Changes, controversy mark ‘Monologues’

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

As the controversial play “The Vagina Monologues” makes the move from DeBartolo stage to DeBartolo classroom this week, the event will take on a distinctly more academic tone — and not just because of its new location. For the first time in the Eve Ensler play’s five-year history at Notre Dame, each performance will be directly followed by a panel discussion on “Female Sexuality and Violence Against Women: Secular and Theological Perspectives,” with a different panel of Notre Dame students, faculty and alumni on academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame is not the only mystery on campus as of late. For many students, the content and purpose of one of the debate’s most central topics, “The Vagina Monologues,” is also an enigma. Written by American playwright and feminist activist Eve Ensler, “The Vagina Monologues” is an episodic, theatrical performance featuring a cast of women sharing their experiences of abuse and views on the female reproductive organ.

Play’s content both explicit, affirming

By KATIE PERRY
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Gay film festival draws large crowds

By MEGAN O’NEIL
Notre Mary’s Editor

While a cloud of debate leaves its future at Notre Dame unclear, the film series “Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives and Spectatorship” drew large audiences and strong praise from attendees over the weekend. The event formerly known as the Queer Film Festival — now in its third year at Notre Dame — ran Thursday through Saturday and featured screenings of six different films and several panel discussions.

Students gather Saturday evening to view the film “Happy Endings” in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts.

Revue wages war of laughs, entertainment

By KATLYNN RILEY
News Writer

The organizers of the Keenan Revue vowed to fight a “war against humorless-ness” this weekend — and then delivered on their promise with 38 skits during the three nights of the 31th annual show. Audience members in St. Mary’s O’Laughlin Auditorium Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights reacted positively in the two-hour event. "Let’s just say my face kind of hurts from laughing so much," Notre Dame freshman Liz Berger said after Friday’s performance.

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Getting to work

Sunday: the dreaded day when the weekend is drawing to a close and you remember all of the things you have been putting off. After recounting the weekend’s foibles you know that the work has to begin. A pile of work lies before you, and you sit down to start, but honestly, you know that something else will once again get in the way.

The list of things that deter you from doing work is endless. Technology was supposed to make our lives easier, but if you ask me, it’s only complicated it. Instant messages constantly popping up who doesn’t want that? Facebook walls that need constant checking, a phone call that just has to be made — this list could go on forever.

It seems that the only skill I have truly come to perfect is the art of procrastination. 100 pages to read tonight? I’ll get to that just as soon as “Grey’s Anatomy” is over. It’s not like TV networks have helped the matter either. It seems that there is always some new show coming out. My roommate is obsessed with “American Idol.” On the other hand I am not as big of a fan, so it’s like a black hole. I have spent hours in there trying to cram mountains of information into my head without even realizing that I know the person sitting two feet away from me. It’s one of the few things I sit down and actually enjoy that I am going to work, some of which actually does get done. Unfortunately, it’s also a place where I have a tendency to lose track of the world around me. After my study days I went to the library in flip-flops only to emerge four hours later and discover that there were about four inches of snow on the ground.

Most of the time, though, I can’t bring myself to truck to the library. I spend the majority of my time in front of my computer doing work. I was recently introduced to a Harry Potter quiz online that has eaten up precious hours of study time. When you get down to it, I spend more time saying that I’m going to do work than actually doing it. I admit to my problem, though I doubt that I’ll ever really change my ways, no matter how hard I try.

Come to think of it, I never did finish that paper.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Deirdre Kasula at dkasula@nd.edu

IN BRIEF

The men’s tennis team will host Bradley University in the Eck Tennis Pavilion today.

The Creative Writing Program, Department of English and Student Union Board will sponsor a lecture and reading by James Salter in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall tonight at 7 p.m. as part of the 2006 Literary Festival. The event is free and open to the public.

A children’s storytelling Valentine’s Day party will be held Tuesday at the Hammes Bookstore. Stories and activities will be led by Kay Undergan beginning at 1 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend.

A Student Night hosted by Kevin Guilfoile and featuring slam poet Saul Williams will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program as part of the 2006 Literary Festival and is open to the public.

The Notre Dame men’s basketball team will take on University of South Florida at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Joyce Center.

The Saint Mary’s psychology department will host a lecture by Notre Dame head football coach Charlie Weis Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Vanden venet Theater in the Student Center. Weis will discuss autism and global delays as part of psychology week at the College.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu

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OFFBEAT

Ken doll tries to win Barbie back with makeover

NEW YORK — He’s been to the gym, looks buff and stylish, and now Barbie’s boy toy Ken wants to win back the doll he split from two years ago. After a two-year separation, Mattel’s Ken decided on Thursday that Barbie’s long-time suitor wants to rekindle his decades-long romance with his plastic paramour. Mattel is hoping Ken’s return to retail stores can also revitalize the company’s overall fortunes. As the company blamed sagging profits on tough retail conditions in January, the company confirmed that it was committed to reviving Barbie sales with sagging profits.

"Ken has revamped his life — mind, body, and soul," Hollywood stylist Mattel consultant Phillip Bloch said in a statement. "Everyone knows how difficult it is to change, especially when you’ve lived your life in a certain way for more than four decades," Mattel said in February 2004 that Barbie and Ken had split after 43 years because they wanted to spend some time apart. Ken, who appears to have spent time in the gym and at the stylist, returns wearing a beachwear ensemble complete with board shorts and white T-shirt. For her part, Barbie publicist Lauren Daghetti said Barbie "appreciates the new look Ken is sporting. He really looks great. But we’ll have to stay tuned to see whether these two will get back together.”

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WILL YOU BE ATTENDING “THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES”? WHY OR WHY NOT?

Claire Laurentius

Beth Guidicessi

Lauren Cummings

Colleen Peabody

Bridget Higgins

"No ... I'm an engineer so I'll be in a hole all weekend."

"Never heard of that."

"Well, if you've ever been to a dorm party you know all the Cavanaughith will be there."

"Yeah, I'm taking Lauren on V-day."

"No, because I think there are better ways to approach the issue."

A group of junior students energetically cheers on the Saint Mary’s basketball team at the Bellies’ last home game of the season Saturday in Angela Athletic Facility.

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By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

At the closing banquet of "The Edith Stein Project," Director of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture David Solomon said when Notre Dame students want to address an issue, they immediately jump to the idea that they need to have a conference. With "The Edith Stein Project: Redefining Feminism" conference, however, three Notre Dame students actually carried their idea out to its completion.

Off-campus senior Caitlin Shaughnessy, Howard Hall junior Anamaria Scaperlandia-Ruiz and Cavanagh Hall junior Madeleine Ryland organized the conference, held Friday and Saturday in the McKenna Center for Continuing Education.

The conference discussed attacks on the dignity of women in contemporary culture through abortion, violence against women, rape, pornography and other issues, as well as how women can better understand their vocations in life. It was named in honor of philosopher and Carmelite nun Edith Stein because of her work in the Catholic Woman's Movement in Germany, her love of philosophy and her death at Auschwitz.

"The Edith Stein Project" featured more than 20 speakers from around the world, addressing topics ranging from female migrat labor to abortion rhetoric and attracting hundreds of registered guests, including students from Dayton and adults from Texas and California.

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"The conference's formation began simply, with three Notre Dame students — inspired partially by feminist author Gloria Conde's book, "New Woman" — spending long hours at Coleman-Morse Library researching ideas and contacting experts on the topic. But eventual­ly, the framework behind the project grew.

Shaughnessy, Scaperlandia-Ruiz and Ryland enlisted the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame Right to Life and other groups to sponsor a conference dedicated to redefining feminism.

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"It was incredible that three girls got together and in a year had a conference," he said. "They put hundreds of hours into this, easily."

The conference speakers also had positive reactions to the event. Erica Bove, one of the numerous speakers at the conference, addressed the spiritual dimension of eating disorders. She said it was wonderful to see so many men exploring the issues of the conference and working to create a better environment.

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Seifert said the conference aimed to gather people of all groups, academic and nonacademic, dedicated to the goals of commitment to and respect for life, femininity, family and the dignity of women.

Seifert also said the strength of the conference is that it is not isolated. "It's not just from one point of view, and it is just theology or philosophy," he said. Instead, Seifert said, it represented a wide field composed of mothers, students, professors, lawyers and World Youth Alliance representatives among others.

Seifert praised the personal notes that "one normally does not find in such conferences," including two women describing their personal experiences with rape and how to cope as well as a personal story about conflicts between marriage and graduate study at Harvard.

Seifert, an expert on the writings of Pope John Paul II, also said there was a correlation between the late pope and the conference — that his encyclicals and travels inspired many of the people in attendance.

"They call themselves members of the Pope John Paul II Generation, creating a culture of life as opposed to the culture of Death," he said.

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Notre Dame Debate Team hosts national tournament

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
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Dozens of students from universities around the country came to Notre Dame this weekend to debate topics ranging from affirmative action to reality television and to sightsee around a campus seeped in tradition.

The Notre Dame Debate Team hosted the Irish Invitational national debate tournament Friday through Sunday. In the tournament, 73 teams of two students apiece competed for top honors in more than 50 classrooms in DeBartolo Hall — a large increase from last year’s tournament, which hosted only 27 teams.

