Tickets to Keenan Revue snapped up in minutes

Students line up hours in advance to obtain passes to the annual sold-out comedy show held at Saint Mary's

By KATIE WAGNER
News Writer

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CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What's your favorite place to eat on campus beside the DH?

Cynthia Esquivel
junior
Welsh Family

Rachel Boumain
junior
off-campus

Alex Ferrello
junior
Siegfried

Delphine Risto
freshman
Pasquaerella East

Joanna Mangoneey
sophomore
Breen-Phillips

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Dillon

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Comps give students unique edge

Saint Mary's senior requirement lauded as beneficial to students

BY MEG CASSIDY AND ANGELA SAOUĐ
News Writer and Saint Mary's Editor

"Saint Mary’s is a unique college in many ways — it's all women, very small and based on Catholic values," said St. Mary's Professor Teressa Maryc said when she was a student at the College in 1989. "One of the major, unique requirements that has always been a part of the curriculum was the requirement for a senior comprehensive project."

"It's a unique requirement that's given St. Mary's students an edge," said Professor Mary. "It really helps them understand the importance of communication and teamwork."

"This is a culmination of an exciting academic experience," said Jeoff Roberts, associate director of career services. "Students should be proud of their work, because it is an opportunity to apply what they have learned in their coursework to a real-world scenario."
**Editor**

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to accept.”

During Heininger’s term as news editor, she coordinated special sections on student government and the 2004 presidential election and a series exploring Holy Cross religious. She is the first editor in chief to come from the news department since Jason McFarley held the position from 2002-03.

“I have confidence in Claire’s ability to lead The Observer next year,” outgoing editor in chief Matt Lozar said. “She has a wealth of great ideas and an excellent relationship with the staff.”

The projects Heininger hopes to undertake during her tenure include establishing a system to improve writing, increasing recruiting and planning The Observer’s 40th anniversary in 2006.

“I was excited to see what I could do to see The Observer improve next year,” Heininger said. “And I’m extremely eager to work with a very talented staff.”

Heininger assumes the position as editor in chief on Feb. 28.

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**Campaign**

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uses. In launching a multifaceted Internet campaign, the Dave Baron-Lizzi Shappell ticket has capitalized on the incredible versatility of the web.

“We are using technology to mobilize people through TheFacebook.com, AIM profiles, our online website and campaign e-mail updates,” Baron said.

TheFacebook.com has exploded into a campus-wide obsession since its debut this fall. The electronic database allows college students to create a profile, connect with other students and join specific interest groups.

Joining the ranks among some site’s more popular listings — “NB Squirrel Fans,” “Irish Drinking Society” and “Anti-Guy Who Participates in Class Too Much” — are a slew of groups devoted to the individual ticket.

Along with Baron and Shappell, the Mark Healy- Bob Costa, Alec White-Erik Powers, Will Marra-Pete Harig and James Leito- Jordan Bongiovanni tickets have started groups on TheFacebook.com in an effort to exploit the free space frequented by thousands of students everyday.

Freshman Matt Decker noted both pros and cons to utilizing TheFacebook.com. “It’s somewhat effective because of how many students use the web site, but since it’s very informal, and seen as a ‘time waster’ for those who use it might risk losing credibility,” Decker said.

When the Craig Brede-Vijay Ramanan ticket is the only one without a group listing on TheFacebook.com, they joined their campaign in launching an interactive campaign Web site.

“We are going to make it very clear that we are a serious ticket with a high respect and capability for these jobs, and I think that is evident in our Web site,” Ramanan said.

While each differs in style and presentation, they all follow a similar structure. Most feature a main page with a mission statement, photographs of the candidates. There are also menus bars containing site components such as biographies, platforms, feedback forms and downloadable media.

Aside from efforts implemented to reach students via TheFacebook.com, the campaigns also are relying on classic techniques like fliers and face-to-face interaction to attract potential voters.

In addition to traditional posters and dorm visits, the Baron-Shappell ticket emphasizes the importance of human contact during a campaign season.

“We are starting a word-of-mouth campaign to convey our message,” Baron said.

“We believe more people see the campaign on our site, both candidates will be available to speak with students at campus sites twice a week during scheduled times,” Leito said.

“Our campaign strategy is to be honest and up-front with students,” Ramanan said.

“We plan on doing anything and everything we can to get to students.”

Mark Healy presidential candidate

**THE OBSERVER**

is currently accepting applications for the 2005-06 term for the following positions:

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ASSISTANT MANAGING EDITOR

Applicants for Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor should demonstrate strong journalistic and management skills. An in-depth understanding of newspaper production, including skills in Microsoft Word, Quark XPress and Photoshop, is required. Experience with Macintosh computers is helpful.

Applications for any of the above positions should be at least five pages and should explain the applicant’s qualifications and goals.

Managing Editor and Assistant Managing Editor applications are due by Wednesday, Feb. 2 at 5 p.m. Submit all applications to Claire Heininger in The Observer office located in the South Dining Hall basement.

Please direct questions about these positions or the application procedure to Claire Heininger or Matt Lozar at 631-4542.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

British plane crash kills 10
RAGHDAH — A British C-130 military transport plane crashed yesterday north of Baghdad, killing everyone on board over a large area, officials said. At least 10 troops were killed, Britain's Press Association new agency said.

The crash occurred at around 5:25 p.m. about 20 miles northwest of Baghdad, left a 100-foot-wide crater, half an hour after polls closed in Iraq’s elections.

Israel's leading satirist dies
JERUSALEM, Israel — Yoram Krasnov yesterday mourned the passing of his premier satirist, Ephraim Kishon, whose biting wit shaped the national agenda of the formative years of the Jewish state and kept people laughing at the same time.

Kishon, who apparently suffered a heart attack, died in the shower at his home in New York City. He was 70.

It was a swift and unexpected end to the life of an artist whose influence went beyond the large numbers of people who read his books and newspaper column or watched the skits and movies on which he appeared.

Kishon, who had mixed feelings toward Israel late in life, also gained widespread popularity in Europe, and he often felt better appreciated there than in his adopted home of Israel, target of his sharpest barbs.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush calls Iraq election a success
WASHINGTON — President Bush called Sunday’s election a success and promised the United States will continue trying to prepare Iraqis to secure their own country.

"The world is hearing the voice of freedom from the center of the Middle East," Bush told reporters at the White House on Sunday, four days after the voting. He did not take questions after his three-minute statement.

But Bush praised the bravery of Iraqis who turned out to vote despite continuing violence and intimidation. Bush said voters "firmly rejected the antidemocratic ideology of terrorists.

