Walker speaks of search for self

By NOREEN GILLESPIE
News Writer

When author Rebecca Walker began to think about writing her most recent book, she wanted to compose a piece of writing that would talk about race emotionally. She also wanted to write a book that would let readers see a real adult, really needed to make peace with my past.

For Walker, that meant analyzing her childhood experiences. The daughter of an aspiring author and a civil rights reformer in the deep south, Walker was born into a community that knew her as a "movement child."

But when the black power movement began shifting focus and her father's idealism began to disintegrate. That sent Walker into a nomadic childhood to different schools and homes. changed, her parents' marriage began to disintegrate. That sent Walker into a nomadic childhood of shuffling around the country to different schools and homes.

What I have had to reconcile is, who am I if I am not a movement child?" Walker said. "Who am I when the context that made me make sense no longer exists?"

Walker began to realize that people wear masks and follow a "social script" that predetermines how their race or class should act. "Fundamentally, race, class and culture are performative," Walker said. "It was for me home."


Students react to Saint Mary's "Monologues" performance

By EMILY FORD
News Writer

A mass of people crowded into the Regina North Lounge on the Saint Mary's campus Monday evening to watch the highly anticipated performance of "The Vagina Monologues." Students attended the performance for a wide variety of reasons. And while most felt "The Vagina Monologues" did a solid job presenting various women's issues, others were offended by the content.

Sophomore Kate Hartman wanted to witness first-hand the source of such great debate. "I'm here to be a part of the controversy because there's been so much hype over the past two weeks," Hartman said. "If they wanted to advise us against seeing it, they've had the adverse affect by promoting it even further and sparking my interest."

Interest in the informal play surrounding the performance was a motive for student center, tuition

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees approved a 6 percent tuition increase for the second straight year at its February meeting last week. The Board approved a 5 percent increase in the amount of money available for staff and faculty salaries. Three percent of the increases will be divided evenly between all staff employees.

The remaining 2 percent will be distributed to bring employees up to or above their target salary. If an employee is already at their target salary, they will receive a 3 percent salary increase.

The Saint Mary's Board of Trustees voted to approve the groundbreaking of a new student center this spring at their February meeting. The new student center will house all the current Hagger facilities and will include student lounges, a small theater, a cyber cafe, Campus Ministry, a copy shop and the new dining hall.

According to vice president of finance and administration Keith Dennis, the funds for the student center are coming from various sources. They will issue bonds to pay for construction and pay back the bonds as the funds come in.

A meeting is set with the contractors on Wednesday and towards funding the new student center, which the Board also approved at its meeting last week.

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Melella Angiler, director of public relations, said the increase would not go towards funding the new student center, but that the Board also approved at its meeting last week.

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Sterilized tragedy

I didn't feel like I had a right to be there. It wasn't my disaster, it wasn't my tragedy. This massive loss of life, this memorial belonged to the souls who lost their lives and the people who loved them.

It's been 13 months since the World Trade Center fell in a fiery heap of metal, smoke and dust. Six months since thousands of people were crushed beneath the rubble. Six months since two terrorist-navigated planes created craters in the center of lower Manhattan. The World Trade Center site is sterilized from above. Behind police tape and orange work vehicles, it looks like a construction zone rather than the site of a major national tragedy. Only the blown-out windows of the iconic Twin Towers and the American flag hanging above the site would give evidence that it's not a renovation project. Since New York City opened the observation deck on Fulton Street in lower Manhattan, thousands from around the world have flocked to see the site, many of whom have left their mark everywhere on the observation deck — signatures on the smell and reality of that place. The names of lost loved ones and flowers still brought daily to the deck's gates. It seems impossible to come to this tragedy to try and understand in real life the scenes that played themselves out on the network news like a horror movie. I imagine, from the multitude of American flags flying all over lower Manhattan, they came to celebrate their twelve, to come together, to vow to never let anything break us apart as a nation.

Standing elevated above the tragedy, looking down into the two gaping craters, I knew there were still souls underneath that heap of bodies. My throat swelled and my eyes watered.

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Around me, the 250 people allowed on the viewing deck with my group were silent. I wondered what that person would have thought about the people snapping pictures of this crater. I felt odd, thinking, from the multitude of American flags flying all over lower Manhattan, they came to celebrate their twelve, to come together, to vow to never let anything break us apart as a nation.

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Families give blood to identify corpses

Associated Press

NORLE, Ga. — Distracted families lined up to give blood samples Monday in the hope their DNA might help investigators identify more of the scores of corpses scattered around a Georgia crematory.

Some people brought what they once believed were the ashes of relatives whose bodies had been sent to Tri-State Crematory. Elaine Bray angrily rattled a mugful of pebbles that she said were passed off as the remains of her brother.

"All I wanted to do is give him a proper death," said Bray, of Chattanooga, Tenn. "This is what I got."

Bray was among dozens of people who lined up to give blood samples at a civic center down the road from Tri-State, where teams resumed a full-scale search for more bodies. Investigators said there was no end in sight to the grim discoveries.

The body count rose to 101, with only 55 corpses positively identified. Authorities said at least 40 sets of remains had been returned to families or funeral homes.

Eddie Young drove from Crystal River, Fla., because he feared the body of his mother, who died in November, was left to decompose on the grounds of what he hoped was a DNA match would bring him peace.

"I know her soul went to heaven, but to think that my mother might be out there — it's so hard to accept," he said. "We had our closure through the funeral, and now it's like it's reopened."

Thousands of families have filled out forms or called with information since the first corpses were found Feb. 15.

The operator of the crematory, Ray Brent Marsh, remained in jail on 10th-decency charges for allegedly accepting bodies for cremation and leaving them to rot. A judge was deciding whether he should be allowed to go free on bail.

Authorities have declined to answer questions about the investigation since Thursday, when a judge imposed a gag order at the request of Marsh's lawyer.

Damon Calfawan came from Atlanta to give a blood sample because his father, an Army veteran who was killed in a shooting 10 years ago, was supposedly cremated at Tri-State.