The Notre Dame Debate Team is comprised of students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross and competes in several national debate tournaments each year. The team hosted the event but did not compete. Instead, members organized the tournament and helped competitors find their way around campus. The event was free and open to the public.

“It was great to show the other kids the school and give them an opportunity to see our campus,” said senior Tim Fiotta, captain of the Notre Dame Debate Team’s parliamentary team. "Everyone — the coaches and the team members — were really happy with the way the tournament ran.” While the Irish Invitational began in the mid-1990’s, this was the first year the tournament included policy debate.

“Policy debate requires a lot more research,” Notre Dame Director of Debate Susan Ohmer said. “We put parliamentary debate in classrooms on the first two floors of DeBartolo so people stopping in could see the all the different topics, and policy debate was on the third floor.”

Case Western Reserve University won first place in the Varsity Policy category. In Varsity Policy, competitors debate the same topic over the course of the entire academic year. The topic this year concerns relations between the United States and China.

Ferris State won first place in the Varsity Parliamentary category. Parliamentary debate topics changed each round and included current events such as the war in Iraq, immigration policies, affirmative action and US foreign aid to Africa.

More than 20 schools were invited to the Irish Invitational, including Miami University of Ohio, Marquette University, the University of Illinois and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

“People love coming to Notre Dame,” Ohmer said. “They love going to the bookstore to buy mugs and T-shirts … this year we [gave] authentic Notre Dame footballs to the top speakers in each category, and they were so excited. I love it.”

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Breach

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was reported — calls to the university’s toll-free hotline had “virtually ceased” as of Thursday, Crnkovich said.

Donors possibly affected by the breach were sent a letter Jan. 20 and an e-mail Jan. 21 from Vice President of University Relations Louis Nazari, who advised the group to take appropriate safeguards by visiting a newly-created support Web site and calling the toll-free number established by the University.

Gordon Wishon, chief information officer for the Office of Information Technologies, said Jan. 22 the University was working with two independent forensics firms to analyze the server but said the source of the intrusion might never be determined — especially if the hack originated overseas or if several relay sites were involved.

The ongoing investigation also includes a broader examination of how the University safeguards all confidential information.

“The Data Oversight Committee, established over one year ago, is taking additional steps to secure University data,” Crnkovich said. “This Committee continues to assess the current information technology infrastructure, business processes and acceptable use policies, and make recommendations and improvements for data protection while striking a balance for ease of use and sharing of information in the most optimal manner.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Election results allegedly fraudulent
PORTO-ARSENE, France — A member of Haiti's electoral council said results of the presidential elections were being manipulated, echoing complaints by thousands of supporters of Jean Bertrand Aristide, who was jolted into the street.

With 99 percent of votes counted, Aristide was falling short of winning Tuesday's election outright by less than half a percentage point.

"According to me, there is certain level of manipulation," said the U.S. presidential candidate.

The elections were won by the man of a growing number of opposition leaders, who were in the midst of the election process.

The Haitian leader had planned to promote a full investigation of the video footage showing the alleged abuse.

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Associated Press

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white students with poppee collars — and one Hispanic student.
Notre Dame football also served as the subject of several skits. In a parody of the Superfan sketches from "Saturday Night Live," Superfans of head coach Charlie Weis predicted "Da Irish" would beat Georgia Tech in the opening game of the 2006 season by a score of 256 to 0. They opined that Notre Dame junior football wide receiver Jeff Samardzija would emerge victorious in a game against a team of sharks in the Atlantic Ocean.

One of the most well received skits centered on Sergeant Tim McCarthy, the famous pun announcer at Notre Dame football games. In the skit, McCarthy is pulled over by the police for driving under the influence when the policeman finds a fake prostitute in the backseat. The McCarthy impersonator tries to talk his way out of an arrest, but is led away by a police officer while saying "Remember, if you get behind the wheel while hammered, you just might get nailed in the prison shower."

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's girls were also the brunt of many jokes. In a skit titled "Indiana Jones and the Millennial Bunch," Jenkins embarked on a quest to obtain the Golden V — virginity — which lay under the protection of ResLife. He found the Golden V and replaced it with an item of equal worth — a case of Keystone Light. When Indiana returned from his mission with the Golden V, he was fried to see his young sidekick already had two and asked where he got them. The sidekick replied, "I went over to Saint Mary's. They give them out for free."

ResLife was another popular victim of the Revue's humor. Keenan resident Michael Varley sung "ResEscape," a song to the tune of Enrique Iglesias's "Escape." Varley sang, "You can run, you can hide, but you can't escape ResLife." In another skit, a Keenan Geisha berated a lower Geisha for breaking parietals. Two skits transferred com­puter or Internet programs (See real life.) In "Geisha Party," a male Notre Dame student sent the "Facebook" to poke a potential love interest, and later a "beauti­ful bus" ran the girl over. The skit ended in a confrontation between Facebook and MySpace.

Members of Keenan 4 North brought the computer game Oregon Trail to life. As they traveled along the trail, they discovered "wild fruit" — re­presented by a flamboyantly gay man wearing a "Gay" Fine by Me" shirt. The Keenan Revue is known for testing the bounds of propriety, and this year was no different. One skit showed severely disabled people com­peting in the Special Olympics version of Global Guts. The Keenan Revue News displayed a picture depicting University President Father Jenkins as the lead actor in the sequel to the movie "The Forty-Year-Old Virgin."

Notre Dame suppomore Kathleen Karrenbauer attended the show Friday night.

"I think I liked the Oregon Trail part the most, and I liked the fruit scene because that was so unexpected," Karrenbauer said. "The hand­icapped one I really didn't know what to think ... It was funny, but at the same time, I was like, 'I can't believe they just did that.' But that's the whole point of the Keenan Revue."

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Play

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Ensler starred in the original play, which debuted off-Broadway in 1996. In subse­quent years, celebrities and other cultural icons replaced Ensler as the mouthpiece for women represented in the show. Contemporary pro­duction of "The Vagina Monologues" — as those to be performed in classrooms at Notre Dame — assigns a dif­ferent actress to each role.

The Vagina Monologues makes the fragmented individ­ual stories in the play coherent. Each story deals with a particular issue pertaining to the female sex organ, including childbirth, menstrua­tion, gynecology, rape, domi­natrix practices and sexual experiences, both traumatic and memorable.

University President Father John Jenkins referred to the play in a Jan. 24 address to faculty mem­bers, saying such material was not in accordance with Catholic values at the core of Notre Dame's academic and institutional foundation.

"The concern that I and many others have is that in "The Vagina Monologues," there is no discussion of central ele­ments of Catholic sexual morality," Jenkins said in the address. "The work contains graphic description of homo­sexual, extra-marital hetero­sexual and auto-erotic experi­ences."

Jenkins said he had "diligently seen" the candid accounts as "the appropri­ate means" to the ultimate goal of promoting female empowerment and eradicating vio­lence against women.

Some of the most explicit parts of the play involve descriptions of casual sexual encounters, explic­ite l a d e n accounts of the use of tampons, douches and gyne­cological tools and one dominatrix's detailed cele­bration of her love for women clients.

But not all the monologues are as explicit. The perform­ance is an eclectic collection of publicly deemed controversial and uncontroversial material. That reputation has caused opponents of "The Vagina Monologues" to point to its more graphic accounts and supporters to emphasize the show's more empowering angles.

One section of the play dis­cusses the long-tabooed topic of menstruation — especially as it applies to young women — while another monologue weaves together the testi­monies of Bosnian women who endured the trauma of rape camps.

The last monologue in the play's 1998 edition is a personal story from Ensler herself, in which the author recounts the birth of her granddaughter.

The underlying theme of the play is made succinctly clear in the play's introduction — "nothing is more important than stopping violence toward women," Ensler wrote.

"When you rape, beat, main, mutilate, burn, bury and ter­rorize women, you destroy the essential life energy on the planet," she said. "You force what is meant to be open, trusting, nurturing, creative and alive to be bent, infertile and broken."

"The Vagina Monologues" has garnered increased influ­ence since its induction with the recent addition of interna­tional performances and a cable television version of the show on HBO. Each year, a new monologue is appended to the play to maintain its dynamic nature and remain current with modern issues of womanhood.

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**In Brief**

Trade deficit pushed to new record

WASHINGTON — American appetites for all things foreign, from oil to cars to clothing, pushed the trade deficit to yet another record in 2004.

And the year's $201.6 billion deficit with China, the largest ever recorded with a single country, brought demands for a crackdown on what many see as unfair trade practices.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that the overall trade gap climbed to an all-time high of $725.8 billion last year. The deficit was up 17.5 percent from 2003, marking the largest annual increase since 2001.

The chief culprit in pushing the deficit up last year was record global oil prices and increased demand because of a loss of Gulf Coast production following Hurricane Katrina. The U.S. foreign oil bill soared to a record $251.6 billion, up 39.4 percent from 2003.

Pfizer predicts disappointingly high earnings

NEW YORK — Pfizer Inc. disappointed Wall Street analysts with a 2006 earnings prediction that fell below analysts' forecasts while announcing revenue growth would be flat as it continues to struggle with patent losses.

