Parking tickets surprise students

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

Students who drive on campus and find themselves tempted by the convenience of parking illegally during quick trips to Rolfs or the Bookstore are being slapped with parking fines steeper than they imagined.

Senior Anna O'Connor said she received her first warning for parking near the LaFortune Student Center without a parking pass and consequently was not required to pay the $15 fine. But when she received her second violation for the use of an unauthorized parking pass, she was fined $100 from the Office of Residence Life and Housing and placed on parking probation, which prohibits her from parking on campus until she graduates.

Limited campus parking means many students inevitably rack up parking tickets and violations, and Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) Associate Director Phil Johnson said NDSP works to enforce fair parking policies.

Parking violations accounted for 12.2 percent of disciplinary incidents handled by the Office of Residence Life and Housing during the 2004-05 academic year — second only to intoxication in the overall number of reported disciplinary incidents, according to a Nov. 17, 2005 Observer article.

To introduce students to the

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Monologues' draw crowds, praise

Original stories by SMC community lauded

By KELLY MERHAN
Assistant News Editor

The second annual SMC Monologues related the emotionally stirring personal narratives of Saint Mary's students, faculty, staff and Sisters of The Holy Cross to large crowds in two weekend performances, raising more than $750 for S.O.S., the local rape crisis center, and the YWCA.

Twenty-seven actresses performed the original monologues in Saturday evening and afternoon productions that were modeled after Eve Ensler's "The Vagina Monologues."

"You couldn't have the SMC Monologues anywhere else," senior actress Stephanie Snyder said. "The culture, the context — it is our space, our words, our stories, our pain, our joy, our lives. These monologues are by our community, for our community."

Campus Alliance for Rape Prevention faculty advisor and psychology professor Catherine Pittman said the personal touch of the SMC Monologues fosters a better response than "The Vagina Monologues."

"We could do The Vagina Monologues anywhere, but we choose to do this because it's the best Monologues anywhere," Pittman said.

"Monologues' draw crowds, praise" see SMC/page 3

Juniors, parents enjoy successful weekend together

By MAUREEN MULLEN
News Writer

From late nights at The Linebacker to residence hall lunchoons, more than 1,200 families of Notre Dame juniors spent this weekend at Notre Dame to take part in the events and celebrations of the 54th annual Junior Parents Weekend (JPW).

The tradition of JPW began in 1952 as a way to expose a student's family to life at the University, and this weekend was packed with activities that highlighted spiritual, academic and social aspects of student life on campus.

"I thought it was a very well-run event, especially considering the number of people," junior Sarah Renoit said. "It was really nice for my parents to be able to meet and visit with my friends. The events allowed us to relax and get to know one another — something you don’t always get to do during the hectic atmosphere of football weekends."

The weekend began with an opening Gala on Friday evening in the Joyce Center, where families socialized and enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

Senior Roseanne DePauli said she enjoyed the weekend's events, despite a snowstorm that nearly stranded her mother in her hometown of Shebogran, Wis.

"It was a very well-organized event that kept us entertained all weekend," she said. "We had a great weekend and my parents made it back home safely."

Wintery weather in New England proved to be a problem for junior Laura Kelly, whose parents' flight was rerouted to Detroit.

"They ended up having to drive to South Bend from Detroit," she said. "We had a really fun weekend though. JPW is a great event."

Saturday's events featured

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Concert response mixed

Mellencamp big draw, but price high for some

By MARY KATE MALONE
Assistant News Editor

For the Jacks and Dianes of Notre Dame, no price is too high to see John Mellencamp live.

But for many fans, the $36 to $46 dented his upcoming concert at Notre Dame and will leave their pockets a little too good.

I was planning on going, and then I saw the price," freshman David Patterson said. "I think if it was $10 or $15 I'd probably go ... I would have gone if it was more reasonable."

Mellencamp, a Seymour, Ind. native, will perform at the Joyce Center Arena on Tuesday, April 18 at 8 p.m., it was announced Friday.

Notre Dame is the last stop on Mellencamp's 13-city "Words and Music 2006" tour. Mellencamp will perform in La Crosse, Wis., before coming to South Bend. Other cities on his tour include Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Youngstown, Ohio, and Atlantic City, N.J.

The concert is presented by V.I. and V.I. Classic music channels. Tickets go on sale
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Inside religion

The other day, two of my buddies were going back-and-forth about politics with- out really addressing the issues the other brought up.

"How can you support abortion and euthanasia?" was the obvious answer to "How can you support drastic cuts to Medicare and education?" answered one. Neither met hab- ble, and bable was winning.

Neither of the two made an inch of inroads with the other, but they were in luck. A third friend walked into the room, and they redirected the propaga- da persuasion towards him.

"Dave, what do you think about this stuff?"—I mean, it's abortion!

Dave wasn't a flamer or a neo-cun, but he had his opinions. "Look, it ain't right."

"And euthanasia?"

"To be honest, it kind of bothers me."

But like I said, Dave wasn't an ide­ olog. And his other friend tried to prove that point.

"Now hold your horses, buddy. You guys aren't off the hook that easily."

Dave wasn't all that impressed with the further explanation.

"Wuh, but even if it didn't, it's wrong."

"Well that's the besides the point, because what's that they're leading us to."

The other friend now thought he had his chance.

"If that's what you mean, Dave. Things are wrong because they're wrong — case closed."

Dave agreed, and then the battle ensued.

"No matter what the effect on GDP per capita or tax rates, I'm saying we shouldn't do some things because they're just wrong."

Dave nodded his head once again but would soon rue the other side.

"Medicare and education cuts aren't right, either. Dave. Don't fall into that trap because that ruins our country and they hurt our economy."

Dave agreed on the premise, but not its reasoning.

"You guys, what both of you are saying resonates with me."

A double response followed: "Then who's right?"

"Neither one of you."

Another double response: "But if you had to vote for one?"

Dave was torn. Half of him was on each side, so he had to figure out anoth- er way to decide.

"I'm split on the issues but not on how you get there. If I've got to choose between a pragmatist and an idealist on moral issues, I'll side with the idealist. At least he's a solid foundation for moral choices."
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at Notre Dame Feb. 25 — and
sophomore Ashley Coniceros

can hardly wait. “I was pretty
stoked when I found out he was
coming! ... I was jumping up and
down screaming a little.” The ticket
price is a little high, but that’s
what I would pay outside of campus
so it’s not that big of a deal.

Tickets for the concert can be
purchased online, by telephone or in
person at Gate 10 of the
JACC.

Freshman Amanda Dosch is
also planning to attend.
“I like him a lot. I was really
surprised,” she said. “I think it’s a little expensive,
but John Mellencamp is pret-
gy great so I think it’s worth
it.”

Despite his affinity for
“classic rock,” junior
Nicholas Hamilton-Cotter
can’t justify spending up to
$46 for a chance to see John
Mellencamp.

“I was excited a big name was
coming to campus ... my
friends and I all kind of enjoy
that genre of music but I don’t think any-
one is going because the
price is too steep,” he said.