"I came up here, and now I have to describe it all again," he said. "This has just brought it all back."
associated press

u.n. the secretary-general said the groundbreaking will not take place until April 5 following an Arab League summit, said Dujarric.

africa safari and annan will meet arab foreign minister naji hallabi said arab foreign ministers have agreed to meet with u.n. general-secretary kofi annan next month in a resurrection of their dialogue, the united nations said monday.

annan expects a discussion on the return of weapons inspectors to iraq. however, the出来的issues include the return of weapons inspectors to iraq.

the return of inspectors after nine months is a key demand of the united states, which has accused iraq of trying to rebuild its banned weapons programs and of supporting terrorism.

"we think the conversation should be very short," said ric e jackson, u.n. spokesman stephane dujarric.

iraq has been under u.n. sanctions since it invaded neighboring kuwait in 1990. the sanctions cannot be lifted until u.n. inspectors verify that baghdad has dismantled its weapons of mass destruction.

a row of women began drumming to signal the audience when the show was about to start. the performance began with a waiver describing any affiliation with saint mary's college or any other special interest groups. the women drummed to a song, praising the female gender and the "magic power of menstruation."

a group of students read the monologues, covering the various topics pertaining to the vagina. if touched on topics that prompted hearty laughter, namely the various names of vaginas and the answers to the question: "if a vagina could talk." but the show was serious when it presented morbid accounts of female genital mutilation and rape. the show concluded with an enactment of one of the main purposes of the vagina: birth.

the performance produced two general results. it left the audience wanting more and they wished they'd seen less.

many were pleasantly surprised at its approach to often taboo issues. junior adrienne de graff was one student who was greatly impressed with the cast's story telling.

"i had never seen the "vagina monologues" before and i guess i was expecting something militant and i was surprised," de graff said. "it was poignant, it was comedic. i actually really like the comedic portion because it addressed the issues without being overbearing."

the show not only presented to those who possess the anatomy the monologues are centered around, but to men as well. lee gloster enjoyed the experience.

"i like it very much. i was not offended at all," gloster said. "i had no idea it was going to be as funny as it was."

but not everyone shared such positive accolades. freshman grace arredondo understood the college's hesitation at allowing the performance to take place.

"i thought it very offensive," arredondo said. "i think that a woman's body and a man's body and any part of nature, for that matter, is beautiful because we are creations of god. no part of our bodies and of nature should be expressed through derogatory statements, whether or not it's jokingly."

fellow freshman kamille peter shared this attitude. she hoped more would happen in her joined in her senti-

"i thought it was classless. i thought it was vulgar," peter said. "i wish i had known more about it because if i did i would not have gone. and i was not the only person who walked out 10 minutes into it. i wish that more people would have left."
Man robs garage sale:

An unidentified man who stopped to look for a few bargains at a Ligonier, Ind. garage sale came away with a Cutlass with a gray primed trunk. If caught, he pulled out a pocket knife and demanded the $40 lying on a table. The man took the money and fled.

Egyptian building collapses, kills 8:

A five-story building collapsed in a town north of Cairo on Monday, killing eight people and injuring 15, police said. Rescue workers and police searched through the debris for survivors at Ibitamiya, 105 miles north of Cairo. The aging building had stood along the Nile.

Indianapolis News Briefs:

Shuttle launch countdown begins:

NASA began the countdown Monday for this week's launch of space shuttle Columbia on a mission to renovate the Hubble Space Telescope. At least five spacewalks are planned during the 11-day mission. The spacewalking team will equip Hubble with a new camera, solar wings, power-control unit, steering mechanism and refrigerator system for a disabled infrared camera.

Mentally ill man won't be executed:

After an outcry from advocates for the mentally ill, the Georgia parole board commuted the death sentence Monday of a killer who is said to be so delusional he thinks actress Sigourney Weaver is God. Alexander Williams' sentence was commuted to life in prison without parole just hours before a stay of execution was to expire at midnight. Williams, 33, had been facing lethal injection for the 1986 murder of a 16-year-old girl.

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Energy bill comes before Senate

The Senate is ready to take up broad energy legislation that has caused splits over automobile gas mileage, drilling in an Arctic refuge and electricity competition in the shadow of Enron Corp.'s collapse. Debate expected this week comes nine months after President Bush outlined his plan to increase national energy supply by expanding oil and gas drilling on public land and rejuvenating nuclear power.

The House passed its version, but in the Senate, majority Democrats have offered legislation that relies more heavily on conservation. To help bolster his argument for Senate passage, Bush checked out the engines of three "hybrid" vehicles that were parked on the White House driveway. He said more hybrids would be put onto the U.S. market next year — good news for American consumers who "understand the ramifications of dependen­cy on foreign sources of crude oil."

"Dependency can lead to price shocks and fuel shortages. And this dependence on foreign oil is a matter of national security," Bush said. "To put it bluntly, sometimes we rely upon energy sources from countries that don't particularly like us."

The crisis atmosphere of a year ago has all but disappeared — ene­rgy prices are low, supplies plentiful — and the urgency to act, too, may have lost steam, say lawmakers and lobbyists.

Bush, in a weekend push to pro­mote his plan, dismissed claims that it focuses too much on fossil fuel pro­duction and not enough on conserva­tion and renewable energy sources such as wind and solar.
CUBA

Human rights groups want POW designation for Taliban prisoners

Associated Press

GUANTANOMO BAY, Cuba — Three human rights organizations filed a petition Monday challenging the detention of al-Qaida and Taliban suspects without charges or “prisoner of war” protections.

The Center for Constitutional Rights, the Human Rights Chile at Columbia Law School and the Center for Justice and Accountability filed the petition with the Organization of American States’ Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. “Although the United States has an obligation and right to arrest and try the perpetrators of the horrendous crimes of Sept. 11, it must do so in compliance with fundamental principles of national and humanitarian law,” the New York City-based rights groups said in a statement. “It has not done so.”

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"When faced with a possible death penalty, that’s a serious violation of human rights," Ratner said. "They have no access to attorneys," she said. "It has not done so.