Shares of the world's largest drug company fell 6.6 cents, or 2.5 percent, to close at $25.64 in trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Friday's projection comes just months after Pfizer resold its earlier forecast of double-digit growth in 2006, and an even stronger performance the following year. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial were expecting Pfizer's income to grow around 2 percent but now the company projects it will fall 1 percent.

The company projects 2006 earnings of about $2.92 per share, excluding special items. Analysts, on average, had projected a profit of $2.94 per share. Pfizer reported adjusted profit of $2.92 per share in 2005 on sales of $31.3 billion. The company said 2006 sales would be "comparable to 2005."

Pfizer Chief Executive Henry McKinnell said in a meeting with analysts that 2006 would be a "key year in our drive to transform Pfizer."

Cable legislation could lower bills

WASHINGTON — Most cable TV subscribers would save money if they were allowed to pay for only the channels they want, a Federal Communications Commission study said Thursday, reversing the agency's earlier finding that consumers wouldn't benefit.

The analysis by FCC staff provides new evidence for consumer groups and conservatives pushing for a pick-and-choose pricing system to replaced the bundled services offered by the cable industry. Cable companies fear that would diminish their wide distribution.

The study gives added ammunition to lawmakers and regulators who see "a la carte" as a way to clean up raucous television by giving parents more control over the channels their children watch.

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Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said if a la carte won't cost consumers more, "I will support an effort to take such an approach, subject to discussions with providers on the downside of such a process.

The industry's main trade group, the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, was quick to point out the downside it sees.

**Business Report**

**Former FEMA Director Michael Brown testifies before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Friday about the government's Katrina response.**

Report reveals widespread abuse of federal emergency cash assistance programs

WASHINGTON — Unheded warnings, poor planning and apathy in recognizing the scope of Hurricane Katrina's destruction led to the slow emergency response from the White House down to local parishes, a House investigation concludes.

The 600-page report by a special Republican-dominated House inquiry into one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history concluded that state and local officials failed to respond as quickly as they might have or as the people affected by the storm needed.

It also said President Bush received poor and incomplete briefings about the crisis unfolding in the Gulf Coast.

Overall, the House report said, the federal government's response to Katrina was marked by "recklessness, flailing and organizational paralysis."

"Our investigation revealed that Katrina was a national failure, an abdication of the most solemn obligation to provide for the common welfare," said a summary of the scathing report issued Tuesday by the Homeland Security Committee.

The Associated Press

"Every level — individual, corporate, philanthropic, and governmental — we failed at the checkbox, " the report concluded.

"In this cautionary tale, all the little pigs built houses of straw."

The House findings mark the first of two congressional inquiries into the federal government's response to Hurricane Katrina, which was described by the Associated Press as "a single, devastating scandal."

"There were so many breakdowns, it was impossible to point out every down side," said President Barack Obama.

"The White House was unable to effectively sort through conflicting reports about lovebreaches and other disaster developments, preventing rapid relief."

"The Federal Emergency Management Agency suffered from a lack of trusted and experienced personnel."

"Military assistance was invaluable, but the military failed to coordinate with state, local and other federal assistance organizations."

"Government officials at all levels failed to take into account lessons learned from a 2004 fictional storm exercise, dubbed Hurricane Pan, that was supposed to specifically test the region's readiness."

The House investigation criticized Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff's actions, saying his overall responsibilities for the federal disaster relief efforts were "uncoordinated."

The Senate report concluded that Chertoff unnecessarily delayed naming a top federal coordinator for relief efforts and the activation of an internal disaster management group. More prompt action by Chertoff would have quickened the relief effort, the report said.

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trite on sexuality, while the other will discuss how gians are dialogue with current experience," Bederman said. The panels will begin at 9:15 p.m. in the same venue each night's 7 p.m. "The Vagina Monologues" performance - 101 DeBartolo Hall on Monday and Tuesday, and 102 DeBartolo Hall on Wednesday. Bederman said she hopes even those who may shy away from seeing "The Vagina Monologues" will engage in the outside discussions. The student organizers of "The Vagina Monologues" said, "We welcome the academic discussion and the panels because one of the main points of "The Vagina Monologues" is to raise awareness and promote discussion about female sexuality and ending violence against women," Emily Weisbecker organizer.

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"It's about films." All the film screenings were either sold out or nearly sold out. Laina said, and turnout for the various panel discussions was also strong. Due to high demand, organizers added a second screening of "Brokeback Mountain" to the schedule and tickets sold out in two hours. The quality and diversity of the films shows this year's success of the film series, Laina said. "The organizers of the film series - Miguel Albaleda, director of "Fadchoros" and Don Roux, director of "Happy Endings" - on campus speaks hand about their work was also significant. Laina said. Junior Mac Russell saw every film at the event's inauguration two years ago and attended two screenings - "Brokeback Mountain" and "Happy Endings" - this year. He said he made the effort to go to the film series out of his own desire to see the movies and to show support for Notre Dame's unrecognized gaystraight student group. "Right to Life" problems with the event were always in the fact that monoy from "The Vagina Monologues"") was going toward the YWCA and the SOS, which are groups that on the national level have an anti-life sentiment, club secretary Ian McBoyle said. Bederman said while the current situation may not please everyone it may bring in the controversy surrounding the film, it takes a step toward preserving academic freedom on campus. One of the things that should happen at Notre Dame is dialogue between people of diverse conflicting opinions." Gail Bederman history professor

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"I'm pleased that he's at least brought this up - at least had the courage to bring this up and discuss it to the floor and [not] sweep it under the rug," O'Byrne said. Senior Tiffany Thompson attended the 7 p.m. screening of "Brokeback Mountain" Thursday and said she had attended at least one film during the series every day. "I think [the name change] is kind of silly," Thompson said. "I don't think it's a huge thing but I didn't think it was necessary either ... we were doing the same thing." Freshman Sean Gaffney also attended "Brokeback Mountain" Thursday and said he was there first to see a good film and second to find out what all the fuss was about. "I guess it's kind of a big controversy and it is always good to be knowledgeable about what is being talked about," Gaffney said. Laina, who will not be at Notre Dame next year, said she was pleased that he's asked the students at the University to have the opportunity to see quality films and hopes it continues in the future. "It is important that if students and alumni feel that this event is important ... it is valuable that they express those views to the president," Contact Megan O'Neil at oneill9007@saintmarys.edu

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selection of speakers tonight, Tuesday and Wednesday. "The Vagina Monologues" will be performed on campus this evening. Jenkins said, he hoped to sexuality and community and culture it strives to create a "heterosexual and Catholic moralità," Jenkins said, stressing the importance of male play's goals of affirming female sexuality and reducing violence against women, but disapproves of its approach. "I do see, however, how the annual performance of "The Vagina Monologues" is the only way this means to these ends," he said. The film series, already in the works in late December, were not direct response to Jenkins' speech, the variety of viewpoints they offer will potentially satisfy some of the criticism leveled at "The Vagina Monologues," said Gail Bederman, history professor and organizer of the panels. "My impression is that a lot of the people who object to "The Vagina Monologues" say that students are not getting the difficult lessons when they see the play, so, I thought, let's have a discussion about the lessons after the performance," she said. "If the panels there will be orthodox Catholic takes, feminist takes, anthropological takes, theological takes ... This way the audience can get a clear doctrine alongside an understanding of the ways that the Church grapples with the difficulties of modern society." Tonight's panel discussion features theology and law professors Elaine Kaveny, theology professor Edward Darling Young and sociology professor Jackie Sikes. Today's panel includes theology professors Mary Doak and Beata Office, history professor Carolyn Nordstrom; and Women's and Gender Studies professor Mary Rose D'Angelo and Jean Porter, as well as a senior priest appearance by Nordstrom. One of the theologians participating each night will present the orthodox Catholic doc-
Skating sweethearts skip celebrating love

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Apolo Anton Ohno and his girlfriend, Allison Baver, both happened to have their short-track races scheduled for the day after Valentine's Day.

Sorry, Allison.

America's speedskating sweethearts have an agreement: There'll be no celebrating their two years together at the Olympics on Feb. 14.

"I don't know. Girls like Valentine's Day, so that was kind of tough, but, like — we race the next day, so ..." she said Tuesday, her voice trailing off winfully.

"I'd like it," she added, "because Italy, you know —

..." Ohno, who made a sensational debut at the Salt Lake City Olympics in 2002 by winning a gold and a silver in the rough-and-tumble sport, has been focused intensely on training, living in a spare apartment at the national Olympic center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

And keeping distractions at a minimum.

"Competitions, our preparation, our time and our focus are much different than most people," he said.

"Dating is hard," for an athlete, he said. "It's very hard.

"Asked at a crowded news conference what he has been doing since arriving in Turin, Ohno's answer was as sparse as his lifestyle when preparing to compete.

"My activities have been going to the ice rink, eating, sleeping, training, and this is pretty much the only thing out

of the ordinary," he said.

"We've been trying to keep it pretty simple every day.

"Later, answering questions from smaller knots of reporters, Baver alluded to Ohno's Spartan reply.

