority: Increase relationships between faculty and students and Saint Mary's and Notre Dame

First Priority: Determine and analyze problems within student government to help eliminate these hierarchical issues within the structure.

In our words...

Best Idea: Improving communication within student government and between Saint Mary's and the community.

Worst Idea: Focusing too much on equalizing power between the five boards and the Board of Governance.

Bottom Line: These women decided to run together after a night of discussion about how their respective boards did not have power and were lost in the student government structure. It is no surprise their main priority is to fix the problems within student government — namely equalizing power between the five boards and decreasing the power of the Board of Governance. They praised the current administration's effort to bring organization to and publicize student government — namely equalizing power between the five boards and the Board of Governance. They praised the current administration's effort to bring organization to and publicize student government. They praised the current administration's effort to bring organization to and publicize student government.

Sarah Catherine White

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Sarah Catherine White is a business major and Italian minor. Mary Pauline Moran, the junior class vice president, is majoring in business administration. While and Moran currently serve as the junior class president and vice president, respectively.

Fun Facts: White studied in Rome for a semester. Moran is an Irish dancer.

Notable Quote: "We have a very realistic sense and a fresh outlook on student government and the student needs. We're not afraid to stop something if it's not working," White said.

In their words...

Top Priority: Emphasize simple events and enliven attitude in daily campus life.

First Priority: Welcome new College President Carol Mooney with an all school dinner or gathering.

In our words...

Best Idea: Establish procedure manual that lists names, numbers, processes, which can be utilized by students who wish to institute events or other types of action on campus.

Worst Idea: Strengthen ties with South Bend community primarily by encouraging Mass participation.

Bottom Line: White and Moran exude an admirable enthusiasm and desire to enliven the general attitude on the Saint Mary's campus. However, their platform lacks specific goals and they are relatively inexperienced on the executive level, particularly when compared to other candidates. While White and Moran are eager and dedicated, their ability to achieve concrete accomplishments is doubtful. While they know the "ins and outs" of student government, in their words, their ideas are narrow and somewhat hackneyed, failing to put this inside knowledge to good use. The candidates are rightly concerned with working closely with new College president Carol Mooney, and they want to introduce her to the atmosphere of the school and their own attitudes. Again, though, their concern with attitude overshadows their concern with action.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexico admits Peace Corps volunteers

MEXICO CITY — Mexico has broken a decades-old tradition of rejecting U.S. aid workers, granting permission for the first group of U.S. Peace Corps volunteers ever to work here.

Mindful of national sensitivity over U.S. influence, though, the government plans to keep tight oversight over each volunteer.

Still, for a country that has kicked out or criticized U.S. experts in the past — and for one looking about being viewed as undeveloped — it’s a big change.

The decision was made in November. The first 15 volunteers, scheduled to arrive this winter, won’t be performing the Peace Corps’ usual tasks in construction, schools, clinics or farmer training. They will be tucked away in research centers to work on information technology, science and business development.

Asian bird flu outbreaks continue

BANGKOK, Thailand — Indonesia became the second country in Asia to confirm an outbreak of deadly bird flu, as the World Health Organization warned Sunday the virus could be resistant to basic human influenza drugs.

The United States already had confirmed millions of chickens in Indonesia, said Sofjan Sudrajat, a senior agriculture official. But the virus has not yet crossed over to humans, he said.

Indonesian officials had earlier denied the diseases’ presence, but the Indonesian Veterinarians Association said several independent investigations had revealed that bird flu had already killed millions of chickens over the past several months. Asia is on a region-wide health alert, with governments slaughtering millions of chickens to contain outbreaks in Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, South Korea, Japan and Taiwan.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ex-inspector blasts WMD intelligence

WASHINGTON — U.S. intelligence agencies need to explain why their research indicated Iraq possessed banned weapons before the American-led invasion, says the outgoing top U.S. inspector, who now believes Saddam Hussein had no such arms.

“I don’t think they exist,” David Kay said Sunday. “The fact that we found so far the weapons do not exist — we’ve got to deal with that difference and understand why.”

Hostage takers “more compliant”

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A prison standoff began its second week Sunday, negotiators were getting “increasingly more compliant responses" from two inmates holding a correctional officer hostage in a prison watch tower, a prison official said.

The change in the inmates is “a sign that negotiations have been effective,” said the Arizona Department of Corrections official, Ivan Bartos. He did not elaborate about the change.

LOCAL NEWS

Majority dislike split time zone

INDIANAPOLIS — A majority of Indiana residents thought the entire state should be on the same time, while 38 percent were divided over which time zone Indiana residents believed the state’s time-zone split should be ended, but are divided over which time zone Indiana residents thought the entire state should be on the same time, while 38 percent were divided over which time zone.

The poll, sponsored by The Indianapolis Star, found that 58 percent of Indiana residents thought the state should be on the same time, while 38 percent were satisfied with the current time zone.

The poll also found 48 percent preferring to have the entire state in the Central time zone, 20 percent with 40 percent preferring Eastern, or New York time. Twelve percent were in the poll were not sure.

Opportunity sends ‘astonishing’ photos

Second rover lands safely, transmits dozens of images to NASA scientists

Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — NASA’s Opportunity rover sent its first pictures of Mars to Earth on Sunday, delighting and puzzling astronomers who were just after the spacecraft bounced to a landing.

The pictures show a surface smooth and dark red in some places, and strewn with fragmented slabs of light bedrock in others. Bounce marks left by the rover’s air bags when it landed were clearly visible. "I am flabbergasted," said David, chairman of Cornell University and the mission’s main scientist. "I still don’t know what we’re looking at.

NASA began receiving the first of dozens of black-and-white and color images from Opportunity about four hours after its flawless landing. Mars at the time was 124 million miles from Earth.

Mission members huddled and as the images splashed on a screen in mission control at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was there with his wife, Maria Shriver, to watch the drama unfold, and walked through mission control shaking hands with the scientists.

"The pictures just blow me away. We’ve certainly not been to this place before," deputy project manager Richard Cook said.

Opportunity plunged into the martian atmosphere at more than 12,000 mph and bounced down on Mars just six minutes later, swaddled in protective air bags. It hit with a force estimated to be just two to three times that of Earth’s gravity.

Engineers had designed it to withstand as much as 40 Gs, said Chris Jones, director of flight projects at JPL.

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Together, the twin 384-pound rovers make up a $820 million mission to seek geologic evidence that Mars was once a wetter world possibly capable of sustaining life. NASA launched Spirit on June 10 and Opportunity on July 7. Each carries nine cameras and six scientific instruments.

IRAN

Elections threatened by veto of bill

Associated Press

The Guardian Council — Iran’s hard-line Guardian Council vetoed a bill on Sunday that would have curbed its power over election disputes, in a historic confrontation between reformers and conservatives. The Guardian Council rejected a bill reinstating thousands of candidates it disqualified earlier. The veto is likely to provoke a boycott of the Feb. 20 legislative elections by reformers.

The bill would have amended the National Security and Foreign Policy Committee of the parliament and is one of the lawmakers disqualified from running again. Members of the Guardian Council could not immediately reached for comment.

Another reformist legislator who has been disqualified, Fatemeh Haqiqatjou told The Associated Press. "I am flabbergasted," said David Kay, chairman of Cornell University and the mission’s main scientist. "I still don’t know what we’re looking at.

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Iranians never allow dictators to decide for them," she said. "We Members of President Mohammad Khatami’s government have said they will not hold what would be "sham elections" if the disqualifications are upheld.