“If it was a little cheaper I would
have gone for the experience of
seeing [Mellencamp] live, but it’s a little out of my price range
right now.”

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Hamilton-Cotter
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Stevens reads a piece at the Sunday afternoon performance.

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thing we could do [for the
College] community,” Pittman
said.

The sometimes-controversi-
ual play “The Vagina Monologues” has not been
performed on the campus since 2004, but has not
been banned by the administra-
tion, Pittman said.

Pittman said many mem-
bers of the College faculty and
administration — includ-
ing College President Carol
Mooney and Vice President of
Student Affairs Linda Timm
— attended the weekend per-
formances.

“I think it is a good educa-
tional experience for them,
and it is good for them to
hear [the Monologues],” she
said.

Both Mooney and Timm
were audience members at the
2 p.m. SMC Monologues
performance on Sunday.

“This is an especially pow-
ful performance because it
is the stories of our women,”
Mooney told The Observer
following the Monologues.

She declined further com-
ment Sunday.

Timm said the Monologues’
internal focus on the College
community reflects the
“courage and great deal of
faith” of Saint Mary’s stu-
dents, faculty and Sisters.

“I think it is important that
we have a variety of pro-
grams that present informa-
tion on topics of sexuality,
personal safety, health and
wellness for women, violence
against women, et cetera,”
Timm said. “No one approach
speaks to everyone. Not
everyone will feel comfort-
able at the SMC Monologues,
and not everyone will attend
other programs that we pres-
ent on campus.”

SMC Monologues producer
Ginger Francis said she was
very pleased with the event’s
outcome.

“When audience members
walk out after the SMC
Monologues, [they] will be
changed forever,” she said.

“These monologues don’t
represent [everyone], but
many people ... I hope they
will see diversity and break
the image of there being a
sole stereotypical Saint
Mary’s woman ... and they
will suddenly realize they are
not alone.”

Junior Becky Susan said
the SMC Monologues present-
ed an effective message to
the College community.

“I thought that it was a
wonderful experience,” she
said. “It was interesting to
see how issues at Saint
Mary’s are viewed in society.”

Junior Grace Garbert said
the SMC Monologues were
“empowering, memorable
and moving.”

“They bring a stronger
sense of sisterhood and sup-
port to Saint Mary’s,” she
said.

Center for Women’s
Intercultural Leadership
research analyst and mono-
logues actress Joy Evans said
the SMC Monologues serve as
a “very powerful process for
personal, as well as commu-
nity healing and growth.”

“I hope people walk away
realizing how amazing and
complex SMC women ... are
and how important it is for
every man and woman to
make a personal commitment
to end sexual violence in
their communities,” Evans
said.

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Stevens reads a piece at the Sunday afternoon performance.

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“The best student organization experience on campus”
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University's parking policies,
first-time violators receive a warning intended to inform
their car was towed on the
campus. Johnson said. Students
who receive a warning are not fined.
"We understand the complexity
of campus parking regulations," he said.
"As a result, NDSP offers the
warning ticket in an effort to get
people to comply with the rules.
The primary purpose of these rules is a source of frustra-
tion for many students like sen-
or Anthony Pesce, who received a ticket
for parking illegally near the Joyce
Center. "How (does NDSP) know you
are in the wrong lot without a decal?" he said.
O’Connor said she understood
the reasoning behind the rules
but not necessarily the enforce-
ment.
"I think (the rules) are fair
considering it is a pedestrian
campus, but I think the parking
guard can be a little psychotic
when enforcing the rules," she
said.
In most cases, the Office of
Residence Life and Housing
becomes involved in parking
issues after a student has habitual-
ly violated parking rules.
NDSP parking fines vary from
five dollars to $50 depending on
the violation, but ResLife fines may exceed
NDSP’s $50 maximum.
The most common parking viola-
tions include parking in non-designated
spaces and parking on campus
without a decal.
If students pay a
parking ticket within 10 days, they receive a 20 percent dis-
count on the fine. In the event a
student neglects to pay his or
her ticket, the fines are trans-
ferred to his or her student
account.
Johnson said despite limited
resources, NDSP attempts to
monitor all parking zones, pay-
ing particular attention to
handicapped parking, reserved
parking and fire lanes.
"We tow cars after the fourth
violation," Johnson said.
The towing is meant to deter
students from continuously
paying fines and to open up
parking spaces for authorized
vehicles, Johnson said.
Students who have cars regis-
tered with the parking office
receive a letter after their
fourth violation to inform them
their car will be towed on the
next offense.
Johnson said cars are towed
immediately when parked in
fire lanes or blocking traffic.
"For some, having to pay a
parking fine if cited for parking
in the wrong place isn’t enough
incentive to make good parking
decisions," he said.
In the event a student feels he
or she does not deserve a park-
ing fine, the student can appeal
the ticket twice. All appeals and
fines for parking citations are
addressed at the parking office
in Hammes Mowbray Hall by
the parking appeals committee,
which consists of students, fac-
ulty and staff.
NDSP is not involved in the
appeals process, but does com-
municate the decision of the
committee back to the student.
NDSP also receives feedback
from the ad hoc parking com-
mitee, made up of graduate
and undergraduate students, to
determine if any potential rule
changes should take place
regarding campus parking reg-
ulations.
"Parking rules and fines are
established to maintain order
and safety on campus."
Phil Johnson
association director
Notre Dame
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collegiate workshops com-
prised of faculty addresses
and departmental presenta-
tions, as well as residence
hall luncheons geared to foster
social interaction between students, parents
and residence hall staff.
University President
Father John Jenkins cele-
brated the JWP Mass
Saturday evening, and
Jenkins also addressed jun-
ioars and their families dur-
ing a dinner at the Joyce
Center Fieldhouse that
evening.
"It was good for my par-
ents to see the campus for a
time other than a football
weekend," junior Ryan
McSpadden said. "It was
also funny to watch parents
fit into typical weekend
social settings."
Junior Jim Martin said he
enjoyed immersing his par-
ents into the Notre Dame
social scene and took them
out to bars and parties on
Saturday night.
"My parents had a lot of fun
with my friends," he said.
"We took them to the
Linebacker and closed down
the place. We went to a
party at the College
Football Hall of Fame and
also one at Turtle Creek.
The weekend concluded
Sunday with a closing
brunch that featured an
address by Vice President
for Student Affairs Father
Mark Poorman and a ben-
ediction by
University President Emeritus Father
Theodore Hesburgh.
"My parents enjoyed all of the
University events of the
weekend," Martin said. "We thought
that Father Hesburgh’s address was
especially impressive."
JWP 2006 chair-
person and
guest Marris Kajfez
said the event was a suc-
cess.
"I had so much fun this
weekend and I hope that all
the juniors did as well," she
said.
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India

India fears outbreak of bird flu

Poultry killed by thousands as officials work to prevent further spread of disease

Associated Press

NANPUR — Health officials and farm workers in protective clothing began slaughtering hundreds of thousands of chickens in western India on Sunday, hoping to prevent the spread of the deadly H5N1 bird flu virus.

