Yeoh depends on East and West

By LIZ KAHLING
News Writer

Actor Michelle Yeoh closed up the successful International Conference on Globalization and Media in Asia held at Notre Dame last weekend by discussing many of her experiences with both the American film industry and Asian film industry before a Village Chapel audience as to why so many female roles in Hollywood tend to be 'damsel in distress.' "Without the Asian market I would not be recognized by the American market. I appreciate where I started in Asia," Yeoh, a native Malaysian, said. "I don't care by location, but rather by the character I play as well as the director. It's more about their personalities and the vision they have.

She also spoke highly of her experience with Thomas Chung of Asian Entertainment, also a speaker at the conference that occurred over the weekend. After 19 films and 18 years in the industry, Yeoh has collected many awards and honors, including three nominations as "Best Actress" in several Asian film awards and status as the "International Star of the Year" at the SouthWest exlhitors' convention 2001. Her success has not been limited to the Asian film industry, she has captured American audiences with performances in "Tomorrow Never Dies" as well as "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon.'

What makes Yeoh an even more well known actor is that she performs nearly all her own stunts, many of them using martial arts. Believing against the stereotype of "damsel in distress," Yeoh has become the preeminent female action heroine. When asked what was one of the hardest movies she had done she told of her knee injury during the first week of filming "Crouching Tiger" that almost stopped production. Even more challenging for the role was learning Mandarin Chinese, a language in which Yeoh is not fluent.

While audience members acknowledged the exciting action roles she plays in order to know what her plans are for more dramatic parts. She pointed out her movie "Song Sisters," a movie about three sisters during the formation of the Chinese Republic; a movie that does not involve action. Yeoh turned the question back on the audience as to why so many female roles in Hollywood tend to be stereotypical. She said that she often receives scripts that have to be slightly rewritten for her because she embodies a different female image than the elite Caucasian female actors who first see the script. Even though she hopes to get more drama roles, Yeoh still defends her action roles. "It's not action for action's sake. The dramatic part still matters," she explains. "Martial arts takes away the ugly, bloody violence that you see when someone is shot in a movie." Yeoh was also asked about her experiences working on a Hollywood movie like "Tomorrow Never Dies." She told the audience that she found herself on her own private jet between locations hoping that the audience would watch the movie and say to themselves, "now I understand where they put that $100,000.

Because Yeoh has established her own production company, Myriad Films, as a way to continue her development and give back to the industry. She hopes to bring in young and upcoming directors and screenwriters to work in the Asian market. The company's debut movie, "The Touch," will be released this upcoming summer.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**My Dr., my hero**

I work at a hospital where I hear people bad mouth doctors all day long. I hear about insurance arguments, long waits for appointments, misdiagnoses regarding second opinions under second opinions that lead to unnecessary treatment.

So when a professor asked me in class Friday, "Who is in charge? The doctor, or the patient," I thought I could easily answer the question. I was wrong.

Doctors endure endless years of schooling to gain their degree. And for this, I think that people feel that doctors should know everything, or be able to cure everything. Although they have the ability to make life and death decisions, doctors are no different than the patients they treat.

Face the facts, doctors are people to too. Doctors make mistakes. Good doctors know when to admit faults.

What then makes a great doctor, or makes a doctor great? I believe it is a doctor-as-seen as the degree is received. A person becomes a doctor when they begin to act in the best interest of their patients, motivated by the healing aspect of medicine, not by greed. Doctors demonstrate compassion and the ability to get things done without compromising human dignity. It is a doctor's job to help a patient understand options, and guide a decision for medical care. It is true that, in this effort, that many doctors are doomed heroes. Even heroes can't do everything — some patients choose not to listen. People continue to smoke in spite of cancer: people continue to drink in the addiction. The decision to abandon the addiction is the responsibility of the physician. The choice to stop falls upon the patient. This is also the patient's job to be educated. My mother always said that people could only make you feel inferior if you allow them to. With this in mind, I look at physicians today. As a patient, I trust that the information given to me is truthful. I want to know how and why, and what I can do to help myself in the situation. I want to know what is happening to me, so I educate myself. I look at my relationship with my doctors as a teacher-student, a passing of knowledge. A doctor knows what will help, and if I listen, I too can learn how to make decisions that benefit my health. But, like a good teacher, a doctor's knowledge should be shared willingly.

And then, there's money. It can determine the path taken by both patient and physician. Patients fight to give doctors what they need, whether for insurance coverage. The question in care turns from, which drugs offer the best outcome to which drugs will still get insurance coverage. And if I listen, I too can learn how to make decisions that benefit my health. But, like a good teacher, a doctor's knowledge should be shared willingly.

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**THE WEEK ON CAMPUS**

**Monday**

- **Film and discussion:** "The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter." DeBartolo 129, 9:40 a.m.
- **Bible Study:** "The Way" Bible Study. 331 Coleman-Morse, 8:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**

- **Lecture:** "War and Power in Putin's Russia." Hesburgh Center C-103, 12:30 p.m.
- **Film:** "Silences of the Palace." Montgomery Center Auditorium, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday**

- **Conference:** "Assessing the Theological Legacy of John Howard Yoder." McKenna Hall, all day.

**Beyond Campus**

**Plagiarism plagues Harvard historian's reputation**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass

Amid more findings of plagiarism in her book "The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys," historian and Harvard Overseer Doris Kearns Goodwin has left "The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer," for an indefinite period of time and found withdraw her invitation to speak at the University of Delaware's commencement.

In a statement, "NewsHour" said "until all outstanding questions are resolved, "The NewsHour" and Doris have mutually agreed that Doris will take a break from appearing on the program."

Goodwin's return to the PBS show is now guaranteed. "Once her situation gets resolved, "we'll take another look," said Sara Hare Franks, public relations manager for "NewsHour."

On Tuesday, the University of Delaware withdrew its invitation for Goodwin to speak at their commencement ceremony.

"In light of recent admissions of plagiarism by Doris Kearns Goodwin, the University of Delaware has withdrawn its invitation to her to serve as the speaker at its Commencement," according to a statement issued by the university.

David P. Roselle wrote in an e-mail that the decision was based on two considerations and was discussed via phone with Goodwin, who agreed.

"I felt that the probability that she would be placed in an embarrassing situation was unacceptable high from the university's point of view," Roselle wrote.

Roselle also said the university was placed in a difficult position of determining whether the recent controversy would detract from the spirit of the ceremony.

"Commencement at our institution is a time reserved solely for a celebration of the successes of the students, and her serving as speaker under the current conditions was likely to add to the agenda for the upcoming commencement," Roselle wrote.

**Bob Jones University**

School tries to attract minorities

HANOVER, N.H.

Bob Jones University, a Christian school in South Carolina that has received national criticism for its now-abolished ban on interracial dating, has begun to offer a scholarship program for minority students, though the school does not perceive itself as having a policy. The bill does not single out the U but includes many state agencies with rules restricting Firearms. The bill does not single out the University of Delaware in dealing with the ultimate area.

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Legislators back gun possession

SALT LAKE CITY

With less than a week left in the legislative session, lawmakers are making a last-minute push to pass a bill that would eliminate University of Utah's no-gun policy. The bill does not single out the U but includes many state agencies with rules restricting Firearms. The bill does not single out the University of Delaware in dealing with the ultimate area.

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CEO brings Asian film to U.S.

By LAUREN BECK

News Writer

In an era seemingly dominated by American pop culture, William Pfeiffer, CEO of Hong Kong-based Celestial Pictures, promotes globalization by targeting local audiences.

