**Scally confronts TV reporter**

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

A confrontation between WNDU-TV reporter Bonnie Druker and Notre Dame executive vice president Tim Scully occurred near the Fisher Hall parking lot shortly before the beginning of the 10 p.m. Mass celebrated Thursday for missing freshman Chad Sharon.

President ScullyScally apologized to Ms. Druker the next day and that she accepted that apology, he said. "Scally apolo­gized just for what he felt was a misunderstanding. The confrontation occurred shortly before the Fisher Hall Mass was scheduled to begin, according to Scully. "It was five or 10 minutes before that," he said. Scally also said he apologized to Druker for the incident. "It was a

**New student magazine debuts**

By KIFLIN TURNER
Assistant News Editor

Faced with questions about career paths and the personal interests that motivate those decisions, students frequently consider various post-graduation options throughout their college careers. But on the Notre Dame campus, there are few options for this type of career guidance, said Notre Dame senior John Cannon, president of the new student-run magazine, Changing Times, that aims to provide uncertain students with possible answers about their future plans.

"I think we realized that it's not just upperclassmen but all college students wanting an answer," said Cannon.

Planning began last October when two roommates brainstormed an idea that eventually became a reality in the form of a non-profit foundation. Like most other students, Cannon and John Mirshekari, found themselves puzzling over their futures and discussing their plans for after college.

**ND cancels graduate insurance subsidy plans**

By ANDREW THAGARD
News Writer

Budget cuts have forced University administrators to cancel previous plans to subsidize the cost of a larger, more comprehensive health insurance plan for graduate students, representatives from the Graduate Student Union and the Graduate School confirmed. GSU plans to officially inform Notre Dame graduate students of the lack of subsidization later this week via e-mail.

"We were surprised and disappointed," said Phil Johnson, assistant director of GSU.

Scully apologized to Druker after the incident occurred, according to Scully. "It is my understanding that Father Scully apologized to Ms. Druker the next day and that she accepted the apology," he said. "Scally apologized just for what he felt was a misunderstanding. The confrontation occurred shortly before the Fisher Hall Mass was scheduled to begin, according to Scully. "It was five or 10 minutes before that," he said. Scally also said he apologized to Druker for the incident. "It was a
INSIDE COLUMN

Days to remember

Last Sunday I walked back onto campus after a long vacation — for the last time. As I walked down the hall of my dorm and greeted my friends who I hadn’t seen for the last three weeks it struck me that this was the last time this group of amazing women would be within yelling distance. It wasn’t until that moment that the tears finally struck home. This is my last semester of college. And as I thought about that, I made a pact with myself. I think it’s a fact that all of us who will soon be saying goodbye should take a moment to consider and, perhaps, sign so that we remember to do what really matters now.

Here it is.

1. Katie Marie McVoy, being a second-semester senior, have agreed to take a moment to consider and, perhaps, sign so that we remember to do what really matters now.

I will not let the stress of school take away the enjoyment of my final semester of being a grown-up kid. I will not let books and homework take away from the things I will really learn in the classroom and out of the classroom. I will not let books and homework take away from the things I will really learn in the classroom and out of the classroom.

I will not let the small annoyances of living with my friends keep me from appreciating how important they really are to me. I will remember to tell them, every time I can, how much I have learned, Italian-sounding, since I last foot on campus three and a half years ago. I will remember to take advantage of their company because it will not be available come next fall. Most importantly, I will remember to keep my friendships strong now, so that they will be strong always.

I will not let the fact that I am leaving and going out “on my own” make me forget that I am never alone. I will still call home to talk to my mom when I am sad and I will still ask to be Daddy’s girl when boys are not nice to me. I will not let the fact that some of the world will see me as an adult prevent me from acknowledging that, sometimes, I need someone to come scare away the monsters from under my bed. I will not let getting older force me to grow up too soon. I will still keep a picture of my dog and a teddy bear sitting on my window sill. I will continue to allow the number of stuffed animals that I sleep with to increase, and I will always, always remember to watch the monsters whenever they are on TV.

Most importantly, I will remember that someday, they will always happen once and each morning, I will remember to enjoy them. These are days I will remember.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Katie McVoy at mcvo5695@saintmarys.edu

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Scene checks out ethnic cuisine in South Bend

Not satisfied with the dining hall offerings? Head for Carabassas Italian Grill, Siam Restaurant, or Fuddler’s Heath.

SPOTS

ND women’s basketball team loses to Rutgers

The Irish gave up a 13-point halftime lead and eventually lost to Rutgers 64-63 on Saturday.

WHAT’S GOING DOWN

Two people apprehended near parking lot

NDSP apprehended two suspicious people near the CI parking lot Thursday afternoon. One suspect was arrested for criminal trespass and the other individual was identified, issued a no trespass warning letter and released. The case is being investigated further.

Visitor reports argument

A visitor reported an argument with a student regarding parking near the Main Circle on Thursday around noon. The case is being referred for administrative review.

NDSP issues alcohol citation

Police issued a University citation to a student Thursday evening near the East Gate for a minor in possession of alcohol. The case is being referred for administrative review.

Student treated for sports injury

NDSP responded to a report of an injured student near the Student Center Friday afternoon. The student was treated at the scene for a sports-related injury.

compiled from the NDSP crime blotter

WHAT’S COOKING

North Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Swiss steak, hard garlic, russet potatoes, brown sauce chicken gravy, whipped potatoes, minted ed peas & carrots, haddock with herbs, corned vegetable rice pilaf, baked potato, sugar snap peas.

Today’s Dinner: Sherried chicken, mashed with mushrooms & water chestnuts, long grain & wild rice, brown sauce, chicken gravy, whipped sweet potatoes, broccoli sauce, grilled redfish, corn, sliced carrots, baked sweet potatoes, baked potato, cauliflower, Fried cheese ravioli, three-peace sauce, french dip sandwich

South Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Neapolitan spaghetti basil-pepper-tomato mostaccioli, italian sausage marinara, sausage pizza, cherry turnover, pretzel sticks, cheese & rice croquettes, broiled tama­ tos, halves, chicken sambalaya, beef & noodle casserole, rotisserie chicken, italian rice pilaf.

Today’s Dinner: Neapolitan spaghetti basil-pepper-tomato mostaccioli, italian sausage marinara, four-cheese pizza, breadsticks, broccoli-cheese rice, caserole, italian-blend vegetables, buffalo wings, rotisserie beef churrascos, grilled pork chops, hot apple-sauce

South Mary’s Dining Hall

Today’s Lunch: Stuffled egg plant, fredsile risotto, grilled italian vegeta­ bles, light tomato sauce, herb pasta, fettuccine carbonara, broiled ham­ burger, south beach Panini, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, french fries, cilantro grilled chicken, coconut rice, cauliflower & broccoli, vegetable ranch pizza, cheese pizza

Today’s Dinner: Piergoie bar, sweet corn tamale pie, pasta fantasica, leek & fennel tart, grilled salmon, cherry muffins, sweet & sour pork with sticky rice, vegetable ranch pizza, pepperoni pizza, bread sticks, hunanspork
Students celebrate MLK week
By NATASHA GRANT
News Writer

Beginning today, Notre Dame students prepare to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King Jr. While Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students must attend classes today, several groups and individuals hope to help students celebrate King's achievements through events with the overall theme, "Making Your Mark: A Journey." Through Leadership." The weeklong program will feature a dinner titled "Food for a Journey" and a Mass, "Light for the Journey," said Ken Seifert, the student coordinator of the series of events and a member of the MLK committee.