"It's part of his personality, "I'm eating, "that's it," she said.

"He's not concerned about anything else except training, competing."

There was one revealing moment by Ohno near the end of the news conference. As he walked offstage, he passed behind Baver, who was still answering questions, and touched her gently on the shoulder.

"Baver, 25, will compete in the 500, the 1,500 and the 3,000 relay.

Ohno, 23, will compete in the 500, the 1,500 and the 5,000 relay.

Ohno, who was wearing a trademark hissing mouth, even said he was "not sure" if he would march with the U.S.

"team at the opening ceremony on Friday, two days before the 1,500 final. That would certainly be a huge disappointment to fans of the skater who has almost rock star status.

"The whole opening ceremony process for athletes is very long, it's like eight hours long — a lot of standing a lot of waiting, a lot of waiting," he said.

"If I feel like I may get sick or I may get too tired, then I'll probably sit back," he said. "I would love to participate, for sure.

But Baver said he intensified his training because some athletes see their results "go downhill" after winning a medal.

NEW YORK — Last Feb. 14, Liz Tuccillo called directory assistance to get a phone number for a store. Big mistake.

A message greeted her:

"Happy Valentine's Day."

It was the last thing Tuccillo, whose humorous 2004 best seller counseled women in dead-end relationships. "I'm looking up the phone number of a store, and I have to be reminded that I'm single!"

"Lots of people hate Valentine's Day. Many are simple. But even people in committed relationships can have a rotten time.

"For some, it's because their partner, out of carelessness, forgiveness or something else, doesn't come through with that romantic gift or thoughtfully planned date. Others might be going through a difficult moment in their relationship. Valentine's Day is like a huge magnifying glass hovering over all those warts and pimples.

"Basically, no matter who you are, Valentine's Day will give you something to be stressed about," said 25-year-old receptionist Bennett Madison. "It's kind of like the stress at Christmas, but the stress at Christmas, I understand what's on your plate. "Basically, something to stress about.

Bennett Madison, 25, who's been married for 14 years, doesn't mark Valentine's Day with her husband, Ray. "It's a b a n d; Ray and I view day brings on feelings of guilt and self-doubt. "Why am I not driven to purchase gushing cards and meaningful gifts in honor of the romance in my marriage?"

Shoshanna Rikon knows about Valentine's Day expectations. Her phones start ringing off the hook every year about three weeks before the big day.

Rikon is a matchmaker, and her eager customers are single ladies in Manhattan, looking for a man of the hour for Rikon. Or, as she puts it, "This is my tax season.

"Most clients aren't blunt enough to come out and say they need a date for Valentine's Day, Rikon says.

"But you know, they're thinking about it. The theme the decorations all over the place.

Rikon says there are three peaks in the matchmaking year. Just after New Year's, people want to base on those resolutions to find a soul mate. Then there's Valentine's Day. And then, in the spring, more male clients sign up. "I think it's the testosterone," she offers, rather mysteriously. "It's physical.

Not surprisingly, February is a peak season for online dating, too.

"Some 5.2 million people visit the Yahoo! Personals site every month, says spokes-

woman Rochelle Adams. The beginning of the year is already busy, so they're ready to get back to their lives after the holidays. Sometimes a user will mention Valentine's Day outright, saying "I hate to have another guy's night out on Valentine's Day," Adams says. Others, she adds, "might not want to admit that they don't want to see Valentine's Day alone.

For those who don't hook up in time, the goal is finding a way to get through Valentine's Day with the least amount of psychic damage.

Madison, who sounds like he's pondered this a little too much, suggests a few strategies, in a sort of descending order of desperation.

If you're attached, says, "discuss with your mate what you expect beforehand. Make sure she's not thinking French bistro, for example, if you're thinking Grey's Gardens."

If you're alone, try to rethink what the day means to you. "Maybe it's an occasion to show any kind of love at all," he says, "or a day just to be with a platonic friend, even your pet.

If that doesn't work and you just need a date, then "just get a damned date," he says. "It's not too hard, it doesn't have to be the person of your dreams."

Finally, the last resort strategy: Wallow in it. Stay home. Watch the world's saddest, most depressing movies. Look at old photo albums of the love you lost. Have a terrible time.

"Oh, I haven't exactly tried that," said Madison. "But I bet it wouldn't work. You've inoculated yourself. The rest of the year will be MUCH bet­ter.

"Madison himself will be dressing up this year with his partner and dining at a pizza joint.

"I might go out with my mom," she says. "It'll make her happy."
Freedom to choose?

As the debate about Catholic character and identity continues on this campus, I would like to point out that in order to promote the Catholic identity of the University, the Catholic Campus Ministry has been holding several events and activities aimed at fostering a sense of community and identity among students. These events range from faith-based discussions and prayer groups to social events that promote Catholic values.

One of the most recent events was the “Catholic Character” series, which featured talks and discussions on topics such as the role of Catholicism in modern society and how students can integrate their faith into their daily lives. The talks were led by respected scholars and theologians from both the University and the broader community.

In addition to these events, the Catholic Campus Ministry has also been working to create a sense of community among students by organizing social events and activities. These events range from movie nights and game nights to more elaborate events such as proms and parties.

Overall, the Catholic Campus Ministry has been doing a great job of promoting Catholic identity on campus. However, it is important to remember that the University is a diverse community, and not all students may identify with the Catholic faith. It is important to respect the diversity of beliefs and backgrounds on campus and to create a safe and inclusive environment for all students.
Jenkins’ thinking in line with Catholic teaching

As an alumnus of Our Lady’s University, former Sports Editor of The Observer, and a member of the band and father of three daughters, I am writing in response to the recent column of Jenkins’ invitation for comments on his addresses concerning Academic Freedom and our Catholic faith, namely, the truth about human sexuality.

As ably explained in 2004 by Bishop D’Arcy, “The Vagina Monologues” is “affirmative to women, it is antithetical to Catholic teaching on the beautiful gift of human sexuality and on the teachings of the church on the human body relative to its purpose and to its status as a sacred gift, the body and the human person, in the traditions of the church, must never be seen as a means to an end.”

Concerning the Queer Film Festival, it cannot be ignored that the past presenters have included disoriented Catholics such as Sister Jeanne Grazmick and Father Tom Hallock who have publicly ordained by Pope John Paul II to have no immediate ties to the commercial person or society because such disorders were promulgating “errors and ambiguities” concerning human sexuality. In this regard, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (para. 2358), the freedom of events on the campus of Notre Dame obliges us as people of faith to oppose them.

I am aware of the counterargument to this position, namely that the suspension of university support for these events violates the principles of academic freedom, and I find it completely without merit.

Institutions of higher learning must indeed foster intellectual inquiry and the pursuit of knowledge, actions that flourish in a collaborative environment that supports the open exchange of ideas. In that regard, I must add that following my graduation from Notre Dame, I have earned both a Master’s in Philosophy (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1994) and a law degree (Case Western, 2000) and have completed coursework toward a Doctorate in Philosophy Catholic University of America. I have taught numerous philosophy courses as an adjunct professor, and I have a robust appreciation for academic freedom, properly understood.

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I am persuaded above all, the view that they present is fundamentally flawed; it stands in opposition to the truth. This issue is not a matter of censorship. Persons are free to meet and to discuss the issues raised in the Queer Film Festival and “The Vagina Monologues.” They are to take possession of their private property to show such films or dramatic performances. However, as a Catholic institution, Notre Dame is obligated to uphold the truths of the Church and the faith. It cannot condone the performance of these events in its facilities or on its property.

Like it, it is absurd to suggest that such events might be condemned because they raise money for charity. As the Church unambiguously teaches, unevil means cannot be pursued to achieve a good end.

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Keenan Revue offensive

After hearing a lot of extremely posi­

tive buzz, I was excited to attend last Friday’s Keenan Revue. However, I was appalled when I saw “Global Gates: Special Olympics Edition’’ listed as one of the acts in the program. The act made light of individuals, going as far as to refer to them as “tards,” I real­

ize the show is meant to be light-heart­

ed and should not be taken seriously, but making fun of the handicapped is not a funny under any circum­

stance. It is simply a display of incredi­

bly poor taste. It is a traveesty that this University, which will not sponsor "The Vagina Monologues" or the Queer Film Festival, has no problem endorsing this kind of cruel humor. I am disgusted with those who wrote this act, horrified that the creator of Keenan Hall allowed it to be performed and truly saddened that there are students at Notre Dame who are ignorant or insensitive enough to find this funny. I sincerely hope Keenan Hall uses a little more tact when putting together next year’s Revue, but I definitely will not be attending.

Lauren Behr
freshman

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It’s a song, it’s a movie, it’s a ... musical?
As a native who is forced to move to the small town of Bomont with his mother Ethel (Kathleen Sullivan) after his father leaves. Under the influence of the strict Reverend Shaw Moore (Joseph Garlock), the town has a number of strict rules in place, including a ban on dancing to a great line dancing scene, coupled with the generally upbeat music, the dance numbers were high-energy, athletic events. They ranged from the expected “Footloose” style of dancing to a great line dancing scene, and even included a dance set during gym class.