Pfeiffer, a 1982 Notre Dame graduate, described his experience with the business of contemporary Asian media as he delivered the keynote address in the Conference on Globalization and Media in Asia Friday. Pfeiffer has pioneered the globalization of the media, leading film studios to adopt the philosophy "think globally, script locally.

"We are bringing Asian film outside, exporting it to many countries around the world, and having an impact on the quality of entertainment," said Pfeiffer, citing the Oscar nomination for best picture that "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" received last year.

Celestial Pictures, which owns the largest film library in Asia, distributes films to studios worldwide and also features them on new television networks it has created.

"We want it in cinema halls, we want to see these films in their local languages. They have crossed over and are appealing to audiences they were not originally intended for. I think audiences appreciate the original language," said Pfeiffer.

Pfeiffer is currently developing a new Chinese film-based channel that will be broadcast around the world. The channel also includes some Korean and Japanese films, as well as other Asian films produced directed by (Celestial Pictures' previous) Pfeiffer made 10 films this year, but he said he hopes to produce 30 to 40 each year in the future.

Pfeiffer said he viewed this work as a positive effort to promote cultural diversity in media around the world, rather than a means to bring Hollywood here.

"I don't feel like a purveyor of American culture around the world. I have a responsibility to show local cultures in a positive light. We have these talented actors, and I provide them with the proper resources to make their stories come alive. We create stories with a global context."

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Casualties increase in anti-terrorism war

WASHINGTON

Fresh U.S. combat casualties show the continuing danger five months into the anti-terror campaign in Afghanistan as the Pentagon prepares to expand it to other countries.

In one of the largest joint operations of the war, a U.S.-led force of 1,500 Afghan allies, U.S. special forces and troops from the Army's 101st Airborne assault troops assembled for a battle that began Friday night and was continuing Saturday evening against regrouping Taliban and al-Qaida, the Defense Department said.

A statement late Saturday from Central Command in Florida said one American and three Afghan allies had been killed, and that an unspecified number from each country were wounded in the continuing battle.

Afghan fighters interviewed in Gardez, in eastern Afghanistan, said Americans told them there were about 4,000 al-Qaida and Taliban warriors holed up in the mountains.

The Central Command statement said more than 80 bombs had been dropped in the continuing operation in snow-covered, mountainous terrain.

For the first time, warplanes dropped newly developed bombs designed to send suffocating blasts through cave complexes, military officials said.

The "thermobaric" bombs were tested on December 18 and officials said in January that they would be rushed to the region for the first time.

The battle was yet another example of how hard it is to stamp out the terrorists and their supporters in Afghanistan, months after the Taliban abandoned their stronghold of Kandahar and al-Qaida fighters were pushed from Tora Bora — what at that time was called their last stronghold.

"We've said all along that it is no quick fix," Pentagon spokesman Victoria Clarke said hours before the bombing began.

More than a week of bomb- ing to destroy the Taliban's high-ast ammunition was needed in January at a huge cave complex at Zawar Kili — also after the discovery that enemy figures had been regrouping there.

President Bush learned of the combat death of the American soldier from Condoleezza Rice, his national security adviser, while at Camp David, the presidential retreat in western Maryland, a White House spokesman said.

The new assault at Gardez came at the end of a week in which U.S. officials said Bush was planning a trip to Yemen and the former Soviet Republic of Georgia, expanding the number of countries into which special forces are training local militaries to fight terrorism.

Administration officials said Friday that Bush had given the go-ahead to dispatch U.S. troops to Yemen. A Yemeni official said Saturday that he expects 100 Americans to arrive soon to train 2,000 Yemeni military personnel at a coast guard training center to be built in Aden.

That is the of the October 2002 attack that killed 17 American sailors on the USS Cole.

Washington has been pushing Yemen for greater cooperation against terrorism since the Sept. 11 attacks, and it was blamed on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Officials said last week that at least 200 Yemenis and al-Qaida suspects would deploy to help train the military in Yemen, and U.S. and British officials said they have taken refuge in the Pakti province of Afghanistan near Georgia's border with Russia's breakaway region of Chechnya.

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Yeoh discusses ‘Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon’

By LAUREN BECK

Actor and martial arts expert Michelle Yeoh said she attributes the recent success of Asian films in the global market to their use of martial arts. Yeoh, who starred in “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon,” said that the film was able to transcend cultural boundaries.

“East met West with [the film’s director] Ang Lee. He described the film as ‘Sensuous and Sensibility’ with martial arts,” Yeoh said.

Yeoh shared her experience with kung fu films in a panel discussion Friday that examined the role of martial arts in global entertainment. The panel was part of the Conference on Globalization and Media in Asia and also included three Notre Dame faculty members. History professor Diana Murray said martial arts had made their way into cinema as Asians’ distinct film genre. Yeoh agreed, adding that the fluidity and energy of martial arts captivated audiences.

“We want the audience to feel the blow because we feel the blow. It’s full contact and very realistic. It is beautiful choreography but painful and very tough,” Yeoh said.

The panelists all discussed “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” as the pinnacle of Asian martial arts films for the global stage. “It was not the be-all and end-all of martial arts films. It was a culmination of the blood and sweat filmmakers have put into the genre. They assembled the best from the East and the West to make a truly global film,” Yeoh said. “The surprising element is how Western audiences took an Oriental theme and culture and so warmly embraced it.”

Margaret Wan, assistant professor of East Asian Languages and Literatures, said that the ambiguity of the ending of “Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon” was the key to its global acceptance and perceptions. “Lee reacted against Hollywood commercial cinema and narrative structure,” Wan said.

Asian media has not only succeeded in the West, but it has also brought martial arts to American film. “The ‘Asian-ization’ of American cinema came in the form of ‘Tomorrow Never Dies.’ James Bond moved into the new century as I tried to convince audiences they couldn’t accept the traditional kind of Bond girl any longer. I worked with the director to incorporate Hong Kong style martial arts into the Bond film,” Yeoh said.

Consumers must view martial arts films with a critical eye, however, said assistant professor of film, television and theater Wendy Arons. She warned against perceiving Asian culture based on one’s own cultural framework, saying it could lead to incomplete comprehension. Yeoh pioneered a pathway for women in Asian martial arts films as she entered a male-dominated arena. She chose action films because she could incorporate her dance background into them.

“Martial arts were choreographed and that related to my dance background. They involved energy, strength, choreography, flexibility, and discipline. I thought, ‘I can do this,’” she said.

But Arons said the arrival of women on the martial arts scene posed a problem for Western feminists. “The depiction of women is not always wholly positive or unproblematic according to Western feminism,” she said.

Women in martial arts films were strong and independent fighters, she said, but their femininity was still defined in terms of beauty and desirability. Beauty and power were often incompatible as kung fu heroines were portrayed as androgynous and undesirable.

Arons said filmmakers needed to “synthesize martial artistry with femininity” in order to affirm the female’s role. Yeoh said producers had another duty: to preserve the integrity of martial arts and to protect and nurture the authentic Asian culture even as it spreads to global audiences.

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Everyday!
Switzerland to join the U.N.: Swiss voters approved joining the United Nations on Sunday, finding the prospect of a greater role in today's interlinked world more compelling than fears that it would threaten the nation's centuries-old tradition of neutrality. The country will become the United Nations' 190th member sitting on the side lines for over five decades.

Hunger strike in Guantanamo: Scores of captives from the Afghan war refused meals Sunday in a protest that has lasted five days, but the U.S. military said only 13 of them had kept to the hunger strike since its start. A large group among the still detained said they stopped eating Wednesday, some telling their captors they were upset that a guard stripped a detainee of his turban during prayers on Tuesday.

U.S. collects DNA from terrorists: U.S. authorities have been taking samples from suspected terrorists captured in Afghanistan that could produce DNA profiles, but it remains unclear what use they will be able to make of the material. Including an analysis of the samples in a federal DNA database apparently would require congressional approval because of existing limits on what can be placed in the database.