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J.J. governor bows out of election
NEW ORLEANS, La. — Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey, who took office after his predecessor revealed a gay extramarital affair, has decided not to seek election Tuesday as the chief adviser said Sunday.

Democratic Assemblyman John McKeon said Codey made up his mind Friday night, when he notified his family and political allies.

"I think he’s at peace with it," McKeon said. "The fact he decided not to run adds to his credibility as a stabilizing force during a tumultuous period in our political history. In my view, it was a very courageous decision."

LOCAL NEWS

Body of missing girl found
GOSHENHURSE, — The body of a missing 10-year-old girl was discovered by a police officer on Sunday, five days after she disappeared while returning home from an errand, authorities said.

A state trooper on patrol found the body of Katlyn "Katie" Collman, 10, in a stream in a wooded area just north of Seymour, state police Sgt. Jerry Goodin said at a news conference.

Details of how the girl died were not released.

ENGLAND

Iraqis stream to polls on last day
Country’s first independent election in five decades ended with final absentee ballots

Associated Press

110,000 Iraqis around the world streamed into polling stations Sunday for the last chance to cast ballots in Iraq’s historic election, expressing hopes that the vote will bring peace and stability in their homeland.

As millions of people in Iraq defied insurgent threats and voted in their nation’s first independent election in five decades, Sunday also marked the third and final day of absentee voting in 14 other countries.

"This is a clear and loud message that Iraqis inside and outside are not afraid of defeating terrorism," Massour Ibrahim said as he entered a voting center amid tight security in the upscale Iraqi suburb of Rumeita in the Jordanian capital, Amman.

Iraqis broke out in arguments between voters and anti-U.S. protesters at a polling station Sunday in Britain and voting was extended at one site in Australia to make up for lost time after a similar skirmish the day before.

But no major violence was reported and organizers said the day's balloting had started Friday and had been successful so far, despite early fears about turnout after only 25 percent of 1.2 million Iraqis abroad registered to vote.

The low registration figure was attributed partly to fears of violence and intimidation. Bush said voters "firmly rejected the antidemocratic ideology of terrorists.

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Most of those who did sign up were thrilled at the chance to participate. The latest available figures showed that about two-thirds of those who did sign up had cast ballots in the first two days.

Laila Hashem of Ontario casts her vote. The Independent Iraqi Electoral Commission is allowing Iraqi immigrants living in 14 countries to vote by absentee ballot.

LOCAL NEWS

Storms leave 230,000 without power
ATLANTA — More than 230,000 customers had no electricity yesterday in Georgia where crews worked to repair power lines snapped by an ice storm, and the city's airport reopened all its runways as temperatures warmed during the day.

Two traffic deaths in Georgia and one in South Carolina were blamed on the storm that sparked street and freezing rain across parts of the Southeast yesterday.

For Sunday, all four runways at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport were operational again. Two only — and at one point only one — of its four runways were available Saturday as crews labored to scrape ice.

"There still isn’t enough demand to have all four operating, but it’s much easier today to maintain four runways,” airport spokeswoman Lani Thomas said, adding that about 300 stranded airline passengers spent the night at the airport because their flights were canceled.

Thick blankets of ice began melting Sunday as temperatures climbed above the freezing highs reached the 40s for northern Georgia and the 60s in the southern part of the state. Even with the improved weather conditions, fewer than 100 depar-

tures were scheduled out of the world’s busiest passenger airport Sunday morning, Thomas said.

AirTran canceled 33 of its estimated 500 flights scheduled for Sunday, but the airline expected operations to return to normal by early afternoon, spokesman Tgd Hutchens said.

Delta, which only operated 8 per-

cent of its flights the previous day, planned to offer 70 percent of its nor-

mal schedule Sunday, spokesman Anthony Black said.

The icy weather also forced airlines to cancel scores of flights Saturday at airports in Greenville-Spartanburg and Columbus, N.C., and at Charlotte and Raleigh, N.C.
Diversity

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religious, ideological and racial make-up is too homogeneous.

"Our committee has been seeing that Notre Dame isn't a very diverse place," Coleman said. "The week's purpose is to try to open up discourse for tolerance of other people.

On Wednesday, the events begin with "Interrace," a discussion of racial issues on campus. It will be held at 3:30 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Center. Diversity Week Chairman Nick Coleman explained that "Interrace" meets monthly at the Center for Social Concerns and takes an open forum form.

"It's a discussion about what's going on on campus," Coleman said. "This month's topic is about the climate of diversity.

Later Wednesday night, Badin Hall is holding an African Spiritual Mass open to all students to support religious diversity.

Thursday is "We are ND" Thursday. Student body president Adam Istan, vice president Karla Bell and chief executive assistant Dave Baron have asked that students take time to wear their green "We are ND" T-shirts—or any green shirt—to demonstrate student solidarity beyond the African cause.

Senate has been behind the cause since the fall, and continues to support the efforts.

But Leito was quick to note that the events and the pursuit of Bono are not senate projects.

"This is not a Senate project, we are just showing support," Leito said.

Hanzlik believes the nature of Notre Dame —its students and its wealth— will make the event a success.

"It's about using what you have to help others and that's what Notre Dame is all about," Hanzlik said. "You're given so much, what are you going to do with it?"

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**Markets Recap**

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**In Brief**

Time Warner bid to bid on Adelphia

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**Austria**

*The Observer* - Monday, January 31, 2005

### Heating oil prices not likely to change

Associated Press

*VIENNA — A key OPEC committee recommends Saturday that the oil cartel keep its current output quota unaltered, a move that would keep oil prices at 2005 levels.*

*The committee's recommendation, something it does not necessarily have to do. The commission's task is to take stock of conditions affecting the oil markets and offer policy recommendations to the full group. “We believe that we will continue with the ceiling, but at the same time (need to comply with the decision we made in Egypt),” he said, adding that some cuts had already been made.*

*The 10 members of the group subject to quotas are overproducing by some 500,000 barrels daily, al-Salah said. Iraq is not subject to the quota.*

*The full group will meet Sunday to decide whether to adopt the committee's recommendation, something it does not necessarily have to do. The committee's task is to take stock of conditions affecting the oil markets and offer policy recommendations to the full group.*

*The consensus is that we are not going to decrease,* Algierian Oil Minister Chakib Khelil said.