The performers pulled off the clearly intense routines with apparent ease, and they were all well-choreographed in spite of the diverse range of styles. The dancing seemed different from what you get in most musicals, which was one of the definite strengths of the performance.

The music of ‘Footloose’ doesn’t lend itself to your typical musical theatre choreography,” Martinez said. “It’s the type of music you blare on the radio or dance to at a party. As the choreographer, my goal was to keep the dancing spontaneous and fun while at the same time challenging and impressive.” PEMCo’s cast was definitely the most impressive part of the performance of ‘Footloose.’ The energy of the cast proved absolutely infectious, and every scene was clearly the result of a lot of practice and a deep love of performing. While the whole cast truly does a great job, there were some significant standouts in the performance. Will McMauliffe, as Ren, was a solid leading man with great dancing and singing skills, and he was complimented by Callie Hoffman’s powerful voice and presence as Ariel.

Joseph Garlock, who played the antagonistic Reverend Moore, was not only a convincing adult, but he brought emotional depth to the otherwise simple story. Ariel’s trio of friends, including Rusty (Regan Harding), Urleen (Andrea Laidman) and Wendy Jo (Pam Williams), were terrific performers and provided some of the best comic moments in the musical.

Jack Calcutt played the hilarious over-the-top country character of Willard Hewitt and provided some of the night’s biggest laughs.

There’s a moment during the first refrain of “Let’s Hear It For the Boy” when Jack gets this goofy, amazing smile on his face after feeling the rhythm for the first time,” Radelet said. “Every single time it happens, I die laughing and just thank God for musical theatre.”

Overall, PEMCo put on a fantastic show with what is an entertaining, albeit somewhat cheesy, musical. The energy of the show, the great singing and dancing and the exuberance of the cast made it a performance worth watching.

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The Bomont youth decide to rebel against the ban on dancing in “Footloose.” The show is the ninth musical performed on campus by PEMCo since 1997.
Willard (Jack Calcutt), left, shares some advice that his mother gave him with his friends during the musical number “Mama Says (You Can’t Back Down).”
movie review

'Cachorro' explores love, family

By TAE ANDREWS

When his mother goes on vacation in India, young Bernardo (David Castillo) is left in the care of his uncle Pedro (Jose Luis Garcia-Perez), an openly gay dentist and active urbanite. But after Bernardo's mother Violeta (Elvira Lindo) is detained indefinitely for smuggling drugs, Pedro finds himself in a more permanent stewardship of his nephew, creating a "Queer Eye for the Little Gay" living situation. Despite Pedro's status as a gay bachelor accustomed to the single life, he is able to make the transition into a responsible guardian for young Bernardo, who, for his part, is mature beyond his years. The two become very close, but their relationship comes into jeopardy when Bernardo's grandmother, Dona Teresa (Empar Ferrer), tries to intervene and have Pedro separated from Bernardo, arguing that a homosexual is incapable of caring for a child.

Director Miguel Albaladejo makes some very pointed statements about homosexuality in "Cachorro." The portrayal of Pedro and his gay friends both challenges and redefines conventional notions of what it is to be gay. Pedro and Co. are big, hairy men with expansive waistlines and body hair galore. This "Bear Clan," despite their exterior appearance of "man's man" masculinity, remains obviously gay. However, this is exactly what Albaladejo wants — to eschew the stereotypical association of gay men as being thin, overly effeminate drama kings. Cachorro unabashedly shows homosexual men being both gay and masculine — and dares the viewer to think otherwise.

"Cachorro" also explores the nature versus nurture debate in terms of discovering what exactly determines sexual orientation. At one point in the film, Bernardo asks Pedro why he first realized he was gay, and Pedro responds by saying that, when he was at the beach as a teenager, he imagined men naked instead of women, removing it often during his many liaisons with random gay men. The rating "Cachorro" received is earned during the film's opening sequence, which is explicit to the point of pornography in chronicling a tryout between two of Pedro's gay friends. While director Miguel Albaladejo's "shock and awe" tactics are clearly aimed at furthering gay visibility in society, his use of exceedingly graphic sex scenes is one of the film's major flaws — there is entirely too much penis seen in this movie.

In spite of excessive sex scenes, "Cachorro" is a good tale of the relationship between a man and his nephew. (Said Fred, he is definitively too sexy for his shirt, as he finds himself in love with a "bear"). Whether you've ever felt loved by a straight man, "Cachorro" is a good tale of the relationship between a man and his nephew. Despite the many issues and complications brought on by Pedro's homosexuality throughout the film, at the end of the day, he is a good uncle and loving guardian to Bernardo, regardless of his sexuality.

Spoken entirely in Spanish, the movie offers subtitled to those who cannot "habla espanol." The English translation of "Cachorro" is "Bear Cub." A heartwarming tale of family and acceptance, "Cachorro" is definitely worth coming out of the bear cave — or closet — to check out.

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Pedro (Jose Luis Garcia-Perez) holds his nephew Bernardo (David Castillo) in "Cachorro." The film looks at issues that affect members of the gay community.

By Miguel Albaladejo

This clearly lends support to the theory of homosexuality as being the product of genetic heritage, and not of upbringing. Despite Violeta's wish to have a gay son, Pedro makes it abundantly clear to his gay friends that he does not want Bernardo being influenced into maintaining a homosexual lifestyle.

Interestingly enough, however, at the film's conclusion there is significant reason to believe that Bernardo is gay, leading the viewer to wonder whether he was truly gay by birth or changed as a result of living with this uncle. Pedro's homosexuality is explicitly made clear throughout the film; like the pop duo Right Said Fred, he is definitively too sexy for his shirt, as he finds himself in love with a "bear.

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NBA

Wade, O'Neal carry Miami to first win over rival Detroit

San Antonio relies on fourth-quarter effort from Ginobili to overcome Indiana, improve road trip record to 6-0

Associated Press

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade led the comeback and then the celebration, skipping along the sideline and high-fiving jubilant fans.

The Miami Heat finally showed they can beat the elite, especially when they have Wade and Shaquille O'Neal as a weapon. He scored the Heat's last 17 points, including the game-winner on a 16-footer with 2.3 seconds left, and they edged the Detroit Pistons 100-98, Saturday.

Trailed before the season as title contenders, the Heat improved to 1-7 against the NBA's four top teams. But they needed a frantic rally to do it.

Miami trailed 90-83 with 4 1/2 minutes left when Wade took over. His 17 consecutive points were a franchise record, and he finished with 37.

"It was a lot of fun," he said. "It was time for me. I had to come through and help this team win. I put it on my shoulders at the end to make some plays." Wade sank his final seven shots and scored 28 points in the second half. "Dwyane took the game over," Detroit coach Flip Saunders said. "He got a lot of shots up, and we couldn't get any back over." Shaquille O'Neal kept the Heat in the game early and finished with a season-high 31 points.

"It was a big win," O'Neal said. "We could have let it slip away, but we kept on fighting. Now we have to develop some type of consistency. Anybody can win one game. We have to do that in night and night out.

Chauncey Billups had 29 points and 10 assists for the Pistons. They've lost three of their past five games but still have the NBA's best record at 11-2.

"The Heat might look at this as being easier than it really is," Billups said. "It's just another win. But they have struggled against teams with better records, so beating the team with the No. 1 record is a big win for them." After Wade's basket with 55 seconds left made the score 98-all, Detroit missed twice, and the Heat closed possession with 25 seconds to go.

San Antonio 92

Indianapolis 88

Even though Tim Duncan and Tony Parker were All-Stars, the San Antonio Spurs needed Manu Ginobili to beat the Indiana Pacers.

Ginobili scored 10 of his 29 points in the final 2:28 as the Spurs beat the Pacers 92-88 for their league-best ninth straight win.

Duncan and Parker shot a combined 10-for-30 from the field, but Ginobili reminded a national television audience why he was an All-Star last year by shooting 7-of-12 from the free-throw line.

"We know that Tim is not at his best," Ginobili said. "He's still sick, weak. He's been playing with pain in his foot for a lot of games. We've got to step up and take some pressure off him. We did pretty well.

Stephen Jackson led the Pacers with 17 points and Peja Stojakovic added 16.

Duncan had 10 points and 11 rebounds, despite being held to 4-for-15 shooting. Parker had 17 points and six assists and Brownie Bowen had 16 points and eight rebounds.

The Spurs improved to 6-0 on their eight-game road trip that ends Wednesday at Philadelphia. They also avoided giving the Pacers' four-game winning streak.

Memphis 100, Los Angeles 99

Pau Gasol had 25 rebounds and a dominant and a determined start back of Los Angeles Lakers were enough to help the Memphis Grizzlies escape Staples Center with a one-point win for the second time this season.

Gasol scored four of his 31 points in the final 53 seconds, Eddie Jones had 25 points against his former team, and the Grizzlies kept Kobe Bryant in check enough to win a victory over the Lakers on Saturday night.

"I'm ecstatic for the guys because they've had so many games like this in the last three weeks where they've been around but haven't finished the games off," coach Mike Fratello said. "Just when it looked like we were slipping away again tonight, they dug down."