Decision on shuttle mission: The space shuttle Columbia closed in on the telescope it should continue on schedule.

Nine killed in Kabul: Seven people were hospitalized and decided today that the planned 11-day mission to manufacture and decide today that the planned 11-day mission to renovate and repair the orbiting telescope should continue on schedule.

Wrestling coach beheads sparrow: The Wayne County Sheriff's Department is investigating an Avon High School wrestling coach who bit the head off a live sparrow in front of team members. Avon Bright, 31, admitted to biting the head off the sparrow on Dec. 28 at his parents' home in Centerville. The act occurred while he and some assistant coaches, plus 15 varsity wrestlers, were attending a two-day meet in Centerville. The school board on Monday suspended Bright, who also teaches history and geography at the school, for two weeks without pay.

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SAUDI ARABIA

**JEDDAH**

Saudi Arabia's plan to end the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is causing a rift among Arabs ahead of a key summit and an Israeli official said Sunday that its main provision was an unacceptable precondition for talks.

The proposal floated by Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah two weeks ago envisions full Arab political, economic and cultural relations with Israel if the Jewish state withdraws from Arab lands it captured in the 1967 Middle East war. Abdullah has said he would try to persuade Arab leaders to adopt his plan at the March 27-28 Arab League summit in Beirut, Lebanon.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who is chairman of the Arab League, said the proposal would be presented to the league at its summit next week. He said the league would take a position on the proposal after considering it.

The plan, which was presented to the Arab League on March 13, was reported to have met with mixed reactions.

In Lebanon, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem said the plan was not acceptable and that it would damage Arab unity.

In Egypt, Foreign Minister Amr Moussa said the plan would be presented to the Arab League for discussion.

Associated Press

**Earthquake rumbles South Asia**

A strong quake shook a wide area of South and Central Asia on Sunday, damaging buildings in the Afghan capital and sending people scrambling into the streets in parts of five countries.

Seven people were hospitalized with injuries in Kabul and 26 houses were badly damaged or destroyed, Kabul television reported.

There were no reports of deaths or broader damage despite the intensity of the quake, which the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., measured at 7.2 — enough to cause severe damage. Pakistani and Indian seismologists measured the quake at 6.7. The USGS said the epicenter was about 150 miles northeast of Kabul in the Hindu Kush mountains.

The U.S. institute called the quake "big, but it's deep," said Bruce Presgrave, a geophysicist at the USGS. Those "tend to cause less damage."

Earthquakes and seismic activity are common in this part of the world and particularly in the Hindu Kush mountains, though they are not usually felt over such a wide area. A 6.9-magnitude quake based in the same region on May 30, 1998, killed more than 5,000 people.

The late afternoon quake Sunday was felt in parts of Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan, Pakistan and India. In Kabul, residents of poor neighborhoods of mud, brick and wood homes fled into the streets with their children.
States debate ban on cell use in car

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Many states over the past year have considered banning the use of hand-held cellular phones while driving, but so far only one — New York — has taken that step.

More than 2,000 tickets have been issued since the ban took effect Nov. 1 and at least 20 states have begun tracking cell phone involvement in traffic accidents, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Even so, states may be reluctant to single out cell phones, which businesses and people on the go consider essential, said conference spokesman Bill Wyatt.

"State legislators are looking at it within the bigger picture," Wyatt said. "Are cell phones the only problem? How different is using a cell phone while driving than putting on your makeup or tuning the radio?"

Last year, cell phone legislation was introduced in 43 states, 35 of them calling for an outright ban on the use of hand-held cell phones while driving.

Some safety advocates believe the legislation has been stalled by powerful cell phone lobbyists.

Patricia Pena's 2-year-old daughter Morgan Lee Pena was killed in 1999 when a driver dialing a cell phone ran a stop sign and hit the car the mother was driving in Pennsylvania. She said many lawmakers don't bother to research the issue themselves and the cell phone industry has convinced them that bans are unnecessary.

"They hire lobbyists to cover every state capital in the nation and put on the pressure," said Pena, of Perkasie, Pa. "The telecommunications lobby is huge, powerful and has lots and lots of money."

Travis Larson, spokesman for the Washington-based Cellular Telecommunications & Internet Association, said his group does not lobby at the state level. However, he said the association supplies information to cell phone companies that do.

In 1999, the Cleveland suburb of Brooklyn became the first community in the country to ban the use of hand-held cell phones by drivers. Brooklyn fines drivers $35 for a first offense, with a possible $100 fine for a second offense.

Brooklyn Patrolman Rich Hovan, who wrote the first of what now totals 650 cell phone tickets in the city, joins the initial of Morgan Lee Pena on tickets and gives each motorist a photo of the girl.

"They always have an excuse about why they use the phone," Hovan said. "I ask them, 'Would you accept that as an excuse if somebody killed your daughter?' I haven't had anyone tell me 'Yeah.'

Brooklyn is among at least 14 communities around the country that have considered banning the use of cell phones by drivers, according to the state legislature conference. A statewide ban for Ohio was introduced in the Legislature last year but is languishing in committee. A few states have adopted lesser restrictions. Arizona and Massachusetts ban school bus drivers from using cell phones while driving.

Since Brooklyn imposed its ban, local free-lance photographer Jamie Janos said he has been using an earpiece with his cell phone, which he relies on for assignments.

"It's extremely important to me because this is my way to communicate," Janos said, adding that his business doubled when he began using a cell phone. "Without it, I can't work effectively."

He said the change has been an inconvenience, but he puts up with it because of safety.

Tim Hurd, spokesman for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, said there are no reliable statistics on crashes involving cell phones, but he estimated that 25 percent of crashes are related to distractions of any kind.

"There is a broad problem of driver distraction that includes cell phone use, but it is not restricted to cell phone use," said Stephanie Faul, spokeswoman for the Washington-based AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety.

"People feed their babies. People write. People read. People eat. They put on makeup. They comb their hair," Faul said. "Any legislation should encompass the full range of distractions."

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Medical device infects 415 transplant patients

Associated Press

BALTIMORE

Johns Hopkins Hospital is alerting 415 patients and their families that a defective medical instrument may have given them a potentially life-threatening lung infection, a newspaper reported.

Some patients who were examined by one of three contaminated bronchoscopes have died, but hospital officials told The Baltimore Sun they did not know if they died from the bacteria or from their existing illness.

The officials told the paper they have not determined how many patients have been infected or died.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Food and Drug Administration are investigating the problem, in part to determine if the device has triggered outbreaks elsewhere, The Sun reported.

“We don’t know the cause and effect between patients who died and this infection. People are going through medical charts to try to ascertain this.”

Dr. Paul Scheel, vice chairman of medicine, Johns Hopkins Hospital

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Scheel said at least one other hospital had reported problems with the instrument, but he did not know the name of the hospital.

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Baltimore City Health Department were trying to determine if the problem exists in other local hospitals.

The bronchoscopes are made by Olympus America, which recalled some of them last November. Hopkins owns four of the defective instruments, but only three were found to be contaminated.

The recall letter to Hopkins, dated Nov. 30, wasn’t immediately acted on because it was mistakenly addressed to the loading dock of the Hopkins physiology department, the paper said.

Officials at Olympus did not return a phone message seeking comment Sunday.

In recall letters, Olympus described the defective instruments as having a loose valve that trapped bacteria.

Physicians use the instruments to perform bronchoscopies, which inspect a patient’s lungs and take tissue samples. A thin, tube-like instrument, about the width of a pencil, is placed through the nose or mouth and into the lungs.