*The world does not believe that the OPEC is planning to decrease its output.*

**Associated Press**

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**BRIEF**

**Yen**

- Friday's close: 11,460.73
- Year-end: 10,427.20
- Year-end/2005:
  - 10.52
  - 0.57
  - 56.34
  - 24.07

**In Brief**

- Time Warner is expected to make a joint offer by Monday to buy bankrupt cable operator Adelphia Communications Corp., according to published reports.
- Contrast Corp., the nation's largest cable-tele­vision operator with 21.5 million subscribers, and cable-partner Time Warner Inc., with 10.9 million, have been working together since last fall to form a bid for Adelphia's 5.3 million sub­scribers.
- Industry executives told the Los Angeles Times for Saturday's edition that they expected the bid to be $14 billion to $15 billion, far short of the $17.5 billion sought by Adelphia bond­holders.
- The bid plans were also reported Saturday by The Philadelphia Inquirer. Time Warner spokesman Ed Adler declined to comment Saturday, and Adelphia spokesman Paul Javdavan said "the bidding process is confidential" and he would have no comment.
- Many of Adelphia's cable-systems are contiguous to Comcast and Time Warner entities, mak­ing them appealing from a business standpoint.
- Lilly will withdraw FDA application

**In Brief**

- Lilly said on Friday for the Federal Circuit in Washington, D.C., invalidated the patent for the once-a-week version of Fosamax, which dominates the market for osteoporosis drugs.
- More than 3 million people in the United States afflicted with the brittle-bone disease take Fosamax.
- Underwriting, generic competition could begin as soon as early 2008, instead of 2018. The main patent for the daily 5 milligram and once-monthly 70 milligram version of Fosamax was set to expire in February 2008.
- Fosamax is the No. 2 drug for Whitestone, N.Y.-based Merck, it reported sales of $3.16 billion for Fosamax last year, more than 90 percent of which came from the 70 mg once-a-week version, according to data compiled by analyst Toni Plouhomer.
- Each version costs about $80 for a month's supply.
- "Merck disagrees with the court's decision and is considering its options, including a request for reconsideration by the court of appeals," Plouhomer said.

**Patent for key Merck drug invalidated**

**Osteoporosis drug sold to more than 3 million people to be taken off market**

**Associated Press**

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The court's ruling was a blow to Merck, which faces a dearth of new drugs to offer, slumping sales from major drugs losing patent protection, and lost rev­enues and a slow of law­suits over its withdrawal of arthritis blockbuster Vioxx. Merck shares closed down $3.16, or 10 percent, to $28.02 Friday on the New York Stock Exchange. Nearly 57 million shares were traded, or roughly six times normal daily volume for Merck.

"It's a big deal," said Barbara Ryan, a managing director at Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. "Merck obviously has a lot of issues facing it, including the withdrawal of Vioxx from the market and the loss of the Zocor patents in the middle of 2006."

Zocor, for high choles­terol, is Merck's biggest drug, with $5.2 billion in sales last year.

"The profit impact could be very severe," Ryan said of the Fosamax patent loss.

Merck in 2003 lost two major products in late­stage trials that could have eventually replaced Zocor, said pharmaceuticals analy­st Albert Bauch of A. G. Edwards & Sons Inc. "How are you going to replace those revenues? That's what people are worried about," Bauch said.

Pharmaceuticals analyst Tim Anderson of Prudential Financial pre­dicted the Fosamax deci­sion would leave Merck with flat earnings in 2008. A once­monthly osteoporosis treatment called Boniva, produced by Switzerland's Roche Group, is due out in several months and is "an undersupervised threat," he added.

The appeals court's 2-1 decision on Fosamax reversed an August 2003 ruling by the U.S. District Court in Delaware, which had upheld the patent.

The once-a-week patent had been challenged by generic drugmaker Teva Pharmaceuticals USA Inc. of North Wales, Pa., one of the country's largest generic drugmakers, with about 170 medicines on the market.
Diversity Awareness. It’s a catchphrase on campus and in our country’s politics, but what does it really mean? Most fundamentally, diversity awareness means realizing that other students are different (in race, color, or creed) than you are. Moreover, it means realizing that one’s actions should avoid marginalizing anyone, in the majority or minority. That sounds great — who wouldn’t agree that the entire Notre Dame student body should be unified? The trick is figuring out how best to achieve this universal goal.

The Senate Diversity Committee has faced this difficult question in its attempts to make Notre Dame a better community. We have all seen mistakes made during attempts to change the status quo. Many stereotypes about the majority groups on campus have been made in the name of diversity awareness, demonizing them as rich, white and intolerant Catholics who could never understand anyone different. Likewise, the good-faith efforts of minority groups have been reduced to the actions of an angry few who need to “give it up.” The truth, as always, lies somewhere in the middle.

Diversity at Notre Dame must move beyond tolerance and towards relationships. An increasingly diverse student body serves no purpose if the different groups within that body do not interwine. The purpose of diversity is to learn about one another and, in the process, learn about ourselves. This message goes to all groups and students alike.

To the majority: Leave your comfort zone and go meet new and different people. They exist, you assure us. This is a rare time in your life where you have access to people in your same position that could offer so many new things. We are all the same age, all students, all going through the same experiences. However, some of us come from different places and bring different perspectives. It is this opportunity to see life from perspectives other than your own that make college a rich and rewarding experience. To the minority: There is no point in leaving home and going somewhere new if you are not willing to take in the experience. Joining a small group of people that are the same as you and sheltering yourself off from the rest gives you no potential to grow.

Understandingly, it is at first comfortable to face a change with people that can uniquely relate to you. But what is the use of never relating to anyone else? In the end, we are all privileged to be here and we should all take advantage of the opportunities offered. Even if the Office of Admissions did all it could to ensure that each new class is more diverse than the last, its efforts would be worthless unless the kid from Panama City Beach, Fl. It’s Diversity Week at Notre Dame. Notre Dame can be a place where we will be able to openly discuss issues of religion, race and sexuality. We hope to dissolve social stafifications that limit students to sitting at certain tables in the dining halls. Conversations about coach Tyrone Willingham’s firing or gay rights shouldn’t begin and end with T-shirt designs. We must all realize that someone that disagrees with you is not necessarily ignorant; increased communication will enhance our university’s social and intellectual experience.

Nicholas Coleman Senate Diversity Committee Chair

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EDITORIAL CARTOON

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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Monologues are art, not propaganda**

I enjoyed Peter Wicks’s Jan. 27 column investigating connections to “The Vagina Monologues.” But I was surprised by his claim that if Eve Ensler were “a better artist she would have chosen a format that allowed her to acknowledge dissonant voices.” It seems a misreading of the play’s purpose and the purpose of the entire play. Ensler’s play is designed to be deliberately provocative, like Ann Louth’s books or Michael Moore’s films. All three take extreme positions in order to push the boundaries of public discourse. They take five steps in the left or right so that the general public may someday take one step. There is a word for creative endeavors that advance a particular political agenda to the exclusion of all other concerns — propagandan.