Seifert said that Wednesday's dinner is not open to the public but that invitations were distributed to students who expressed an interest in King and in multiculturalism.

"We're looking for people who can contribute to the discussion and learn from each other," said Seifert. Some of the issues that will be discussed at the dinner include racism, equality, war, gender relations, economic status and diversity.

The week, which will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m., will be open to all students and staff, said Seifert. Melody Gonzalez and Andy Gomez, who will be singing in the combined choir at the MLK Mass on Thursday night, will play a pivotal role in the success of events this week. As director of Coro Primavera, Gonzalez was encouraged to perform with the Celebration Choir and Voices of Faith by Iris Outlaw.

"When Iris mentioned the possibility of Coro Primavera participating, I was thrilled and accepted immediately," she said. "Coro has always wanted to sing with other choirs on campus."

Gonzalez also cited the importance of the event and her admiration for the person being celebrated as reasons why she was honored to be a part of the choir. "For me, Martin Luther King Jr. is a remarkable role model and a true inspiration," she said. Gonzalez said she hopes that people will gain more from this week's events than simply learning about King. "I hope that students can be able to take his message to others and practice it in their own lives," she said. "This is a very strong message, especially in our current times as we think about all the injustices around the world, from war to sweatshops and other human rights abuses."

Although Gonzalez believes that planned events will help educate students, she said more could be done on the University to give the holiday the attention she thinks it deserves.

"In my opinion, holidays like Martin Luther King Jr. Day or Cesar Chavez Day are more important than some of the other holidays we celebrate," she said.

Gonzalez said she does not believe that classes should be cancelled because that would make students appreciate the significance of the holiday. "It would be nice to hear more about it in the classrooms or see more advertisement for the events," she said.

Gomez said he also hopes that the celebration will make people more aware of King. "I think it is somewhat overlooked on campus because it's not a national holiday, but here at (Notre Dame) we still have to go to class and go on with other activities," he said. A wider recognition of MLK is certainly a worthy cause, and I just think that we just want more of an awareness of why there is a MLK celebration," he said.

Gomez said students and administrators in particular should be responsible for promoting awareness of the holiday.

"I think the University should make more of an effort to try to promote awareness of (King) to give him the proper credit and if even if we are still in attendance in class," he said.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration, 2003.

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Carolyn Maloney, Legislative Director for the National Right to Life Committee

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Activists remember abortion anniversary
WASHINGTON
Abortion activists marking this week's 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's Roe v. Wade decision say they have their first chance in years to put a dent in abortion rights now that Republicans control the House, Senate and the White House.

"We will pass the first significant pro-life legislation actually limiting abortions in 30 years," said Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and a leading abortion foe. He predicted Congress will move quickly to pass a measure banning a late-term abortion procedure called partial birth abortion by opponents.

Congress passed a measure twice, in 1996 and 1997, banning the procedure, in which the fetus is partially delivered before its skull is punctured. President Clinton vetoed it each time. The House passed the measure again last year, but the then-Democratic-controlled Senate never took up the measure.

"We will pass a partial birth abortion ban," Brownback said. "That's going to hearten people. It's been a long fight. We're finally turning some of the battle." President Bush has said he would sign the bill, one of several abortion-related measures Republicans will push this legislative session. Their optimism is expected to be apparent when thousands of marchers converge on Washington this weekend for the 30th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision three decades ago legalizing abortion.

"I think we'll hear a great deal of hype about Roe being at risk from the abortion side. I hope they're right," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J. "From our side, we're going to assert even more, with compassion but with seriousness, that the Holocaust of the unborn has to stop.

But Douglas Johnson, legislative director for the National Right to Life Committee, said passing anti-abortion bills will continue to be difficult in the 102-member Senate, where 60 votes are needed to overcome parliamentary tactics for blocking action on most bills. The Senate has 51 Republicans, 48 Democrats and one independent.

"This is not a Senate that's going to be approving sweeping legislation to challenge Roe," Johnson said. "We're in Congress now in which we have a chance for a fair debate on these sorts of reforms that are supported by most Americans.

Abortion-rights supporters, who also have many of events planned for the anniversary, acknowledge that the advantage in Congress has switched to abortion foes. "The Republicans are controlling every branch of government, and we have now entered the anti-choice trifecta," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y.

Maloney and others pointed to a series of actions Bush has taken administratively, including an executive order that bars U.S. aid to international groups that support abortion and withholding $34 million in foreign aid from international family planning programs overseas.

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from particular fields provide ideas on careers to pursue post-graduation," said Sophomore J.B. Long, editor in chief of the magazine. "To complement those, we want students to be able to read articles from their peers to find out about other student initiatives."

Changing Times aims to provide this guidance by including stories of successful CEOs, professionals, professors and other students who pursued careers based on their interests with a focus on social responsibility.

Though the Career Center offers resume publishing and interviewing courses for those who are confused about what direction they might begin to take in life, Cannon believes there are few resources available for students who need general guidance. "They don't help you with the stage of critical analysis or introspection," said Cannon.

Students who are constantly faced with the pressure of defining success in terms of financial gain will relish the opportunity to read and find inspiration from the stories of professionals and others who have impacted the world around them, according to Cannon.

"Sometimes people feel like they're being thrust in a particular major but at the same time aren't being given any direction with where they want to be after their four years in school," said public relations manager Edward Faustin, a senior. "We intend for our magazine to help eliminate doubts in the minds of students who are still searching for what to do with their lives."

As a publication that will eventually take a stand toward becoming a career magazine, editor in chief Long points out that while the first issue outlines the general focus of the organization, the second issue will concentrate more specifically on the theme of human rights and careers. With current talks under way with groups such as Peace Corps and Amnesty International, Changing Times hopes to present more information on these and other non-profit, social-action organizations.

Marketing the magazine as easily accessible, free, energetic and with an appealing style was the best way to get the message out on college campuses nationwide, said Cannon. Operating as a non-profit organization through the institute for Educational Initiatives at Notre Dame, the Changing Times Foundation has at the forefront of its mission to make the magazine available for as many students as possible.

"To achieve our goals of distributing the magazine across the country we believed the best way would be to set up a non-profit organization," said Cannon. "It's also a great way for Notre Dame students to link with others across the country that is in itself a very quintessential path for yourself and for your path in life."

The magazine has been featured in Business Today Magazine, another student-run publication operating at Princeton University. That magazine has served as an inspiration for shaping Mirshekari's goals for Changing Times.

"The model is that it's supported by advertising revenue from corporations as well as from sponsorships and donations from organizations and individuals, but the revenue side comes from advertisements in the magazine," said Mirshekari. Changing Times director of external contacts.

Faustin also said maintaining close relationships with other universities as to the mission and distribution of Changing Times is essential to gaining widespread appeal and an ever-growing following among college student readers.

"We're really hoping for a lot of positive reaction from this first issue. It's been a long time in the making," said Mirshekari.

The first issue will reach 10 schools with 10,000 issues that in subsequent issues will further expand in terms of numbers.

"We hope to grow as aggressively as our funds will permit," said Mirshekari.