The tube has a tiny camera at the tip and uses fiber-optic technology to produce pictures of airways.

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Choose Mary over ‘Monologues’

I was stunned to read in the Feb. 27 issue of The Observer how Walsh, assistant director of "The Vagina Monologues," publically responded to a flyer that I helped distribute to ticket-holders lined up to see the play. The flyer was a photograph of the famous Dome of Notre Dame — lady — except that the statue of Mary had been removed. The flyer asked, "Is this what you want? Just before the show began, Kerry addressed the audience, referred to our flyer and answered the question "Hell, yeah!"

Kerry talks about the play "Vagina Monologues." Kerry states that her intention is to express disrespect for Mary and the Catholic faith. This is nothing more than gross arrogance and indeed a sad sort of ignorance. But what should we expect? "The Vagina Monologues" is a distortion of feminine nature — and thus ultimately a distortion of who Mary is. The play's fundamental philosophical premise is that feminine sexuality is fulfilled in isolation — a deadly premise for either feminine or masculine sexuality.

The true meaning of sexuality is covenantal, nuptial, mutal and life-giving. All of these human values are mocked and degraded in "The Monologues" in a theatrical soup laden with graphic sexual language and descriptive images. Words are used in the script that inherently degrade woman.

Well, I finally got some hardcore winter from South Bend. I’m not afraid of the freshness that snow brings: whatever the weather, plus-minus 20 degrees; the woods are barren, but if it’s overcast, it only makes snow look better. I’ve even had snowball fights in the parking lot. Snow gives me the license to play. We can have fun even if it’s only snowfall. The sight of snow and, as far as I was concerned, sight was the only sense that snow affected. When I saw snow fall for the first time at Notre Dame, I was overjoyed.

I quickly learned that snow was not only white but also cold, wet and terrible. But hey, it’s still great as long as I bundle up and don’t touch it, right? Not in the least. Snow only looks beautiful right after it falls, which is after all those delicate postcard pictures are taken. Soon afterward, that snow mixes with dirt and mud, becoming the most disgusting thing to look at in the world. Even the snowfall shelter of my dormitory, which is on the second floor, is completely covered by snow. Students often walk through the snowdrift, and sometimes they step right into a snowdrift.

Mary, whom Kerry wants to be rid of, provides us with masculine sexuality. The true meaning of masculinity is covenantal, nuptial, and life-giving. Mary, who is not perfect, is still present in the Church.

The "Vagina Monologues" are steeped in feminine alienation — they are not only against Mary but against all women. The play’s fundamental philosophical premise is that feminine sexuality is fulfilled in isolation, a deadly premise for either feminine or masculine sexuality.

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Though the French judge gave me a 6 for my last stallion, I didn’t let that get me down. I was more laughable than an organization that excludes women trying to seriously study female sex. I still sip on ice because the University fails to clear all of it. Now let me state that I know workers here work very hard and at all sorts of crazy hours to keep the sidewalks clear for us, but at some point you know that they say, "Ah screw it, let’s watch the kiddos fall." I choose to neglect the lesser seen pathways, like the one Pasquerilla East Women and Knott men take to North Dining Hall. Around mid-morning, residents of these dorms who take that path are not eligible for health insur­ance because the risk of injury is too great. And even if we do make it to the dining hall alive, we still have to face the horrors of Frank steak.

But whether steak, snow or ice plagues you this winter, stay strong and don’t let anyone convince you that win­ter in South Bend is anything less than the personification of miserable. Plus, look at the bright side, maybe we’ll get some snow days that aren’t during finals week this year. Oh wait, for that to happen, a place even hotter than Texas would have to get snow.

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Choose Mary over ‘Monologues’
I just completed a poll from ABC News and the results will probably be quite disturbing — especially to the Notre Dame/Catholic community. I am not sure if it was a push poll, but it was truly one of the most unfair persecution of Catholic priests or any member of the clergy I have ever witnessed. Around 8 p.m. the phone rang and I answered the phone. The young lady on the other end of the line introduced herself as a person conducting a poll for ABC News. I have participated in several polls over the last few years, so I thought I would be a good citizen and let the country feel my pulse. Her first question was something to the effect of, “Do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of the Catholic Church?” Her second question was roughly, “Have you read, heard or seen anything in the news lately about the sexual abuse of children by Catholic priests?” This was followed by several more questions that seemed to be becoming increasingly pejorative. Here is a sample (paraphrasing from memory) of the questions that were asked. They may not be correct.

1. “Do you believe that sexual abuse of children by priests has hurt the Catholic Church greatly or not so greatly?”
2. “Is it a major problem or a minor problem?”
3. “If this questioning was about Judaism and Rabbis it would be seen as anti-Semitic. Replace it with a minority group or the leaders of a minority group, and it would be racist — and rightfully so. Each allowable answer slights the Church. At this point, I just had to ask her a couple questions. Trying to remain calm, I asked her, “What if I don’t know the answer? I really don’t know the answer so I don’t know if I have that option?” She replied, “Well, let me see. Oh yes, you have that option.”
4. “But I wasn’t given that option.”
5. “I don’t think that option is available on every question, and if so, why wasn’t I given that option?”
6. “The poll taker replied, “Well sir, I’m supposed to read the questions exactly as they appear, and that option is not part of the question.”
7. “This begged a question from me, “So were conducting this poll in a way that you always read the same questions in the same order, or do you follow some predetermined script?”

She said, “The agent that has conducted this poll for ABC News is going to ask you questions, but I was never given the option to answer any of the questions.”

The poll taker then continued, “I will agree with Niles that if I had to be poor in the United States, I would choose to be poor in Europe.”

Niles covers two main facts to suggest the poor in the United States are actually well off. In 1993, the poorest 20 percent of the population spent an average of $3,957 in one year, much of which came from social welfare policies. Secondly, she cites a number of household appliances that the poor in the United States have. Put these two facts together and the argument seems to be that the U.S. poor are better off because: one, on average they spend less than 50 percent of the GNP per capita (approximately $28,000 in 1992 according to the Higgins Labor Research Center) and two, they are very likely to own a television with which to distract themselves from hunger pangs. Note that Niles failed to share any statistics on how many of the poor owning televisions are so fortunate that they have the additional luxury of cable.

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I am skeptical when I read an article quoting the Bible as “proof” for anything, especially if quoting the Old Testament. Becket Gremiche, in his article titled, “Biblical evidence offers proof of homosexual immorality,” uses the incident of Sodom and Gomorrah as “proof” that homosexuality is a moral evil. First of all, the belief that homosexuality was the sin committed by these cities is only popular opinion. Where does it say explicitly in the Bible that this is true? In Ezekiel 16:49 God says, “This was the guilt of your sister Sodom. She and her daughters had pride, excess of food and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. They were haughty and did abominable things before me.” Nowadays, we are being pushed for their sexual orientation. Furthermore, Yahweh in the Hebrew Bible was a wrathful god, one that did not seem to make the most rational decisions. In Exodus, God sends Moses to tell the sons of Levi to “each of you kill your brother, your friend and your neighbor.” When conducting this poll, I was never given that option. In fact, it became obvious to me, during this pause, that any answer given since the second question would disparage the Catholic Church or its priests.

We decided to return to the question of whether I would want to be poor here, or follow some predetermined script?”

She said, “The agent that has commissioned the poll has a set of questions that we are to ask in the order given, exactly as it is written.”

After this answer we had a discussion about the randomness, tenor and fairness of the questions. First, the questions appeared to be leading me to some conclusion that I thought that I had figured out. Second, all of the questions were biased, because they only portrayed the Church in a negative fashion. Finally, if I answered the questions as written, it was not fair to the Church. The questioning addressed an inflammatory issue, asked for leading responses and ignored any positive light.