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Tuesday, February 26, 2002

**Happenings**

**Social Concern Seminars/SSPIs/ISSLPs**

*Hispanic Leadership Internship Program (HLIP)*: An eight-week summer internship in the Latino communities in metropolitan Chicago working with youth, community organizing, or a health clinic. Leadership is emphasized. $2300 tuition stipend plus living stipend Room and board Three Theology credits

**DEADLINE EXTENDED** to TODAY - Tuesday, February 26th.

Applications are available at the Center for Social Concerns and the Institute for Latino Studies.

Contact cknight2@nd.edu with questions

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**Working in NOT-FOR-PROFITS:**

**Career Opportunities and Employer Expectations**

Wednesday, February 27
5:00 - 6:00 PM at the Center for Social Concerns

A panel of professionals will discuss not-for-profit career opportunities, what they look for in the candidates they hire, and how to prepare when applying for jobs.

Sponsored by the Career Center and the Center for Social Concerns

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**Post-Graduate Service Opportunities**

**Good Shepherd Volunteers**
Looking for people who have strong spiritual values, who wish to reach across social boundaries and live in a faith based community.

Open House at the Center for Social Concerns TODAY! Tuesday February 26th, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

**Passionist International Volunteers**
Looking for students who are interested in international service, particularly in Jamaica, West Indies.

Information Session at the Center for Social Concerns TODAY! Tuesday February 26th, at 6:00 pm
For more info, go to: www.passionistvolunteer.org

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**Operation Smile Student Organization**

Did you know that you can give the miracle of a smile for only $750? The Operation Smile Student Organization will be taking donations in LAFORTUNE right by the Huddle.

We hope to raise $750 to sponsor a surgery for one child!

Donations will be taken in LAFORTUNE Monday through Wednesday, February 25th-27th, from 11am-2pm & 8pm-11pm

Thursday, February 28, from 9pm-12am.
Please support a GREAT cause!
For further questions and information regarding our club, check our website at [http://www.nd.edu/~opsmile](http://www.nd.edu/~opsmile)

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**Nazareth Conversations**

An Opportunity to Reflect and Integrate Faith and Justice Issues

Come join us in reflecting on social concerns, peace, and faith issues!

"The Last Shall Be First"

Thursday, February 28th
6:30 to 8:00 pm
CSC-Coffee House

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**Current Volunteer Needs:**

**Newly Opened Safe House for Elderly Charlene - 246-0144**

OASIS, a newly opened safe house which provides short-term emergency shelter for elderly at risk for abuse or neglect, is one of only 18 in the nation and is in need of volunteers for overnight (11pm-7am) and weekend shifts (7am-7pm & 7pm-7am). Volunteer must be able to become alert if needed during the night and 2 volunteers may sign up together for one time slot.

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**El Buen Vecino**

Soccer Coaching at El Buen Vecino - Sarah - 287-8228

El Buen Vecino has a soccer team for high school teens and is in need of coaching assistance this season. They would like to practice after school twice a week, however it would be up to the new coach or coaches to set the dates and times of practice.

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**VIGIL/CAMPOUT IN SOLIDARITY WITH THE AFGHAN REFUGEES**

TODAY! February 26th on the quad in front of O'Shag - sponsored by ND Peace Coalition to raise awareness.

Vigil/campout will end with MASS outside O'Shag at 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, followed by Afghan DINNER in PE.

All are welcome to join us for any part of these events!

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http://centerforsocialconcerns.nd.edu

**Hours:** M-Th 8AM-10PM, Fr 10AM-2PM, Sun 6PM-9PM

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**NOTICE TO STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF**

The Center for Social Concerns is a community of faith that invites all members of the University community to come together to live in a faith-based community. The Center is committed to the integration of faith and justice issues and to the development of leadership skills. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns you may have.

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How I learned to love the Olympics

Welcome to the Olympics, where the world’s nations come together, look around and realize that they just can’t get along.

The Olympic crises illustrate how much the world has changed in the last decade. During the Cold War, judging was so corrupt and athlete screaming that their skaters were cheated out of gold by “Cold War-era Leonid Tyagachev, president of the Russian Olympic delegation’s national, event.”

The politics of sports, the fierce nationalism of international competition and the undeniable patience of the athletes have always provided the Olympics with great drama. It isn’t like it, the Olympics make it difficult to separate sport from politics and sport. Each athlete competes for himself and his country. They wrap themselves in the flag, and we embrace them for representing our nation. Everyone, from Michael Jordan to the medal-winning snowboarder, speaks of what it means to compete for his country. Every year, we get an Olympic official gruffly insisting how “sports transcend politics” and how “the Games are a universal, not a national, event.”

Tell that to the Russians, South Koreans and Canadians who have all used politics, nationalism and legal threats to protest perceived unfair treatment of their athletes. The Russian Duma, the lower house of Parliament, voted 359-3 to bar the closing ceremonies. Russian President Vladimir Putin said American athletes were given “a clear advantage” by partisan judges and officials. South Korea was so incensed by the disqualification of one of its short-track speed skaters that it also threatened to pull out of the closing ceremonies. Even the usually mild-mannered Canadians screamed that their skaters were cheated out of gold by “Cold War-era judging.” Each nation, probably with wide public approval, sent diplomats to Salt Lake to help mediate the situation. Leonid Tyagachev, president of the Russian Olympic Committee, would not be so easily placated. At a recent press conference he pounded on the table and roared, “not only has Russia been humiliated, but China, the Ukraine and the Koreans have also been humiliated.”

We are the world this is not.

The Salt Lake City Winter Olympics will be long remembered for its politics and intrigue. I will confess that the various controversies have interested me more than the Games themselves. I’m sure there have been enough inspiring moments to fill NBC’s post-Olympic video, but the fortunes of Apolo Ohno interested me less than the secret deals made by French judge Marie “Tender Flower” Le Gougne. The tribulations of Michelle Kwan transfixed me more than than the Russian Olympic delegation’s press conference that turned that into a Mike Tyson-esque free-for-all.