In a session broadcast live on state radio, legislators voted Sunday to approve the bill. They categorized it as "triple-urgent," meaning highest priority. It was the first time since Iran’s 1979 Islamic revolution that parliament has approved a triple-urgency bill.

The bill would have amended the National Elections Law to force the Guardian Council, which oversees elections, to reinstate all candidates unless there is legal documentation to prove them unfit for parliament. 
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Moran has also held many positions in Saint Mary’s politics. She is the current junior class vice president, and she was on the Student Government Association’s constitution committee. Moran was the Student Government Association’s sophomore scribe and worked on the first-year board to help design the Class of 2005 Web page. Moran is an MIS major with a concentration in Accounting.

White and Moran said that the reasons to run for president and vice president are countless. “We have a passion for this school,” said White. “We feel we represent a wide variety of students here, and people have enjoyed what we’ve done so far. We are always up for a challenge, and this certainly is one, an exciting one.”

White also said that she and Moran feel all students are a part of student government. “All students at Saint Mary’s play a role as a leader, whether silent or for all to see,” said White. It would be an honor to represent the talent and energy of all the students, but that is tough. This is something that is in our gut, that gets us energized, and it’s something we would love to do.”

Brown, a junior and the current student body vice president, and Fitzgerald, a sophomore, said they would be qualified candidates.

“I think Michelle and I have a great combination of experience and fresh ideas,” said Brown. “We’re not opposed to new ideas, and we’re not stuck in an old system. We have good relationships with the faculty, staff and students at Saint Mary’s, and we also have a good feel for what is current.”

Brown and Fitzgerald’s platform places much emphasis on involving both in and out of student government.

“We would really like to continue to spread out the leadership roles in student government and have the committees take on more responsibility to keep the leadership balanced and fair,” said Brown. We would also like to continue to expand student government and look for new ways to involve more students. Reaching out to a broader base of students is also important to us because we want everyone to feel as though they are a part of government at Saint Mary’s.”

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Haliburton to back pay overcharge
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Yewerhauser Q4 profits fall

Seattle — Profits at timber giant Weyerhaeuser Co. fell 27 percent in the fourth quarter, as the company took a series of one-time charges and recorded a large one-time charge by a subcontractor that is accused of giving kickbacks to supply U.S. soldiers in Iraq, a spokeswoman said Friday in new trouble for Vice President Dick Cheney’s former company.

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U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick, left, meets with Costa Rica’s Minister of Foreign Trade Alberto Trejos in Washington Sunday to finalize Costa Rica’s acceptance into the Central American Free Trade Area.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration reached an agreement with Costa Rica on Sunday that will allow that nation to join four of its neighbors in creating a Central American Free Trade Area with the United States, officials of the two countries announced.

The deal must be approved by Congress.

The agreement came after weeks of intense negotiations aimed at overcoming differences in such areas as telecommunications and insurance that had prophets Costa Rica to back out at the last minute from completing the CAFTA talks last month with the four other nations, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras.

Administration officials said they were pleased with the market-opening language finally reached with Costa Rica, which had sought to protect its monopoly operations in telecommunications and insurance.

Costa Rica agreed to fully open its insurance market to foreign competition by 2011. It also agreed to open three key sectors of its telecommunication market to competition — wireless services, private network services and Internet services.

While the country will maintain bans against foreign competition in other areas of telecommunication, U.S. negotiators said they were satisfied that they had turned down has continued to be a major of the most important to U.S. companies.

"Costa Rica needed a little more time to complete its participation in CAFTA, and we’re very pleased that it has joined its Central American neighbors in this milestone," modern free trade agreement," U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick said in a statement.

The negotiating breakthrough was announced jointly in Washington by Zoellick and Costa Rican Trade Minister Alberto Trejos.

Senior U.S. trade officials, who briefed reporters Sunday on condition of anonymity, said that they hoped to publish the full text of the CAFTA agreement "by the end of the week."

They said the next step would be to add a sixth country, the island nation of the Dominican Republic, to the trade deal before submitting it to Congress.

The free trade deal covering Central America has stirred strong opposition among U.S. sugar cane and sugar beet farmers, who fear competition from lower-priced Central American sugar and from the U.S. textile industry, which is concerned that the deal will open their beleaguered industry to even more foreign competition.

U.S. officials on Sunday refused to speculate on when the CAFTA would be presented to Congress for a vote. Supporters hope that the addition of the Dominican Republic will pick up critical House votes among Democrats whose districts include large numbers of Dominican immigrant populations.

However, U.S. labor unions are vowing to strongly oppose the pact, which they believe would continue a trend of exposing U.S. workers to increased competition from low-wage nations with lax labor and environmental laws.

For its part, the administration hopes to use congressional passage of CAFTA as a stepping stone to achieving an even bigger goal, creation of a Free Trade Area of the Americas, covering all 34 democracies in the Western hemisphere.

In 2003, U.S. goods exports to Costa Rica totaled $3.5 billion, up about 13 percent from the previous year, while the United States imported $3.4 billion in goods from Costa Rica, an increase of 9.7 percent from 2002.

Meijer cuts in-store management

Walker, Mich. — Meijer Inc. has eliminated about 125 management positions in the latest step of a reorganization effort, the retailer said on Saturday.

Meijer is reducing the number of its management team by about 42 to 30 per store. The family-owned and operated grocer and general merchandise retailer has 158 stores in Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and Ohio.

Some team leaders will be offered non-supervisory positions. Those who lose their jobs will receive a severance package, health care continuation options and assistance finding new jobs, the company said.

"As part of our continual transformation, we have been studying the industry’s best practices," Meijer spokesman John Zimmerman said. "As a result, we have determined we need to streamline our stores’ supervisory structure in each store."

Zimmerman said Meijer will create about 6,500 new jobs with the planned opening of five stores this year and eight in 2005.

Meijer has said its restructuring effort, which started five months ago, is necessary to remain competitive. Before the latest round of cuts, the company said it employed about 75,000 people.

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Multiple retail chains such as Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Target Corp. and Kmart Holding Corp. have adapted the supermarket concept that Meijer developed during the 1960s. Dutch immigrant Hendrik Meijer opened the first Meijer store, a grocery, in Greenville in 1956.

Meijer Inc. started experimenting in October with a new cost-cutting bagging system at a store in the Grand Rapids suburb of Wyoming. If the ring-and-bag system, as it is known, is installed in all Meijer stores, nearly 8,000 mostly part-time bagging jobs would be lost, the retailer said.

In 1990, Meijer’s five-year plan had called for 15 new locations by 2000. According to company records, it opened 19 new stores that year and one in 1999, missing its own target. Today, Meijer has 158 stores with 75,000 employees, the second largest employer in Michigan.

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said he is focused on returning a good product to the students in a different level. Chi's decision not to run was based on her hopes for the student body president position. "I am hoping to go abroad next year, and I've always wanted to go abroad since I came to this institution," she said. "It was a personal goal." Chiu has applied to the Shanghai program and will hear about her acceptance status in February. Both Lao and Chi's advice to the student body officer is to look for what qualities they should look for in their next president. Lao said that students should look for someone they know will work hard for them and that will work to represent their needs and interests — someone who will ultimately love the students.

Chiu said she believes the true president will be the one who can challenge the students. She said students should find whom they will challenge student government on a different level. Cheryl N. Ebersol has been approved as the election's vice president.