But make no mistake: Ensler’s play is art, not propaganda. Its wit and composition for its Charisma Women to allow the other voice. They tend the play a depth and breadth of spirit that may allow it to resonate with audiences in 2050. In contrast, both “Fahrenheit 9-11” and “Treason” are so circumscribed by their agendas as to be artless.

Would the Vagina Monologues be better art, if, as Wicks suggests, they included dissent? Perhaps. But it’s difficult to imagine how it could be integrated into the play. The requisite “dialogue” would seem to be like the ones that Notre Dame has regarding abortion and homosexuality — a dramatically opposed sides screaming insistently at one another, each locked into an ideology that forbids compromise. Put Coulter and Moore in a room and see if they come out agreeing or dead.

As a central someone who says, “There’s nothing vulgar about saying ‘vagina’;” but blasphemy as he says it. Like Wicks, welcome voices that provide evenhanded insight into multiple sides of controversial issues. But I do not claim, as Wicks seems to feel, that a work of art ought to give the opposition equal airtime. After all, that is the purpose of a newspaper editorial page, not the theater.

Tom Miller

Play doesn’t protect women

Violence against women, like many things in sexual relationships, is not limited to the breakdown of society, it is also just said. As is our Catholic mission here at Notre Dame, we must reach out and protect all in society who are defenseless — battered women, victims of abortion, and the list goes on.

However, I think those involved with the Vagina Monologues fail in this mission. I was absolutely appalled at the nature of Karla Bell and Molly Savages’s letter on Jan. 27. How does this production help stop women’s violence? If anyone can tell me what a woman is being drowned as a murder to be joked about, disfranchised and trampled! I believe the type of activity that would promote violence against women more than protect against it. Why do people in the world mutilate their women and their bodies? The answer is that the women are seen as lesser, as not worthy.

Trust me, ladies, by talking about your God-given bodies in such a vulgar way, you do not promote dignity for yourselves — it is an insult to your worth.

During early World War II, the Nazis would execute individuals by shooting with guns into a pit of bodies. However, they later changed methods, only shooting women because brutally, but the executions were having trouble killing so many people, especially ones who spoke German. This was because the Nazis saw the people they were killing almost as equals. To hurt someone, a person must see the other as inferior. Otherwise, the task becomes more difficult.

The same applies to this case. Women who are abused, raped, prostituted and murdered are seen as less than human beings by their victimizers. We ought to promote things that go against this trend, not support it.

Even if some aspects of this production really do aim at goals of stopping violence, one cannot ignore the glaring ways in which this message is drowned across. The body of a woman is sacred, and we should treat it that way; not in only our actions but also in our words.

Dan Allen

Lecture series disappoints

As a Catholic and a pro-life feminist, I was pleased to see that two Notre Dame students, Christina Deban and AnaMaria ScarpellinRuiz, had organized a series of on-campus talks entitled “The Maria Goretti Project: Engineering Women to Find Violence.” As we all know, violence against women is an issue of great concern, especially for college women, who are most often the victims of sexual assault, and for pregnant women, as female violence is the number one cause of death for pregnant women in the U.S. last year.

When I attended the series, however, I was disappointed to find that violence against women was only minimally discussed. On the other hand, the importance of stay-at-home mothering was given top billing two nights in a row. I wonder, as I sat in the audience, if they were feeding the rumor of a hidden motive behind the series, something not on the posters, something about the new feminism of Pope John Paul II. The vocation of motherhood is a fine and worthy topic for college women to discuss, most of us will be mothers, still, I felt a bit deceived as the series was advertised as being about violence against women, when in fact its scope was much more broad.

Finally I think the idea that some more5 had to go to war for this country’s future. I know the chances of these two everlasting were a sin! I will not do it.

Dan Allen

should a foreigner be allowed to run for president? With another election years away, this is an issue that has been thrown around more than a few times. Some will say it’s a good thing, while others will retort that vehemently. As for myself, I’m completely against it.

Now, having said that, some people will mention how naturalized it is a question that some offices but not all. Sorry, folks, this isn’t the mayor of Cross Plains we’re talking about, it’s the president of the United States.

Whoever holds this office represents our country to the world, he or she is the embodiment of what we are all about. In my eyes, for someone to fit to the aforementioned criteria, he or she has to be a natural-born U.S. citizen.

This is no dig against foreigners by any means. I have the utmost respect and admiration for people with enough guts to leave their country and seek a better life. After all, improving the quality of life for you and your descendants is something for which most aspire.

I firmly believe these people who legally enter our country positively contribute to society. They are strong-minded, hard-working individuals.

However, I am still strongly opposed allowing them a chance to run for president. American-born citizens have a natural patriotism that runs in their blood. It’s something that cannot be taught or earned.

I am willing to bet an American-born person would die for this country. Would someone born elsewhere feel the same? Some would, but there would be others who would have to think about it or decline.

When you are speaking of the office of the president of the United States, that person must bleed red, white and blue. Here’s another scenario. Let’s say foreigners are allowed to run for president, and someone from France gets elected. He’s a great, upstanding individual with great ideas for this country’s future. How do you think he would react if, during his term, we had to go to war against France, his homeland, a place where many of his relatives still reside?

Would he be able to do it? Would it be an obstacle this man would have to overcome. There are enough hurdles to leap over already. It would be foolish to add another one.

Now, while this is purely hypothetical, it could come to pass if a foreigner were elected.

For all you conspiracy theorists out there: What if a vehemently anti-American migrated here with the purpose of running the United States from the ground? Don’t think for a second there wouldn’t be someone out there with this notion. If people are willing to attach bombs to their bodies and blow themselves up, this would be a walk in the park.

I know the chances of these two scenarios actually taking place are at best minute, but still, we cannot allow the possibility.

What it all comes down to is the fact that the president should be the epitome of American. Would the leader of an organization like the NAACP be Hispanic, Caucasian or Asian? No, because he simply cannot not grasp the hardships or ideals of blacks. He can sympathize with them and even lend a helping hand, but unless you are born with that understanding you never can relate truly.

It’s my main fear that one day we will elect someone president who doesn’t understand or realize what it is to be an American. That, or maybe the United States will be deluged by that day. I will be stuck choosing between Sen. Hillary Clinton and the Terminator.