Europe stepped up its battle against bird flu as the European Union’s top poultry producer, France,グラフの際に、in its first reported case of the lethal virus.

European poultry farmers said consumption has fallen and caused hundreds of millions of dollars in losses. Germany ordered some birds killed on the Baltic Sea island of Rügen after 19 cases of the deadly flu cases in Italy were confirmed. Indian officials reported a 77-year-old poultry farmer and 57-year-old sister killed of bird-flu-like symptoms, though tests had yet to determine what killed him.

“At this juncture we can only suspect that the cause of his death could be bird flu,” said Sanjay Sengupta, minister for animal husbandry.

Poultry farms were closed to everyone but health officials and workers in protective gear. Chicken shops were shuttered.

The government has banned the sale or transport of chickens from the area, and checkpoints have been set up to inspect trucks.

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Protests against cartoons escalate

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistani security forces arrested hundreds of Islamic radicals linked to suicide bombing to protest against caricatures of the Prophet Muhammad.

Pakistan had banned protests after riots killed five people in two cities last week.

Elsewhere in the Muslim world on Sunday, demonstrators with wooden staves and stones igned successfully to storm the U.S. Embassy in Indonesia, while tens of thousands rallied in the Turkish city of Istanbul and complained about negative Western perceptions of Islam.

Troops patrolled the deserted streets of the northern Nigerian town of Maiduguri, where thousands of Muslims attacked Christians and burned churches Saturday, killing at least 15 people during a protest over the cartoons. Most of the victims were beaten to death by rioters.

In Saudi Arabia, newspapers ran full-page apologies by Jyllands-Posten, the Danish newspaper that first ran the caricatures in September. The newspaper’s Web site also published the ad on its own initiative, using an apology issued by the newspaper late last month. It did not identify the companies or say if they were Danish.
Yale ‘Sex Week’ sparks debate

Promotive annual events shock students, promote sexual awareness

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — In a lecture hall on Yale’s storied Old Campus, not long after an afternoon astronomy class has cleared out, a middle-aged woman demonstrates her technique and hands out free products to an eager crowd.

“I want you to close your eyes,” Patty Brisben, the woman, instructs a young man as she rubs heated jelly into his forehead and, to rousing laughter, reaches for an electric toy and begins to fan it about, having an all-over body massage.

Welcome to Sex Week at Yale, a biennial celebration that has become one of the most provocative campus events in the country.

Organizers say Sex Week gets students talking about sex in a way that’s more relevant than middle-school film strips, more honest than movies and television, and more fun than requisite college health lectures.

“The whole point is, we do have to do things a little riskier and a little different than other sex education programs,” said junior Dain Lewis, who was in charge of Sex Week 2006 after attending the 2004 event.

This year’s event, which ends Saturday, includes lectures from dating specialists, a sex-pert discussion of homosexuality with a former Roman Catholic priest, sex-education sessions that include a panel of porn stars and stripping lessons from the Playboy Channel.

Critics say Sex Week is just the latest in a decades-long debate at colleges in recent years: Students started sex columns. Vassar and Wellesley created masthead columns. Harvard launched a campus magazine featuring suggestive pictures of underclassmen. Washington University in St. Louis and Northwestern have obscure theme week with orgasm seminars and condom telegrams. According to the student paper Playboying and Schooling, a Playboy stripper to campus is heretical, said Travis Kavulla, editor of the Harvard

Sex Aid saleswoman Patty Brisben demonstrates a device on a Yale student Feb. 15 during a Sex Week lecture. The college’s 2006 Sex Week sparked debate over electronic doing what the traditional paper has never been.

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Brown is offering two other e-textbooks this semester, but none of the 150 students in those classes has bought one, even at a 35 percent off the price of a new printed copy.

Students are going to have to see more value in e-textbooks before they take off, said Larry Carr, Brown’s director of bookstores and e-commerce.

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More U.S. colleges offer Chinese

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Next fall, she anticipates Ball State will need a second-year Chinese course, the first time in recent years that a required class roster of at least 10 students is needed.

And third-year Ball State students have taken classes with her in addition to the other Mandarin students.

Professors say the demand for Chinese courses has left their language departments scrambling to keep up.

Since 1998 and 2002, the Modern Language Association reports student enrollment in Chinese jumped 20 percent, to about 34,000 students. Studying in China is also on the rise, up 6 percent, to 5,000 students, between 2003 and 2004, according to the Institute of International Education. To keep up with demand, universities may soon hire more

language professors courtesy of the federal government’s new National Security Language Initiative, launched by President Bush in January.

The major goal of the initiative is to increase the number of Americans mastering what the government has labeled a “critical need foreign languages,” which include Arabic, Russian, Hindi, Farsi and Chinese. Bush has requested $114 million to fund the effort in the K-12 and college levels.

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In Brief

Auto strike avoided but still possible DELHI — Delphi Corp. dodged a bullet Friday, avoiding a devastating strike by delaying a July 7 vote on its labor agreements. But the nation’s largest auto supplier warned it will renew efforts to cancel its contracts in six weeks if talks fail to reach a settlement with its unions and its largest customer, General Motors Corp.

Delphi, which filed for bankruptcy in October, says its expensive U.S. labor agreements make it impossible to compete in a global economy. The company first threatened in December to ask a bankruptcy court to reject its union contracts. Friday’s vote, the third this year, delayed the filing, which also seeks to terminate health care and life insurance for retired hourly workers.

Misunderstanding halts beef trade WASHINGTON — The Bush administration said Friday a New York meatpacker and a government inspector misunderstood new trade rules when they allowed prohibited veal to be shipped to Japan.

The Japanese government replied there was no real risk to import shipments of American veal which was halted when the shipment was discovered last month.

30-year bonds affect home mortgages NEW YORK — The Treasury Department’s resumption of 30-year bond sales could have an interesting impact on the home mortgage market, with lenders offering more 40-year loans and making 50-year mortgages for the first time to help some consumers qualify for loans.

While the connection between the two — the U.S. government borrowing money through the sale of debt and a home buyer looking for a loan to buy a home — may not be apparent, the two are inextricable. That’s because the interest rate the government pays for its debt usually determines the rate consumers and corporations will pay for the loans they take out.

The reintroduction of the 30-year bond means lenders — who had relied on the government’s 10-year note for mortgage rate guidance — have a better idea of what to charge homeowners for a 40-year mortgage.

Sirius Satellite Radio reports loss

WASHINGTON — A company at the Port of Miami has avoided a hostage take-over of shipping operations there by a state-owned business in the United Arab Emirates. It is the U.S. government’s first effort to capsize a $6.8 billion sale already embroiled in a national debate over security risks at six major U.S. ports affected by the deal.

The Miami company, a subsidiary of Eller & Company Inc., is presently a business partner with London-based Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co., which runs Dubai Ports World purchased last week. In a lawsuit in Florida circuit court, the Miami subsidiary and its parent under the sale will become an “involuntary partner” with Dubai’s government because it may seek more than $10 million in damages.