"I'm not abandoning student government in any way. I want to find something new for myself but keep connected to student government," Chiu said. "I'm not abandoning student government in any way. I want to find something new for myself but keep connected to student government on a different level." Cheryl N. Ebersol said that student government is the kind of personality she is looking for in the candidate. "I think the first thing you have to do is get a group that represents every body of student government," he said. "You have to be able to show you can produce." Leito, Ebersol's candidate for vice president, is currently the sophomore class president. Leito said that student body president positions have issues on which they will focus during the next two weeks before the elections. Ebersol said that student involvement is on the top of his list of how to better student government. "We really need to focus on student involvement in administration," said Ebersol. Ebersol said one of his objectives is to have the student body president sit on the Board of Trustees. If not as a voting member, then as simply the voice of the students in the administration.

"They just need our voice there," he said. In line with their focus on student involvement, Ebersol and Leito have vowed to visit each dorm before the election and during the next two weeks before the election. "I think the biggest problem is not getting the job done on things that we can actually do something about," Mark Healy said. "I'm here because I want to break the cycle of having a few people decide what the school should be." Mark Healy expressed a need for student government to work on things that will improve student life.

"We've been looking into putting some type of Blockbuster on campus," he said. These candidates will also focus on student feedback and involvement. "We're suggesting that right where they have the TCE boxes ... we put in boxes for suggestions," said Mark Healy. "There would be forms that people can fill out and we'll get them directly and we can contact the students ... We want to be able to take what people want to get done and make that our top priority." Mark Healy has sat on the communications board of the Office of the Student Body President and he has also worked on campaigns for congressmen and the mayor of his hometown, Orlando. Mark Healy said he chose Mike Healy for his running mate because he "can tell that Mike has the right type of person to be able to lead." Mark Healy said his ticket's main approach is to get SYRs back in the dorms.

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Observer endorses Brown-Fitzgerald

Please excuse the students of Saint Mary’s if they are confused heading into Tuesday’s student body presidential elections. But that’s what happens when, after a three-year stretch of one-ticket elections, three sets of candidates run for the highest student position at Saint Mary’s. It’s about time Saint Mary’s students have a choice in electing their top student leaders.

Ironically, however, this best ticket of all promotes the greatest commitment to the status quo. Based on interviews with The Observer, Sarah Brown and Michelle Fitzgerald present the best qualified ticket for student body president and vice president. Brown and Fitzgerald demonstrate ideal leadership abilities that would ensure a smooth and effective transition into the positions they pursue.

Brown, currently student body vice president, shows the ability to step forward and continue many of the policies she helped develop her first year as student body president. Fitzgerald’s role as student body vice president will make Brown’s transition easier.

That is why Saint Mary’s voters should be attracted to Brown and Fitzgerald’s commitment to continue a solid relationship with the College President and Saint Mary’s. The beginning of Mooney’s tenure at Saint Mary’s will undoubtedly be a whirlwind for the new College president, and having consistency among the student leaders—consistency Brown provides by moving from vice president to president—will make Mooney’s transition easier.

Brown and Fitzgerald have a focus on atmospheric and engaging, new attitude that some Saint Mary’s students, especially those who are disillusioned with the current student government, may be attracted to.

But the truth is, the Saint Mary’s student government—of which Brown has been an integral member—performed so admirably this year that there is little need for a new focus in this election. Brown and Fitzgerald have the most experience in student government and know what needs to be done aside from promoting special events. They will work on the larger scale that is very much needed and, judging from the strides made by student government this year, it won’t be needed that much. They have a plan as well as a message that will be crucial in the introduction of Mooney as Saint Mary’s president.

The Observer endorses Sarah Brown and Michelle Moran for 2004-05 Saint Mary’s student body president and vice president.

Doctor Dean quacks up

Mike Marchand

Unsung Distinguished Alumnus

It must be tough to be Howard Dean. Not just due to the damage he’s done to his reputation, but because he has a hard time being Howard Dean.

Last Monday, in the Iowa caucus, he was beaten soundly by John Edwards, respectively, two guys whose campaign were roundly as little as four weeks ago. Up until the Hannibal, Mississippi, debate, Dean had never lost an election in his 20-year political career. Initially, he seemed like he was handing his defeat well, smiling and waving an American flag before supporters. Though Dean’s comments were nothing short of spectacular.

He then went on: "Not only are we going to New Hampshire, ... At this point, the little Jimmy Crime inside Howard’s head should have thrown the switch and demolished him. But the fervor of the crowd increased, and he lost himself in the moment: “We’re going to South Carolina, and Oklahoma, and Arizona, and North Dakota, and New Mexico...” and he listed just about every other state in the Union, two Canadian provinces, and British Samoa.

Shortly thereafter, Dean came completely undone. And then we’re talking Washington, D.C., to take back the White House! And then he let loose with... well, nobody’s quite sure what exactly it was, but it made dogs cover their ears and sherry in Duluth become incandescent.

Clever wordsmiths noticed that the Iowa caucus was held on Martin Luther King Day and therefore called Dean’s outburst "The Day of the Suck." Just a little bit of pith, and I hate splitting synonymic hairs, but that was most definitely not a scream. It was... a ya, really, a mini-little shriek that sounds like something with the top... childlike), but it’s hard to believe none of them consid­ered this more Freudian angle.

And, as a sexual expression, it’s all over the internet. Quirky amateur musicians have set it to music, meaning Dean, who’s an idol to thousands of hip young people who normally don’t vote, is quite possibly the first politician whose words and the winner of a contest for (musicians, I think I’ve found the word to describe Dean’s “Yaahhhhh!": an ejaculation. (I’m not lying. Look it up.)

I may say so myself, it’s perfect. It was at the end of the night and Dean came out and took a lead buildup to a climactic release. And the next day, he regretted that it ever happened. Psychoanalysts of all stripes have made instant diagnoses of the speech ("He really lost it.""). The post election.

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Acting out against affirmative action

Affirmative action has been a touchy subject for many Americans for a long time. Last year, Notre Dame was affected directly when our University officially sided with the University of Michigan's admissions policy, which awards "bonus" points to applicants from minority groups. I am a public school student in the Washington, D.C., area, which has a much higher minority population than this University. Therefore, I know how important diversity is to a holistic education and believe our school must always take all possible strides to recruit students from varied backgrounds. However, I have also observed less qualified minority students get into prestigious colleges, while more qualified white students were refused admission. Seeing both sides first-hand, I have long struggled to find my own position.

My views became solidified when I read "What's So Great About America?" by Dinesh D'Souza. An Indian immigrant who has served as a White House policy analyst, D'Souza argues vehemently against affirmative action. I found his arguments quite compelling and think that many other students with reservations similar to my own may find D'Souza's perspective helpful.

The main thrust of D'Souza's anti-affirmative action argument is a contrast between the prevailing sentiments of two groups: the African-American population and the non-white immigrant population. According to D'Souza, immigrants often compare America to conditions in their home countries, and what would be considered "luxuries in their homes are oftentimes seen as basic necessities here. In fact, the minimum wage rate in America is higher than the average income in many countries.

Conversely, many African-Americans compare their troubles to the lives of the American elite. For example, "If rich white kids can go to college, then my children should have the same opportunity." Using this standard for comparison is completely irrational, as it assumes every citizen has the right to what others have, regardless of other differences.

African-Americans sometimes counter that they would be much more successful were it not for the racial prejudice of the past. For example, "If rich white kids can go to college, then my children should have the same opportunity." Using this standard for comparison is completely irrational, as it assumes every citizen has the right to what others have, regardless of other differences.