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CONCERT REVIEW

The Chieftains impress at the PAC

World-renowned Irish group entertains with ease

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene Writer

An incredible week has arrived at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Not only did we have the pleasure of a dynamic performance Sunday from the Chieftains, regarded by many as the centerpiece of traditional Irish music, but also Thursday evening marks the arrival of perhaps the most famous orchestra in the world.

"I think it's incredible that we're able to get groups with the notoriety of the Chieftains," said Notre Dame student Bridget O'Brien. "As a senior, I'm really excited to see all this happening now instead of next year."

But it really is happening here? At Notre Dame? Was everyone headed to Chicago and run out of gas?

Whatever the circumstances, it is a musically historic week at Notre Dame, and the Chieftains kicked it off with an electric performance. In their show, they included numerous special guests and even the inclusion of a local group for the encore.

The band started the evening with two up-tempo Irish ballads, beginning the program with a great deal of energy. The ballads featured a solo on bagpipes and Irish tap dance by the Canadian brothers Jon (whom also doubled as a fiddler) and Nathan Pilatzke. The brothers were astounding, as were traditional Irish dancers Cara Butler and Danny Golden. A group of younger Irish dancers from the World Academy also made an appearance in the show's second half. It was surprising to see such a much time distributed to dancing, but there were certainly no complaints about it.

The musical guest artists also demonstrated a standard of excellence. Spanish musician Carlos Nunez, who has collaborated with the Chieftains since 1990, performed on the Gaite (a Spanish version of the bagpipe), recorder, whistle, and bombarde (a double-reed wind instrument, similar in appearance to an oboe). Nunez's music felt mystical and even curious. It seemed as if he were diving into elaborate improvisational phrases that did not stray far from the melody, and yet still felt too complicated to actually have been written out.

This perspective goes for much of the Chieftains' music as well; everyone performed the concert from memory, and the fusion of two fine groups - one with worldly connections, the other playing in their own backyard - resulting in Irish music.

Paddy Moloney, the frontman for the Chieftains, endeared himself to the audience as the night went on. He cited the group's incredible history, which includes eighteen Grammy nominations and six Grammy awards.

"We would've won seven Grammys for 'Down the Old Plank Road," he added, "but those Dixie Chicks were in the way."

Moloney was also very grateful to the PAC for the concert opportunity, noting towards the end of the concert, "We really enjoyed coming here. It's a fantastic theater, fantastic sound."

The audience gave the Chieftains a warm reception all night. "It's been good to hear traditional Irish music," said student Mike Cloughesy.

Chieftains fan John Brady gave the concert rave reviews. "It was fabulous," he said. "We saw the Chieftains in Chicago five years ago, and we liked them even better here."

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Riley and Reckers feature student art

Art majors and selections for 'The Juggler' displayed on campus

By MARIA SMITH
Scene Editor

It’s not often you can walk into an exhibit and feel as if you have gone through time to see works of art by current and future leaders of the art world. The current displays of Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate prints and photographs in Riley Hall and Reckers may let you do exactly that. The exhibits are a chance to see some of the best work from students who spend the majority of their time inside Riley Hall working hard as art and design majors.

Riley

Time is running out to catch the work of student photographers in Riley Hall. The Annual Undergraduate Photo Major Exhibition, set up in the gallery in the front hallway on the western side of the building, will be taken down this week. The exhibition is one of two displays of student work presented annually in the Riley gallery, which is usually reserved for displays by professional artists.

At the end of the semester the gallery is also used to display the work of students graduating after earning their bachelor’s degree. The Riley exhibit is one of the first chances many students have to display their work in a gallery setting, and it gives them a chance to learn how to frame and hang their work professionally. Graduate student Sheila Talbizer Reynolds, who was in charge of organizing this year’s exhibit and choosing the prints, was impressed by the quality and variety of the submissions.

“The show is incredible this time,” she said.

The exhibit represents the work of 14 photo majors, each of whom submitted up to three different prints for Reynolds to choose. This year the department will also present juror’s awards for two photos chosen by professors and graduating students from the department. The awards will be presented at the gallery reception, which will take place on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. on the second floor of Riley.

Reckers

Most students probably remember picking up “The Juggler” in the dining halls but until this semester, few have had a chance to see any of the actual pieces of art featured in “The Juggler.”

The magazine, which comes out once a semester, is intended to give students a chance to see some of the best new art being created by graduate and undergraduate students.

The magazine puts out a call for submissions once a semester and the editors choose particularly impressive pieces for publication. The new exhibit in Reckers will feature the original fine art prints and photographs featured in this semester’s issue of “The Juggler,” which is scheduled to come out next week.

“The exhibit is a way to promote the magazine itself and to give the artists themselves a venue for showing their work outside of it,” Juggler editor Mary Prendergast said. “While the magazine is dedicated to making the campus aware of the art that’s being made here, it’s obviously much better to see the work in person.”

Exhibition organizer and The Observer’s associate photo editor Chuy Benitez is currently compiling the exhibit and plans to be finished by Friday.

Students can already see most of the prints on display in Reckers. The display does not have a scheduled ending date, but Benitez hopes Reckers will become a permanent gallery for art featured in “The Juggler,” with a new display every semester in conjunction with the magazine.

Both the Reckers and Riley exhibits are free, conveniently located and open to all.

So the next time you walk by, stop in and take a look around for work created by your own friends and classmates.

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Rachel Ourada photo “Backyard Pool” is featured in the Riley Photo Majors Show.

Brandon Kusz created “Seeing You Within Me” by composing two images he created together in Adobe Photoshop.

This darker untitled piece by Mac Russell is from the Loss Series.

Michael Pina’s ultrachrome print called “Revisited” is one of the many black and white pieces featured in the Riley show.

Caitlin Efta’s color photograph contrasts herself to her twin sister Valerie Efta.

Students view the artwork of fellow Notre Dame students on the second floor of Riley Hall.
CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Illinois routed Minnesota 96-66 on Saturday, giving the second-ranked Illini too much for Gophers, win 21st straight

Duke destroys Virginia Tech as Reddicks scores 29, rebound from recent loss

Associated Press

Duke's Shelden Williams. Washington was sprawled across the floor, then waited for the foul to be called.

"The whistle never blew.

"I was like, 'This game is going to be wild if that's the way it's going to be called,'" Washington said. "I flew from the 3-point line all the way out of bounds."

The Hokies' first trip to Cameron Indoor Stadium as a member of the Atlantic Coast Conference didn't go much better after that.