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In addition to continuing to work with University administrators to fit health insurance subsidies into future budgets, the health committee is also working on a temporary solution. The ideal, subsidized plan includes four additional areas of coverage to the existing plan, including vision care, yearly off-campus physicals, mental health care and allergy medication.

The health committee is working to renegotiate the existing plan to include one of these additional benefits while maintaining approximately the same cost structure. "It's also a great way to give opportunities that allow students to link with others across the country that is in itself a very quintessential path for yourself and for your path in life."

"We want it to be a Notre Dame student organization now and five years later and then 10 years down the line," said Cannon.

Cannon also points to the potential positive aspects that the magazine will provide for its own student organizers in gaining more experience in various aspects of running a publication, such as administrative, financial and media responsibilities.

Cannon asks for any students, regardless of major, interested in becoming a part of the magazine to send an email to turningtimesmagazine@nd.edu or contact changingtimes@nd.edu.

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misunderstanding between Bonnie Drucker and myself prior to the Mass," Scully said. "I apologized to Ms. Drucker after the event for anything I might have done that may have contributed to the misunderstanding. Ms. Drucker accepted my apology."

Scully has served as Notre Dame's executive vice president since July 2000 and as a vice president and senior associate provost since 1994.

Scully is the founder of the Alliance for Catholic Education, a postgraduate service opportunity that allows college graduates to serve in underfunded Catholic schools across the nation. Scully is also the founder of Holy Cross Associates, another alliance for college graduates to serve for one year in poor communities in the United States and throughout the world in conjunction with the Holy Cross Ministry.

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Graduate student health care has been a major focus of Notre Dame and around the country for the past several years. Most top national graduate schools offer some type of subsidized health insurance plan to their students.

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Powell supports U.of M. affirmative action

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday he disagrees with President Bush's position on an affirmative action case before the Supreme Court, as the White House waited for more money for historically black colleges.

Powell, one of two black members of Bush's Cabinet, said he supports methods the University of Michigan used to increase minority enrollments in its undergraduate and law school programs. The policies offer points to minority applicants and set goals for minority admissions.

"Whereas I have expressed my support for the policies used by the University of Michigan, the president, in looking at it, came to the conclusion that it was constitutionally flawed based on the legal advice he received," Powell said on the CBS program "Face the Nation." It was a rare public acknowledgment of a disagreement in the Bush administration with the president and with other top White House aides.

National security adviser Condoleezza Rice said she backed Bush's decision to step into the case before the Supreme Court and to attack the University of Michigan's methods were unconstitutional. She said on NBC's "Meet the Press" Sunday that there are "problems" with the university's selection policies, and cited the point system.

But she also said race can be a factor in colleges' selection process. "I do not believe that the Bush administration filed with the Supreme Court was silent on that issue of whether race can be a factor under some circumstances. It is important to take race into consideration if you must, if race-neutral means do not work," she said.

Rice said she had been benefited from affirmative action during her career at Stanford University. "I think they saw a person that they thought had potential, and yes, I think they were looking to diversify the faculty there," she said.

"I think there's nothing wrong with that in the United States," Rice said. "It does not mean that one has to go to people of lower quality. Race is a factor in our society."

In a speech to the Republican National Convention in 2000, Powell sharply criticized GOP attacks on affirmative action.

The brief the Bush administration submitted to the Supreme Court makes grants of up to five years to eligible institutions, those with a full-time population of at least 25 percent Hispanic students, at least 50 percent of which are low-income. With that in the United States, "the kind of cynicism that exists in the black community," he said. "The kind of cynicism that is created when, for example, some in our party minopportunity to roundly and loudly condemn affirmative action that helped a few urban kids get an education, but you hardly heard a whisper from them over affirmative action for lobbyists who told our federal tax codes, those with a full-time population of at least 25 percent Hispanic students, at least 50 percent of which are low-income. In its brief to the Supreme Court, the administration argued that policies at the University of Michigan and its law school fail the constitutional test of equal protection for all under the law, and ignore race-neutral alternatives that could boost minority presence on campuses.

Iraq

Baghdad officials disclose they have 4 more warheads

Associated Press

Baghdad Sunday for the first of two days of talks whose outcome could determine whether the United States, which disputes Iraq's claims that it has no banned weapons, mounts a military attack to disarm Iraq by force.

All day Saturday, the two hours of talks, ElBaradei said, "I think we are making some progress. It was a constructive meeting."

"We are saying in no uncertain terms that of the 11 documents that were presented to us by the United Nations, none of the international community cannot, just wait for things to happen in the past few weeks since we started inspections. And I think that message has been registered," said Blix, who has been called the "white knight" in the war of words.

As a sign that Baghdad might be more forthcoming, Blix said that the Iraqis told them during the talks that they had found four more empty chemical weapons warheads similar to 12 others discovered by U.N. Inspectors Thursday at an ammunition dump south of Baghdad.

Blix also said the Iraqis offered three or four of the inspectors' 11 documents to provide graduate-level education.

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National News Briefs

Demonstrators rally against Iraq war

Dancing in a conga line and shouting calls for peace, demonstrators on Sunday pressed as close to the White House grounds as they could to get demand that President Bush back off Iraq. Police swiftly arrested the crowd, which numbered at least several hundred without incident.

Air Force hearing could end early:

The military hearing into the accidental bombing of Canadian troops could conclude two days earlier than expected because the Air Force has received back its witness list, said a lawyer for one of the pilots charged in the case. David Beck, Maj. William Umbach's lawyer, said Sunday that the Air Force had scratched several of its planned witnesses. The hearing could end Wednesday instead of Friday, he said. Schmidt and Umbach were charged with involuntary manslaughter, aggravated assault and dereliction of duty after an Air Force investigation found the pilots had disobeyed orders and acted recklessly in dropping a 500-pound guided bomb on Canadian troops near Kandahar, Afghanistan on April 17, 2002. Four Canadians were killed and eight were wounded. The hearing will determine whether the pilots should be court-martialed. If convicted of all charges in a court martial, they face a maximum of 64 years in military prison.
Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Top Bush administration officials said Sunday they would welcome Saddam Hussein seeking exile outside Iraq, saying it could avert military action to topple the Iraqi president.

Also, Secretary of State Colin Powell went to the New York headquarters of the United Nations to meet with foreign ministers of Security Council members about Saddam and the Iraq problem.

His first two meetings were with the foreign ministers of China and France, two of the many countries who are not convinced the time is right to use force against Iraq.

North Korea's revived nuclear weapons program also was on the agenda for Powell's separate meetings with China's Tang Jiaxuan and France's Dominique de Villepin.

"To avoid a war, I would be personally would recommend that some provision be made so that the senior leadership in that country and their families could be provided haven in some other country," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said on ABC's "This Week."

White House Would Welcome Saddam Exile

"And I think that that would be a fair trade to avoid a war," On "Fox News Sunday," Rumsfeld said said Iraq's Arab neighbors are urging Saddam to step down and go into exile.

"It would be a good thing for the world if he left," Rumsfeld said. But Saddam and Iraqi Cabinet ministers have said they would fight to the end.

Powell said exile would bring about what the United States has sought since the Clinton administration: a change of leadership in Iraq.