This may be true, D'Souza argues, but new immigrants coming to America usually fare even harsher disadvantages. In addition to not fitting the "American" standard physically, immigrants must overcome a lack of credit, a lack of familial relations in the country and most importantly, an immense language barrier. However, one rarely hears of immigrants clamoring for "bonus points" because of their obstacles. Immigrants do not demand that the United States somehow change to eliminate their disadvantages — they simply work even harder to overcome them.

Another defense for affirmative action is that many minorities, especially inner-city blacks, simply are not exposed to the same opportunities as whites. This suggestion is false as well. Evidence from a 1999 study by the College Entrance Examination Board entitled "Group Differences in Standardized Testing and Social Satisfactory," shows that whites from families making less than $20,000 annually actually score higher than blacks from families earning over $60,000 a year.

Such disparity proves that "opportunity" alone cannot be responsible for differences in test scores.

The most famous civil rights leader of all time, Martin Luther King Jr., pleaded that all men be judged by merit, not by the color of their skin. Unfortunately, our current affirmative action policies do exactly what King argued against — they are in place to award positions in jobs and universities to those of a different race, in such capacities that those individuals would not be able to see past their skin color alone.

Blacks compose only 12 percent of the population, but 75 percent of NBA players are black. Is it sensible then to place a quota on the number of blacks who can play in the NBA, so that the races are more evenly distributed? Surely not; those players earned their places on merit.

D'Souza concludes with the idea that the root of the problem for African-Americans (and other minorities) is that they are so focused on the crimes of the past that they are unable to see that there is in fact a clear path to a more successful future, if they would simply choose it. Instead of demanding that society lower the merit-bar so that they can compete, these groups should raise themselves and meet the current criteria. Instead of agitating the system, demanding reparations and relying on pity in order to achieve, they should work within a system that is in fact unbiased to find the success that other minority groups have found.

Racial minorities are not less qualified, talented or capable than the majority. Therefore, it is time to stop treating them by giving them special privileges, which effectively destroys the merit-based system Dr. King valiantly sought. Affirmative action does not solve the problems of the races, but sweeps an embarrassing reality under the rug and allows minorities to retain the tragic notion that they are still victims of oppression. Minority groups can only advance after accepting that the means to progress is by increasing their own merit, not robbing it from others.

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The Welsh Family Hall Dance Show took the stage nearly nine months after Dubon initially suggested the idea to Welsh’s hall council. Working through the dorm and Student Activities, Dubon, with show business manager Catherine Mulhern, obtained funding for advertising and booked Washington Hall.

She took matters into her own hands and created something that filled Washington Hall Saturday night with an enthusiastic, cheering crowd and a litany of talented, excited dancers.

The Welsh Family Hall Dance Show was different from past peformance groups. Featuring everything from members of the Irish and Ballet Folklorico to routines of jazz, ballet, tap and swing.

Dancers performed to a variety of tunes — ranging from Janet Jackson’s “If” to Coldplay’s “Polkirk” to the musical Chicago’s “All That Jazz” — and the music, along with the energetic and skillful dancing, sparked the enthusiasm of the audience, whose clapping and cheering unquestionably pumped up the atmosphere of the already excited dancers.

“I was elated,” Dubon said, adding that the show went “better than I could have ever expected.”

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acclaimed films from Europe, America and Australia offer a chance to learn about issues from around the world.

"People". Like many of the most insightful and best-directed movies from any year, some of them never even made it to Movies 14 on campus. But thanks to ND Cinema, students live in places besides L.A. or New York have a chance to see these critically acclaimed films.

Women in European Film

When the Nanovic Institute for European Studies organized this year's European film exhibition, they decided to focus not just on films by women, but on films about women and issues they have faced. The Institute will sponsor one film every month for the rest of the semester.

Professor Daniel Matttern was one member of the committee responsible for deciding the themes and choosing the films.

"We hoped to get a little more precise at some point," said. "But we were dealing with so many different countries, we just decided to choose seven films.

The films scheduled for this semester are far from optimistic and deal with issues like sexual abuse and prostitution. In order to help students understand the issues involved in the films, guest speakers will introduce the films and lead discussions afterward.

"One thing we're trying to do is bring someone who can talk about a film, bring a context to it," Matttern said. "Sometimes it's hard to think about an issue while you're watching, but you can usually get more out of a film."

Daniel Matttern Nanovic Institute

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"Rabbit-Proof Fence," scheduled for this Thursday, tells the story of a woman who becomes involved in the life of an Algerian prostitute after she sees her being sexually abused in an alley by men who turn out to be her pimps.

"It describes the way that two people find each other through crimes by men," Matttern said. "It's kind of a drama and a comedy — I'd call it a dramedy."

Algerian playwright Alexandre Toumi will introduce the film. Toumi teaches philosophy, and francophone studies, and has been able to return home for a film. Toumi teaches film, drama and French.

Baylee Toumi Thursday, tells the story of a middle-aged man who turns out to be her pimp.

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David Hachen FFSA

"Rabbit-Proof Fence," screened on March 23, introduced the Race and Culture film series. The Alliance is divided into subcommittees for different issues, and the series was a special project of the race issues section.

"We wanted to get together and do some things on campus," race issues committee member David Hachen said. "The series was our way of addressing some issues.

After the films the group will provide pizza, and a few students will be asked to present a few questions about the film for anyone who wants to stay, eat and discuss.

"It's meant to be short," Hachen said. "They've been asked to talk for only one or two minutes."

The first film will be John Sales' "Lone Star," a film which deals with border issues in Southern Texas through the legend of Sheriff Buddy Deeds, who is supposed to have saved the town from corruption. When a 40-year-old murder is discovered, it drugs up a net of other issues as well.

On Feb. 24, the group is bringing in director Paul Kell for the Midwest premier of his hip-hop documentary "5 Sides of a Coin." The documentary explores the five major elements of hip-hop, including graffiti and brake dancing. Kell interviews some of the most respected hip-hop figures about the history of a genre that is having an increasingly large impact on many levels of American culture.

"This is going to be really exciting," Hachen said. "We're trying to bring in people from the community as well as students."

"Rabbit-Proof Fence," showing on March 23, briefly came to Movies 16 in South Bend after it came out, but was never shown at most movie theatres. The Australian film follows the journey of three Aboriginal girls across the outback. The girls are part of the stolen generation, when large group of Aboriginal children were taken from their parents and resettled in government camps during the early 1900s.

"Smoke Signals," the last film in the series, is a comedy about two Native American boys. Victor's father saves Thomas from a fire that kills both his parents. As the boys grow up they turn out to be complete opposites. The film is set on the Coeur d'Alene Indian Reservation in Idaho.

All the films will be shown in the Carrey Auditorium in Hesburgh Library. Admission is free and open to all students.

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Women in European Film Series

All in Carrey Auditorium, Hesburgh Library at 7 p.m.

Chaos

Director Coline Serreau

Thursday, Jan. 29

The Magdalene Sisters

Director: Peter Mullan

Thursday, Feb. 5

Respiro

Director: Emanuele Crialese

Thursday, Mar. 18

Lilja 4-Ever

Director: Lukas Moodysson

Thursday, Apr. 7

SOURCE: Nanovic Institute
Cassell leads T-wolves to first place in the West

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — For Sam Cassell, the first quarter and fourth quarter of a basketball game are the same. Maybe that’s why he’s able to come through in the clutch so often.