The Miami subsidiary, Continental Stevedoring & Terminals Inc., said the sale to Dubai was prohibited under its partnership agreement with the British firm and “may endanger the national security of the United States.” It asked a judge to block the takeover and said it does not believe the company, Florida or the U.S. government, abide by Dubai Ports World’s compliance with American security rules.

Selasses have complained the Miami settlement represents the earliest skirmish over lucrative contracts among the six major American ports where Peninsular and Oriental runs major international trade operations: New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia.

The lawsuit was filed moments before the court closed Friday and dismissed late Saturday by people working on the case.

The sale, already approved by the Bush administration, has drawn escalating criticism by lawmakers in Washington who maintain the United Arab Emirates is not consistent in its support of U.S. terrorism-fighting efforts. At least one Senate oversight hearing is planned for later this month.

The Port of Miami is among the nation’s busiest. It is a hub for the nation’s cruise ships, which carry more than 6 million passengers a year, and the seaport services more than 30 ocean carriers, which delivered more than $1 million cargo containers there last year.

A New Jersey lawmaker said Saturday he intends to require U.S. port security officials be American citizens, to prevent overseas companies operating domestic shipping facilities from hiring foreigners in such sensitive positions.

Republican Frank A. LoBiondo, chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee, cited “significant” security worries over the sale to Dubai Ports World.

Caught by surprise over the breadth of concerns expressed in the United States, Dubai is cautiously organizing its response.

The company quickly dispatched advisers to reassure port officials along the East Coast, and its chief operating officer — internationally respected American shipping executive Edward “Ted” R. Bilkey — is expected to travel to Washington this week for meetings on Capitol Hill and elsewhere.

The Bush administration in recent days has defended its approval of the sale, and has resisted demands by Congress to reconsider.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack described the United Arab Emirates on Friday as a “long-standing friend and ally” and said the United States and UAE had a good relationship.

Markets question port takeover

Involvement of Arab company in deal raises concerns about national security

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. reported a wider loss in the fourth quarter Friday as costs for building its rapidly growing base of subscribe customers rose.

The company, which added shock jock Howard Stern to its roster last month, lost $61.1 million, or 44 cents a share, compared with a loss of $261.9 million in the same period a year ago.

The loss per share came in at 23 cents, a penny lower than analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial had been expecting and 2 cents greater than the loss of 21 cents a year ago. Revenues more than tripled to $80 million from $25.2 million.

Despite the relatively in-line results, the shares of both Sirius and its rival XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. fell on Friday, a day after XM disclosed the sudden departure of one of its board members, who warned of a looming “crisis” at that company if it didn’t rein in costs.

XM also posted a much wider than expected loss on Thursday as it spent heavily on marketing to counter the threat from Stern’s arrival at Sirius. XM executives said they expected that spending to decline sharply going forward.

Sirius’ shares fell 39 cents, or 6.9 percent, to close at $5.26 Friday afternoon after heavy trading, while XM’s shares dropped $2.41, or 10 percent, to close at $21.57, also in heavy trading. Both issues trade on the Nasdaq.

Sirius and XM are spending heavily to expand their businesses, which charge about $13 a month for dozens of channels of commercial-free music, as well as talk, news and sports.

Sirius reported that its costs for acquiring new subscribers more than doubled to $142.5 million from $64.9 million in the same period a year ago. Its average cost for adding each subscriber, however, fell to $113 from $124 in the same period a year ago.
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Questions to discuss

Living justice

On Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2006, the Student Senate unanimously passed two resolutions: “Expressing the Will of the Student Body for the Implementation of a Living Wage” and “Supporting the Creation of a Living Wage Joint Task Force.” While their intent may be well-intended, these resolutions seek one thing—justice for campus workers.

A living wage would help workers to stop living from paycheck to paycheck. As the Senate resolution noted, “The typical starting wage for full-time employment as a Notre Dame staff member is $6.45 to $10.17 an hour.” With wages this low, far too many workers are forced to work multiple jobs and even qualify for food stamps. A living wage of $12.10 an hour would elevate campus workers above the federal poverty line.

One goal of Notre Dame, as outlined by the mission statement, is to cultivate students with “a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice and oppression that burden the lives of so many.” Students of the Senate and Campus Labor Action Project have answered that call with vigor.

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**DPAC REVIEW**

**South African soul**

Soweto Gospel Choir gives performance of multicultural, spiritual music

By ANALISE LIPARI

Hailing from South Africa, a nation formerly torn by racial prejudice and apartheid laws, the Soweto Gospel Choir proved to be a joyous example of the rebirth of the singers’ homeland in light of their faith at their concert at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts (DPAC) Saturday night.

The choir originates in South Africa, from in and around the community of Soweto. The nation’s multifaceted heritage — Zulu, Afrikaans (Dutch) and English among others — leaves the group with a personable distinctiveness that is unique to its homeland.

The group, founded in 2002, has performed its version of modern and traditional African and global gospel songs worldwide. The choir has put on concerts for world leaders and common audiences alike.

Members have acted as representatives of Nelson Mandela’s “46664” AIDS campaign and sung on worldwide platforms such as the Edinburgh Fringe Festival. Their message of faith and their infectious style reach further than their home country, as they have traveled the world on several musical tours.

This sense of global appreciation was clearly felt in the choir’s performance on Saturday, and the “world music” label commonly slapped onto groups of this type or origin, in this case did the choir’s multicultural identity and international audience a subtle justice.

The chance to expose the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s communities to a culture unlike what they are used to was certainly a positive aspect of the concert. Increased globalization makes getting in touch with another corner of the world an important cultural experience.

“Overall, I really liked the performance because it popped the Notre Dame bubble,” freshman Laura Wilczek said. “It showed the culture of Africa and gave a human face to a far-away nation. I think it’s important that the singers could show their culture and share it with us.”

It is this, the desire to spread their culture, faith and message worldwide, that motivates the singers.

The Soweto Gospel Choir is proud of its talent, its belief in God and its joy of music and of life. The choir will be touring for most of 2006, visiting new countries and cities, making new friends and followers and spreading its message of hope and passion throughout the world,” the choir’s Web site states, summing up their mission in a few short words.

The concert fully lived up to this mission but unified by the choir’s talent. The breadth and power of the voices was a force of worship unleashed, and the depth of harmony was simply beautiful.

While every number was performed with zeal and passion, highlights included the dance segment that opened the second half, a version of Bob Marley’s “One Love” and the group’s magnificent take on “Amazing Grace.” For so unfortunately clichéd a hymn, the words found new meaning when sung by such pure voices.

“Earthy rhythms, rich harmonies, and charismatic capella performances combine to uplift the soul and express South Africa’s hopes for the future,” reads the choir’s press release.

Several choir members spoke during the concert to reiterate this theme of optimism, and the group ended its regular performance with a rendition of an apartheid-free South Africa’s national anthem, “Nkosi Sikelele.”