We decided to return to the questionaire. I was really expecting her to ask me about snake-handling Southerners or cross-burning Hoosiers, but I was wrong. She kept hammering the Church and its priests, but the questions grew darker. Every question continued to happen on sexual abuse of children by priest. Then the interviewer began to question the Church’s moral and legal responsibilities. Now the gambit was complete. Define a problem. Suggest that it exist. Inflame the interviewee. Offer a solution. Do all of these in the context of a poll which is guaranteed to substantiate the original thesis. Is this modern news?

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Biblical ‘proof’ inadequate

After reading Christine Niles’s column entitled, “Poverty, American-Style,” I thought the impression that she was trying to offer a defense of the United States’s distribution of wealth. I am not convinced.

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Niles mentions the commonly cited growing gap between rich and poor. As if to refute that gap’s significance, she asks, “Could someone please tell me precisely what the appropriate gap should be?” Admittedly, there is no definition of what that gap should be, but that is exactly the point. There is no definition because the gap should not be.

Despite the claims of our country’s religion — capitalism — the gap should not even exist. In 1998, the distribution of net worth was such that the richest fifth of the population owned 83.4 percent while the poorest two-fifths owned 0.2 percent according to inequality.org. So even if I cannot define what the gap should be, it ought to be apparent that the current gap is far too wide for a country that considers its economic system the most successful ever and its political system the most just form of democracy.

I will agree with Niles that if I had to be poor, I would choose the United States as the location. But is this really an accomplishment that the poor here are better off than the poor elsewhere when conservative estimates place the United States as controlling 80 percent of the world’s wealth while containing only 6 percent of its population? I think a better comparison to Niles is whether she would want to be poor here, even if she had a television with cable.

As Niles says, here in the good ol’ United States, we are “free, free, free to be hogs.” Hurray for greed and gluttony. Excuse my failure to sound excited about that freedom.

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Cheers and jeers

From distracting players to mocking their coaches, Notre Dame's Leprechaun

By JOE LINDSLEY
Scene Writer

Paznorik made a distinction between the Legion and other campus organizations: "Everyone's really involved. The majority are really dedicated." Additionally, the Legion is organized into committees: Digging and Sloganary, Signs and Ballyhoo, Public Relations and Human Resources. At 10 p.m. on Wednesday in the Debartolo Hall computer cluster, most students were merely doing schoolwork, but a handful was diligently working on a task of great importance. They were doing CIA-level work, but a handful was diligently working on a task of national importance. They were doing CIA-level work, but a handful was diligently working on a task of national importance.

According to Paznorik, the Legion will not shout just anything and they take steps to ensure that their comments are not too hurtful. "There is a line we will not cross," Paznorik said. "We won't make fun of anyone based on race, ethnicity or religion.

Paznorik said that most issues, such as illegitimate children, are dealt with on a case-by-case basis, as they are then used as jeers and nicknames to shout at the player from the scrub team. The Legion's goal is to terrorize its enemies. Some, including Notre Dame's opponents, that messes with their minds. "You just watch what you say," Chiles sneered as he was escorted back to the bench. "You just watch what you say," Chiles sneered as he was escorted back to the bench.

One of Paznorik's favorite responses came from Kentucky guard Adam Chiles. "It seems that Adam was drunk one night and started making phone calls to cute girls on campus," Paznorik said. "He was apparently quite unsmooth: the girls started calling him 'Bigalo,' as in 'Deuce Bigalo, Male Gigolo,' the male prostitute played by Rob Schneider in the movie of the same name.

During Kentucky's pre-game warm-ups, Paznorik shouted out. "Where's the Ladies' Man? Is Bigalo here today? Where's your Adonis?

Chiles' teammates seemed to enjoy this, as evidenced by their grinning and chuckling as they warmed up. "He came strolling up to us from the bench, stood about a foot away from my face and said, 'Man, did you get somethin' to say to me?' This was actually pretty funny, because he's a little shorter, Chiles said.

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from the stands

Legion works to pump up the home crowd at men's basketball games

message boards are key to this process, but the committee's most reliable and often most interesting sources are friends and relatives at Big East schools, people who have seen players cheat, who have witnessed others do as part time, who have seen a player steal (and that's not on the basketball court). The committee claims to find out everything about players, from dogs' and parents' names to histories of old hook-ups.

While the members gathered around computers in DeBartolo Hall, surfing various Web sites, a cell phone rang — a tipster. Updike left the room to talk to the caller in private. He returned with great enthusiasm, believing he had found some quality dirt.

"That's it," said a member, hoping she would not be fired.

"The group proceeds to guard Kareem Haylett's. When we got here, he was standing by the bouncer's house with a few of his friends and beat him up. He was later charged with felony assault.

"Kill the bouncer," someone said.

"Why not 'beat'"? said another. "They didn't kill him."

A show of hands overruled her and "kill the bouncer" was it.

"Once the business was completed and all the nicknames and slogans had been settled upon, the Legion closed the meeting with a triumphant shout of "Amen! Halilighi!"

Then many of them rushed out.

"I left work at the deli in time to attend this meeting!" said a member, hoping she would not be fired. Approximately nine hours after the meeting, at 1:55 a.m. on Saturday of the Providence game, two legionnaires, one of them dressed as a leprechaun, headed for the Joyce Center.

Freshmen Jenny Scherer and Nick Dobertin wanted to wait inside once the JAGG opened in the morning. "If we were out in the snow, most people probably wouldn't be here," said Laurie Privitera, who was previously the first one to every game.

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"He said it was very important that they were allowed to wait inside once the JAGG opened in the morning. "If we were out in the snow, most people probably wouldn't be here," said Laurie, who was previously the first one to every game.

"These guys, [the basketball team], we're living next to them. We take pride in what they do and what they do. It's part of that larger team work."

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Experience pays off for Criniti with 3rd title

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In what many expected to be the last competitive title bout of his career, senior Mark "Bright Lights, Big City" Criniti won a split-decision victory over classmate Matt Sarb to win the 180-pound title Friday night. The two survived a hail of punches from each other for three rounds, but in the end the experience of three-time champion Criniti paid off over the first-year fighter and foot­ball walk-on Sarb.

"I definitely think my experience helped, especially with someone like Matt who is in his first-year," Criniti said. "Anytime you fight someone who is not a better fighter or more athletic, but has the experience of four years, it will make a difference and I think that was one of the advantages I had over him more than ath­letic ability." Sarb came out in the first round trying to attempting to overwhelm Criniti, but Criniti's experience allowed him to shake off the attack and return with some of his own.

"He's like a weapon," Sarb said of Criniti. "He's pretty close in my style. But sometimes you can see a fight one way and the judges might score it differently." The first-year competitor Sarb was pleased with his performance in the Routs, even though he did not get the title.

"I was glad to get as far as I did in my first year," Sarb said. "I went a long way in the six weeks of training from where I started to where I am now. I'm happy just to be here. It's putting his heart and soul into the sport for the last four years and it paid off for him."

190-pounds

A substantial contingent of supporters chanting "Brandi! Brandi!" were not enough to lead the senior Kevin "Harcore" Brandi to victory over junior John Lynk. In the end, Lynk's aggressive style of fighting proved to be too much for the elder Brandi to withstand in the 190-pound title fight as Lynk won a unanimous decision for the championship.

"The fight appeared pretty even after the first round with both fighters throwing many punches but failing to gain any significant advantage over the other," said Criniti, who began to pound on Brandi on the run landing several punches and combinations.

The younger Lynk all but put the fight away in the final round, getting the referee to stop the fight twice to adminis­ter a pair of standing eight­ counts on Brandi. The first came on a knockdown that sent the senior to the canvas.