Cassell scored 14 of his 32 points in the fourth quarter to help the Minnesota Timberwolves beat the Dallas Mavericks 110-104 on Sunday, giving the T-wolves their longest winning streak at 19 games. Cassell extended its home winning streak to 19 games.

"It’s just basketball, shooting the ball. That’s it." "It’s the last 29 games Cassell is shooting 57.5 percent (73-for-127) from the floor in the fourth quarter. He has hit a clutch 3-pointer nearly every game, and on Monday, he went 2-for-3 from behind the 3-point line and 8-for-8 from the foul line down the stretch.

"Sam is so focussed in the fourth quarter, he gets more and more aggressive," Kevin Garnett, who finished with 19 points, 17 rebounds and eight assists. "I think that’s why they break down in the fourth quarter. I’m accustomed to doing what I’ve been doing.

The Wolves moved into a tie with Sacramento for the best record in the Western Conference at 30-12. The Kings lost 114-109 to Dallas on Sunday.

Minnesota has never been in first place in the conference that Cassell has played in since he left the University of Oklahoma two years ago.

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Chris Bosh had 19 points and 11 rebounds for the 12th time in 13 games, and the Grizzlies extended their longest losing streak to eight games with a victory over the Denver Nuggets.

"I think we’ve got a long way to go," Denver coach Jeff Van Gundy said. "It’s a great time for New Jersey to come out and still support us," Kidd said after the Nets’ first home game since the sale of the team to a group of protesters, the New York City Nets finally got back to playing well again.

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Sabres earn rare comeback win over Hurricanes

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Jochen Hecht and Martin Biron showed the Buffalo Sabres how to rally from a deficit. Hecht had two goals and Biron made 37 saves, helping the Sabres erase a two-goal deficit and beat the Carolina Hurricanes 4-2 Sunday for a rare comeback win.

Derek Roy’s third-period goal put the Sabres ahead to stay, and Milan Bartovic added a goal and an assist.

Entering the game, the Sabres were 4-18-2 when they allowed the first goal, and 1-12-1 when trailing after the first period. But none of that mattered Sunday as the Sabres took advantage of mistakes by Carolina goaltender Jamie Storr.

"It doesn’t happen very often," Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff said. "It would’ve been an easy game to go the other way, but we came back."

Erik Cole and Kevyn Adams scored for the Hurricanes, who had a 39-21 advantage in shots. After a turnover by defenseman Bruno St. Jacques in the Carolina zone, Bartovic shot on Storr, who made the save but failed to control the puck. Roy pushed the rebound into the left side of the net at 5:15 for a 2-1 lead.

It was just one of three goals that came off mistakes by Storr. The Sabres scored twice off rebounds. Bartovic scored Buffalo’s first goal off a shot by Andy Delmore, poking the puck past Storr at 3:55 of the second period.

Hecht scored an insurance goal when he slid Storr’s pass along the boards and beat the goaltender back to the net at 18:31 of the third. Storr, the backup to Kevin Weekes, took responsibility for the loss.

Flyers 4, Capitals 1

Mark Recchi and John LeClair to full advantage of the short-handed Washington Capitals.

Recchi and LeClair each had a goal and three assists in leading the Philadelphia Flyers to a victory.

"What, are you surprised that we played a good game?" LeClair asked. "I think we’re all feeling pretty comfortable. It’s a good mix and it definitely worked well for us tonight."

Michal Handzus and Kim Johnson also scored to help the Flyers win for the fifth time in their last six games.

Washington played with just five defensemen. Sergei Gonchar injured a shoulder Friday night in a loss in Florida, and Josef Boumedienne was scratched because of food poisoning.

"It’s huge, we really only have two defense that have a lot of NHL experience," Washington’s Mike Grier said about Gonchar. "He’s the leading point-getter for defensemen in the league and to lose him is a huge blow."

Recchi opened the scoring at 5:30 of the first period, beating goalie Rasislav Sana with a wrist shot just after LeClair’s strong play to keep the puck in the offensive zone.

LeClair made it 2-0 less than three minutes later, tipping a shot behind Sana, who started in place of Olaf Kolzig for the first time since being recalled from Portland on Jan. 6.

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**MLB**

Alex Rodriguez looks on during a 4-1 loss to the Angels on Sept. 28. The shortstop was named captain of the Rangers Sunday night.

Rangers name MVP Rodriguez captain

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wearing their finest evening clothes, Alex Rodriguez and the Texas Rangers tried to put a formal end to their troubled offseason filled with trade talk and tension.

At an unusual news conference in which everyone wore tuxedos, the Rangers appointed Rodriguez their captain on Sunday night.

In town to accept the World Series MVP award, Rodriguez met for five hours in the hotel suite of Rangers owner Tom Hicks, with general manager John Hart and manager Buck Showalter joining in. Afterward, the quartet proclaimed the start of a new era that they hoped would culminate in Texas' first World Series title.

"I definitely think I'm going to be here for a long time," Rodriguez said. "I'm probably sure it will work out for the best." Texas wanted to get out from under the burden of the record $252 million, 10-year contract it signed Rodriguez to after the 2000 season, and the seven-time All-Star shortstop was frustrated following three last-place finishes with the Rangers. Texas then agreed last month to a tentative trade that would have sent the seven-time All-Star shortstop to Boston for outfielder Manny Ramirez.

"It looked like there might be a situation that would be win, win," Hicks said.

But the deal was contingent on A-Rod agreeing to restructure his contract, and the players' association vetoed the proposal made by Boston, saying it would have reduced the deal's value by $28 million to $30 million. The union made a counteroffer that would have cut $12 million to $13 million, a proposal Boston found unacceptable.

The trade then collapsed.

"This was an unpleasant experience but probably a necessary one," Hart said.

Showalter said he had been thinking of making Rodriguez captain for the past year, but Hicks wasn't aware of the plan until halfway through Sunday's meeting.

"I feel a grand responsibility only to the Texas Rangers but to our fans," Rodriguez said, adding that he was touched by the gesture, especially given that he's only 28 years old.

**In Brief**

Mickelson wins playoff to end victory drought

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Phil Mickelson showed he's back on his game after a disappointing year, beating Skip Kendall on the first playoff hole Sunday in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

The victory ended an 18-month winless streak for Mickelson, who dropped from second to 16th in the world rankings. He rolled a 3-foot birdie putt into the putting surface, then missed his birdie try. Mickelson's chip left him one shot behind Kendall (65) at his second shot into the left rough on the other side, but considerably closer to the hole.

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Mickelson, making his 2004 debut closed with a 4-under 68 to match Kendall (65) at 30-under 330 in the 90-hole tournament.

After each birdied the final hole, they returned to the 18th tee to begin the playoff.Both hit their drives down the center, then Kendall pulled his second shot into the left rough beside the green on the 543-yard par-5. Mickelson's second shot went into the rough on the other side, but considerably closer to the hole.

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Jay Haas, 50, the 1988 tournament champion and runner-up to Mike Weir a year ago, finished third with a 77 that left him one shot behind Mickelson and Kendall.

**New NASCAR's tire rules to be tested**

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — New tires and some new aerodynamic rules have turned the annual preseason test at Las Vegas Motor Speedway into a must for most of the top NASCAR teams.

"It's going to be important for everybody," said Ryan Pemberton, crew chief for Joe Nemechek.

"We're going to learn a lot about the new rules, the bodies, where we're at and what direction we need to go in — if we need to make more downforce, take some downforce off the front or what."