The group’s energy level brought the audience to its feet at the encore. The final number, the classic “Oh Happy Day,” injected the audience with a vigor and force so contagious that applause and singing erupted in the theater. The entire room enveloped the choir’s beauty of pure worship and praise.

Drums, instruments, voices, dancing — every element worked seamlessly to bring to the DPAC one incredible night of music at the hands of the Soweto Gospel Choir on Saturday.

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The Soweto Gospel Choir is led by director David Mulovhedzi. It performed gospel hymns and spirituals in a variety of languages, including Zulu and Sotho.

Songs performed Saturday included “The Lion Sleeps Tonight,” “Amazing Grace,” “One Love” and the South African national anthem “Nkosi Sikelele.”
**Gone with the Wind**

The film is an adaptation of Margaret Mitchell's novel, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1937. Producer David Selznick bought the rights to the book for $50,000, which was an unheard of amount at the time. His investment paid off, though, since "Gone with the Wind" has gone on to become one of the highest-grossing films of all time.

The film has become a Hollywood staple and is the ultimate standard by which sweeping epic dramas are judged. The film is epic in every sense of the word — it was the most expensive film at the time, it had more than a three-hour run time, and it had a host of backstage drama surrounded filming. It unabashedly romanticizes the South, and its epic cinematography accentuates the melodramatic storyline.

The combination of an appealing heroine and her romances and the epic downfalls of Southern society makes for a powerful film. "Gone with the Wind" could have easily been a massive failure, but a unique combination of elements came together and allowed it to arguably be one of the greatest films to ever come out of Hollywood.

"Gone with the Wind" was one of the pioneering Technicolor films, and it used the vivid colors in great effect in such famous scenes as the "Burning of the Atlanta Depot."

**Waiting...**

The film went through a number of different directors before it was completed. Clark Gable got original director George Cukor Brol, and the next director, Victor Fleming, collapsed from nervous exhaustion. Director Sam Wood, along with uncredited help from Cameron Menzies and David Selznick, ultimately helped finish the film.

The film was nominated for 11 Oscars and won 8 of them in 1939. Vivien Leigh won for Best Actress, and Best Supporting Actress Hattie McDaniel ("Mammy") was the first African-American to win an Oscar.

"Gone with the Wind" is a classic in many senses. It established the epic film and a number of tropes that are associated with it. It also resembled a great cast, which created a host of characters indelibly marked on the consciousness of Hollywood and viewers in general. Beyond the specifics, though, it possesses the "it" factor that you can’t quite describe but can always sense while viewing a great movie.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**Predictable, irreverent ‘Waiting...’ still humorous**

By MARK BEMENDERER
Assistant Scene Editor

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In "Waiting..." Reynolds’ latest movie released on DVD, he plays his trademark character. Sarcastic, witty and sometimes insightful, Reynolds acts as the sassy quasi-jerk character named Monty. Promiscuous and self-centered, it is the role that Reynolds has mastered to a science and makes for an enjoyable viewing.

Monty, along with a cast of colorful characters, works in a family restaurant called Shenanigans. Loosely based on several well-known chains, Shenanigans manages to have a unique name while keeping itself familiar despite being completely fictitious. Random knick-knacks hang on the walls, and the atmosphere will be recognizable to most viewers.

The title of the restaurant is surprisingly appropriate for the movie, as cheeky shenanigans rule the film. Irreverent and entertaining, "Waiting..." does try to pass itself off as high-art. It plays out more like Reynolds’ previous movies, although at moments it does get slightly serious. It’s structured like one would expect, with the aforementioned colorful cast.

Each of the expected stereotypes is present, but they remain interesting despite their predictable nature. Justin Long plays Dean, one of Monty’s friends who isn’t exactly sure what he wants from life. Meandering through a community college, his lack of solid direction may mirror many students — making him an identifiable character.

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Lion’s Gate

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ND SOFTBALL

Luck runs out in Las Vegas

By DAN MURPHY
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The Irish got off to a slow start this weekend by dropping three of five games in the UNLV Classic. The team played doubleheaders on Friday and Saturday and finished the trip with an early game Sunday morning against Cal State Fullerton.

The trip did not go exactly as planned, because we walk into everyone expecting to win, senior pitcher Heather Booth said. "However, we did learn a lot about ourselves as a team."

Friday's first game was a 3-4 loss to Colorado State.

Rams' pitcher Kim Klabough was only three outs away from throwing a no-hitter until the Irish hit a home run. She hit while in Vegas.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Loss to UConn knocks the wind out of struggling Irish

With 5:30 left in the game Sunday and Notre Dame down 62-45, Irish guard Chardeotte Nolletti hit three free throws, bringing the Irish within one with a three-run home run.

Nolletti had the big hit as Mallorie Lenf had the big hit for the Irish with the contest in a grand slam in the sixth inning that gave them an 8-2 win.

Briarly Barrick earned the win in her pitching debut, going for 4 1/3 innings and giving up only two runs on three hits.

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Notre Dame begins its fall season today at the Central Catholic Classic in Florence, Fl. The tour- nament is hosted by Michigan State. The game today and tomorrow at the River Wilderness Golf Club.

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- New Jersey: 25-23 (.549)
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- Boston: 20-32 (.385)
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- New York: 15-37 (.288)

**Eastern Conference, Central Division**
- Detroit: 42-9 (.824)
- Cleveland: 31-21 (.596)
- Indiana: 26-23 (.531)
- Milwaukee: 27-25 (.519)
- Chicago: 23-29 (.442)

**Eastern Conference, Southeast Division**
- New Jersey: 33-25 (.563)
- Washington: 26-25 (.510)
- Orlando: 19-32 (.375)
- Atlanta: 16-34 (.325)
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**Eastern Conference, Northwest Division**
- Denver: 28-26 (.519)
- Utah: 25-27 (.481)
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- Seattle: 20-33 (.377)
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**Western Conference, Pacific Division**
- Phoenix: 35-17 (.673)
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**NASCAR**

Jimmie Johnson, left, celebrates with his wife, Chandra, right, and a bottle of champagne after winning the NASCAR Daytona 500 auto race at Daytona International Speedway in-Daytona Beach, Fla., on Sunday.

Johnson holds on to win Daytona 500

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**In Brief**

**Men's College Basketball**

Big East Conference

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ND Women's Tennis

Hot doubles pairings give team two top 25 wins

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

In order to be the best, you have to compete with the best.
The Irish held themselves to this maxim this weekend in wins over No. 9 Harvard and No. 22 Tennessee at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. Notre Dame remained undefeated and improved its record to 7-0 this year — its best start since the 1985-86 season. Also, the upset over Harvard marks the team's second win against a top-10 foe in 2006, following the victory over then-No. 9 North Carolina on Feb. 12.
In their match against the Crimson, the Irish began the contest by sweeping the doubles matches, including a win from the No. 1 pairing of Catrina and Christian Thompson. The twins topped Harvard's No. 6 duo of Melissa Anderson and Elba O'Riain 9-8 (7-5) to earn the doubles point.