Weight

Heights

In the final fight of the 2002 Bengal Bouts, law student Carlos Abeyeta used a significa­nt size advantage to earn a split decision victory over senior Mark Gillespie. Abeyeta said his weight advantage helped a lot in the fight, knocking Gillespie to the canvas with a solid blow. The younger Abeyeta proved he would not lay down, however, retaliating with several strong combos of his own in that opening round. After a rather mild second round, Borovina came out of the corner strong in the third, hoping to earn the decision with a final sorge. Abeyeta ended the threat, however, with a solid hit that caused the referee to send the two fighters to their corners.

BENGAL BOUTS: 180-pounds — HEAVYWEIGHTS

Matassa outduels Cosse for 165-pound title

By BRIAN BURKE
Sports Writer

Junior Clay "The Mouth of the South" Cosse kept coming at senior Chris "Stay Outta My Business" Matassa and at times it appeared he might overwhelm his opponent in the 165-pound title bout. The senior was constantly able to supply an answer to Cosse's onslaughts, however, as Matassa came away with the split decision victory.

It appeared he might overwhelm Cosse, however, as Matassa landed a series of punches that seemed to stun his foe. However, Matassa landed enough jabs in the third and avoided getting tangled in the ropes to earn the title.

170-pounds

The meeting of two New Mexico natives, seniors Ryan "The Whino" Hernandez and Domingo "Lunes" Maynes took about five seconds to circle the ring at the beginning of round one.

Then the brawl was on. The bout for the 170-pound title was full of shoving, tangled fighters, headlocks and a warning for Jose Stefan Borovina for which a referee can warn a fighter. As was expected, the two fighters stood too to toe, furiously swinging away, holding each other, sometimes simultaneously.

At one point in the first round, Hernandez was warned for hitting Maynes in the back of the head when Maynes was circling around. At another point, Hernandez was also doping in a break command and was also warned a lot for everything.

In the second round, Hernandez moved around some and was able to counter Maynes, but the contestant eventually digressed back to one fighter trying to out-punch the other. Hernandez was the taller of the two fighters, and that seemed to give him advantage in close fighting.

In the end, Hernandez outboxed Maynes in a close fight and won by split decision.

"I knew it was going to be a lot of brailing, definitely wasn't prepared for all the grappling," Hernandez said. "My corner gave me a lot of good advice to throw that straight right and I think throughout that whole thing we may have grappled a lot, but my straight right, I managed to get that off early on. Obviously the judges agreed. (The win) kind of vindicated a lot of my efforts: I had done so much, and to get knocked out so early last year, to come back, it's great." Contact Brian Burke at Burke68@nd.edu.

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won Sunday because they had a feisty point guard who set the tone with her fearless attitude, made five of six key free-throws in the final minute and played from the opening whistle to the closing buzzer. That point guard, the 5-foot-4 Julie McBride, who started in just 10 of 27 games for Syracuse last year, is just a sophomore. But what she lacks in height, she makes up in attitude.

"It came down to who wanted the game more, and it was obvious that we did," McBride said. "Agreed, we were focused and we were mentally ready, and that was important.

Notre Dame's sophomore point guard, Le' Tania Severe — who admittedly didn't gain stay longer. We came out and said, "We wanted to beat Syracuse last year, is just a five assist, but wasn't able to her counterpart did.

While the Irish might have had last season — dished out a few less, she makes up in attitude. The Irish must know that for the entire 40 minutes. Notre Dame's other standout player, freshman forward Jackie Batteast, played just 13 minutes Sunday while healing from a knee injury and didn't score a point.

With their second-place Big East finish during the regular season and impressive wins over ranked Boston College and Virginia Tech teams, the team wearing the same uniform as last year's national champions are still a shoe-in for the NCAA Tournament. Heck, they might even get a top-eight seed in their bracket.

But if the Irish are going to past their first opponent, they have to come in with the same attitude as their opponent. Severe knew that this loss meant the end of the season, for some players the end of their careers. And they didn't want to see that happen. Whatever Notre Dame plays in the NCAA's in mid-March is going to come in with the same attitude. The Irish must know that it's win or go home and come to really, really detach South Bend.

To get there, the Irish need a leader. And as she proved in the closing minutes Sunday, they have one in Ratay. That same leadership needs to show up for 40 minutes come tournament time. If she does, this team, with a healthy Batteast, could surprise some av earn the Sweet 16. But if that leader doesn't appear, students could return from spring break to find The Observer's back page telling of the story of another upset by a team with nothing to lose and everything to gain.

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WATSON QUALIFIES FOR NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

By DAVE COOK
Sports Writer

Qualifying for nationals is a superb accomplishment for any collegiate athlete. Qualifying in two events is even more spectacular. But being able to qualify in a third event that you won't even compete in at nationals is downright amazing.

Such is the story of Luke Watson this year in his final season with the Irish. Watson had automatically qualified for the NCAA championships in two events: the 3000- and 5000-meter going into this past weekend. He then added a third qualifying time in running a personal best mile-run at this weekend's Alex Wilson Invitational. Watson's time of 4:01.16 was a career best for him in indoor track.

"I thought he ran terrific. He didn't have enough in me where I can run a 4:01. I feel like coming out of the race that I have enough in me where I can break four (minutes) in the right race," Watson said. "This was a confidence booster to get that down on paper and to know I'm in that kind of shape one week before the championships."

Joining Watson in the distance events with a great weekend was sophomore Todd Mobley, who provisionally qualified in the 5000-meter this weekend. Mobley's seventh place time of 14:14.33 was also a career best for him in indoor track.

"Mobley ran well. He qualified for NCAA's and ran a personal best by nearly 10 seconds. He had a great race," Piane said.

Dwight Ellick ran a personal best in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.61 seconds. Selim Nurudeen finished third place in the 60-meter hurdles while running a personal best time of 7.95 seconds.

Sprinter Trevor McClain-Duer ran his best time of his collegiate career, finishing the 400-meter race in 48.5 seconds.

In the field events, senior Quill Redwine, who is still having problems with his left leg (jumped 6'6.75"), enroute to a second-place finish. Godwin Wangas finished seventh in the long jump and the triple jump.

Overall, the Irish had a strong showing leading them into the NCAA championships.

"I thought it was great. It was a great performance," Piane said.

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HOCKEY

Irish sweep Falcons, streak into playoffs

By MATT ORENCUK
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point shot to bring the game within two with 18 seconds left, James hit two free throws to put it out of reach. On the previous three Syracuse possessions, McBride hit five charity shots and missed none.

"I thought McBride was a tremendous leader for them," Muffet McGraw, Irish head coach, said. "She really did everything she needed to do to win the game for them. At the end she made the free throws. She really made some big plays — we couldn't guard McBride. She killed us down the stretch with her free throws. James hit her free throws as well."

It was a strong Syracuse first half that allowed them to win, after the Irish stepped up play in the second half. After taking an early five-point lead, the Orangewomen made sure they never trailed the Irish by more than four. When halftime rolled around, they had a seven-point lead.

"It was very important that we started off well in the first half and at least had ourselves in a position to be in the ball game," Freeman said. "And I think that was the key to the ball game: to get off to a good start and come off the floor at halftime with a lead."

The Irish took a four-point lead four minutes into the game, their largest of the game, before Syracuse began stealing. The Orangewomen made sure they never took the lead by more than four. Forced enough Irish turnovers to take a five-point lead.

In the course of the game, Syracuse forced 19 turnovers, had 11 steals and scored 29 points on turnovers.

"I think that we've struggled with the turnovers all year long," McGraw said. "When you have kind of a rookie point guard it really makes it a little more difficult. I really don't think we had that intensity and focus early in the game."