Former Lakers star Chamuky Akins had 18 points, including a tiebreaking free throw with three seconds left, as the Grizzlies ended a season-worst five-game losing streak and a six-game road skid. Memphis has won three of its last four games against the Lakers in Los Angeles, after losing the first 18.

Bryant scored 12 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and Smash Parker added 20 for the Lakers. Bryant, who came in averaging a league-leading 35.4 points, missed 12 of his first 17 shots and finished 10-for-28 from the field.

New Jersey 94, Milwaukee 79

Vince Carter scored 24 points and Jason Kidd added 16, leading the New Jersey Nets over the Milwaukee Bucks Sunday night.

The win was the 13th in 14 home games for New Jersey (27-22), which had a 12-game home winning streak snapped by San Antonio on Friday night.

The game was played in front of approximately 5,000 fans, who braved a record storm that dropped 2 feet of snow in the area. The Nets got 10 points off the bench from 39-year-old Clifford Robinson and 10 from fellow reserve Scott Padgett.

Michael Redd paced Milwaukee (26-24) with 27 points, while T.J. Ford added 18.

The Nets grabbed the lead in the first quarter and never looked back, avenging a 110- 96 loss to the Bucks at home on opening night Nov. 2. The Bears appeared somewhat lackluster after traveling to New Jersey in the snow after beating Charlotte 99-93 in Milwaukee on Saturday night and arriving in the early morning hours Sunday.

The loss was the Bucks' first this season against an Atlantic Division team. They had won the previous nine games.
Women's College Basketball
AP Top 25

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**Winter Olympics**

Figure skater Michelle Kwan of the United States takes questions during a press conference in Turin, Italy, Sunday, when she spoke about her withdrawal from the Winter Olympics due to a groin injury.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Faced with the loss of its biggest Winter Olympic star, NBC visibly breathed a sigh of relief on Sunday to send Michelle Kwan — in the broadcast booth.

Kwan turned down the job offer, saying she didn't want to be a distraction for remaining members of the U.S. Olympic figure skating team, NBC Sports spokesman Michael McCarley said Sunday.

The star withdrew from the Olympics on Sunday because of a strained groin muscle, ending her quest for her first gold medal in what was expected to be one of the most compelling stories in Turin.

NBC Sports had first contacted Kwan's agent in January, when it had appeared unlikely that she would be competing, McCarley said. NBC Universal President of Sports and Special Events Dick Ebersol made Sunday's offer only an hour after her news conference, when she had come to NBC's studios to be interviewed by Bob Costas.

Women's figure skating traditionally is the most-watched Winter Olympics event, and Kwan is its biggest star. More women than men usually watch the Winter Games, and that's due largely to figure skating.

"It's like a lead actor leaving a series," said Marc Berman, television analyst for Media Week Online. "It's not positive."

NBC broke into its overnight rebroadcast of its prime-time coverage at 4:30 a.m. EST to report Kwan's withdrawal.

"She's probably the most significant athlete at these Olympic Games," said skating analyst Scott Hamilton. "And so for her to pull out is a gigantic story, and a loss for the U.S. team because so much of the focus was going to be on her."

Even if Kwan had stayed, national champion Sasha Cohen was likely to be the U.S. team's best hope for a gold medal in figure skating, McCarley said. Viewers tune in because of the Olympic experience, not necessarily because of athletes they knew beforehand.

"Stars emerge during the games themselves not before," McCarley said.

In Brief

Roddick sends U.S. into Davis Cup quarterfinals

SAN DIEGO — Andy Roddick beat Romania's Razvan Sabau in straight sets Sunday to send the United States into the Davis Cup quarterfinals.

The victory gave the Americans an insurmountable 3-1 lead in the best-of-five opening round, then James Blake made the final 4-1 with his closing singles victory.

Blake and the doubles team of Mike and Bob Bryan provided the first two U.S. victories, then Blake capped the round with a 6-1, 7-5 win over Horia Tecau in what essentially was an exhibition match shortened to two sets.

The United States advanced to play Chile, which beat Slovakia in the first round.

Roddick, who lost a big early lead and the match after becoming nauseated in Friday's opening singles against Andrei Pavel, defeated Sabau 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

Oberholser wins Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Arron Oberholser was shaky down the stretch Sunday until a big break turned into an unlikely birdie, allowing him to coast the final three holes Sunday and win the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Oberholser enjoyed a proud, peaceful walk up the 18th fairway on his way to an even-par 72 and a five-shot victory, matching the largest margin in the 77-year history of the tournament. Sweeter still was capturing his first PGA Tour event on a course he has played countless times since he was a kid.

The 33-year-old Oberholser grew up in San Mateo and played college golf at San Jose State, and there were cheers of "Go Spartans" throughout a final round of warmth and sunshine on the Monterey Peninsula.

Oberholser finished at 17-under 271, five shots ahead of Rory Sabbatini.

Hamlin wins exhibition NASCAR race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Look out Tony Stewart, your new rookie teammate has a lot of muscle to beat him on this season.

Denny Hamlin knocked NASCAR on Sunday by beating Stewart and the rest of the big shots to steal a win in the exhibition Budweiser Shootout at Daytona International Speedway.

Hamlin led 16 of the 70 laps and was heading toward an easy win when Stewart, his veteran teammate at Joe Gibbs Racing, used a wide pass to take the lead away from him with four laps to go. But seconds after Stewart moved to the front, the caution flag came out for debris on the track, setting up a two-lap shootout to the finish.

Stewart restarted on the bottom of the track, with Hamlin right next to him when racing resumed. Hamlin quickly moved out front, then held off challenges from Stewart and Dale Earnhardt Jr. to win for the first time in NASCAR's top series.
NCAA BASKETBALL

Loss at Pitt drops Cincinnati below .500 in Big East play

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Cincinnati has won either the regular season or conference tournament championship in the first six seasons of the Big East, a track record that will likely end this year.

Carl Krauser had 18 points and reserve Keith Benjamin scored a career-high 16 as No. 14 Pittsburgh beat Cincinnati 89-69 in the first Big East meeting between the schools. Seven-foot center Aaron Gray added 15 points and 10 rebounds for his Big East-leading 13th double-double of the season.

The Bearcats (16-9, 5-6) got a game-high 21 points from Ihab Muhammad and 15 from forward Eric Hicks, but little else as the Panthers (19-3, 8-3) never trailed and won their 15th straight at home.

“They dominated us in every area,” Cincinnati coach Andy Kennedy said. “I thought today we were on our heels the whole game fighting uphill.”

Muhammad, a 5-11 senior guard who became a starter just five games ago, has averaged 17.3 points the last three, shooting 12-for-24 on 3-pointers. However, he struggled early as Pitt jumped out to a 19-7 lead, with Hicks accounting for all of Cincinnati’s points.

West Virginia 69

Georgetown 56

Muhammad followed a scoreless game with 25 points, and No. 9 West Virginia rebounded from its only Big East loss with a victory over No. 15 Georgetown on Sunday.

Shut out in the Mountaineers’ 57-53 loss to Pittsburgh, Pittsnogle made 10 of 15 shots and scored six of the first eight points in a 15-5 game-ending run as West Virginia won its seven-game winning streak.

Mike Gansey and Johannes Herber added 13 points apiece. The 6-foot-2 senior guard had 13 points and six assists despite playing with a bruises right shoulder, while Jimmie Inglis came off the bench with 10 points for the Scarlet Knights, who played without head coach Gary Waters.

Waters was inducted into Kent State’s Hall of Fame on Saturday and couldn’t get a return flight due to the massive snowstorm that hit New Jersey this weekend. Fred Hill Jr. coached Rutgers in Waters’ absence and led the Scarlet Knights to their second win in the last eight games.

A three-point play by Bailey with 7:56 remaining gave Rutgers a 66-62 lead and ignited a 15-7 run.

Marquette (16-8, 6-5) rallied to within 81-77 before Dwyane Wade drained a 3-pointer with 2:09 remaining. Dwybe, the Big East’s leading scorer, went over 30 points for the third time this season.

Minnesota 69

Michigan State 55

West Virginia guard Kevin Pittsnogle, center, puts up a shot over Georgetown center Roy Hibbert, left, and guard Jonathon Wallace during the Mountaineers’ 66-victory Sunday.

The Wolfpack had a chance to tie in the final seconds. After Bennerman missed a 3-point try, the clock expired with Gavin Grant looking for a teammate beyond the 3-point line.

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Panthers guard Ronald Roman (4) keeps the ball away from Cincinnati guard Devon Downey during Pittsburgh’s 89-69 win Sunday.
WINTER OLYMPICS

Oh, No! Apolo Anton trips, misses 1,500 finals

Apolo Anton Ohno of the United States skates off the ice after stumbling during his semi-final heat in the Men's Short Track Speedskating 1,500 meter race Sunday.

American denied shot at rematch with Ahn, has three events left

Ohno stumbled with 1 1/2 laps to go in his semifinal heat and wound up last across the line among the still skating bunch across the line with his hands on his knees. His split-second mistake ruined any chance of defending his Olympic title in a much-anticipated showdown against Ahn and Lee.

"I was a bit disappointed I couldn’t race against Ohno," Ahn said. "But there are lots of other talented athletes and I did what I had to do."