The Thompsons needed to overcome a 7-5 deficit and an eventual tiebreaker to top Anderson and O'Riain. "They were down most of the match," Irish sophomore Brooklyn Buck said. "They really fought back and played big on the big points."

In addition to the Thompsons' victory, Notre Dame's No. 25 pairing of Buck and freshman Keiley Tefft downed Harvard's Stephanie Schnitter and Eva Wang 8-1. Notre Dame's No. 45 duo of seniors Kiki Stastny and captain Lauren Connelly also won by an 8-1 decision over Harvard's Cindy Chu and Preethi Mukundan.

In singles, No. 24 Catrina Thompson led the team with her come-from-behind win over Harvard's Eva Wang 6-4, 3-6, 1-0 (10-1) at No. 1.

Following at No. 2 was Christian Thompson, who suffered a 7-3, 7-5 loss to O'Riain. Buck played at No. 3 for the Irish with a 7-6 (7-4), 6-0 win over Anderson. During the contest, Anderson suffered a code violation during the first set after hitting a ball into another court — granting Buck a point. Following the call, Anderson appeared to lose her sense of momentum.

"The first set was very intense, and we were both on our servers," Buck said. "But then she got a code violation and mentally just broke down and stopped fighting. I've never played a match like that before."

Following Buck's contest against Anderson, Tefft topped the Crimson's No. 67 Mukundan and clinched the victory for the Irish at No. 4.
Stasny, playing at No. 5 for Notre Dame, lost her first dual match in singles this season. Stasny dropped the contest to Schnitter 7-6 (7-5), 3-6, 1-0 (10-5).

Competing at the No. 6 position for the Irish, freshman Katie Potts downed Cho 6-1, 6-2.

No. 25 Notre Dame

No. 22 Tennessee

The Irish defeated the Lady Vols 7-0 to earn their second straight shutout victory.

Notre Dame began the contest sweeping the doubles matches for the fifth time in sixth matches.

The Thompsons, playing at No. 1 for the team, finished first as they topped Tennessee's Melissa Schaub and Ghizela Schutte 8-1.

"This win definitely helped our confidence," Christian Thompson said. "But knowing we have two other great doubles teams relieves a lot of the pressure."

Following at No. 2 were Buck and Tefft, who defeated the Lady Vols' Blakeley Griffin and Victoria Jones, 8-3. Last off the court were Connelly and Stasny, who downed Tennessee's Stephanie Harris and Samantha Orlin, 8-3.

In singles, Stasny was first off the court as she cruised to her 15th victory of the season with a win over Harris 6-3, 6-1 at No. 5.
Playing at No. 2 was Catrina Thompson, who finished second for the team as she topped Jones 6-1, 6-2.
Buck followed Thompson with a 6-3, 6-4 win over Schutte as she clinched the victory for the Irish at the No. 3 position.
Tefft and Potts defeated Schutte 5-6, 6-3 and Orlin 7-5, 5-7 1-0 (12-10) at Nos. 4 and 6, respectively.

No. 44 Christian Thompson closed out the victory with a long match against Griffith. Thompson came out with the 5-7, 6-3 (7-3), 1-0 (10-10) win.

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ND Men's Tennis

Win pushes Irish past Wolverines in all-time victories

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

After struggling earlier this season, Notre Dame extended its winning streak to five matches this week, improving to 7-4 with a win at Michigan.
The Irish topped the Wolverines 5-2 in a closely-fought match Saturday night between two of college tennis' most winning programs.
Notre Dame is No. 7 in all-time wins with 1,020 after its 7-0 victory, while Michigan is No. 8 with 1,012.

"It was a very tough, tense match," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "Michigan played extremely hard, they competed well — our guys, to their credit, took Michigan's best shots and had a little more left at the end."
The Irish were upset by a lower-ranked team in the doubles point for the first time this season, as they struggled to get on the boards and ended up losing two of the three matches.

"They were all over us," Bayliss said. "They were approaching a lot — they're very active at the net, and they were returning aggressively."

Ryan Keckley and Barry King fell at No. 1 to Brian Hung and Marco Maravich, 8-6, and Scott Bruckmann and Steve Peretz clinched the point at No. 3 with an 8-6 win over Bret Helgeson and Andrew Roth.

"Michigan came out with early breaks in all three matches and really put us back on our heels ... we got down in all three matches and never really caught up," Bayliss said.
But Eric Langenkamp and Sheeva Parbhu pulled out a close win at No. 2, defeating Ryan Heller and Andrew Madrin 9-8 (7-3) to avoid the sweep.

The Irish were down 1-0 going into the last portion of the match and were soon down 2-0 after Parbhu lost to Maravich 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2.

However, Stephen Basu rallied to top Hung 7-5, 6-2 at No. 1 to put the Irish back on the boards. The team never looked back, reeling off four more singles victories for the win.

"Stephen deserves a ton of credit for fighting off Hung, who had beaten him in the semifinals of the regional championships a year ago (in 2004)," Bayliss said.

"But he broke down and stopped fighting in the third — he was actually up two service breaks at the end of the match. Once he got his bearings in the second set he really didn't look back," Bayliss said.

Langenkamp closed out the match with a 6-4, 6-7 (4-7), 6-4 (12-10) win at No. 5.
The Irish host Ohio State at 4 p.m. Friday at Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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HOCKEY

Three-point weekend puts home ice in reach

By CHRIS KHOMEY
Spokes Writer

In a weekend series crucial in their quest to earn home ice advantage for the first round of the conference playoffs, the Irish netched a 7-4 win and a 1-1 tie Friday and Saturday, respectively, in games at Bowling Green.

The contests boosted Notre Dame three points in the standings and left the Irish in a three-way tie with Alaska-Fairbanks and Ferris State for eighth in the CCHA and the final home ice spot. The Irish (12-16-4, 10-12-4 CCHA) will take on the Nanooks in two games, their last of the regular season, at the Joyce Center this weekend. The Bulldogs face No. 8 Michigan.

"Everybody's that's vying for anywhere from fifth to 10th will see their situation change with every game next week," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said of the CCHA's final weekend.

Friday's contest between the Falcons and Irish featured 11 goals, 14 penalties and a wildly bouncing puck.

"It's like playing pinball, with pucks bouncing all over the place," Jackson said of Bowling Green's home arena.

"They have partitions in the glass and the corners are kind of square. The boards are pretty lively, too," Jackson credited the wild play to two emotional teams playing a very important game.

"Friday's game was really emotional, really high intensity," he said. "Sometimes their emotion got them in trouble, and sometimes our emotion got us in trouble."

The Irish won Friday's wild shootout thanks to three goals from forward Mark Van Guilder who, after a position switch, lit the lamp for the sixth, seventh and eighth time this year.

"We moved him to center, where he's handling the puck more," Jackson said. "He was generating chances off the rush and taking advantage of it."

The seven goals scored by the Irish were the most since Nov. 10, when they scored nine in a home game against Bowling Green.