The four days of testing on the 1 1/2-mile LVMS oval, beginning Monday, will be different than the work that has been going on the last two weeks at Daytona International Speedway, where the new rules, cutting three-quarters of an inch off the rear spoilers — do not come into play because of the use of carburetor restrictor plates to slow the cars on the big track.

The majority of the races on the 36-race schedule are run on the so-called intermediate tracks — 1 1/2- or 2-mile ovals — like Las Vegas, and everyone wants to know what the combination of softer tires, the shorter rear spoilers to cut downforce and several new templates to make the cars less aerodynamic will do.

**around the dial**

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**AROUND THE NATION**

Compiled from the Observer Wire Services

Monday, January 26, 2004
**Seminoles top Deacons 75-70**

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Tim Pickett's second straight strong finish made some history for Florida State.

The Seminoles, with Pickett again having a big second half, beat No. 10 Wake Forest 75-70, giving them consecutive wins over Top Ten teams for the first time in school history.

He scored all of his 18 points after halftime Sunday and Florida State made six straight free throws over the final 45 seconds to hand the Demon Deacons' their fourth straight loss.

Last Thursday, Pickett scored 22 points after halftime to spark the Seminoles to a 90-81 overtime victory over No. 7 North Carolina. Up next is No. 1 Duke on Thursday.

"In all my years of coaching I've never been part of a scenario where your team is on the court and you play the 10th, the seventh, then have a chance to go play the No. 1-ranked team," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said. "You have to be realistic where we are. We're still a team that's developing, that's trying to move our program as a program of significance in the ACC, as well as on a national basis."

Wake Forest (11-4, 2-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), has reached those levels, but the Blue Devils (11-9, 2-2) added a loss to the list that included Texas, Duke and Georgia Tech.

No. 5 Louisville 65, Tennessee 62

Louisville needed a spark, and got it from the full-court press. Francisco Garcia scored 24 points and the fifth-ranked Cardinals rallied in the second half for their 15th straight victory in a win over Tennessee.

Louisville (15-1) regained the lead for the first time since the opening minutes and took control with a 12-0 run midway through the second half.

No. 14 Arizona 90, Oregon 68

Arizona's big first half was no accident. The Wildcats went up against Oregon hoping for a quick start.

"We wanted a game where we could come out and jump on them," said Hassan Adams, who had 20 points in the 14th-ranked Wildcats' victory over the Ducks. "We felt this would be a great opportunity to work on that." Channing Frye had 18 points and 11 rebounds and IvanRadujevic had a season-high 19 points, 15 in the first half when the Wildcats (13-3, 5-2 Pac-10) had an 18-0 run on the way to a 25-point halftime lead.

"The first half was just spectacular," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "Defensively, we created a lot of problems for Oregon, and it was very hard for them to get many good looks.

Radenovic, a freshman from Serbia playing in his ninth college game, also had eight rebounds, and Arizona had a 42-30 edge on the boards against a team that had out-rebounded nine of 13 previous opponents.

Andre Iguodala added 14 points for the Wildcats, who won their third straight since a two-game skid knocked them out of the Top Ten. Luke Jackson had 20 points, six rebounds and six assists for Oregon (9-5, 4-3), while Ian Crosswhite scored 11 points and Mitch Platt had 10.

No. 23 Purdue 76, Michigan St. 70, OT

As Brandon McKnight rose to the biggest shot of the game in overtime, Purdue coach Gene Keady already knew what was going to happen.

"I saw the determination in his face when he took that jumper," Keady said. "I said, 'Hey, we're going to win this thing.'"

Keady's intuition was right. McKnight's jumper gave No. 23 Purdue the lead for good in its win over Michigan State.

It also capped a brilliant final 25 minutes for McKnight, who finished with 10 points, seven assists and three steals.

He got Purdue into the overtime, then made sure his effort wasn't wasted.

McKnight drove the length of the floor for a layup with 8 seconds to go that forced overtime, then hit his jumper that propelled Purdue to its fourth straight win.

"All I was thinking was just attack," McKnight said of his game-tying drive. "I didn't see anybody in front of me, so I just went with it.

The victory moved Purdue ahead of No. 1 Duke on Saturday and set up a showdown with No. 7 North Carolina on Tuesday.

Missouri 95, Illinois 92, OT

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**Longhorns hold off instate rivalaggies**

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Texas had to overcome 22 turnovers and guard Toccara Williams to beat Texas A&M.

Tiffany Jackson had 15 points and 11 rebounds, and Heather Schreiber made the go-ahead free throw and a 3-pointer in the closing minutes, helping the Longhorns hold off Texas A&M.

Texas (17-2, 5-1 Big 12) got off to a slow start and need a charge to take a 32-30 halftime lead over the Aggies (7-10, 0-6), who tied the game at 56 with 4 minutes to play.

Schreiber's free throw with 3:59 left put the Longhorns ahead to stay at 57-56 and her 3-pointer 30 seconds later made it 60-56.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Irish dominate at home meet

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Writer

Sophomore Molly Huddle blew away the competition in the mile run as she and her Irish track and field teammates turned in a solid performance Friday night at the Loftus Sports Center. The men's and women's indoor teams hosted Western Michigan, Ball State, Loyola of Chicago and Depaul and came away with firsts in 16 events.

Huddle, a returning All-American in the 3,000-meter run, posted a first-place time of 4:52.32 in the mile. She was dominant in the triple jump with distances of 11.46 meters and 15.06 meters, respectively. The Irish weight throw tandem of Juan Alba and Chip Roberts came away with solid performances. Alba took first place with a throw of 17.16 meters, while Roberts placed third with a distance of 16.18 meters.

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There were also firsts in the 60-meter hurdles, the 5,000-meter run, the 4 by 100-meter relay, the 4 by 400-meter relay, the 3,000-meter steeplechase, the long jump, the triple jump, the pole vault, the discus, the shot put, the javelin, the 1500-meter run, the 4 by 800-meter relay and the pentathlon.

“Tome is our first race this year, and it was good to see where everyone’s at,” he said. “It was a great confidence-booster for us.”

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**ND Swimming and Diving**

Irish nearly knock off Northwestern

By MATT PUGLISI  
Sports Writer

The men’s swimming and diving team just missed pulling off a big upset in Evanston, Ill., Saturday afternoon, narrowly falling to No. 15 Northwestern, 155-133.

"Northwestern is a pretty highly-ranked team, but we hung in there with them the whole way," sophomore Tyler Grenda said. "We wanted to finish out the road season really well, and this was a good conclusion to all our road meets this year."

While Notre Dame's impressive depth allowed the squad to claim two of the top three spots in 10 of the 12 races and at least three of the top five spots in 13 of the 14 swimming events, the Irish (5-7) managed only a trio of first-place finishes in the 16 overall competitions.

Three freshmen — Ted Brown (200-yard freestyle), Louis Cavadin (100-yard freestyle) and Scott Coyte (1-meter board) — were the lone victors for the Irish. Also, each recorded runner-up finishes as Brown, Cavadin and Coyte took second in the 500-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle and 3-meter board, respectively.

In addition to the trio of freshmen, a number of Notre Dame swimmers turned in strong efforts including several upperclassmen who took second in the 100-yard backstroke (second in 200-yard backstroke), sophomores Tim Randolph (second in 100-yard breaststroke, third in 100-yard freestyle), Grenda (second in 200-yard breaststroke, third in 100-yard freestyle) and Steve Shomberger (second in 200-yard backstroke, third in 100-yard breaststroke).