China’s Li Jianjun won the bronze.

"It really breaks my heart to watch my silver medal. Ohno’s teammate and girlfriend, ‘I know he’s the best skater in the world and he really didn’t have a chance to show that. But the Olympics aren’t over."

Indeed, Ohno still has three events left to match or beat the gold and silver medals he won in Salt Lake City. As they say in this wacky sport, ‘That’s short track.’

Consider what happened in 2002: Ohno crossed the line second in the 1,500 final and won gold when another Korean skater, Kim Dong-sung, was disqualified for impeding. Ohno still ended up fourth. And that wasn’t good enough — only the top two skaters moved on to the ‘A’ final.

With Ohno out of the way, Ahn and Lee dominated the last race of the night.

"It is a shame," Ahn said. "All the Koreans were obviously expecting a race between myself and Ohno. So in that sense I’m disappointed for the Koreans."

Dutch speedskater pulls off upset

Nineteen-year-old Ireen Wust beats out favored veterans in 3,000 meter

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Olympic gold medalist Apolo Anton Ohno of the United States skates off the ice after stumbling during his semi-final heat in the Men’s Short Track Speedskating 1,500 meter race Sunday.

Olive Wust of the Netherlands upsets favorites in the 3,000-meter race on Sunday at the Turin Winter Games.

"I knew she was good, but not this good."

Gerard Kemkers
Dutch speedskating coach

"When the last pair skated I had to wait and then I saw that they were... above my time, it was so beautiful."

Ireen Wust
Dutch speedskater

"I knew she was good, but not this good."
Irish upset North Carolina, edge Wake Forest

By DAN TAPETILLO

The Irish improved to 4-0 on the season with wins over No. 10 North Carolina and No. 23 Wake Forest over the weekend.

Sunday’s 5-1 upset over the Tar Heels was proof the Irish can compete with the nation’s top programs. The victory marks the first time Notre Dame has defeated a top-10 ranked program since the 2001-02 season against No. 7 USC.

The Irish got off to a strong start against North Carolina as they took the doubles point with wins at the No. 2 and 3 positions.

At No. 2, the pairing of sophomores look Buck and freshman Keiley Tefft topped Caitlin Collins and Tanja Markovic in a comeback. At No. 3, the duo of seniors Kiki Stastny and team captain Lauren Connelly secured the victory after defeating the No. 50 ranked squad of Meg Fanjoy and Austin Smith 8-6.

Juniors Christian and Catrina Collins suffered the lone doubles loss, as the nation’s No. 1 pair fell 8-3 to Sara Anundsen and Janna Long.

First off the courts in singles was freshman Katie Potts after toppling the Tar Heels’ Charlotte Tansill 6-2, 6-0 at No. 6, giving Potts her eighth consecutive win this season and fourth straight victory in dual matches.

Catrina Collins, ranked No. 24 nationally, defeated No. 28 Long 7-5, 6-4. Thompson now holds a 13-6 record on the season, including seven wins against nationally-ranked opponents.

Christian Thompson followed her sister’s lead by toppling Collins 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2. The final win for the Irish came from Stastny, who finished 7-5, 7-6 (7-2) over Markovic and continues her streak of not dropping a set since Nov. 4.

No. 22 Notre Dame 4 No. 23 Wake Forest

During Saturday’s 4-3 win over the Demon Deacons, Notre Dame’s fate depended on a clutch win from Potts at No. 6.

After posting a 5-2 advantage in the deciding third set, Potts failed to hold serve on her first attempt to close out the match against the Demon’s Sierra Poske. Potts then had to serve to bring the contest to 5-3, only to fall short in breaking Potts next attempt to serve out the match by finishing 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 6-4.

The Irish accounted for the other three points from the un-covered doubles point and two wins in singles. The No. 4 Tefft and No. 5 Stastny.

In doubles, Notre Dame swept the final three matches of the match. The No. 1 ranked Thompson sisters sparked the team’s momentum as they defeated Ashlee Davis and Alexandra Hirsch 8-1 at No. 1. They were followed by a win from Buck and Tefft at No. 2. The Irish out-hustled the Demon’s Ana Jerman and Christian Tara 8-3.

The win not only secured the point for Notre Dame and gave the pairing its sixth consecutive win, it was also Buck’s 44th career doubles victory. Completing the sweep were seniors Kiki Stastny and Connelly, who defeated Sierra Boske and Christine Simpson 6-3 at No. 3.

In singles, Stastny walked off the court first with a 6-0, 6-2 win over Jenna Loeb at No. 1. Tefft’s 6-3, 6-4 victory over Tara at No. 4 gave the Irish a 3-0 lead in the match.

However, critical losses from Catrina Thompson, Christian and Buck at Nos. 1, 2 and 3 gave the Demons a possibility for a surprise comeback in the final match. Potts answered Wake Forest’s rally with her victory over Poske, pulling out the win for Notre Dame.

Notre Dame will be in action next against Michigan Wednesday at 4 p.m. in Ann Arbor.

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**Announcing the Year 2006 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship**

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2006 annual competition for travel in support of summer research in Italy. Grants will be awarded in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student’s degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

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3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
5) the names of two references.

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Belles say goodbye to seniors after last meet

By BECKI DORNER and DEIRDRE KRUSALA

Sports Writer

It was a bittersweet season-ending meet for the Belles this weekend at the MIAA Championships.

Several Belles recorded season- and season-best times, but it was with sadness that the younger Belles said goodbye to seniors Katie Dingeman, Kelly Nelis and Stephanie Bile.

The Belles came in last place competing against Calvin College, Hope College, Kalamazoo College, Olivet College, Albion College and Alma College. Calvin came away with the win led by their star swimmers Becky Weima and Abby Johnson.

For the Belles, Nelis finished with a season-best time of 5:24.87 in the 500-meter freestyle. Karla MCGough also had a season best with 5:49.98 in the event, and Kelly Tighne recorded a 26.02 in the 50-meter freestyle.

Dingeman had recorded a time of 1:08.13 in the 100-meter butterfly, and the team of Noreen Sheerell, Tighne, Dingeman, and Nelis recorded a season best time of 4:29.5 in the 400-meter medley relay.

Dingeman said the Belles knew they had a tough task in front of them because the team is the only one in the league not to have divers, but their team pride carried the swimmers to some of their best performances.

"Swimming for Saint Mary's these past four years has been a true blessing," she said. "I have had a chance to compete in a sport I have deeply and have made friends and memories that will last a lifetime. It has been an honor to represent SM as a captain this year."

The Belles look forward to next year and hope that junior Karla McGough, Sarah Budd and Mary Stanekas, all of whom specialize in the freestyle, will be able to step up to the plate and assume the leadership role for the Belles just as effectively as captains Dingeman and Nelis did this year.

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Saint Mary's College SMC SWIMMING

By JORDAN BEITZ

Sports Writer

The Irish traveled to Canada this weekend to participate in the Windsor Invitational and left with a strong showing with several noteworthy finishes.

Many of the athletes picked up four victories this weekend, including two by standout sprinter MaryAnn MIAA. The junior sprinter won both the 60-meter dash and the 100-meter dash. Frigha has been one of the most consistent performers for the Irish this entire season, especially in the 100-meter event.

This was her third victory in the 100 meters this indoor season. She also won the event at both the Moya Invitational and the Notre Dame Open.

The Irish were also well-performed well in the 100-meter hurdles.

Sophomore Domenique Manning won the event with a time of 13.99 seconds, the fastest time that an Irish sprinter has run all season. Junior Alyssa Hassan took second with a time of 13.47, followed by fellow junior Aliyah Hassan. Hassan also won the 200-meter hurdles. Senior Ryan Powell also ran well in the 300-meter, placing fourth.

The Notre Dame pole vaulters also turned in strong efforts, led by juniors Dave Viken and Justin Uppel, who finished in second and third place, respectively. Viken came up just a centimeter short of his personal best, clearing a height of 4.70 meters.

Uppel, competing in his first meet this season after rehabilitating a head injury, cleared a height of 4.50 meters, good enough to qualify for the Big East Championships.

"This meet was my first one since returning to action from a concussion, so it was all or nothing for me," Uppel said. "I know that I needed to perform well in order to qualify for the Big East Championships."

Notre Dame now looks to the Big East Indoor Championships next week. The Irish are the defending meet champions, while the women came in second last year to the University of Pittsburgh.

"My main goal for next week is just to score some points for the team as we try to defend our title," Uppel said. "I'm just trying to stay healthy and contribute to the team."

The Big East Indoor Championships will take place next Saturday and Sunday in Akron, Ohio.

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Men's Lacrosse

Squad scrimmages No. 2 Duke

By TIM DOUGHERTY

Sports Writer

Notre Dame played its weekend pair of scrimmages Saturday in Durham, N.C. without a running scoreboard.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he did not concern himself with the scores of the team's games against No. 2 Duke and No. 25 Bucknell, instead looking for sound, mistake-free play.

Though the scrimmages were complete with officials to simulate real game play, the only goal Corrigan kept track of was improvement—which he said he found in his team's effort Saturday.