Chinese, North Koreans and French have all complained about American political power. Each nation has moaned how the global order is tilted in favor of U.S. interests and each has threatened to boycott international agreements and coalitions. These are serious challenges to the international peace and security, but the Olympics provide a cheap way to ease tensions. Let the Russians have a few gold medals, placate the Korean skaters, give the

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

President "George V.F.W. Bush" is confined, to borrow the opening statement of Mike Marshand's Viewpoint column yesterday. While Marshand's column is admittedly a parody, his underlying message that critics of recent U.S. foreign policy are shabbish or anti-American is rather explicit. This is, however, an oversimplification of a very complex issue. By branding the nations of North Korea, Iran, and Iraq as "an axis of evil" during the highly visible State of the Union address, the president was not merely affirming his commitment to protecting U.S. citizens from the threat of terrorism. This was not an off-the-cuff comment that certain pundits have blown out of proportion, but a calculated recalculation of an unmistakable war-time reference in an era where three small words can quickly resonate throughout the world. In recent months, the Bush administration has been working feverishly to legitimize the United States' "war on terrorism" in an effort to maintain broad-based international support. However, most foreign leaders have been quick to correct in pointing out that the aforementioned countries represent three different situations that require separate and distinct responses; the "war on terrorism" could never properly be compared to any conventional war.

The international response to the events of Sept. 11 was remarkably supportive, but this broad backing of U.S. initiatives has waned. Consequently, the Bush administration must be more sensitive in its foreign policy, or else they will be forced to "do what is necessary to ensure our nation's security without support." Russia has been vocal about non-interference outside of efforts in Afghanistan. South Korea, which for the past decade has been enticing North Korea to open up its relations and economy, has expressed concerns that Bush's remarks are undermining his own diplomatic efforts. These are not expressions of anti-American sentiment and should not be viewed as such.

The bottom line is that combating terrorism is not a black and white issue and if President Bush continues to refer to his allies as "weak-kneed" for not supporting his own initiatives, the United States will have no choice but to fight this "war" alone. Derek Vollmer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alienating allies could prove destructive

It's sad that a person who has had 15 years of Catholic education would ask why humor about God would make people uncomfortable. After 15 years, he should know the answer.

According to Muto, people are squeamish about these jokes because they don't know his "Christian" fact: someone who associates with prostitutes and the Devil and people drunk. But the real Christ of "fact" — of the New Testament — forgave the sins of the prostitute, changed water into wine in obedience to Mary and sent the Devil packing. Not to mention that the Christ of "fact" was scourged, crowned with thorns, spit upon, mocked, stripped and nailed to a cross, where he slowly suffocated to death so we might be saved from damnation.

But this isn't the "intense" Christ that Muto wants to hear about, it seems. Suffering and death are not "hip." It's easy to "hang out" with a god who associates with prostitutes, drunkards and the Devil. It's hard to "hang out" with a God whose mission was to be tortured to death. (Note well: Catholics are required to believe in a perfect, not "flawed," Christ: see "The Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma.")

The suffering Christ is too intense. That's why, instead of seeking the face of the dying God when they look at a crucifix, some people choose to see "nice abs" and wonder about nails and frames. These people make the crucifixion a joke because they can't handle the truth. They can't handle the Christ of "fact." That's a fact, and it isn't funny.

Christ told St. Peter to "feed my sheep." We can only conclude from Muto's article that, somewhere along the line, the sheep weren't led to pasture. We hope that religious instructors will realize that children depend on their guidance and, in light of the apparent failure of Muto's education, that they will redouble their efforts to provide solid teaching in the faith.

But perhaps we drive home the point too strongly. After all, we're just another couple of Catholics without a sense of humor.

Shannon and Frank Vallenzuella

Remember the suffering Christ of 'fact'

The Observer
ALBUM REVIEW

Ramone stays ‘fast and furious’ to the very end

By JOE LARSON
Scene Music Critic

On April 4, 2001, Joey Ramone succumbed to a six-year battle with lymphatic cancer, and America lost one of her true rock ‘n’ roll saviors. A staple of New York City’s legendary CBGB’s, the Ramones released their debut album in 1976. Tired of disco and cheeseball arena rock, they wanted to send shockwaves through a music scene that was nearly as lame as the landscape we currently endure today.

Armed with little more than leather jackets, cartoon lyrics and two-minute, three-chord blitzkriegs, the Ramones’ “punk rock” ignited a revolution and has influenced countless bands from RUM, U2, Pearl Jam and Nirvana to the White Stripes and the Strokes. Finely disbanding in 1996, the Ramones released their final album in 22 years and were recently inducted in the Rock ‘n’ Roll Hall of Fame. Upon the band’s retirement, Joey Ramone began working on a solo album. Almost a year after his passing, it has finally seen the light of day.

Unlike many lead-singer solo albums that are plagued by uninspired attempts at experimentalism, Don’t Worry About Me follows the trail the Ramones blazed over a quarter-century ago. The album is loud, fast and furious, and filled with lyrics of treachery, alienation and nonconformism. “Maria Bartrums” is a loving punk ode to the CBGB stock analyst. “Searching for Something” is a great acoustic rocker that Elvis Costello probably wishes he had written. “1969” is a rambunctious tune that chronicles the death of peace and love. Capturing the underlying alienation surrounding the era of Nixon, Vietnam, and Altamont, Joey laments, “War across the USA/ It’s another year for me and you/ Another year with nothing to do.” On “I Got Knocked Down (but I’ll Get Up),” Joey carefully deals with his battle with cancer. The track is easily the most touching song on the album.

Standouts aside, Don’t Worry About Me is more than a worthwhile selection for any Ramones fan. For those less familiar with the band’s catalogue, the album serves as a stark reminder of Joey Ramone’s legacy. Joey Ramone always understood one key fact: rock ‘n’ roll is best played loud, simple, short and fast. And under those guidelines, he was simply a master.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Chris Isaak finally finds the right formula

By JOE LARSON
Scene Music Critic

Chris Isaak has been churning out smooth, moody surf songs since his arrival on the music scene in the late ’80s. His songs oozed emotion and the sultry videos he continues to flaunt back up the vibe of his music.

On all his albums, his marble voice plunges down low and then soars up into a soulful croon for lost love. This is Isaak’s staple, but substantial commercial success has mostly eluded him. His most popular work to date is his 1990 smash song and accompanying video, “Wicked Game,” and some people could be familiar with Isaak’s “Baby Did a Bad Thing” from Stanley Kubrick’s last movie, “Eyes Wide Shut.” His previous efforts were always good and achieved critical accolades, but the feel that he had still not found the missing link for major success continued to prevail.