"And the challenge before us then would be to see whether or not that new regime would commit itself to eliminating weapons of mass destruction, satisfying the international community that they are interested in the welfare of their people and not in threatening their own people or threatening their neighbors," Powell said.

"And we would have had an entirely new situation presented to the international community, and we might be able to avoid war."

Most of the 15 Security Council members remain opposed to using the military soon, regardless of the contents of a report to the council next Monday by weapons inspectors.

A senior official said Powell was to meet separately with seven ministers, including those of Germany, Mexico and the permanent members China, France and Russia. The official said Powell is trying to agree with his colleagues on a course of action after the Jan. 27 report is in hand.

Also Sunday, American and British planes bombed eight unmanned sites that are part of Iraq's military air defense command and control system. U.S. Central Command said in a statement:

"The strikes at about 7:10 a.m. EST came after Iraqi air defense forces fired anti-aircraft artillery and surface-to-air missiles at coalition planes patrolling the southern no-fly zone over Iraq, according to the statement. The sites were between Al Kut, about 95 miles southeast of Baghdad, and An Nasiriyah, about 178 miles southeast of the capital."

Rumsfeld said he remained hopeful Saddam would consider living elsewhere, or that Iraqis would topple him.

"I think that the people in his own country know what a vicious regime he runs, and they may decide to throw him out. He and his family may decide that they've run their string and that they'll leave," Rumsfeld said.

"War is your last choice," he said. "I would be delighted if Saddam Hussein threw in the towel, said, The game's up, the United

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Segway hits legal pothole

*Sidewalk use of personal vehicle banned*

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO  With its love of geek chic and congested streets, San Francisco might have been expected to embrace Segway, the environmentally friendly self-balancing personal vehicle that promises to entice people out of their smog-polluting cars.

Instead, the city on Monday becomes the first large municipality to outlaw the Segway Human Transporter on its sidewalks - more than a month before the chair-like vehicles are made available to the public.

The Board of Supervisors acted last Monday following intense lobbying by Segway LLC in state capitals to change laws to permit the two-wheeled vehicles on sidewalks.

Thirty-three states, including California, approved Segway-enabling legislation last year. But that doesn't mean major cities will readily embrace the scooters invented by inventor Dean Kamen, when he introduced them to great fanfare in December 2001, as apt to "change civilization." California's law allows cities to opt out.

The upright device is controlled by body movements with the help of tiny computers and balance- controlling gyroscopes and has been tested across the country by postal workers, police officers and memorial runners. They've sold a sale to the public at Amazon.com for $4,950 each and will begin shipping in March.

Critics say the Segway is a safety hazard on sidewalks because it weighs 68 pounds and travels at up to 12.5 mph, three times faster than the typical pedestrian. No state is requiring that its drivers be trained, although some have set minimum age and helmet requirements.

"We don't want to say that it doesn't ever make sense. But in urban settings there isn't enough room for all the pedestrians," said Ellen VanderSloot, president of America WALKS, a pedestrian advocacy group based in Portland, Ore.

In hilly San Francisco, officials feared the battery-powered Segways would cause more problems than they would solve, particularly for the disabled and senior citizens.

"There were statistics submitted to us about injuries, and the Segways themselves did not have adequate safety features to alert people they might be behind them," said Tom Ammiano, a San Francisco supervisor who supported the ban.

Segway officials say the scooters have been tested for 100,000 hours on city streets across the nation without injury.

Ammiano also said Segway's campaign rubbed officials the wrong way. "Segway didn't help themselves by hiring very expensive lobbyists," he said. "I think that backfired on them, too."

New Hampshire-based Segway hired lobbying firms but has made no contributions to any public officials or candidates, said Matt Dalida, the company's director of state government affairs.

Along with California, about half the states that passed laws to allow the Segway also permit cities to opt out, but so far most major municipalities are taking a wait-and-see approach, Dalida said.

Claude Harvey and his wife Judy ride their Segway "human transporters" along the bike path on Santa Monica beach. San Francisco recently outlawed riders use of the Segway.

Court to hear drug discount law case

For states, Maine fits is attractive because it doesn't require federal approval and it costs taxpayers little.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, which sued Maine in 2001 in federal court, argues that the state's program is unconstitutional because it regulates interstate commerce and runs afoul of Medicaid law.

The Supreme Court will hear a three-sided argument Wednesday with lawyers for the state and the drug industry opposing each other, and the Bush administration siding with the drug industry to argue that Maine's law is constitutional because it regulates interstate commerce and runs afoul of Medicaid law.

The Supreme Court rules in Maine's favor, said Bernie Horn, policy director for the Center for Policy Alternatives in Washington.
Create a ‘Flex 10’ student meal plan

The Student Senate Steering Committee believes that students deserve a new meal plan option, and we have decided to make this the focus of our meeting this week.

The current meal plan allows students to choose either 21 or 14 meals per week in the dining hall. Statistics show, however, that undergraduates on the 21 plan eat an average of 14.9 meals in the dining hall per week, while those choosing the Flex 14 option consume an average of 9.2 meals. Moreover, only 3 percent of students participate in the 21 meal plan.

We believe a new meal plan of approximately 10 meals per week and additional Flex points would greatly benefit the student body. In light of this fact, we believe that more detailed information on current consumption would help formulate a meal plan that would appeal to the student body.

One reason that has been cited against a Flex 10 option is that it would conflict with the mission of the University. It has been argued that eating in the dining hall fosters a sense of community, and therefore a decrease in dining hall meals may hurt the community.

We believe, however, that the Notre Dame community transcends the dining hall system. Students eating together at Burger King or Subway feel the same sense of community as do undergraduates in the dining hall. An additional meal plan would also benefit students who may have conflicts with class, work or meetings. Certainly we do not want to diminish the sense of community at Notre Dame. However, a Flex 10 meal plan would simply be a realistic response to the current fact that most students only consume an average of 9.2 meals a week in the dining hall.

Rules forcing students to choose a minimum of 14 meals per week compel a student to pay for meals he or she may not eat. While we recognize that a new meal plan may have an effect on revenue, it is in the best interest of students that we work to overcome this problem.

We believe a Flex 10 meal option supports the mission and the reality of the University. We hope all parties involved will work with us to realize this goal.

Sister (in slightly annoyed but equally high-pitched voice): What baby brother or sister? Mom (still apparently channeling my baby niece’s latent desire for companionship): The little brother or sister I’ll have in a couple of years. I’ll be lonely without one. Sister (now also channeling Autumn): Don’t you mean the baby cousin I’ll have when my aunt Andy has kids soon? Me: Hell no — cousin cee — hell no.

This concludes another example of how my family is completely insane. But hey, everyone’s family is crazy, and honestly, isn’t that what the holidays are really about?

In the end, the big family Christmas went better than expected. Though my cousins definitely found me about as exciting as the Gator Bowl (let’s just pretend they would know what that was), at least there were no major injuries or cultural clashes. However, if they return next year, I refuse to eat another avocado cream pie.

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What would King do?

"Five score years ago, a great Americans, in whose shadow we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous deemed came as a great beacon light of hope to millions of about slaves who had been scarred in the flames of withering injustice. It came as a joyous daybreak to end the long night of captivity. But 100 years later, we must face the tragic fact that the Negro is still not free.