Several upperclassmen got in on the scoring as well, as junior Frank Krakowski took third in 100-yard butterfly and 50-yard freestyle and senior co-captain Matt Ohringer placed second in 200-yard freestyle.

Although the Irish were successful in gobbling a majority of the first, second, third and fifth place spots, their inability to keep the Wildcats out of first in the individual races ultimately brought about their downfall.

The loss to Northwestern marks the end of a long road trip that saw Notre Dame go 4-2, falling only to No. 17 Pittsburgh and the No. 15 Wildcats.

"With the past couple weeks, we've pretty much spent it all on the road, from being in California for a little more than a week and a half, coming back for a couple days, then going to Pittsburgh and then to Northwestern," Grenda said. "But, we've done really well week after week on several different levels of competition."

After hosting St. Bonaventure Saturday, the Irish will challenge California State Feb. 6 and Oakland Feb. 9.

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**Hockey**

Irish suffer a pair of heartbreakers

By JUSTIN SCHUVER  
Associate Sports Writer

Close, but no cigar. No points, either.

The Irish (12-2-3, 8-8-2 in CCHA) dropped a pair of one goal games to Northern Michigan (12-11-1, 10-10-0) this weekend, falling 4-3 in overtime Friday night and 1-0 Saturday. The Wildcats exacted a bit of revenge on Notre Dame, who defeated Northwestern Michigan in a home sweep earlier this season at the Joyce Center.

For the third consecutive week, the Irish opened a road series with a game that went into overtime, with the previous two a 5-4 overtime loss to Bowling Green Jan. 9 and a 2-2 tie against Wisconsin Jan. 17.

Wildcat forward Daren Olver scored the winning goal Friday with just 45 seconds left in the extra frame.

Notre Dame has struggled with consistency this year, defeating several ranked teams but having difficulty making any major strides in the conference standings. They are 1-5 in their last six CCHA contests.

The Irish were unable to take advantage of quality play from senior for-goaltender Bob Globke, who had two goals on the weekend. Senior captain Aaron Gill also scored two points in Friday's game, picking up a goal and an assist.

The combination of Gill and Globke scored seven of the eight goals the Irish have scored in their past four games.

Junior Morgan Cey started in net for the Irish, making 28 saves. Freshman David Brown allowed only one goal Saturday, collecting 22 saves, but was bested by senior Craig Kowalski's shutout.

Kowalski made a combined 46 saves in the two Northern Michigan victories.

Friday, Northern Michigan got on the scoreboard first as Jamie Milan scored a power play goal just a little over halfway into the first period. The second period was full of end-to-end action, as both teams scored two goals in the frame.

Notre Dame scored the first two goals of the second, giving the Irish a 2-1 lead. Gill collected his ninth goal of the year nine minutes into the period, and Globke followed a little more than three minutes later.

That lead was short lived, as Northern Michigan tied the game just 19 seconds later, with Nathan Oystrick collecting a rebound of a Alan Swanson shot and flipping it past Cey.

Bobby Selden regained the lead for Northern Michigan with less than two minutes left in the second, flipping a shot past a screened Cey for the goal.

The Irish tied the game back up at 6:29 of the third period, with Globke scoring his second goal of the game. It was his team-best 15th goal of the season.

Olver's overtime goal dropped Notre Dame to 0-2-3 in overtime this season. The Irish have not won in the extra frame since a win against Miami (Ohio) Jan. 25, 2002.

Saturday, the Irish put a lot of pressure on Kowalski, outshooting the Wildcats 27-23. They were unable to solve the Wildcat goaltenders, however, who collected his fourth shutout of the season.

Oystrick scored the only goal in the game for Northern Michigan, scoring on a slap shot that deflected past Brown with a little less than four minutes left in the first period.

Oystrick, the CCHA's leading scoring defenseman, collected three points on the weekend (two goals, one assist) and played a part in both game-winning goals for the Wildcats.

The Irish return home for the first time in 2004 this weekend, facing Fourth-place Alaska-Fairbanks. Face-off Friday is 7:35 p.m. and Saturday's face-off is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

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momentum. Villanova had one last chance to tie or win the game, but guard Courtney Mix missed an off-balance jumper and Duffy grabbed the rebound to secure the win.

Notre Dame's defense continued its impressive play of late, holding Villanova to 25.6 percent shooting from the field and forcing 14 Wildcat turnovers. Villanova was averaging just nine turnovers a game.

"I think we've been doing a fantastic job defensively since the Big East season began, and that's something we're taking a lot of pride in," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

There were eight lead changes and nine ties as neither team led by more than six points at any time. The Irish used an 8-0 run to take a 32-26 lead with 8:29 left, before Villanova answered with its own 8-0 spurt. The Irish held Villanova scoreless for the final 7:05 of the game.

Villanova defense also played well, holding the Irish to 41.6 percent shooting for the game. Besides Batteast and Duffy, no other Irish player scored more than four points.

"They force you to take the kind of shot they want you to take," McGraw said. "Monique Severe was the only 3-point threat Jeneka Joyce hindered Notre Dame's offense. Joyce sprained her ankle in practice Thursday and did not dress for the game.

With Jeneka out, that really limits our three's," McGraw said. "I thought [Villanova] did a pretty good job finding [Duffy]. They were leaving Brona Grass [Gray], Monique Hernandez and LeTania Severe open for three's, but they are not our best 3-point shooters.

With the win, the Irish improve to 11-7 on the season and 4-2 in the Big East. The Irish are now tied for third-place with West Virginia, one game behind leaders Miami and Connecticut.

McGraw said she is pleased with how her team is playing in late January, especially after Notre Dame's third straight home win against a ranked foe.

"We've got to win some road games ... and you have to defend your home court. We need to stay focused on what we are doing and keep taking it one game at a time."

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Dame is doing well given the situation.

"The coaches are out working hard," he said. "[Director of personnel] Jimmy Gonzales is doing a great job of making the players happy on their visits.

One weekend of visits remains before signing day. On Sunday during his visit, Bragg became the second quarterback to verbally commit to Notre Dame after Tennessee signal caller David Wolke gave his word last week.

Brown and Jabbie visited on Jan. 16 and decided Sunday. According to Lemming, Brown needed help to get past Notre Dame admissions after previously being denied.

"None of these guys [Bragg, Brown and Jabbie] were first options, but the coaches obviously see some potential," Lemming said.

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That's something a team, espe-
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against teams like Syracuse and
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"You can't dig that deep a hole
against some men. Now, they are
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younger group. I think it's been
very glaring."
Against both of those teams,
the Irish came out, and for what-
ever reason, just laid a goose egg
early in the game. They are mak-
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more of a disadvantage right
now.
They aren't coming out with
the energy and focus necessary
to compete with top 25 teams.
They have to remember it's not
just a little spoiled
success," the Irish need to start
making
some more balls to bounce our
way," Coach Mike
Thomas said. "That's been
why they
won." Notre Dame only led for the
first half in the second
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urgency finally appears and
the team honored at halftime.
To become men like Kentucky,
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But unlike their perform-
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**Men's Tennis**

**Irish experience both ends of the spectrum**

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Irish coach Bob Bayliss had an analogy to sum up his squad's weekend performance.

"Sometimes you're the bug," Bayliss observed wryly, "and sometimes you're the windshield."

The men's tennis team had a taste of both roles this weekend, as a disappointing loss to No. 9 Texas A&M was offset by decisive wins against St. John's and Illinois State.

"We played almost well enough to win this match," Bayliss said of the 5-2 loss to the Aggies. "We had enough windows of opportunity — if we had capitalized on all of them, it would have been a different outcome."