That feeling is negated in his latest effort, Always Got Tonight, which is his best album to date. On previous albums, Isaak’s voice was the main and only focal point, but with the addition of his new producer, John Shanks, this album concentrates on presenting a fuller guitar sound to complement Isaak’s voice. Shanks said, “I wanted to take Chris’ songs in a different place – making songs rock a little harder.” And they do.

On this album, Isaak not only provides the slow, moody songs he is best known for, but adds crunchy guitars and cranks out some great fast songs, too. The balance between fast rock songs and slow crooners on this album is perfect. On previous albums, there were always a few tracks in a row that beg to be skipped, but this album cruises throughout without ever getting too repetitive or boring. The album starts with the haunting “One Boy,” a quick-paced song about desire. The song mixes a swinging acoustic background, thumping bass line, and melodic lead guitar-playing with Isaak’s breathy vocals asking for “One day of your life.”

The second song and first single, “Let Me Down Easy,” is a catchy, toe-tapping lighter number where Isaak’s vocals again shine through. In the chorus, he shows his range, while he is begging for his love interest to take it easy on him. Other rockers include “Courthouse” and the theme song to the Showtime series that bears his name, “American Boy.” “Courthouse” thumps through the verses and then Isaak belts out the chorus “I don’t care what people say! I will always feel this way! I don’t care how long it takes/ You’re not going to blame.” The song builds and peaks with lead guitarist Hershel Yowitz’s riffs.

“American Boy” is an instant classic that immediately comes to mind. “American Boy” ignited a revolution and has influenced countless bands from REM, U2, Elvis Costello, and Beach Boys. “American Boy” is the closest Isaak has come to forming a truly great rock band.

Standouts aside, Always Got Tonight is a rock ‘n’ roll masterpiece. Even a mortal bout with cancer couldn’t keep Joey Ramone from creating one final hard-hitting rock ‘n’ roll masterpiece.
It may have taken longer than expected, but the anti-boy band/anti-pop/anti-marketed pop music movement has begun. Along with a new legion of singer/songwriters and bands such as the Strokes, minimalist artists reminiscent of underground '60s rock and early punk music have taken their music to the masses. Like the Strokes, the White Stripes have also been hailed by music critics everywhere as the saviors of the currently languid and boring rock world.

Originally from Detroit, Jack and Meg White are an ambiguous group of people. No one is really sure if the two are brother and sister, husband and wife or maybe just former lovers. One thing is for sure, however, and that is that the duo plays the barest form of music possible in the rock world.

With Jack on guitar and sometimes piano and Meg on drums, there are no extraneous instrumentations on their new release, White Blood Cells. Everything on the album is stripped to its barest parts. Some albums grow on you; the music may not hit you at first, or the lyrics may not have been fully meaningful the first time around. Initially, I thought that White Blood Cells was one of those albums. However, after repeated listenings, I realized that I wasn't the problem — the album was. The more you keep wanting the White Stripes to show you the musical genius that is constantly being attributed to them, the more irritated you get at the tired punk riffs being passed off as something new.

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when the band stir out of their sulky "we were born in the wrong generation" mood and play upbeat country numbers like "Hotel Yorba" and unrequited love songs with Paul McCartney vocals like "The Same Boy You've Always Known." There are few songs on the album that show some spark. "The Union Forever" is a bizarre love song set to music straight out of a cheesy horror film, and it works rather well. But in between all of these good songs are packed tired, boring, "we wrote this in 10 minutes" songs. Ironically, when the White Stripes actually conform to some sort of musical rules their music is at its best. "Now Mary," a great country tinged song, produces the most promising lyrics on the album. "What a season to be beautiful without a reason. It's too bad the White Stripes don't take their own lyrics to heart. White Blood Cells does not produce the fragile beauty that is shown on The Velvet Underground and Nao or on The Replacements' Let it Be. Instead, it sounds like the death rattle of a musical form. There is not enough room for development in their music, and a drastic sort of change will be needed for them to create anything artistically interesting over the next few years. They have fallen into the Pearl Jam trap: going too deep into a type of music that isn't going to let you change your sound enough to keep the listener interested. The White Stripes have some growing up to do in terms of their musical and artistic outlook. Nothing they've written can make me want to listen to them instead of "Pale Blue Eyes."

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Tuesday, February 26, 2002
Irish netters sweep Big East honors

Flecky, Ratay named Big East players of the week

Special to the Observer

The University of Notre Dame made it a clean sweep of this week’s Big East Conference women’s basketball awards, as junior guard Alicia Ratay was named Big East Player of the Week, and freshman forward Katy Flecky was selected as the Big East Rookie of the Week, the conference announced Monday. It’s the second award in as many weeks for both, while Flecky earns the first top rookie honor of her career.

Ratay averaged 27.5 points, 6.5 rebounds and 3.6 steals per game last week while helping the Irish to a pair of conference victories and the No. 2 seed in the upcoming Big East Tournament. Ratay also shot 50 percent from both the floor (14-28) and the three-point line (8-16) and connected at a 90.5 percent clip (19-21) from the free throw line last week.

Against West Virginia, she pumped in a season-high 31 points, including 20 in the second half of Notre Dame’s record-setting 114-63 victory last Thursday. She also knocked down a career-best 11 free throws and four three-point field goals in the triumph.

Ratay then netted a game-high 24 points and seven rebounds in Saturday’s win at Georgetown. Once again, she logged 20 second-half points, capping four more minutes against the Hoyas to help move her into 10th place on the Irish career scoring list with 1,301 points. This season, Ratay ranks third in the Big East in scoring (14.9 ppg.) and first in free throw percentage (.874). Flecky notched 11.0 points and 6.5 rebounds per game last week while making just the third and fourth starts of her collegiate career. The Lone Tree, Colo., native tallied eight points and six rebounds against West Virginia, before scoring back-to-back with a career 14 points and seven rebounds in a career-best 28 minutes of action at Georgetown.