"One hundred years later, the life of the Negro is still sadder smissed by the manacles of segregation and the chains of discrimination. One hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a race of millions of free men. This is an injustice. But we stand, signed the Emancipation Proclamation. This momentous hundred years later, the Negro lives on a lonely island of poverty in the midst of a race of millions of free men.

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"The wonderful new militancy which has engulfed the Negro community must not lead us to distrust of all white people, for many of our white brothers, as evidenced by their presence here today, have come to realize that their destiny is tied up with our destiny and our freedom is inextricably bound to our freedom. We cannot walk alone.

"Not speaking out of anger or with hatred for white Americans, King insured that the fight for freedom would become all inclusive. In a passive voice and a calm but strong demeanor Dr. King answered the critics of the civil rights movement. He did this by drawing a direct correlation between the American idea of freedom and justice with that of the movement.

"Thirty years ago on Jan. 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States decided in Roe vs. Wade, that "legal personhood does not exist prenatally." In essence, the Court said that until a baby is born, it is not a human, and therefore, could be dealt with much like property, to be retained or disposed of at will. The ruling was so broad that it allowed a woman to obtain an abortion at any juncture throughout her nine months of pregnancy, for any reason.

"When the decision came down, I was 14 years old. I remember shuddering at the thought of who would consider doing such a thing. (As a young adult, I was just beginning to understand the tragedies of Vietnam. One's gender, hand and rightness was as important as their biography.)

"The last three decades have been more than enough time to evaluate the various effects that legalized abortion has had on today's social fabric. While some may say that causes are difficult to prove, I list a few of many unmistakable changes I have witnessed since women have been granted the "freedom of choice." Between 1973 and 2000, an estimated 40 million surgical procedures have been performed in this country. This number represents a substantial amount of human talent and potential, forever lost. The women who perished in the Vietnam War, 700 people have lost their lives to abortion. The legalized population of the United States, Michigan, Illinois and Ohio amounts to 40 million residents. We are just beginning to learn the long-term consequences of these decisions. The value of human life has decreased dramatically since abortion was legalized.

"Once prenatal life became disposable, life at every stage has been in peril, regardless of mental or physical state. The growing number of young women who have never been found are a ticking time bomb.

Julie Black
President, St. Joseph County Right to Life, Inc.
South Bend
Jan. 17, 2003

Of course not. It seems it is far graver a sin to do the same for a man responsible for mass murder.

Nevertheless, many people still believe media bias is a myth. I wonder, as I watch all the coverage of the anti-war protests going on in Washington, whether the same attention will be given to even larger pro-life demonstrations on Wednesday. If there is even as much coverage, it will be negative.

Likewise, one can watch hours of reporting about the controversial selections of Charles Pickering, without hearing once that he is endorsed by the Republican chapter of the NAACP, which knows first-hand the risks Pickering took to stand up for minorities' rights back in the dangerous days of the civil rights movement.

Media bias has already been mentioned numerous times in this paper this academic year, and that it is even discussed is a wonder­ful thing. That there are so many media outlets in America is one important safeguard of our freedom, yet it is also true that a few wily infor­mation providers and spin doctors can sway the populace more than one place to separate fact from opin­ion, whether in the world at large or even right on campus.

Benjamin Thomas Remmert
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Carrabbas Italian Grill: worth the wait?

Carrabbas Italian Grill provides friendly services and a decent meal, but is it worth the time?

By EMILY HOWALD
Associated Scene Editor

One usually thinks that when there is a 2 1/2 hour wait at a restaurant, the meal will prove to be worthy of the wait. Carrabbas proved that theory wrong.

The meal was not bad, but after waiting for such a long time, not to mention, nowhere to sit while waiting, the meal did not meet the expectations that one builds up while they anxiously await it. It is a 2 1/2 hour wait at a restaurant, after all.

Many of the entrees come with a side choice of some form pasta. The chicken parmesan cam with the side choice of either a fettuccini or garlic mashed potatoes. Perhaps the potatoes would have been a better choice than the fettuccini, for after about one bite and a wince, the side was left untouched.

The menu offers a variety of choices, and has a bit of depth within each portion. The restaurant is not open for lunch because they prepare all of the meals fresh each day. They offered steak, fish, pizza and many signature pasta meals. The steak proved to be a bit less than average, and the chicken parmesan was decent, but nothing too special. All entrees come with the choice of Caesar salad, Italian salad or the house salad. The Caesar was surprisingly good.

Carrabbs does have many things going for it, however. The prices were quite reasonable, and the employees were very friendly. They were very anxious to help you and generally created a happy atmosphere.

A manager wandered around to make sure that everyone was having a satisfactory time, and he, too made the evening more enjoyable.

There was a pasta bar that was right by the kitchen, and those seats were fair game to anyone who entered the restaurant at any time. Therefore, if one was willing to sit at a bar facing the kitchen, the waiting time diminished.

The cooks are also incredibly nice and they chat with the people seated at the bar. Carrabbs was founded in Houston by Johnny Carrabba and Damian Mandola in December 1986. Most of the recipes on the menu are those of Mandola's mother, Grace and his sister, Rose. Mandola also makes numerous trips around the world in search of unique Italian dishes to enhance the menu at Carrabbs. Mandola attributes much of the restaurant's success to his family.

"To my Mamma, Grace, the greatest cook I ever knew, who not only taught me the basics of good cooking but also the importance of having a family gather at the table often," Mandola said.

Carrabbs eventually caught the attention of the Outback Steakhouse, Inc. owners, and a joint venture partnership was formed in 1993.

In January 1995 Outback Steakhouse, Inc. acquired the rights to develop Carrabbs nation wide. There are currently over 100 Carrabbs Italian Grill locations, with plans to develop 25 more this year.

The Carrabbs near school is located just off of Grape Road. For more information or to see their menu, visit the Web site www.carrabbas.com. All in all, Carrabbs is one of those restaurants that you walk away saying "eh, it could have been better, it could have been worse."

On a weekend night, the wait will be long, no question, but if you have nothing better to do with your time, why not? Just be ready to make an evening of the experience, and don't let the wait build up the meal, because you may be let down.

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By EMILY HOWALD
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Johnny Carrabba and Damian Mandola smile on the cover of Ciaco Y'all as they show both their love for Italian foods and Texan meals.
**Something wonderful: getting to know Siam**

By JACK WATKINS

Scene Writer

There is a certain rut that it is easy to slip into when you go into T’neon’s, the Irish restaurant on South Bend’s Siam offers Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s students who are looking for a change of pace and customers should be able to find something they’d like with ease.

And of course, for those who like tea, it’s an attraction certainly not rivaled at most other South Bend establishments. Wine and soda are also available, but it seems incongruous to order anything but tea and water.

A wide variety of appetizers is available, along with the standard Thai entrees, which are organized by type of meal (with categories such as “Favorites,” “Curry,” “Noodles” and “Vegetarian”) and carefully described, ensuring that Thai food novices are comfortable making a selection.

In addition, the food is rated for spiciness, on a scale of zero through three, although there appeared to be only one dish rating a three, meaning that the average dish is not too spicy for the American palate, although additional spice can be requested with anything. Favorites like Pad Prik Pao (a dish featuring chicken, onions, rice, and various vegetables) and Pad Thai noodles are excellent here, as is the curry.