"The Falcons were really wide open and we took advantage," Jackson said of Friday's contest. "They put their goal keeper into an awkward position with their penalty killing and some of the odd man rushes we had."

"Notre Dame junior goalie Dave Brown did not play Friday after suffering an illness for most of the week. He was replaced by freshman Jordan Pearce, who started his first game since Dec. 2 and made 34 saves.

"Brown missed Monday and Tuesday, and he practiced Wednesday but not very effectively," Jackson said. "It worked out OK, though, because I wanted to give Jordan a game, anyway. Playing all those games in a row, David's not going to be as fresh when we need him to be."

Brown, who had started the last 22 contests for the Irish, was back in net Saturday, where he made 34 saves and allowed just one goal.

Jackson said Saturday's game was much more subdued than Friday's, which led to the lower score.

"There was more discipline in the game Saturday," he said. "I also think Bowling Green played a much better defensive game Saturday night. I thought their goaltender Jimmy Spatt settled down and played much better."

The Falcons scored first Saturday, off the stick of Falcon forward Jonathan Matsumoto at 8:31 of the first period on a Bowling Green power play.

The Irish waited almost two periods to answer before defenseman Wes O'Neill led a breakaway, passing to forward Matt Amato. Amato's shot was deflected, but forward Josh Sviba pushed in the rebound to even the game up.

**Notes:**
- After shortening practices from two hours to an hour and a half a few weeks ago, Jackson will lighten his team's workload again this week. Today the team will meet but is not expected to skate. And Wednesday and Thursday's practices will be much shorter than previous weeks.
- "Wednesday and Thursday will probably be under an hour," Jackson said.
- Both games between the Irish and Nanooks next week will be played at the Joyce Center. Friday's game will begin at 7:35 p.m. and will be televised on Comcast Local television station. Saturday's contest will face-off at 7:05 p.m.
- Notre Dame did not have to make the 4,000-mile trip to play Fairbanks in Alaska this season. The Irish traveled north last season, splitting a two-game series with the Nanooks on Nov. 26-27, 2004.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Not playing in the same league: Flying Dutch crush Belles

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

An overmatched Saint Mary's team was beaten by Hope College 91-66 Saturday in the regular season finals for both squads No. 7. "We own sports a 24-1 overall record and became the first MIAA team to finish a season undefeated in 16 games of league play. Following the loss, the Belles are 13-7 overall and 9-7 in MIAA play. Hope jumped out to an early 21-6 lead, knocking down seven of its first nine shots, and cruised to the easy victory in front of the home crowd. The Flying Dutch hit 50.8 percent of their field goal attempts in the contest and nailed 9-of-15 3-point attempts.

Guard Bria Ebels led the way, hitting all six of her shot attempts and notching 23 points in just 26 minutes. Linda Ebels chipped in 17 points to go along with eight rebounds in the victory. Hope led 20-27 at halftime and widened its lead to as much as 41 points during the second period.

"Their offense was almost impossible to stop," Belles head coach Steve Bender said. "We picked up a lot of points, but they are a great team."

"We knew our offense would be key," Bender said. "Bridge Boyce reached another milestone just one game after becoming the sixth Belles to score 1,000 career points. Again, Hope. Boyce hit her 129th career three-pointer to set a school record. She scored 16 points in a losing effort."

Allison Kessler led the Belles with 20 points and Bridget Lipke added 10 in round out the double-digit scorers for Saint Mary's.

On Tuesday, the Belles will host an MIAA playoff game for the first time in school history. They will take on Alma College, a team they defeated twice during the regular season.

Alma finished the season with a 7-9 conference record.

"We did a lot of things well today so we're very excited about this game," he said.

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An Evening of Prayer from Around the World

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— nearly every event saw an Irish athlete add to the point total, which was eventually enough to come away with the win. The Irish women finished as runners-up in the conference championships the past three seasons after winning in 2002.

"I feel good. I'm really happy about the team and the way everyone pushing everyone else," Erigha said. "I feel like we really bonded this weekend. It was really a collective effort — everyone made a difference in how it all turned out."

"I think we're all really excited — we went in with the expectation of winning, and we met it," Madia said. "It's a great feeling, and a big relief."

The Irish men finished in third place with 94.5 points, trailing first- and second-place finishers Connecticut (135) and Rutgers (124).

Junior Thomas Chamney did his part in the team's top-three finish, winning the 800-meter run (1:49.88) and anchoring the Irish to victory in the 4x800 meter relay (7:28.84).

The Irish now look ahead to the Alex Wilson Invitational, slated to take place at the Loftus Sports Center March 3-4.

That will be the last meet before the NCAA Indoor Championships are held at Fayetteville, Ark. during the weekend of March 10-11.

The Alex Wilson Invitational will also be the last opportunity for members of both teams to qualify for the NCAA meet.

However, after an impressive showing at the Big East Championship, the team is looking to spend some time resting during the next few days and working to perfect certain detailed aspects of events in time for the next meet.

"This week, we'll probably take a step back, rest, and work on a few technical things, fine tuning before the Alex Wilson meet," Erigha said. "We'll just make sure we're recovered, get to work, and go and get ready to have a lot of NCAA qualifying runs at the Alex Wilson."

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Notre Dame runner Dominique Manning, right, races during the Meyo Invitational at Loftus Sports Center Feb. 4. The women rallied to win the Big East title Sunday afternoon.
Irish guard Breona Gray brings the ball up the court during Connecticut’s 79-66 victory over Notre Dame Sunday.

**NOTES:**

- Francis scored just one point Saturday to add to his career total, but the other Notre Dame starters were sharp.
- The seniors collected 17 rebounds combined and neutralized Seton Hall’s leading scorer, Kelly Whitney. Whitney finished with 14 points but scored the majority of the points in the first two minutes to cut a 12-point Notre Dame lead to eight at halftime, but the Irish up 24-36. Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said the Irish had to change some- thing defensively to avoid the contact Whitney normally draws.
- Pirates coach Louis Orr II to use a timeout less than two minutes into the second half.
- Irish guard Russell Carter (15 points, eight rebounds and Falls four blocks) and Pirates guard Janmar Cutter said deep to cut the lead to 10.
- The Irish were able to protect their lead by shooting 68.6 percent from the field and committing just two turnovers.
- Notre Dame’s winning streak is now six.

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Huskies announced after the game that they would qualify if the Big East tournament field was expanded to 16 teams. The Huskies will need to win the Big East tournament to have a chance at a top-12 seed in the NCAA tournament.

**Saturday’s win means Notre Dame has the same Big East record as Louisville and Providence (4-1), but the Irish would quickly lose that lead if Big East Tournament began tomorrow.

The Irish would lose a tiebreaker to Louisville but would earn the 12th and final spot in the tournament, having defeated Providence 92-77 on Jan. 14.

Seton Hall is seventh in the conference and lost a game ahead of Cincinnati (7-6).

**Thursday**

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said Sunday.