For the season, she is averaging 4.8 points and 3.3 rebounds per game, but has nearly doubled her scoring average since moving into the starting lineup three games ago, carding 8.7 ppg. in that time.

Flecky is the second Irish freshman to be named Big East Rookie of the Week this season - forward Jacqueline Batteast is a six-time winner of the award.

No. 22 Notre Dame (19-7, 13-2 Big East) will play its final regular-season home game Tuesday at 7 p.m. when it welcomes Villanova to the Joyce Center for Senior Night. The Irish, winners of nine in a row and 17 of their last 20 games, will be seeking to secure not only their ninth consecutive 20-win season, but also stretch their Big East home winning streak to 32 games and lock up a third straight undefeated regular season at the Joyce Center.

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basket as much as they wanted to.

"We didn’t play that badly when we played them," McGraw said. "Offensively, we struggled and that was a problem. So hopefully we’ll shoot better."

The Irish veterans have found the basket of late, however. Ratay has scored 25, 31 and 44 points in the last three games and senior Ericka Haney is hoping to close out her final regular season with a bang by scoring to double-figures for the sixth game in a row.

If she can do that, McGraw thinks it will be a good boost for the lone senior and farewell for Haney to the Joyce Center. After a slow start to the season, the last three games the Irish have played since January have been a boost for the lone senior and as she takes the floor before the game to participate in senior recognition, the emotion of a hard-fought season may surface.

"I think there will be a lot of emotion for Ericka," McGraw said. "Hopefully she won’t have to much emotion, but it’s always an emotional night."

Tip-off is at 7 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

Notes:
• Sophomore guard Jeneka Joyce is probable for play tonight. After sitting out the last several weeks due to an Achilles’ injury, Joyce practiced on Monday and should play.
• Freshman post-player Jackie Batteast is still out with a torn posterior cruciate ligament. She should be ready to play in the Big East Tournament when the Irish tip-off on Sunday. McGraw did say Batteast may be ready to go in a game during the season.
• Sophomore guard Joyce dribbles up the court during a Notre Dame victory in the prescan.

Irish defense held UConn to just 12 points in the first half last Wednesday. Irish defenders will look to continue their strong play this weekend against DePaul.

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Men's Golf

Irish fall short in rainy tourney

The Notre Dame men's golf team shot a final round 304 to finish in 11th-place in the rain-shortened Ben Smith Invitation, hosted by the University of South Florida in Tampa on Saturday and Sunday. The Irish finished five strokes behind Ohio State, who won the tournament.

Women's water polo

The Irish split four games at the Purdue Invitational, their fourth consecutive weekend tournament. In see-saw fashion, the Irish defeated Ohio State 10-2, lost to reigning national champion Michigan State 9-2, beat Iowa 9-1, and then fell in a defensive slugfest with Illinois, 6-2. Six players found the back of the net for Ohio, as Allison Gienko, Lauren Kuhn, Liz Patas, Kimmy Moore, Meg David and Jacque Aragon all ripped home shots. Next up for the Irish is their California swing during spring break, when they will challenge some of the strongest teams on the West Coast.

Men's water polo

The Irish claimed the Iowa Hawkeye Invitational by sweeping all four opponents. John Pemila, Keith Ranweiler, and Greg Kroese accounted for the bulk of the scoring during the two days as the Irish pumped Des Moines 15-8 and grinded Grinnell 13-4 to open the tournament. In the highly anticipated semifinals with Iowa before a hostile Hawkeye crowd, the Irish played even for three quarters before pulling away in the fourth for an 11-7 victory. Fourth goal leader Jay Detemel, goalie Danny McCormick and Danny Wierdeker stymied the potent Hawkeyes and were poised to repeat their performance in the championship game with Wisconsin. Steve Schrantz, Rory Geary, Adam Zavadil, Pat Watts, John Marchetta, Neil Driscoll, Mike Grew, and Jack Spittler were key players as the Irish battered the Badgers 12-7. Boosted by this success, the Irish will travel to Dallas next weekend for a national tournament featuring some of the nation's best squads.

Cycling

The Irish opened their spring competition with a 27 mile road race Saturday at Miami, and a criterium at Marlan College on Sunday. The road race consists of three laps on a hilly course, with three big hills per lap. For the Irish, Grant Kleiber and Mike Denney were in 11th and 15th place among the ninety entries with one hill to go on the final lap when two riders collided and crashed, bringing twelve more down with them, including Kleiber. Denney managed to avoid the crash, finishing 12th. While Kleiber struggling to repair his bike, still managed to finish 30th. The criterium is a flat, short-circuit race concentrating on cornering. 16 one-mile laps loop through the Marion campus. Kleiber took 16th, Denney 17th and Bill Ellsworth 21st in the 54 racer field.

Equestrian

Jen Poginas placed 5th in open fences and 2nd in open flat to lead the equestrians at Saint Mary's of the Woods College. Kelly Genuine and Molly Kopacz each placed 3rd in intermediate flat and 6th in intermediate fences, while Callie Willis claimed 1st in novice flat and 5th in novice fences. Follow novice Quiz Swine finished 4th in fences and 5th in flat. Mary Barker finished 3rd in fences and 4th in flat by taking 6th in both open fences and intermediate flat.

Women's ice hockey

A stingling 1-0 loss to Northwestern Friday left a bitter taste as the Irish had shutout their hosts by 30 shots and dominated the action from start to finish. The wait was only 24 hours because Saturday had the opportunity to redeem themselves, and they made the most of it by whipping the Wildcats 3-0. Rebecca Frigy put one in for AU Friday through the face-off by Statue Green. Emily Venachuk had an unsung goal just over a minute later. Tori Blainey finished the scoring in the second period, assisted by Rebecca McDougal and Lazy Goldh. Goalie Ellen Block recorded the second straight, posting 12 saves as the Irish played short handed through four penalties.