Siam does not offer American appetizers or entrees. But, stinky, the dessert menu features cheesecake, which may be a little intimidating to those not accustomed to drinking tea, but it’s fairly straightforward and customers should be able to find something they’d like with ease.

Coffee is also available with dessert, and is excellent, providing customers with an excuse to linger and enjoy themselves further into the evening.

Naturally, not everyone likes Thai food, and for those who don’t, Siam will have little appeal. But there are a great many who enjoy Thai food, and others who have never had any, and for them Siam is a great opportunity. It is worth at least one trip for the experience, and, many, many more for those who fall to its charms.

**Fiddler’s Hearth: a new hit**

The new Fiddler’s Hearth mixes well with the Irish environment and gives the students a tasty and enjoyable place to escape.

By JOSE CARLOS DE WIT

Scene Writer

"Aw, gimme some more of that juicy tang!" was the first thought that crossed my mind after I took my first bite of the Pork Tenderloin with Tarracle and Mustard sauce at the Fiddler’s Hearth, downtown South Bend’s new Irish restaurant and pub.

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The small tables and low lights create a relaxed, cozy atmosphere, with the fireplace adding a warm touch. The menu is extensive, offering a wide variety of appetizers, entrees, and desserts.

All of the main dishes are served with a side dish and a choice of salads, or hot soup from a selection including bacon and tomato cream and their superb potato soup. The dishes are generous in portion and are presented beautifully.

I ordered the leek with mushrooms, which was excellent, the mushrooms were served in a generous portion, and the leeks were surprisingly crisp and flavorful. Other highlights in the menu include the fish and chips, which are superb, and are served with an excellent homemade tartar sauce; the cream cheese and smoked salmon dip, which is reputed to be very good; the Plowman’s Plate appetizer; and the Irish Cream cheesecake.

The Irish Cream cheesecake is a choice that should be approached with caution; it is as thick and sweet and gratifying as a cheesecake could conceivably be a temptation so hedonistic, pleasurable and lascivious that it could be felt by some as bordering on morally objectionable.

Readers beware: while the food at the Fiddler’s Hearth is, for the most part, exceptional, diners are encouraged to exercise their best discretion in the choice of their meals in order to avoid disappointment.

While some of their plates are unimaginably exiting, others are more reflective of the more, um, bland character that we would tend to expect in food coming from anywhere close to England.

To be fair, their flavor does depend a lot on the diner’s expectations. If you expect a burst of flavor from his Celtic meal, a dish like their Irish Stew, made with cabbage, lamb, and root vegetables, will seem as disappointing as a bowl of porridge. On the other hand, an Irish Stew or a Shepherd Pie can be the perfect meal to eat beside the fireplace along with a large, frothy pint while taping your left foot to a merry jig. And last, about the pints: the Hearth features a large selection of national and imported beers, both draft and bottled - including a cream ale from Belhaven’s, Scotland’s oldest brewery, and Tennant’s Lager, from a brewery established in 1556. There is also an ample selection of whiskey, scotch, and fine single malts.

The Fiddler’s Hearth is a very authentic and traditional Celtic establishment, both in its food and in its atmosphere: the food and beverages are excellent in flavor, while not horribly expensive in price (the beers range from $2.50 to $4 - not exactly Boat Club prices, but then you aren’t drinking Coors Lite either...) the atmosphere is warm, fun, and very genuine, very comfortable and cozy, and at the same time good fun.

Note: If you plan on going on a Friday or Saturday evening, be prepared for a crowd; there is also a $10 cover after 8 on those nights, which isn’t too steep if you consider that you can apply that sum toward the purchase of food and beverages that evening.

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Tampa Bay defense sends Buccaneers to first Super Bowl

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers forgot about the cold and their past. They simply rolled up their sleeves and let their league-leading defense go to work.

Now they're off to sunny San Diego for their first Super Bowl — a long, sad history behind.

"It's very disappointing," you come this far, 20-some odd weeks of football. You put your self in position to strike for the Super Bowl and you lose," said Tampa Bay 24-17, Sunday in the NFC Championship game. "I was very disappointed, said Buccaneers coach Jon Gruden, in his first AFC Championship game.

"No one more to go," said Warren Sapp, the talkative Tampa Bay defensive tackle; "We're going to finish our business." After the Eagles' early flurry, spanning 70-yards, a touchdown in the past. They simply rolled up their pages and stifled Philadelphia after interceptions. "They were the better team," Eagles coach Andy Reid said.

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They stayed with it tonight when we finished 9-10 against some weak competition.

Connecticut trailed Massachusetts by 14-4 at the under-20 mark and 43-38 at the under-10 mark in the second half, and a second-half deficit of 55-50 against the Huskies. The Huskies dug themselves a 19-point hole on the road and then put up a 44-40 win.

"It's nice to say, but somebody else needs to be doing the work to win," Calhoun said of his team's recent slow starts. "They just played better than we did. They deserved to win. They played harder and better."
Womens College Basketball
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After winning her seventh national title, Michelle Kwan poses with medal winners Sasha Cohen and Sarah Hughes after the Women's Championships awards ceremony. The three will skate at the World Championships.

Kwan shines at U.S. Championships

Associated Press

Michael Kwan holds the arm of Olympic competitor Sarah Hughes, after winning their seventh national title.

IN BRIEF

Rockies reach agreements with Hernandez, Reed

Infielder Jose Hernandez and reliever Steve Reed have reached agreements with the Rockies on one-year contracts.

The deal with Hernandez is contingent on him passing a physical and management approval. Rockies spokesman Jay Alves said.

Hernandez, who was acquired from San Francisco and the New York Mets, was an All-Star shortstop last season with Milwaukee. He hit .288 with 24 home runs and 73 RBIs.

Hernandez could play shortstop or third base for the Rockies.

Reed was 2-5 with one save and a 2.01 ERA in 64 games for the Mets and San Diego. The Padres traded him to New York on July 31.

Reed, a right-hander, pitched for the Rockies from 1993-97. He was part of Colorado's original roster as an expansion team.

Hernandez and Reed both became free agents when they were not offered salary arbitration by their teams.

Venus, Hantuchova to meet after straight-set wins

Venus Williams had Nicole Pratt spraying and singing.

Justine Henin-Hardenne was in pain and fearing she was finished.

Both advanced to the quarterfinals of the Australian Open on Sunday as Henin-Hardenne came back from 1-4 and a late painful cramp to beat Lindsay Davenport 7-5, 7-6, 7-5 in 2 hours, 13 minutes.

Williams stayed on course for a fourth straight Grand Slam final against sister Serena by beating Pratt 6-3, 6-2 in 1:17.

Henin-Hardenne, the fifth seed, went all out to win her battle with the American Davenport, who was seeded sixth.

Henin-Hardenne next plays Spain's Virginia Ruano Pascual, a 6-3, 6-3 winner over Czech player Denisa Chladekova.

Olympic champion Sarah Hughes and Sasha Cohen, the most successful skaters on the Grand Prix circuit this season, were second and third, and made the U.S. team for the world championships. Hughes was the first American woman to win Olympic gold and then skate at the next national championships.

Kwan, who competed only at Skate America — naturally, she won — this season, won U.S. championships in 1996, and from '96 through Saturday. She was second to Tara Lipinski in '97.