Williams had a double-double by halftime and J.J. Reddick scored 29 points despite a shaky performance at the free throw line, helping the second-ranked Blue Devils bury Virginia Tech Sunday night. Williams finished with 25 points and 17 rebounds for Duke (16-1, 6-1), which bounced back from a home loss last week to Maryland.

Duke's Ewing added 17 points.

"We wanted to come out and make a statement," Williams said. "We knew they were going to be a scrappy team, so we wanted to throw the first punch, so to speak."

Oklahoma St. 104, Colorado 86

Oklahoma State freshman JamesOn Curry played a lot like a senior in his first start for the Cowboys on Sunday.

Curry scored 17 of his career-high 22 points in the second half and was 6-of-8 from 3-point range — including making all four 3-pointers in the second — in No. 9 Oklahoma State's victory over Colorado.

Curry, who started in place of Daniel Bobik, helped shut down Colorado freshman Richard Roby, who burned the Cowboys (15-3, 5-2 Big 12) with four 3-pointers in the first half.

Coach Eddie Sutton put Curry on Roby exclusively in the second half, and Curry held Colorado's leading scorer to just two more points in the game.

"The guy played a terrific game," said backcourt partner, John Lucas, who added he thought the pair are the best backcourt in the Big 12.

"I thought it was the best offensive performance we've had in a long time," Sutton said. "When your starting guards have 48 points, 12 assists and only one turnover, you're not going to lose very many games."

Andy Osborn and Chris Copeland each scored 19 points to lead the Buffaloes, who were outrebounded 42-33.

The Cowboys were 13-0 in 3s, while Colorado was a school-record 17-of-29. The 30 3-pointers was the most by two teams over at Colorado's Coors Events Center.

Oklahoma State rebounded from a 67-57 defeat to No. 13 Oklahoma last Monday, when Lucas and Bobik combined to shoot 4-for-16 and Curry scored just four points.

The Buffaloes made 11 3-pointers in the first half.
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Williams overcomes injury to win Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — Serena Williams was losing and in pain, winning on almost every swing. Her shots lacked their usual zing. Her hopes for a seventh Grand Slam appeared to be doomed.

Then, with a little help from the trainer, the woman who calls herself the toughest fighter in tennis started getting her power back. And it was top-ranked Lindsay Davenport who was in big trouble.

Williams rallied for a 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory in the Australian Open final on Saturday for her first Grand Slam event after two runner-up finishes in the last three years.

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Williams' fall from the top spot in women's tennis, and it looked like her health would fail her again Saturday.

"I said: 'This is not happening again,' " she said.

Safin defeats Hewitt to win Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — Marat Safin finally won the Australian Open, overpowering Lleyton Hewitt 1-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4 on Sunday night for his first title in the Grand Slam event after two runner-up finishes in the last three years.

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The fourth-seeded Russian overcame a slow start to win his second Grand Slam title and end Hewitt's bid to become the first Australian champion since Mark Edmondson won the 1976 at Kooyong.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles drop meets to Albion and Calvin

By ANNA FRICANO
Sports Writer

The Belles suffered defeat this weekend against two conference opponents.
Both Albion and Calvin came out on top of the Belles, by scores of 157-72 and 184-45, respectively. The three-team meet was hosted by Albion, currently ranked at fifth place in the MIAA conference standings, one spot above the Belles.

Calvin currently sits in first place, with a 5-0 record. The team dominated the majority of the women's races, capturing firsts in nine of the 13 events.

The Belles struggled early in the race against the two teams, each with about twice as many swimmers as the Saint Mary's roster.

The first event of the afternoon seemed to provide a strong start for the Belles, who were coming off a loss to Kalamazoo one week ago. The Saint Mary's 200-yard medley relay team made up of sophomores Bridget Lebiedz and Nicole Korte, freshman Kelly Tighe and junior Sarah Nowak placed third in the event.

However, in the next women's event, the 1,000-yard breaststroke, the Belles were unable to secure a scoring spot. For the rest of the afternoon, the Belles seemed to be pushed out of top-scoring positions by an array of swimmers from their opponents.

The sheer numbers of the other teams seemed to be the biggest factor in the outcome of the meet. Calvin has a women's team made up of 22 swimmers and Albion has 29 swimmers on the team.

With a Saint Mary's roster comprised of only 14 swimmers, the Belles could not keep up with the depth of their opponents.

The only first-place finish for the Belles on Saturday came from Nowak in the 200-yard individual medley, finishing in 2 minutes, 16.84 seconds. Nowak also came in second in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Junior Kelly Nelis came in third in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 26.62, as well as taking fourth in the 500-yard freestyle. Junior Katie Dingeman placed fourth in the 200-yard breaststroke, finishing in 2:34.52. Lebiedz and Nelis also contributed to the second-place finish made by the 200-yard freestyle relay, along with teammates Bridget Green and Lisa Balog.

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Benninger blazes through strong field in 3,000 meters

Irish take first place in seven events at tune-up for Meyo

By NATHAN DYER
Sports Writer

It was a day for great personal accomplishments Saturday, as the Irish welcomed Grand Valley State, Marquette, Michigan State, Loyola Chicago, DePaul and Butler to the Loftus Sports Center for the Notre Dame Indoor Invitational Meet. In a non-scoring meet, the men's team won seven events while the Irish women took five.

Sophomore Kurt Benninger stole the show, winning the 3,000 meters with the fastest time in the NCAA, 7 minutes, 39.29 seconds. Benninger's great race not only qualified him for the NCAA Championships, but was only the fourth time an Irish athlete has broken the eight-minute mark in the 3,000.

"I was really happy to break eight minutes," Benninger said. "Hopefully my time stands up for the NCAA Championships, but I just have to let the rest of the season go from it may."

Fellow teammates and spectators watched as Benninger separated himself from the pack early on, running 60-second quarter-mile splits from the beginning of the race to the end, and simply never looked back.

Benninger looks to become the third Notre Dame runner in history to run a sub-four-minute mile next Saturday in the Meyo Mile at Loftus.

"As a team we ran very well. All of the guys really stepped up their focus and intensity, and we had a very good meet."

Kurt Benninger distance runner

Multiple true freshmen also performed very well. Running in the 800 meters for the first time in his career, Adam Currie won the event with a time of 1:50.29, threatening the qualifying mark for the NCAA Championships in the process and putting himself in the mix to be one of the top contenders for the Big Ten title.