Football

The University of South Florida topped the Irish 15-8 and grounded a lab ama (297-285) and Southern Mississippi (294-288) tied for third with 36-hole totals of 582. Arkansas rounded out the top five with a 577 (282-295) by three strokes, Florida in 23rd with a six-over par 208, and Georgia Southern in 24th with a 593 after rounds of 76 and 45. Arkansas State rounded out the top five with a two-round total of 178 (79-79). Colnitis was a stroke behind as he tied for 60th with 156 after rounds of 79 and 77. Junior Brandon Lunke rounded out the Irish contingent as he finished 49th with a 170 after two rounds of 85 and 85. The Notre Dame men's golf team returns action on March 14-15 when they travel to Port St. Lucie, Florida, to participate in the Treasure Coast Classic at the PGA Country Club.

Men's Basketball

Thomas claims honors

Freshman grabs Big East award for sixth time

Special to The Observer

Irish freshman point guard Chris Thomas has been named the Big East Rookie of the Week for the sixth time this season after leading Notre Dame to victories over West Virginia (89-76) and Miami (90-77) last week.

Thomas registered double-doubles in both contests as he averaged 29.0 points, 12.0 assists, 4.5 rebounds and 2.0 steals. He scored 26 points, dished off 12 assists, grabbed three rebounds and made two steals in the win at the basko against the Mountaineers, and then matched his career-high with 32 points, a game-high 9-5 Big East mark, as he shot 8-16 from the field and 6-12 from three-point range.

Thomas, who has helped the Irish to a 19-4 record and 9-5 Big East mark, is Notre Dame's top-scoring leader averaging 16.4 points and 3.3 rebounds. He leads the team in assists (77), steals (230) and minutes played (377).
Overtime not time enough for Irish in 10-9 loss

By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

The Observer ~ SPORTS

In lacrosse, every second counts.
And nobody knows that more than Notre Dame after a heart-breaking 10-9 season-opening overtime loss to Penn State.

After tying the game at 2-2 on a goal by Devin Ryan with only four seconds left in the game clock at the end of the first quarter, it appeared as if the Irish were on their way to recovering from a shaky start against Penn State. But a controversial goal on the ensuing face-off gave them four goals because of our inability to clear the ball.

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Senior Mark Fumagalli will take the ring for the final time in this year's Bengal Bouts with the philosophy "Don't leave anything up to the judges."
**SOFTBALL**

No. 19 Irish struggle in tourney, finish 1-4

By AARON RONSEHMI

Sports Writer

The Irish went 1-4 at the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Leadoff Classic over the weekend, dropping their record to 12-15-5 overall and 10-12-4 in the CCHA.

"We didn't win as much as we would have liked, but I think we played very well," said All-American catcher Jarrah Myers.

The Irish, who were ranked No. 19 coming into the weekend started 6-0 loss to No. 11 Oregon. The Irish quickly rebounded with a 6-0 victory over Southern Mississippi. Freshman outfielder Megan Ciolli and freshman catcher Annie Dell'Aria each hit their first career home runs in the win.

On Saturday the Irish lost 3-2 to No. 8 Arizona State.

"We've given up four goals in the first two runs with the first two runs in the third inning on a two-run single by freshman Liz Hartmans. The Irish held the lead until the seventh inning when Arizona State's Karri Brun hit a walk-off two run homer for the victory."

"I think the pitchers did an awesome job this past weekend. They held some great teams to only a few runs," said Jarrah Myers.

The team lost All-American pitcher Jennifer Shannon to graduation, but have replaced her with freshmen Carfire Wissen and Stephany Stengleman.

Stengleman, who pitched a total of 26 innings in the tournament, picked up her first complete game shutout in a 6-0 victory over Southern Mississippi.

"The pitchers have done a great job the past two weekends," said Irish head coach Deanna Gump. "They have improved greatly over the past few games."

Against Oklahoma on Sunday the Irish suffered their third straight one-run loss to a top ten team. In the second inning Irish center fielder Jarrah Myers led off with a solo home run for a 1-0 lead. With the score 3-1 in favor of the Sooners entering the seventh inning, junior Andrea Bedsole brought the Irish within a run with a led off homerun. The Irish were able advance the tying run to second base, but Nicole DeFau was thrown out at the end trying the game to push the Irish victory to 6-0.

Cey recorded 16 saves and notched his second shutout of the year.

The pair of victories moved Notre Dame's record to 12-15-5 overall and 10-12-4 in the CCHA.

"Our play improved greatly over the past two weekends, our hitters looked strong in sweep of Lake Superior and our special teams to only a few runs," said Poulin.

"The pitchers did an awesome job this past weekend. They held some great teams to only a few runs," said Jarrah Myers.

"Sometimes it's easy to forget that we're playing for position on the day you're going to play in the playoffs, and you want to go in on a positive note."

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**HOCKEY**

Irish strong in sweep of Lake Superior

By CHRIS FEDERICO

Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish began three weekends ago at Lake Superior and then knocked off Michigan State in the second match-up. The Irish have played four top ten teams over the past two weekends.

"We are playing the toughest schedule that we have ever played. I'd rather be playing all these tough teams now. We are getting better quicker than ever before," said Myers.

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The Irish jumped ahead in the opener Friday night in the first period when freshman Cory McLean scored the first goal of his career on a shot from the blue line that sailed over the head of Lake golfer Matt Violin.

At 8:26 of the second period, Notre Dame added to its lead when defenseman Brett Lebda took a pass at the point from Connor Dunlop and flipped it past Violin.

Lake Superior State pulled within one at 10:21 of the second period on a goal scored after a scramble in front of the net. That was as close as the Lakers would come, however, as the Irish defense held strong.

Junior John Wroblewski added an empty net goal for the Irish to move the score to 3-1 and put the game out of reach.

Saturday night, the Irish took command of the game early as freshman Van Stastay scored two goals in the first period to put the Irish on top 2-0. Brad Wanchulak, David Inman, Lebda and Wroblewski would each add single goals in the game to push the Irish victory to 6-0.

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The pair of victories moved Notre Dame's record to 12-15-5 overall and 10-12-4 in the CCHA.

The Irish hope that their winning streak can carry them through the final two games of the regular season next weekend and into the CCHA playoffs.

"There's a lot to play for right now," Poulin said. "You're playing for positioning, and you're playing for where you are going to play in the playoffs, and you want to go in on a positive note."