Irish No. 4 Stephen Bass and No. 6 Eric Langencamp were the only players to post points of the 5-2 loss to the Aggies. Bass won 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5) over Khaled El Dorry, and Langencamp beat Bryan Wooten 6-4, 6-3.

Notre Dame's No. 1 Luis Haddock lost 6-1, 6-3 to Lester Cook, ranked No. 17 nationally in singles play. At No. 2, Matthew Scott fell 6-1, 6-1 to Ante Matijevic, ranked No. 19.

At three, Mohamed Dabki beat Notre Dame's Brent D'Amico by a score of 7-5, 6-4 to clinch the match for Texas A&M, and freshman Barry King was defeated by Brett Jelcic 6-2, 7-5 at six.

"We let them off the hook in doubles," Bayliss said. "We just didn't have enough first serves. In singles, they were so dominant at one and two, they jumped out 3-0, which took a lot of pressure off (the bottom three)."

In doubles, Cook and Matijevic, ranked No. 1 in the nation, defeated Haddock and Ryan Keckley, ranked No. 18, by a score of 8-6. At two, Dabki and Jelcic beat D'Amico and Scott 8-4, while Bass and King fell to Ell Dorry and Zak Malmgren 8-6.

"Friday was a tough match," Scott said, "against a good Texas A&M team."

Sunday was a different story, however, as Notre Dame swept St. John's, winning all singles matches in two sets.

"These were matches we expected to win," Bayliss said. "St. John's will (probably) qualify for the Big East Tournament, and it's important to win decisively over Big East opponents."

The Irish lost only 27 games to St. John's, an average of 4.5 per match. At the No. 1 spot, Haddock clinched the match for Notre Dame, defeating David Nylén 6-3, 6-1. At two, Scott posted a 6-3, 6-4 win over Aurelio Di Zazzo and Brent D'Amico topped Louis Desmarteaux 6-4, 6-1 at three.

At four, Bass defeated Nick Stocker 6-1, 6-3, and King beat Morgan Bauer 6-1, 6-2. Langenkamp remained consistent by toppling Boris Chilporovsky 6-1, 6-3 at No. 6.

Doubles were not played. Bayliss had hoped to clinch the match in singles and "substitute liberally in the doubles matches," he said Friday. The team's solid singles play, however, meant the players had a longer break before facing Illinois State at 2 pm.

"We expected to win," Haddock said of the match against the Red Storm. "The good thing was that we won every set. It's hard to come out fired up against a lower level team, especially after not playing for a day."

It was Haddock's first match victory of the spring season. Despite the quick turnaround, the Irish came out strong against Illinois State, posting a 6-1 win over the Redbirds.

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At No. 2, Scott defeated Nicholas Haddock 6-1, 6-1 over Ben Cappuccitti at No. 1. "He's not as good as other players I've played, but I felt good about my performance."

At No. 2, Scott defeated Benjamin Pettinari, also by a score of 6-3, 6-1. An arm injury kept D'Amico on the sidelines for the Illinois State match, moving Bass, a freshman, to the third spot. Bass rose to the challenge, winning over Djordje Uuskovic 6-3, 6-3, 6-1.

At four, King defeated Nogrobat 6-4, 6-1, and Langenkamp beat Alban Renard 6-0, 6-1 in the first match to finish. No. 6 Pat Buchanan won 6-7, 6-3, 6-1 over Alfredo Lagarda.

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"This win is significant because we have three players unavailable," Bayliss said. D'Amico's shoulder injury, Keckley's recent recovery from an ankle injury and Irackli Akhvandiani's case of the flu forced the Irish to rely on a deeper roster.

"It speaks well of the depth of our team," Bayliss said. "I'm disappointed we didn't come out faster — three guys lost in first sets — but came back to win."

Scott is also coming off a leg injury, and did not play a full doubles match from October 2003 until last Saturday's victory at Indiana.

"We're really deep," Scott said of Sunday's contest. "When guys like Pat [Buchanan] come up, their role is to be ready if called upon, and Pat did a great job stepping up at the last minute."

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**Horoscope**

**EUGENIA LAST**

Sharing this birthday: Wayne Gretzky, Anita Baker, Paul Newman, Eddie Van Halen, Scott Glenn, Angela Davis, Julian Peiffer, Andrew Ridgeley, Ellen DeGeneres

**Happy Birthday:** Your vision will be broad this year. You can offer great suggestions, but don’t waste your time if others don’t want to follow your lead. Go if alone is necessary and you’ll be the one who accomplishes the most. Overdoing it can be your greatest downfall. Know your limits, know when to say no, and do for yourself first. Your numbers: 4, 17, 19, 28, 35

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don’t let anyone talk you into doing things that you’d prefer not to do. You need to please yourself for a change instead of pleasing your friends. You’ll make changes that benefit you and will be beneficial to those around you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You are beginning to see things through different eyes. Your emotions are growing, and your motives are changing. Don’t be afraid to follow a new direction. You must take control of your fate.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Financial failures are likely if you expand your interests too quickly. Look into ways of helping children or relatives solve their problems without donating your own funds.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You will have regrets if you allow a dispute to get out of hand. Be cautious how you handle both your business and emotional partnerships.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Look into career opportunities that will lead to a higher earning potential. You need to use your ingenuity if you want to get ahead. Believe in yourself and so will others.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Words of love will be dancing through your head. Get out with that special person in your life. You need to spend time exploring the finer things in life.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Uncertainties on the home front should not be cause for alarm. A move or events, and the problems that exist will be eliminated. Just hold your time and let things unfold as they may.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Clear up that overdue correspondence. Don’t get intimates or involved in gossip at work. Please steps will break your budget. Be prepared to make cutbacks.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You would be wise not to be tempted to take part in just financial ventures. You may have difficulties with your stomach if you overindulge or eat spicy foods.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Your emotions are likely to take over today. It is best to work by yourself. Don’t let anyone good you into a debate. You really need your peace and quiet.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Making changes to your home, particularly your kitchen will spend more time together.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):** Your need to interact with others can be satisfied if you sign up to help worthy organizations. You have a knack for putting things together well, and for paying close attention to small but important details.

Birthday Baby: You have a fascinating way of looking at life. You are ingenious, outgoing and forever trying to help others. You have a great desire to do something worthwhile.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

History doesn't repeat itself

Irish comeback bid falls short against No. 9 Kentucky in 30-year reunion of 71-70 upset of No. 1 UCLA

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

For the fleeting moment, history seemed on the verge of repeating itself. Notre Dame had fought back from a double-digit deficit at home with a furious rally in the second half. The Joyce Center crowd stood on its feet, trying to will the Irish to a spectacular come-from-behind win against a highly ranked foe.

Even the members of the Notre Dame team that knocked off No. 1 UCLA 30 years ago, who returned for a halftime reunion but had spent the rest of the game in their seats, arose with a yell.

But 2004 isn't 1974, and the upset was history.

So this year's version of the Irish, despite cutting a 15-point deficit to three, couldn't complete the rally as its home crowd stood on its feet for 20 minutes.

But once again, this young and immature team let a golden opportunity to improve its postseason resume slip through its hands.

Leading up to this game, Irish coach Mike Brey and his team talked about staying within itself in front of the energized home crowd. Right after making the run, the Irish talked about staying focused.

"We felt some more calls could have gone our way, and we needed to get a chance to get a win over so nobody had to watch it." Brey said.

Just over a week later, the Irish fell just short of improving their ranking.

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