Fellow freshman Jamal Afridi qualified for the Big East Championship in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:55.08. "The meet was a great tune-up for next week's Meyo Invitational," Afridi said, "I think I will really show us where our training is at against some of the best schools in the nation."

The Irish will host the Meyo Invitational Friday and Saturday, with events beginning at 7 p.m. Friday.

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**Men's Basketball**

Mike Brey issues challenge, team responds with win

It wasn't when the little lep-rechaun sitting on the rim pre- vented Marcan Williams' layup from tying the game that told Mike Brey the Irish would come out victorious. It was when the whistle that—been-all-seasons deaf came from the suddenly determined Refin Francis a couple minutes earlier that told Brey the Irish would get the much-needed win.

"It's almost like we were thinking we're going to get this one," Brey said. "You're in this business long enough and the games and there's a flow to it. You think that's a heck of an exclamation point.

That's the impurt play the Irish have been waiting to get in the magnitude of a game they've been waiting to win all season.

**Out of nowhere**

After two disappointing road losses and the missed opportunity against Syracuse three weeks ago on Saturday, no one expected this type of performance out of the Irish.

So where did it come from?

It came from a challenge by their coach.

"I thought they reacted well." Brey's challenge triggered something in his players. It triggered something in Dennis Latimer to be the type of player many expected to see after he transferred from Arizona.

It triggered something in Chris Quinn to drive to the basket and, as Brey said, a two-guard in the Big East that people should have trouble guarding.

It triggered desperation in the minds of the players in the locker room.

"Our backs were against the wall," Irish co-captain Jordan Cornette said. "I don't know if we realized that more now. I wish we had realized that the whole time but we also realize that we weren't coming out of here today with a loss.

Until being faced with their postseason options hanging in the balance, the Irish weren't going to play with any sense of urgency. And finding that urgency resulted in their best win of the season.

Brey had to call the Irish made a good offensive play Sunday, backing up the court, Chris Thomas would call out defenses and not be celebrating with the rest of the crowd.

Recall the noise of the scor­er's table echoing throughout the Joyce Center after Brey kicked the Irish midway through the second half when the Irish fell behind 58-52.

The Irish wanted and needed this game. They wanted it more than Connecticut. Jim Calhoun acknowledged after the game that the Irish made more plays down the stretch necessary to win such a big-time game.

For the first time all season, they refused to lose. And they didn't.

**What's it all mean?**

On paper, it's a win — a very good win — for the NCAA tour­ nament resume. It gets the Irish to 5-3 at the halfway portion of the Big East schedule. In this conference, that's no small feat. In the locker room, it does even more.

It tells the backcourt making double-digit 3-pointers isn't mandatory to win, even against one of the better frontcourts in the country.

It gives them confidence going into their next three games against three more ranked teams.

Now Brey's job is to keep the confidence from going too high. With this veteran team, that shouldn't be hard.

Yes, the locker room was upbeat after the game, but Brey's postseason press confer­ence was low-key.

That's because Brey knows it's only one game. And he knows what's coming up in the next three games.

"It's the only way to take it. Every game is extremely valuable and getting too high or too low after each one will do more harm than good by March.

That's why Brey's mood didn't hit those extremes during the past three games.

"I wasn't suicidal after Georgetown and Villanova," Brey said. "I'm going to go home, have dinner and be thankful we're 2-3." Before going home, Brey might want to stop at the Grotto on the way.

And light a candle for that lit­ tle leprechaun.

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

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**ND Women's Swimming**

Bouvron, Irish come up short at Michigan

By MIKE TENTANT

There were ups and downs this weekend in Ann Arbor, and in the end Michigan prevailed yet again.

The No. 25 Irish won seven events Friday — the No. 17 Wolverines won the meet 161-138.

Leading the way for the Irish was fifth-year senior and All-American diver Meghan Ferrry-

Ea Manning won the Big East Championship's Most Outstanding Diver in both 2003 and 2004 and won both springboard diving events, breaking her own record on the 1-meter board by almost six points. Her score of 325.6 on the 1-meter board was almost 15 points better than runner-up Alexi Goolik.

Also highlighting the trip for the Irish were sophomore Kate Carroll and junior Olympian Christel Bouvron. Carroll won the 200-yard individual medley, posting an NCAA "B" cut time of 2 minutes, 37.5 seconds.

"When I dove in my goggles fell a little, so I think the only thing on my mind was to finish the race as soon as possible so I could see again," Carroll said. Carrol is defending Big East Champion in the event, and was an honorable All-American selection, but has been sidelined for most of the year by injuries.

"I haven't had many meets this year so I kind of wanted to make a statement not only to my coaches but also to the Big East ... them we're ready," Carroll said.

Bouvron won both the 100 and 200-yard butterfly events. Her time in the 200 of 2:01.95 was not only second fastest than the rest of the field, and she missed the NCAA "B" cut by a slim three-tenths of a second.

It was the fastest time in the Big East.

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**ND Women's Track**

Cowan clears bar for Irish

By RYAN KEIFER

A trio of Irish freshmen emerged victorious this week— in track and field.

Suniit Olding, a contributing member of Notre Dame's fourth-place NCAA cross country team, won her first ever collegiate track race, taking the mile in a personal best time of 4 minutes, 1.98 seconds.

Brienne Davis won the 200 meters and sprint standout Domanique Manning won the 60-meter hurdles.

The success of the youngest members of Notre Dame's track team was a highlight of Saturday's meet in the eyes of coach Tim Connelly.

"We had a lot of success on Saturday with Paddy's personal record, and victories, but was most impressed with our inexperienced runners who ran solid races," Connelly said. "Our milers were especially impressive, as we had several PIs in that race."
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Sarah Jane Connelly said although the Irish had not advanced to the Big East Championship, they remain confident for the rest of their season.

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Hockey
Irish lose 2-3 to Falcons by Bobby Griffin Sports Writer

The look on Morgan Cey's face said it all: the Irish were through the third period Saturday night's game against Bowling Green said it all.

The Irish goalie looked dis­

The Irish will take on
career. Coetzee, starting her senior season, is among the Irish's top goal scorers. She leads the Irish in goals scored with 21. In her career, Coetzee has scored 70 goals in 67 career games.

At No. 3 to seal the point for the Irish. Pat Richardson quickly finished

No. 77 Davis. In 6-4 victory against Michigan.

The Irish have a 6-4, 7-6 victory at No. 6. Bass had changes in a 6-4, 6-4 defeat at the hands of Mate Cloer at No. 1, but was unable to get ahead.