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Focusing on the glory of bronze

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Injuries lead to disappointing weekend

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Assistant Sports Editor

Injuries to four Irish starters led to a difficult series this weekend in the Run Maestri/University of New Orleans Classic.

The Irish came away with a win in the opener against Missouri on Friday, but then dropped a one-run loss to host New Orleans Saturday, followed by a 6-2 loss to Southern Illinois Sunday morning.

“All of our freshmen and basically all of our position players on this trip got in the game in some capacity due to the injuries we had,” assistant coach Dusty Lepper said. “We had quite a few injuries. Three All-Americans are out of our lineup right now, so there are four starting position players injured and out of the lineup.

The Irish played the entire three-game tournament without freshman shortstop Matt Mark and closer Matt Laird. Second baseman Steve Sollmann, last season’s Big East Rookie of the Year, was injured during Friday’s contest with Missouri. In addition, the Irish played Sunday’s contest against Southern Illinois without pre-season All-American Brian Johnson and third baseman and captain Andrew Bushey, who had gone 5-for-5 with three RBIs and a home run.

With all of the injuries, much of Notre Dame’s top-ranked freshman class saw action early in the year. Freshman pitchers Chris Niesel and Grant Johnson had successful outings. Infielder Matt Edwards had an impressive showing at shortstop Saturday in place of Mark and going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored.

“The young guys answered the call well and were upbeat and positive with the way that they played overall,” Lepper said. “We feel that these guys that are stepping in, we have confidence in them.”

One of the most impressive performances of the weekend came from Niesel on Sunday. The freshman recorded 10 strikeouts in five innings of work, yielding one run on five hits.

“I thought I did pretty well for my first time out,” Niesel said. “I felt really good out there. I thought it was a good first outing for me, and hopefully I can build on it from there.”

The Irish jumped out to an early lead Sunday in the third inning with a walk by sophomore Joe Thaman and advanced to third on a double by center fielder Steve Stanley. Sophomore Javier Sanchez, playing for Sollmann, then grounded out to shortstop, allowing Thaman to score. The next batter, Edwards, was forced to make a comeback, walking six innings while allowing only two runs.

In the top of the fifth inning, the Irish began their comeback with a one-out solo home run designated hitter Matt Bok.

Thaman then doubled and Sanchez followed with a single and moved to second on a wild pitch to put two runners in scoring position. Stanley got an RBI single, and Sollmann hit a grounder that drove in Sanchez to move the Irish within one run.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Irish junior right fielder Andy Frisella hit a one-out solo home run off of Johnson in the bottom of the fifth inning.

In the bottom of the ninth inning, Missouri’s Cody Ehlers tied the score with a solo home run off of Johnson.

In the top of the 10th inning, the Irish went ahead for good with the help of two errors by Missouri that allowed Stavisky to score. Senior Matt Buchmeier saved the game for Johnson in the 10th.

“We’re not downsampling their [the younger players’] role at all. We think they can do the job, and we’re going to try to go out and try to compete and be successful with those guys,” Lepper said.

Dusty Lepper assistant coach

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BENGAL BOUTS

The weight of the ring

By PAUL CAMARATA
Sports Writer

Two days before the Notre Dame Boxing Club was set to begin hosting the 72nd Annual Bengal Bouts at the Joyce Center, senior club president Matt Fumagalli sat at small desk in the lobby of South Dining Hall.

Along with Mark Crinitti, another senior boxing captain, Fumagalli tried to convince students walking by to purchase a ticket for the four-night boxing tournament held each February. Selling the $10 all-session passes was one of Fumagalli's final responsibilities before the Bout season ended.

In his third year as president, he has helped run the fall training program for novice boxers, organized the club's advertising and donations, set up photo shoots, write articles for the tournament program and club newsletter and create the boxing club's Website. On top of all those tasks, Fumagalli has trained tirelessly for his final Bout.

"At the end of sophomore year, the president that was graduating asked me if I'd be interested in being a captain and I said yes right away," Fumagalli said. "Last year I was a junior officer, and I was in charge of ads. We both worked on those really hard to try and get as much ad money in as possible."

Their diligence paid record-setting dividends as the 2001 Bengal Bouts raised over $75,000 for its charitable support of the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

But the event was not nearly as successful for Fumagalli in the ring. After winning the 130-pound title his sophomore year, he was upset in the first round of last year's tournament.

"I didn't train as much as I should have," he said of last year, which ended on the losing side of a decision to then-junior Tony Hollowell. "I was a horse."

Despite his frustration, Fumagalli discovered in his defeat new lessons about the sport and program that have guided him in his role as a captain.

"Everybody, from people that aren't involved in boxing to the guys that are, expect you not to sail on through but to be at the top of your class in athletics. So I was definitely disappointed that as a captain I didn't perform up to what others thought I should and what I thought I should have," he said.

"But losing last year definitely..."

Bengal Bouts president Matt Fumagalli has learned lessons from his defeats in the ring and his victories out of the ring.

Irish look to cage Wildcats

The last time Notre Dame and Villanova faced off, Villanova guard Mimi Riley hit a last-second turn-around jumper to give the Wildcats a win on their home court. But tonight, the Irish have home-court advantage, and this time they hope to be the ones with the win.

"I think it's nice to have the opportunity to play them again to see how we've improved," said Irish head coach Muffet McGraw. "It will be a tough game for us to get back and play against a really good team."

Junior guard Trish Juhline is leading the Wildcats, who are riding a five-game winning streak. Their most recent win was against the Virginia Tech Hokies on Saturday. Juhline leads the team with 14 points, but Riley, who hit the game-winning shot against the Irish in early January adds another 12 points per game.

The Wildcats are on a hot streak from the 3-point line. They've hit 118 3-pointers, which is good for 10 or more during seven games.

They're shooting a ton of 3s and they're playing really well right now," McGraw said. "I think they're in great shape for an NCAA bid. They've really come on strong at the end."

Defensively, Notre Dame has a solid showing against Villanova, but they fell short when it came to scoring baskets. Despite junior Alicia Hatcher's game high 22 points, the Irish just couldn't find the