Yet here she is, still dominating the Americans.
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Belles win last race on Senior Day to defeat Albion

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

It came down to the final race. Going into the 400-yard freestyle relay, Saint Mary's trailed Albion 110-107 and needed to win in order to pull off the upset. During the break before the final event, the Belles received not one but four pep talks.

"It was nice," junior Megan Ramsey and, "We had our [three] coaches and athletic director speak." Drawing from their multiple sources of inspiration, the Belles combined for a resounding victory. After Maureen Palchak staked the team to an early half-length lead, Lake Werrington and Kelly Nellis each added a full body length between Saint Mary's and the next closest swimmer. From the anchor position, Ramsey then coasted to a first-place finish, ensuring a 120-114 Belles victory.

"With the lineup the way we had it, this was kind of how we expected it to be," Ramsey said. "We had some good, surprising swims right from the start."

The Belles lost to Alma (1-4) and next closest Saint Mary's and the next closest in the second half of the dual meet, 127-110. Saint Mary's trailed Alma and Albion (2-4) from the start, yet the squad refused to succumb to defeat. The Belles mounted a furious comeback, led by junior Megan Ramsey, who won the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard butterfly. Like her teammates, Ramsey refused to panic and focused only on doing her best.

"(Being behind) was definitely inspirational to us. The two teams we were battling against were close to us. We knew it was going to be close," Ramsey said. "Any time I swim, the biggest competition is myself."

Palchak had the Belles' other first-place finish, winning the 200-yard freestyle in 2 minutes, 1.68 seconds. Freshman Kelly Nellis continued her string of strong meets, finishing second in the 50-yard freestyle.

"It was a good, positive meet. There were a lot of good swims by everybody," Ramsey said. "We've been getting technically better all season. It was mental­ly and physically good."

After a hectic schedule of three meets within three weeks, the Belles now have three weeks to train for the MIAA conference championships. But the time won't be spent solely on rest and relaxation.

"There's always lots of hard work, weeks and months of hard work," Ramsey said. "This is kind of the fun part of the year. Most of the hard work is done, and it's time to focus on the smaller parts of swimming and get excited for the conferences."

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Auburn moves to 4-0 in SEC with 77-68 win over Alabama

Associated Press

AUBURN, Ala. Coach Cliff Ellis and the Auburn Tigers were glad to keep their streaks going, especially at the expense of No. 10 ESPN/USA Today, No. 9 AP) Alabama. Reserve Brandon Robinson had 13 points and seven rebounds to lead the surprising Tigers over struggling Alabama 77-68. The victory was Auburn's seventh in a row overall and seventh straight win at home against their cross-state rivals.

"This was just a wonderful win. We added a new dimension to this season and kept up what we have been doing the last several games," Ellis said. "We also continued our streak at home and we are continuing to build momentum."

The Crimson Tide, meanwhile, have lost three of their last five games after being ranked No. 1 earlier this season.

"We are just a little bit off and a little bit out of sync. We have to find a way to fix it," coach Mark Gottfried said. Auburn (15-2, 4-0) had been predicted to finish near the bottom of the Southeastern Conference, but with the win over defending conference champion Alabama (12-3, 2-2) extended its lead to two games in the SEC West.

Playing before a loud, capacity crowd, Auburn jumped out to a quick 9-0 lead and dominated the Crimson Tide most of the game.

"This is just a huge win for us. It gives us more confidence," Robinson said. "This is just a huge win for us. It gives us more confidence."

Robinson, who missed the first 13 games of the season because of eligibility questions, scored 11 points as Auburn took a 37-29 halftime lead.

"Auburn is a legitimately good team," Gottfried said. "I would say they are as good on defense as anyone that we have played."

Marquis Daniels, Marquis Daniels also scored 13 points each for the Tigers.

Daniels said Auburn's fast start gives the Tigers "a good feeling."

"We have to remain focused," Daniels said. "We can't get too up or down no matter what."

Alabama was led by Emmett Thomas, who hit 3-of-5 3-point shots and scored a career-high 20 points. But Thomas also fouled out of the game with 5:38 to play.

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Hockey

Freshman Yale goalie shuts down Notre Dame offense

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

Sport Writer

After a 4-1 loss at home Friday, a change of goalie and a change of venue didn’t have the desired effect as Yale again defeated the Irish, this time by a score of 3-1, in Chicago on Saturday.

Yale freshman goaltender Josh Gartner, making only his third and fourth career starts, was sensational as he stopped 39 of 41 Irish shots on the weekend for a .967 save percentage.

Jeff Dwyer held the puck in at the first period when the Irish scored a 3-1, in a show of dominance by the Bulldogs, who outscored the Irish 10-7 in the first period. Several hopeful Irish goal opportunities kept the puck out of its net and the senior matched Globke’s 18th goal of the team.

The Irish spoiled Gartner’s shutout bid just 30 seconds into the third period, with forward Rob Gloke deflecting a shot from defenseman Brett Lebda past a helpless Gartner. It was Gloke’s 18th goal of the season, a new career record for the junior.

That would be all the offense the Irish could muster.

“We needed to bury our chances,” said Poulin. “(Gartner) did very well.”

Zasowski finished the night with 32 saves.

“This was an exciting game,” the senior goaltender said. “It was nice to have the (Notre Dame) band here. Besides a six-minute stretch there in the second, I thought I did all right.”

The Irish will have to bounce back from the disappointing Yale series and look ahead to its difficult upcoming 12-game schedule, which includes a two-game series against perennial powerhouse Michigan State on February 24 and 25 at the Joyce Center.

“You’re really hoping to come into league play coming off a better outcome,” Poulin said. “We have to have positives and the biggest positive is to win ... but we still played a very good game.”

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Hockey

The Irish offense struggled against Yale this weekend in a 4-1 loss at home Friday and a 3-1 loss Saturday in Chicago.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

Sport Writer

The Irish also had their second sec- ond-place finishers, with freshman Ryan Postel finishing second in the 400 meters (49.06) and Godwin Mbagwu in the triple jump (48 feet, 6 inches) and the long jump (22-13). Two-time All-American senior Tameisha King set a NCAA Championship qualifica- tion mark with a long jump of 20-8. King broke her own school record by one inch.

On the track King finished second in the 60 meters with a time of 7.51. Kristen Dodd fin- ished third in the 60 meters with a time of 7.51. Kristen Dodd fin- ished third in the 60 meters with a time of 7.51. Kristin Dodd fin- ished third in the 60 meters with a time of 7.51.

The Irish continue their season next weekend against Ball State at the Loftus Sports Center.
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Irish were ranked in the top 10 at the beginning of the season and won seven of their first eight games, before losing four of seven, including Saturday's loss to the Scarlet Knights. Since its hot start, Notre Dame has struggled to play to its potential for 40 minutes.

And waiting to kick them when they're down is No. 3 Connecticut, a team that has won a Division I women's record 55 straight games and will visit the Joyce Center today for a 2 p.m. game. Things couldn't get any worse for Notre Dame.

Or maybe, just maybe, Monday's matchup against 16-0 Connecticut could be just what Notre Dame needs.

It could be the rallying point that the Irish must have to gain some much-needed confidence. Or the beginning of a second-half surge for Notre Dame that helps the squad learn how to win again. It might be the game this team looks back on and says, 'That was the turning point of our season.'