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Singles, Barry said, "We really had to come up with the doubles point." Connelly said, "We didn’t have to come up with the doubles point, but we had to take a brief respite from competition before taking advantage of the weather on Feb. 11. Connelly said the team decided to use that time off to recharge for the Wednesday,"

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For the Irish, it has been a season of frustration, a seemingly endless amount of losing, when they won 6-1, 7-5 this weekend as the Irish dropped two games to Bowling Green in a home-and-home series.

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The Irish had an easy time against the Falcons, according to individual Irish accolades. Sophomore Ted Brown (19.22.88) and Davis (19.25.02) also posted the fastest unassisted 1,000-yard single-game Irish history during Friday's meet at Cleveland State.

En route to their 137-101 victory over Cleveland State and a 1-0 lead, goalie Davis scored 11:42 on the power play for the Falcons, after a Brock Pilat point had hit off the boards. This one gave the Irish the lead.

After sweeping through the Big East meet, the Irish also clinched their eighth winning season in the last 10 years. Obviously, a winning record is where we start from and we’d like to do that every year," said Coetzee. "Our focus was always on getting ready for championships. If we did well along the way, a winning season is the result."

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Adjemian, dominated the effort in the epee, where the Irish saved much of an attack in the other two weapons. The Irish led by two-time defending champion Thomas said. The Irish defeated Villanova other competition, as both the men's and women's teams rolled into the national meet. Despite its No. 6 ranking, Northwestern, who only fields a women's team, proved to be no match, as the Irish easily defeated them 20-7. The women triumphed over Michigan by scores of 25-2 and 24-3, respectively, and both squads had identical scores against Wisconsin, Cal-State Fullerton and Michigan State by respective scores of 27-0, 23-2 and 24-3. Bednarski was pleased with Saturday's results. We beat Penn State in women's, lost minimally in men, and overall we beat them, he charged.
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Happy Birthday! This is an ideal year for you. Do your research and make a few sample runs before you go full tilt. Don't let anyone push you into doing too much, too fast. You know your own capabilities and what works best for you, so stick to it and head to victory. Your numbers are 11, 14, 17, 20, 27, 34

ARYS (March 21-April 19): If someone is nice to you, it doesn't mean that he or she is on your side. Watch your back when it comes to work-related matters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): As long as you keep moving and talk to people viewing your situation from the outside, you stand to benefit. Someone close to you when you are in need.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Sign up for a course that will help you professionally. A business trip will pay off in terms of the deal you close. You can earn someone interesting.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Money—or the lack of it—or may be on your mind. A partnership may be on shaky ground if you don’t agree on a budget or how money should be spent. Compromise. **

LION (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't get into a deep, dark discussion with someone who is nagging or criticizing you. Concentrate on getting ahead professionally and you will make progress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The coast may appear blue, but you can expect to have some limited work-related matters. As you keep moving forward, your work unattended or in the hands of one of your peers, you can expect to close.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): The last may appear to be the least, but if you know your work understands or in the hands of one of your peers, you can expect to come back to make a name. A lost cause is in the picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Not the best time to make decisions that affect your personal life or your home. Asking questions and looking at other options will pay off.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Someone you have expect will head overseas to help you when you are in need. This act of kindness will give you a different perspective on life, love and your future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): An interesting turn of events will occur with respect to how you can your living. There are changes and so you are, don't settle for a position that is leading nowhere. **

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be inclined to start out how fast and what you expect from others today. Try to go aheadward, or someone you really care about will turn around and walk away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be considered Robin Hood today for your generous offerings and quiet way of doing things for others. Less publicity will bring you what you need to further your position.

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Francis scores 19 points to lead men's victory over No. 19 Huskies

By PAT LEONARD
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For every coach in the Big East, the game plan for defending Notre Dame's offense may have changed Sunday. Demonstrating they do not live and die with the 3-point shot, the Irish (13-5, 5-3 Big East) struggled against the Irish.

"The matches are always very close, but giving Brendler three losses was huge," epee captain Kerry Walton said. The successful effort extended beyond the epees, as the Irish, led by seniors Aliya Kryzalida and Andrea Ament, who were 3-0 and 2-1 respectively against the Buckeyes, combined to take six of nine bouts against Ohio State. The match was clinched when Ament defeated senior Metta Zagunis, the sabres struggled against Ohio State, taking only four matches.

After their bouts against Ohio State, Zagunis quickly showered and left the arena in preparations of flying home to Oregon, where she is a finalist for the state's Amateur Athlete of the Year award. With the most important matches of the event having already taken place by Saturday, the only issue was the schedule of the 30 Future Olympians the Irish were ready to battle.

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The match was decided when Ament defeated senior Metta Zagunis, who has finished fifth in the NCAAs each of the last three seasons, making the score 14-10. However, the Irish did have their share of difficulties during the event. Despite an undefeated effort by (freshman Marja) Zagunis, the sabres struggled against Ohio State, taking only four matches.

"Contrary to popular belief, history does not always repeat itself. In case in point — Notre Dame made history of its own Sunday afternoon, besting Wake Forest 5-2 after falling 7-0 last year. The No. 21 Irish (3-1) swept doubles and claimed four of the six singles matches en route to their victory over the No. 30 Demon Deacons (3-1)." And captain Sarah Jane Connolly said revenge couldn't be any sweeter.

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At left, forward Torin Francis goes up strong for a layup against Connecticut's Charlie Villanueva Sunday. At right, Irish guard Megan Duffy hustles after a loose ball against the Huskies.

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Women break UConn's 121-game home Big East winning streak

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Writer

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Joe LaVeve had 14 points, Megan Duffy added 12 points and a game-high seven steals and No. 6 Notre Dame hung on to a 65-59 victory over No. 10 Connecticut Sunday evening in Storrs. It marked the first time the Huskies

Women's squad takes out No. 1 Ohio State

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Revenge is sweet. The No. 2 Irish women found out firsthand Sunday morning, as they topped No. 1 ranked Ohio State, 9-7. By the end of the two-day Notre Dame Duals, the Irish claimed four of the six singles matches en route to their victory over the No. 21 Irish (3-1) swept doubles and claimed four of the six singles matches en route to their victory over the No. 30 Demon Deacons (3-1). And captain Sarah Jane Connolly said revenge couldn't be any sweeter.

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ND knocks off pair of ACC teams

Victory over No. 18 North Carolina gives No. 34 Irish program's 1,000th victory

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

ND women's fencing goes up strong for a layup against Connecticut's Charlie Villanueva Sunday. At right, Irish guard Megan Duffy hustles after a loose ball against the Huskies.