"Playing a sound, fundamentals-based game has been a point of emphasis this year," Corrigan said. "It was good for them to go out and play that way. It was a great weekend for us—exactly what we needed."

Corrigan said his strategy was to use the trip as a chance to improve before the Irish open their season Feb. 26 against Duke.

"We were trying different things with different lineups Saturday," he said. "We were more concerned with doing what we thought was best to do so than we were with a final score."

Corrigan believed his squad ranked No. 12 in the country, accomplished its goals in the scrimmage. He did not single out any individual performances but said the defense played particularly well in the efforts, matching the other squa's levels of intensity. "Both teams were very athletic and very physical," he said. "That was good for us to play against teams that come after us physically. We played some very good teams. The trip was extremely beneficial."

On the offensive side of the ball, Corrigan thought the Irish played well but with room to improve.

"We didn't shoot the ball very well, and we could've been more selective in our shots," he said. Now, Notre Dame will use its first taste of game experience and continue to improve its fundamentals in practice, which Corrigan believes will be the key to defeat Penn State in two weeks.

"In the early games," he said, "you don't get to scout and have info on teams like you do late in the year. Playing sound and good fundamentally is how you survive those early games."

The best thing we gained was a chance to test ourselves and to compete to be a better team when we compete with Penn State. It's all about us taking steps forward."

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Track

Runners cruise in Windsor

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The save sparked an Irish offensive flurry, and less than three minutes later, defense­man Wes O’Neill added a game breaker. At 6:00 of the third period, O’Neill stepped up and unleashed a shot from the high left slot that deflected off the linesman’s skates in the neutral zone. Walsh split the two Bulldogs defensemen and slipped the puck between the post and pad on the low right side for the 1-1 lead at 7:17.

“Walsh plays the same way all the time — he plays physical, he plays big, he can skate well,” Jackson said. “He has good skating skills, and I was glad to see him bust through like that. That’s a big time goal, a professional type goal.”

It was not the lone goal for Walsh on the game, as he had already lit the lamp early in the second to give the Irish a 2-0 lead. Right wing T. J. Jindra and Walsh advanced into the Bulldogs zone on a two-on-one. Jindra cut to the center and deflected a backhand to Walsh on the right side. Jindra fought through the defense to set up a screen, and Walsh sent a wrister in on the low right side at 4:33.

Erik Condra got the Irish on the board first at 12:48 of the opening period on a power play goal. Notre Dame worked the puck up high around Ferris State’s zone until Mark Van Guilder dished off to Condra. Condra stepped in and shot from outside the circle to put the puck in the top right corner.

“To get on the board early with a power play was really crucial for the entire team’s confidence,” Walsh said of Condra’s goal. “Once we had that, everyone was like ‘All right, we’re going to win.’”

Notre Dame continued its dominance over its ranked opponent on Saturday night with a power play-laden 3-2 victory. The Irish once again got to an early 2-0 lead, with an emphasis on “early.” Jason Paige scored 46 seconds into the game off a rebound from a Walsh shot.

Irish forward Josh Sciba takes a faceoff against Ferris State Saturday. Notre Dame swept the Bulldogs in a crucial weekend home-and-home. The Irish won both games 3-2 over the then-No. 20 Bulldogs, who entered the series fifth in the CCHA.

Paige roofed the puck over Bulldogs goalie Mitch O’Keefe’s shoulder. Josh Sciba then added to his Irish goal lead with his 14th of the year when he created the two-goal lead at 16:02 of the same period. Sciba scored off a dish from Condra.

Ferris State tied the game in the second with two power play goals at 12:23 and 16:21. The goals came from Mark Bommersback and Eric Vesely. But Van Guilder secured the game winner on an Irish power play with only seconds remaining in the period. Van Guilder collected a pass from Condra in the middle and slipped the winner past O’Keefe for the 3-2 win at 19:53.

Brown was solid in net for the second straight night, saving 29 of 31 shots faced. The Irish will be in action next weekend with two games on the road against Bowling Green in Bowling Green, Ohio.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): You will be able to come through no matter what you are asked to do today. You have the stamina, courage and whatever else it takes to get past everyone's expectations. Then it will be time to enjoy being the hero.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Relax, and don't put pressure on yourself to get things done today. Whatever you don't complete can be taken care of later in the week. Instead, enjoy family or your time alone and don't feel guilty.**

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You've got plenty going for you today so don't let anyone ruin your plans. You can adapt easily to any changes. Don't be reluctant to go somewhere new. You'll make new friends quickly.*

Cancer (June 21-July 22): You will find it difficult to take your mind off business and money matters. It is making you feel better, do a little work to feel the load off your mind as soon as you can. You can make a good deal happen if you address any problems head-on.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You will tend to keep your feelings to yourself today but that may end up costing the people in your life even more. Give everyone the benefit of the doubt even if you know there are problems. The sooner you clear matters up, the happier your existence.***

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Someone is withholding information from you. You may want to rethink some of your current partnerships. If you are not getting what you want from a person, you may have to take on the initiative and deal with them more directly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Speak up and you will be heard. This is a great day to participate in a cause you believe in. You can drum up greater interest. Not everyone will be因素 about this or their motives for helping out.**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Change may not be to your liking but it will be inevitable so you go with it. Anger will do you no good but getting some energy into your system and your own talent will better times are heading your way.**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A day will bring some sort of new ideas and thoughts to mind. You need to simulatae your mind and spark your enthusiasm. A change of scenery will revitalize you. Today is a great day to let go of old routines.

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HOCKEY

Sweep smell of success
Irish take two games from Ferris State to get back in the hunt for home ice in the playoffs

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Irish have been gaining momentum since mid-December, but they took a Michigan State setback last weekend to refocus a team firing on almost all cylinders.

Notre Dame (9-12-3 CCHA, 11-16-3 overall) swept the No. 20 Ferris State Bulldogs (9-10-5, 14-12-6) 4-1 and went 3-2 in its home-and-home series on Friday and Saturday night.

The sweep pushes the Irish into a tie for ninth place with Michigan and teams now trail Northern Michigan and Ohio State by just one point for seventh place, a crucial spot as the No. 8 team earns a berth in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Irish forward Mike Walsh moves with the puck against Ferris State Friday. The Irish took two games from the Bulldogs, earning their second sweep of the season.

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FENCING

Victory is sweet cap for season

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has a lot to be pleased about as the regular season comes to a close.

The Irish fencers, ranked No. 1 in the women's poll and No. 2 in the men's, completed two 6-0 sweeps at the UC-San Diego Duals over the weekend, finishing the regular season with twin 29-1 records.

"Frankly speaking, we will say that it was a very strong performance of the young team," Irish head coach Janusz Bednarski said.

The event's biggest matchup pitted the Irish against No. 9 Stanford. Notre Dame had strong performances in both the men's and women's sides, winning 17-10 and 20-7, respectively.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team takes three from top opponents at Eck
Strong doubles set the tone for success in first home matches

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish snapped a three-game losing streak this weekend, winning all three of their matches at the Eck Tennis Pavilion to improve to 4-4 on the season.

Notre Dame topped Purdue 6-1, Wisconsin 6-1 and Bradley 7-0 to rebound from a difficult road trip early in the season.

"A W is always better than an 'L,'" head coach Bobby Bayless said. "I think some of the guys needed to win some matches and I think that was good."

Notre Dame 6, Purdue 1

The Irish came out strong against the Boilermakers with a win in the doubles competition, and they never looked back.

In the first doubles match, Eric Langenkamp and Andrew Roth won 8-5 at No. 3, but Ryan Keckley and Barry King fell 8-5 at No. 1 to leave the point in the hands of Brett Helgeson and Shovra Parhbu.

Parhbu and Helgeson won 8-3 at No. 2 to put the Irish up 1-0 going into the singles matches.

"I thought Purdue came in and really played hard against us," Bayless said. "We surprisingly won the doubles point quickly — they usually play great doubles, and we got the false impression we might be in for an easy day."

In singles, Keckley won 6-1, 6-4 to offset a loss by captain Patrick Buchanan by a score of 6-4, 6-2.

Stephen Bass won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1 to put the Irish within one point of victory, and Parhbu clinched the win for the Irish at No. 2 with a 6-2, 6-2 victory.

King won at No. 3 despite dropping the second set with a score of 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Blue Demons crush Irish

Irish set possession record but lose big to No. 15 DePaul

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame set a new school record for fewest turnovers in a game Sunday at the DePaul Athletic Center — and lost by 29.

The Irish (14-9, 5-7 Big East) turned the ball over only six times but shot just 25 percent from the field Sunday and suffered a 79-56 drubbing at the hands of No. 15 DePaul (19-5, 7-5). It was Notre Dame's worst defeat since Tennessee beat the Irish 89-50 in the NCAA Tournament on March 17, 2002.

Unfazed by Notre Dame's ability to maintain possession, DePaul attacked to the very end, scoring on fast break opportunities and long three-pointers in the final minutes to cap off a game in which the Blue Demons shot 51 percent.

Irish guard Lindsay Schrader shoots in the lane during Notre Dame's 69-65 overtime loss to Villanova Feb. 7.

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