Don't get me wrong, beating Connecticut will be far from easy. It'll take an amazing effort and some definite luck. But the Irish do have history on their side. The last time the Huskies lost a basketball game was against Notre Dame by the score of 90-75 in the 2001 NCAA Final Four.

But Notre Dame doesn't even have to win this game for it to be the turning point in its season. Keeping up with the talented Huskies should still make the Irish feel better about their play of late and give them some momentum heading into the rest of their Big East schedule. They have a long road ahead of them, but this game can give them a good start.

Something positive just needs to happen for McGraw's squad. You can see her mounting frustration at practice. You could see it during the games the teams have lost. And you could surely see it in her teary eyes after the Rutgers game. The Irish have their backs against the wall and something must be done for them to salvage this season. Rutgers was in much the same position a season ago. The Scarlet Knights had a talented squad that couldn't reach its potential for the entire season.

"Notre Dame is a very good team," Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer said. "They've got great size. They're just young, and as soon as they get out of that slump they'll be fine. They have great talent and they play hard and they're very good. Last year we were in the same position as they are this year, and it plagued us all season long."

The Irish don't want to let this plague affect them the rest of the season. They have to find a way to win again. An easy foe won't help the Irish at this point. They don't need a pushover. They need to play a team that will push them to their limits and challenge their toughness. A team that no one thinks they can beat.

A team like Connecticut.

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respond.

"It's a move I've been working on in practice, it's a move I'm trying to own," Pondexter said. "It was a good look. She had me so I just stepped back and had a wide-open shot. So I took it."

And she nailed the lid on Notre Dame's coffin.

"We were winning and we should have won," McGraw said.

The Irish took an early lead and, despite a brief Scarlet Knights resurgence near the end of the first half, held a substantial score advantage most of the game. But with 11 minutes remaining, Scarlet Knights coach C. Vivian Stringer called a timeout and told her team that it was time to play real basketball.

"We had called a timeout and Coach told us to act like there were five minutes left in the game, so just play as hard as you can," Rutgers guard Mauri Horton said. "That's what we have to do, just attack and play hard."

In the next 11 minutes, the Rutgers attack started to wear on Notre Dame. The Scarlet Knights, who were smaller and faster than the Irish squad, began forcing turnovers. The Irish hit only four field goals in those final 11 minutes and turned the ball over five times.

Those turnovers were the first ingredient in the recipe for the Rutgers comeback. The second was rebounds. The women's basketball team outrebounded the Irish 47-17 in the final 11 minutes of play.

"We really did some of the things that we've been plagued with all year long," McGraw said. "No 1 — turnovers. We have to take better care of the ball, and No. 2 — rebounds. We need to rebound better."

What was more, the Irish didn't have anyone step up for the team. When the Irish shut down Pondexter in the early stages of the game, the Scarlet Knights responded by sending Horton in. When Jacqueline Battease sat down with foul trouble, no one stepped up for Notre Dame.

"You have to rely on someone to come out there and play their game," McGraw said.

"We can't win with Jacqui sitting on the bench. We cannot win the way we're playing right now, obviously," Freshman post player Courtney LaVere hit 23 points for the Irish, and Ratay scored 12, although she went 3-11 from the field. But the Irish could not hold the momentum together long enough. They headed into Saturday's game knowing they needed to play 40 minutes. They fell short again.

"The game was incredibly frustrating," McGraw said.

Today the Irish will take that frustration into a game that could make history — if Notre Dame can play for 40 minutes. Notre Dame takes on No. 3 Connecticut today. If the Irish could manage an upset victory, they would end a Division I women's record 55-game home winning streak. This is the fourth Irish team in history to end such a streak.

The Irish team defeated Oklahoma in 1957, the men's basketball team defeated UCLA in 1974 and the women's basketball team defeated North Carolina in 1994. Tip-off is at 2:05 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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MENS SWIMMING AND DIVING
Irish win 1 of 3 meets out east

By Lisa Rejula
Sports Writer

The Notre Dame men's swimming and diving team had a whirlwind weekend, competing in three dual meets in Philadelphia. After a 181-116 loss to the University of Pennsylvania Friday night, the Irish concluded with a split at Villanova.

The Irish fell 183-59 to Pittsburgh, but defeated Villanova 168-68.

The Irish (5-5) struggled against Pittsburgh, losing two of three dual meets to the Quakers in 12 of 13 events to begin the competition. The first victory for Notre Dame came the eighth event, when Matt Obringer won the 100-meter freestyle.

The next day at Villanova, Notre Dame easily outswam the host Wildcats but fell to Big East Championship favorites Pittsburgh. Pitt won all 13 meet events, but the Irish won 10 of 13 races against Villanova.

The bright spot for the Irish was the performance of their divers, seniors Andy Maggio, Ted Bauman and Jamie Lutkus (2001M). Teddy Obringer again shone for the Irish, winning both the 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle.

Maggio finished first in the one- and three-meter events, while Xie was second in the one-meter and third in the three-meter. The Irish divers contributed 30 points in the team's total score.

A host of Irish swimmers placed second — Obringer in the 200-meter freestyle, Doug Bauman in the 100-meter backstroke, Tim Randolph in the 100-meter breaststroke, Frank Krakowski in the 50-meter freestyle and 100-meter butterfly, Tim Grenda in the 200-meter breaststroke, J.R. Teddy in the 500-meter freestyle and David Mosian in the 200 individual Medley.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

It doesn't get any easier

foon point second-half lead to Rutgers

By KATIE McVOY

Irish coach Muffet McGraw's reaction when she saw Saturday's game statistics tells
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Chuck [Hayes] set the tone early and took the ball out of his game," said

"They really banged us on the boards and controlled the glass. Once you get down to a good

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to save baskets.

Freshman Megan Duffy is tied up by a Rutgers defender in Notre Dame's 64-61 loss Saturday.

The Irish play Connecticut today at 2 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

Sports Writer

By CHRIS FEDERICO

Cold-shooting Irish turn blue in Kentucky

It was a rough afternoon for

"We had a hard time getting anything easy offensively," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "We rely on our offense to get going a lot of times, and we couldn't get

open looks, we couldn't get stuff

open looks, we couldn't get stuff

around the basket and nothing really is transition." Again, Notre Dame's weaknesses in the paint showed as Kentucky center Marquis Estill pounded his way through Irish big men Tom Timmermans, Tarin Francis and Jordan Cornette to

18 points and grab eight rebounds.

"We felt coming into the game that Marquis [Estill] would be able to do well inside offensive-

"We felt coming into the game that Marquis [Estill] would be able to do well inside offensive-

by," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "We tried to isolate him on

Tarin Francis, the freshman, and
give [Estill] an advantage. We

looked for him early, got the ball to him often and he was able to make plays.

In addition, Wildcat forward

Chuck Hayes dominated play in the middle, tallying his third double-double of the season with

17 points and 16 rebounds.

"I was worried about Estill the most, but the entire front line made inside stuff on us," Brey said. "You're always worried about what Estill is going to do. We're trying to hold that because he's such a great inside player, but we're always worried about Estill the most."

With the loss, the Irish fell to 14-3 on the season and must

to Big East play Tuesday against Providence.

"That's the best basketball team we've played this year, and we've played a heck of a sched-

ule," Brey said. "We're going to jump on the bus and get ready for Providence and move on quickly.

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