The Syracuse offense seemed to have Notre Dame pegged as well. While the Orangewomen were boggled by several Irish defensive schemes when they played at the Joyce Center earlier this season, they had no problem scoring against zone and man-to-man defenses.

"They just played hard," McGraw said. "They just came at us. They shot the ball better than they did last time. No matter what we played, zone or man, it didn't matter. They were shooting well. They just kept attacking us."

The Irish played a more solid game in the second half. They upped their shooting percentage from 32.4 percent to 51.5 percent and took more three-point shots; even after Syracuse took a 19-point lead, it looked as if the Irish would have a shot at the ball game.

"I think we felt we could win. The problem was we had to find somebody else," McGraw said. "And as we kept fouling McBride [I became worried] that she was going to make the free throws. I thought if we had fouled somebody else we could have won."

Ratay, who totaled a game-high 29 points, led the charge in the last 20 minutes of the game. Guarded early by the strong Syracuse defense, she had trouble getting open looks. But as the seconds ticked down and she found her team down by as much as 19, she made sure she took whatever shots she could get.

"In the second half, when you have to score, you find a way to score," Ratay said. "You do whatever you can to get an open shot."

Freshman Katy Flecky added 12 points to the final Irish score, the only other player to hit double digits.

Syracuse was unstoppable in the long run. McBride, who scored 18 points and James, who scored 23, proved to be unbeatable foes. Syracuse refused to lose.

"There was no way they were going to take the game away from us," Trammell said. "It's not always the best team that wins, it's the team that plays the best," Freeman said. "And on this night, we played the best."

**Notes:**

♦ The Syracuse win marks the farthest this team has come in the Big East tournament since 1988 when they made it to the semifinals before losing that game.

♦ Freshman forward Jackie Batteast played for the first time following a four-game absence due to a knee injury. Batteast, who was the Irish leading scorer prior to her injury, played 13 minutes, scored no points and grabbed two rebounds.

♦ In its previous six appearances in the Big East tournament, the Irish have at least made it to the semifinals. Sunday's game marked the lowest tournament finish in Irish history.

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**Irish guard Alicia Ratay attempts a jump shot Sunday in the first round of the Big East tournament. The junior led the team in scoring with 29 points.**
**FENCING**

Irish ease through conference championships

**Irish fencers claim four individual titles, nab 11 of 24 first-team conference spots**

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

After winning the team competition on Saturday, the Notre Dame fencing team continued its domination of the Midwest Conference in Sunday’s individual competition. The Irish won four individual titles, took second place four times and claimed 11 of the 24 first-team conference spots.

In two events, the Irish sent two fencers to the championship match. Sophomore Kerry Walton defeated teammate junior Anna Carmick 15-13 to win women’s epee.

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Junior Ozren Debic continued his success at the conference championships by winning his third individual foil title in as many years. For the third consecutive year, Debic beat a teammate in the finals; this year he defeated senior Steve Maione 15-11.

In his two previous conference championships, junior epeeist Jan Viviani took second in the individual competition. This year, however, Viviani finally won his own conference championship by defeating Spencer Jones from Ohio State 15-5.

“It’s nice not to finish in second again.” Viviani said.

With the score 5-4 after the first period, Viviani took control of the match by outscoring Jones 10-1 in the second to win the match 15-5.

“I think usually when I fence a 15-touch bout, it takes me a period to get comfortable,” Viviani said.

Freshman Aljeca Kryczalo continued her impressive debut season by winning women’s foil. The championship match had Kryczalo against Northwestern’s Julia Foldi. Kryczalo easily won 15-4. Sunday’s match was the third time Kryczalo defeated Foldi this season.

In women’s sabre, senior Carianne McCullough and sophomore Destanie Millo faced each other in the semi-finals. Down 14-12, McCullough battled back and won the match 15-14. Both fencers lost in the semifinals of the 2001 conference championship.

Louise Bond-Williams, a freshman from Ohio State, awaited McCullough in the finals. McCullough defeated Bond-Williams earlier in the season but was unable to get on track in Sunday’s conference championship match. Bond-Williams won 15-5.

Senior sabre captain Andre Crompton faced a familiar foe in the finals. Wayne State senior Jakub Krochmalski, who defeated Irish senior Andrzej Bednarski 15-11 in the semifinals to make it to the finals, awaited Crompton.

In 2000, Krochmalski defeated Crompton to win the conference championship; but in 2001, Crompton beat Krochmalski in the semifinals and went on to win the first conference title. Crompton won 5-3 in the 2001 NCAA championships, but Krochmalski won 5-2 at the Ohio State Duals this season.

In a tightly contested match, Krochmalski took a late lead at 15-10 and held off Crompton’s final charge to win the men’s sabre title 15-13.

The Irish fencing team looks to continue their individual success next week at the Midwest regional qualifier at Case Western Reserve University.

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**Men’s and women’s squads combine to give Irish overall title**

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

At the Midwest Conference Championships, the women’s sabre team was able to avenge their defeat to Northwestern last year and help lead the Notre Dame women’s fencing team to first place. The men’s squad defended their conference title and combined with the women to give the Irish the overall title.

Against rival Northwestern, the Irish went 2-1 on the day in team competition. In the women’s foil, freshmen Andrea Ament and Aljeca Kryczalo led the Irish to the 5-3 victory.

The semifinals of women’s sabre saw the Irish face the Wildcats with the Irish prevailing 5-2. Senior captain Carianne McCullough and sophomore Maggie Jordan each had 2 wins in Notre Dame’s 5-2 victory. The Irish won the title with a 5-0 sweep of Michigan.

The only disappointment of the day for Notre Dame came in women’s epee. Northwestern got the best of Notre Dame in the semifinals, 5-2, and won the title against Ohio State. The Irish defeated Wayne State for third place.

Coach Yves Auriol was pleased with the women’s team performance.

“I am very pleased overall. They were prepared to win the overall title and we did,” Auriol said. “They did very well today, especially since Northwestern has a good sabre squad.”

Next weekend, the Irish will participate in the Midwest Regional Qualifier at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland attempting to qualify their fencers for the NCAA Championships.

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By JOE LICANDRO
Sports Writer

For one final time, Irish seniors David Graves, Ryan Humphrey, Harold Swanagan and Charles Thomas were introduced in a special presentation with their families to the Joyce Center. The capacity crowd loudly voiced their appreciation for the contributions of each player in revitalizing the Notre Dame basketball program.

The first half was a seesaw battle which saw neither team able to take control of the game. Matt Carroll was deadly from the three-point line in the first half, nailing three critical shots to keep the Irish in the game. Carroll led all scorers in the first half with 11 points.

While Carroll did his damage from beyond the arc, Humphrey provided his usual athletic flair around the basket for some thunderous dunks to thrill the crowd to its feet. Humphrey scored nine of his game-high 21 points in the first half.

Despite Carroll's hot shooting and Humphrey's offensive acrobatics, the Friars held a 41-38 lead thanks to a balanced offensive attack. Eight different players for the Friars scored in the first half with Linehan leading the way with 7 points.

"I expected them to give us a good game. They played with nothing to lose. My hat goes off to them," said coach Mike Brey.

Mike Brey
Irish head coach

Korti had an answer for the Friars. With seven minutes and 30 seconds left in the game, Notre Dame appeared to be in trouble, finding themselves down 46-56 with the Friars in possession of the ball, but Graves refused to let the Irish lose the game.

"At that point in the game, it can go either way," said Graves. "Every time we made a run, they put a dagger in us. It was the climax of the game and someone had to step up." Graves stole the ball from Christopher Anrin, then raced down the court and was fouled on his breakaway lay-up attempt. He calmly sank two free throws to make the score 62-57.