"We're going to make plays and fight to the end in every game," Falls said. "If we get a lead, I think we can protect it because we can shoot free throws."
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"Halfway through the meet we realized that we pretty much had the meet in hand, and in order to keep the intensity going, we challenged ourselves by looking at the timing board to get personal bests, and with that goal in mind we were able to continue the intensity throughout the weekend," Brown said.

Not content with defeating 10 conference opponents and the squad set 20 season best times, including seven Notre Dame records.

Vanden Berg broke the school record in the 1,650-yard freestyle with a time of 15:15.99. Brian Freeman set the new 800 freestyle mark, while Doug Bauman (200 medley), Tim Randolph (100 breaststroke) and Jamie Lukus (400 individual medley) set new records. Vanden Berg also broke the old 500 freestyle record and beat the 1,000 freestyle mark during his 1,650 freestyle race.

"I was thrilled to win last year and at that point I said to myself, 'Maybe this is something I can do four years in a row, just to see if I can do that,' and it's a big encouragement to win it the second year because I'm halfway there," Vanden Berg said.

A total of 20 All-Big East honors were given to the Irish, with Doug Bauman and Vanden Berg each netting three. Bauman's trio gave him eight for his career, while junior Tim Kegelman's award in the 200 medley moves him into a tie for the school career-record with Ray Fitzpatrick at nine.

The conference title is head coach Tim Welsh's 18th since coming to Notre Dame in 1985, and his second in the Big East. All year, Welsh has talked about his team's depth, and that aspect came into play last weekend as the Irish dominated the competition despite placing first in only four events.

"Coming into the season, one of our team goals was to repeat as Big East champions and finally standing on the podium Saturday night as champions there was a feeling among us all of great accomplishment, because we did this as a team," Brown said. "It wasn't so much one individual, but it was the group collectively that really stepped up, not only this past weekend but throughout the season."

"And I really think the team aspect really describes us best, because when we've had our most success, we've done it as a team." Diving coach Caiming Xie was named Men's and Women's Diving Coach of the Year, as two of his divers — Michael Bullfin and Sam Stoner — grabbed all-Big East Honors. Bullfin and Stoner are only the second and third divers in Notre Dame history to earn the award.

The season isn't necessarily over for nine swimmers in seven different events who qualified for NCAA "B" cuts. The list includes Jace Hopper (1,650 freestyle), Kegelman (100 fly), Lukus (200 individual medley and 400 individual medley), Tim Randolph (100 breast), Vanden Berg (1,650 freestyle and 200 freestyle) and Brian Freeman, Ted Brown, Rob Seery and Louis Cavadini in the 800 freestyle relay.

Making "B" cut means the swimmer is eligible for consideration to compete at the NCAA Championships March 23 in Atlanta, depending if there are any spots left.

Welsh could not be reached for comment Sunday.

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remaining.

The Irish ended the suspender as Julia Quinn and Jessica Stephens finished 1-2 in the 200-meter breaststroke, and Carrie Kelly finished second in the 200-meter butterfly.

Those timely performances secured the win for Notre Dame, as it held off Rutgers by a final score of 707.3-687.5. "Irish coach [Carrie] Nixon told us that it was all going to come down to numbers and that every little point from there on out was going to mat-

ter," junior Katie Carroll said. "We knew that the team that wanted it more was going to win." Carroll led the Irish as she finished the week-end with seven all-Big East honors, giving her 21 for her career. That total places her in third place on Notre Dame's all-time list for conference awards. Carroll also obtained an NCAA "A" cut time of 4:13.47 in the 400 individual medley.

Carroll was one of several Irish swimmers who elevated her performance this weekend. Junior Rebecca Grove and freshman Christina Liggins each garnered five all-Big East honors, and junior Quinn finished with four.

As a team, Notre Dame had 12 swimmers and divers walk away with at least one all-Big East finish.

With such a strong team performance, the Irish are now able to look toward taking the next step, the NCAA championships beginning March 16 in Athens, Ga.

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"Our highest goal has been scoring as many points as we can at the NCAAs," Nixon said after the Shamrock Invitational on Jan. 26. "That's been our focus all year. Although the team will now turn its sights toward competing on a grander stage, it will not forget its accomplishment this weekend anytime soon.

"Of the three Big East titles that I've been a part of since I've been here, this one definitely meant the most and will probably be the most important of my four years," Carroll said.

"I've never felt this proud to be a part of a team that came together to pull off something so important."

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Drowning the competition

Men win back-to-back Big East crowns, women take record tenth straight

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

The Irish blew the competition out of the water this weekend in East Meadow, N.Y., as the men’s team gave Notre Dame its second consecutive Big East Championship. The Irish won by 224.5 points (809-584.5) over second-place Pittsburgh, a smaller margin of victory than last year’s surprising 275-point spread. Nonetheless, the Irish left no doubt about it in dominating the other 10 Big East opponents.

“We won by a lot last year and that surprised a lot of people, but we’re better this year,” sophomore Jay Vanden Berg said. “The training is better, the attitude is better and the confidence was better, because we were returning champions, and I had a feeling that we were going to kind of run away with it.”

The squad jumped out to a 12-point lead after the first day, stretching that into a 77-point lead after day two and producing a comfortable 127.5-point margin heading into the final day. Despite the lead, junior Ted Brown wasn’t about to coast to the podium.

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Huskies take bite out of Irish, win big 79-64

Four ND players score double digits in loss to No. 6 Connecticut

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

As Notre Dame forward Crystal Erwin’s jumper fell through to give the Irish a 42-41 lead with just over 14 minutes to play Sunday, the teams loaded up 12 points to at least contain its back-and-forth battle for the rest of the game. The No. 6 Connecticut Huskies, however, had other plans.

On their next possession, Connecticut guard Renee Montgomery drained an open 3-pointer, giving the Huskies their fourth lead of the half — a lead they would protect for the rest of the game as they went on to a 79-64 win over the Irish.

“I thought Montgomery was maybe the difference in the game,” Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. “She shot it well. We were trying to guard her, but she made a lot of nice plays in transition.”

Both teams began play matching each other shot-for-shot, racing out to 10-10 at the 14-minute mark. That was only the wake-up call for the rest of the game, as the Irish and Falcons struggled from the floor, and it continued until halftime.

Below, a women’s swimmer competes at the Shamrock Invitational Jan. 28.

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New look sparks victory

Irish throttle rival Pirates on the road in uncommon attire

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Seton Hall fought the inevitable Saturday at Continental Airlines Arena, but a new-look Notre Dame team (13-10, 4-8 Big East) would not relinquish the lead on its way to a third consecutive win.

Motivated by their new black jerseys or their desperate need for conference wins — or both — the Irish scored their highest single-game

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Irish forwards Rick Cornett, left, and Rob Kurz celebrate during Notre Dame’s 102-91 victory over Seton Hall Saturday.

Women take Big East title

Men finish in top three for the 11th consecutive season

By JASON GALVAN
Sports Writer

The Irish track and field team came up big in Akron, Ohio this weekend, with the women’s team taking home the Big East Conference Indoor Championship and the men finishing third for their 11th straight finish among the top three at this meet.

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