Two possessions later, Graves stole the ball from Anrin again and streaked down the court for another lay-up. Once again, Graves was fouled on the shot, but this time he converted the lay-up. Graves nailed his free-throw attempt for a three-point play, bringing the crowd to its feet.

After stopping the Friars' next offensive series, the Irish found themselves down 64-61. On the next Irish offensive possession, freshman Chris Thomas nailed a 3-pointer to tie the game.

After a Providence free throw, the Irish would take a 66-65 lead on a Ryan Humphrey put-back lay-in. Notre Dame would not relinquish the lead for the rest of the game.

Matt Carroll's three-pointer on Notre Dame's next possession, which stretched the Irish lead to 69-65, deflated the Friars' hopes and brought the Irish crowd to a wild frenzy.

"It was a good time to hit a three," said Carroll. "We needed something big like that.

In nearly all of their losses this season, the Irish were able to keep the game close until the very end where they struggled to find ways to score. Saturday night was no different. 'We've been there and done that,'" said Ryan Humphrey. "We've been in so many close games this year, we knew we were not going to panic.

With one minute remaining and a nine-point lead, the student section began chanting for walk-on senior Charles Thomas to enter the game. In the waning seconds of the game, the Irish students got their wish, as Brey put Thomas into the game. It was a fitting end to a great game and a great season for the Irish.

"Our crowd was awesome today," said Brey. "As soon as the crowd got into it, we got more intense. It was great to get Chuck in there. Charles Thomas has done a great job for us as a leader of this team. We will miss his presence next year."

With the final score reading 76-68, Notre Dame closed out the regular season with an impressive record of 20-9, and 10-6 in the Big East.

Brey became the first Irish head coach in school history to lead back-to-back 20-win seasons.

The Irish will now look ahead to the Big East Tournament next week.

With Syracuse's loss to Boston College on Sunday, the Irish finished second behind Pittsburgh in the Big East West Division. Notre Dame earned a bye in the first round of the conference tournament and will not play again until Thursday at 9:30 p.m. when it will face the winner of Wednesday's matchup between Seton Hall and St. John's.

"We have as good a chance as anyone else to win the conference tournament," said Carroll. "Anybody can beat anybody in the Big East. It's been like that all year.

Notes:
♦ Chris Thomas set the Notre Dame single-season record for assists during the game.
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♦ Ryan Humphrey in the first half broke the previous record.

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Men's Basketball

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"Our crowd was awesome today," said Brey. "As soon as the crowd got into it, we got more intense. It was great to get Chuck in there. Charles Thomas has done a great job for us as a leader of this team. We will miss his presence next year."

With the final score reading 76-68, Notre Dame closed out the regular season with an impressive record of 20-9, and 10-6 in the Big East.

Brey became the first Irish head coach in school history to lead back-to-back 20-win seasons.

The Irish will now look ahead to the Big East Tournament next week.

With Syracuse's loss to Boston College on Sunday, the Irish finished second behind Pittsburgh in the Big East West Division. Notre Dame earned a bye in the first round of the conference tournament and will not play again until Thursday at 9:30 p.m. when it will face the winner of Wednesday's matchup between Seton Hall and St. John's.

"We have as good a chance as anyone else to win the conference tournament," said Carroll. "Anybody can beat anybody in the Big East. It's been like that all year.

Notes:
♦ Chris Thomas set the Notre Dame single-season record for assists during the game.
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♦ Ryan Humphrey in the first half broke the previous record.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Syracuse stuns Irish

By KATIE McVOY
Associate Sports Editor

PISCATAWAY, N.J. Before her team entered Louis Brown Athletic Center on Sunday, Syracuse head coach Marianna Freeman had three words for the Orangewomen: Refuse to lose.

And that's just what they did. In 40 minutes of play, the Orangewomen did everything they could to win the game and when it looked like they might be playing not to lose instead of playing to win, Freeman called a time out and reminded her team what they were there for: to win.

When that 40 minutes was over, it was clear that Syracuse had come to bring home the victory and kill any hopes the Irish had of making it past their first game in the Big East tournament.

"I told them that you're guaranteed when you arrive the first 40 minutes, but you have to play for the other 40," Freeman said.

During the 84-79 Syracuse victory, the Orangewomen shut down Notre Dame's offense, took the ball out of the team's hands and put the ball in the basket from every place on the floor. Led by the efforts of guards Julie McBride and Jaime James, Syracuse proved that despite a mid-season loss to Notre Dame, whatever team wants to win can win.

"It was a long 20 minutes in the second half, but I think we wanted it more," Tara Trammell, senior Orangewomen center, said. "Coach Freeman said 'refuse to lose' and I just think we lived by that."

While Syracuse allowed the Irish to get close, allowing a run that brought the Irish from 18 points down to within seven in the second half, the Orangewomen refused to lose. Freeman called a time-out with 1:18 left in the game and the Irish down by only six and told her team something.

"I brought them back — as you can see I was pretty upset with them," Freeman said. "And I told them I didn't like their body language. I felt that they were beginning to play not to lose. And I said don't play not to lose, play to win.

After that, Syracuse did everything they could to win. When Irish guard junior Alicia Ratay hit a 3-

Irish head coach Muffet McGraw shows her frustration with her team's performance Sunday. The Irish lost to Syracuse 84-79 in the first round of the Big East Tournament.

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ND WOMEN'S BBALL

Syracuse wanted it more

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PISCATAWAY, N.J. Looking at the reasons behind Syracuse's upset victory over Notre Dame Sunday, one could suggest many explanations.

It could be that Notre Dame was too young. Five freshmen played at least 13 minutes. Or it could be that the Irish just can't seem to find a way to win at Rutgers' Louis Brown Athletic Center where Notre Dame has historically struggled putting the ball in the net.

But in the end, it was simply a children's game of follow the leader — and the Orangewomen had a leader to follow for the whole 40 minutes. Notre Dame's leader didn't step up until it was too late.

The youth excuse doesn't work here either. Syracuse

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BENGAL BOUTS: 125-POUNDS — 160-POUNDS

Newburg outlasts McMahon, captures title

By PAUL CAMARATA
Sports Writer

Even in skill but varied in style, 125-pound title contender Shawn Newburg and Jason McMahon provided the crowd with an intriguing opening to the Friday night Finals. The brawny McMahon came out aggressively in the first round, jabbing his way around the ring in pursuit of a takedown. Newburg would not be drawn into a brawl, however, moving smoothly around the perimeter of the ring and attacking only when he had an ideal opportunity.

In the second round, Newburg used his active feet to move away from McMahon's snappy jab. McMahon continued to chase in search of a slugfest, while Newburg used his active feet to take advantage of the entire ring. Along the way he stopped to drop a combination or toss out a right hand, but it was his lower body that dictated the action.

McMahon was aggressive in the beginning of the third round, pulling Newburg against the ropes and into the corner. The second seeded senior did not relent and did manage to land punch after punch, but never enough to slow the jitty Newburg.

Despite absorbing punches and never completely derailing McMahon, Newburg stayed faithful to this his strengths and was awarded the 125-pound title in a split-decision victory.

135-pound

T.J. D'Agostino also entered his championship fight knowing that to earn a victory he would have to stay true to his advantages. Perhaps the lankiest fighter in his weight class, the sophomore D'Agostino employed his reach advantage over senior Matt Fumagalli and jabbed his way to the 135-pound title.

D'Agostino rushed eagerly into the center of the ring after the opening bell sounded, freshening up De Splinter, right, and top-seeded Chris Kitalong exchange a pair of jabs in the 160-pound title fight. 

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