Investigators travel to Minn. for Sharon case

By TERESA FRALISH
Assistant News Editor

An investigator from Notre Dame Security Police met Wednesday in Minneapolis, Minn. with police from other areas in the Midwest where male college students have disappeared, said Rex Rakow, director of Notre Dame Security and Police. NSP attended the meeting to discuss the Dec. 12 disappearance of freshman Chad Sharon with other investigators.

Shortly after the investigation into Sharon's disappearance began, NSP contacted the FBI to investigate possible links between Sharon's case and the disappearances of three other male college students who had been drinking and disappeared in areas near a body of water, said Rakow.

"We asked the FBI to look into it," he said. "They didn't feel that there were any connections.

The main purpose of the meeting was not to discuss possible further links between the cases of missing male students but rather to compare notes on how the different police departments were conducting their investigations.

"We heard this meeting was going on (and) we asked if we could attend," said Rakow.

The three other cases involve missing students from the University of Minnesota, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

TROTTING AROUND THE COURT

The Harlem Globetrotters performed at the Joyce Center this past weekend and delighted fans by poking fun at the game of basketball.

Observer names new top staff

Observer Staff Report

Scott Brodfuehrer and Lori Lewalski have been hired to oversee The Observer's editorial and business operations in 2003-04, respectively, incoming Editor in Chief Andrew Soukop announced Sunday.

Brodfuehrer will serve as Managing Editor, while Lewalski will serve as Business Manager. Their appointments are effective March 17. As Managing Editor, Brodfuehrer will be responsible for assisting the editor in chief in overseeing The Observer's editorial departments. He also plans to oversee the development of a new Web site.

"I look forward to helping provide the leadership and the vision necessary to continue the tradition of excellence at The Observer," he said.

Lewalski, who has worked as Business Manager since January after serving as Controller since last March, is responsible for implementing a comprehensive financial plan for the paper.

"I'm honored to have been selected as Business Manager for The Observer," Lewalski said. "After working as Controller, Business Manager is the next natural position to fall into.

Brodfuehrer, a junior Computer Science major, is currently an Associate News Editor and Web Administrator. He began working at The Observer in fall 2000 as a new writer and has also been a wire editor and copy editor.

Brodfuehrer spent the fall semester studying in London and currently lives in Knaust.

SMC responds to pro-choice funding

College says sponsorship "doesn't fit" Catholic identity

By SARAH NESTOR
Senior Editor

The recent decision by Saint Mary's Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) to sponsor four students to attend a pro-choice conference has left many on the Saint Mary's campus confused, although Saint Mary's does not stand behind the decision, said Melanie Engler, a spokeswoman for the College.

While CWIL is a separate department within the College, it must still respect the Catholic tradition of the College, said Engler.

"The program itself was not the issue and it was not the College's position," she said. "We asked students to explain the reasons for their interests in attending the conference and the students provided adequate justification." The College's position is that this was a reasonable decision to fund support for this workshop," said Pat White, vice president and dean of student affairs.

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Roommate ruminations

A recent New York Times article documented the rise of lavish, single housing for university undergraduates. Colleges like Amherst and Swarthmore have recently implemented apartment-like residences that cater to the growing number of students who wish to reside in single housing.

News Production Editor Joe Trombley

SMC students pass out flyers to protest the Keenan Revue

A group of Saint Mary's students passed out flyers that criticized what they felt were unfair jokes at this weekend's Keenan Revue performances.

What's Inside

Saint Mary's student government leaders at this summer's annual meeting estimated that a greater emphasis on single housing will give students one more reason to hole themselves up in their room. Instead to interact with the person or persons they live with.

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International students talk about involvement

Foreign students look to student leaders for new ways to become active in the Notre Dame community

By KEVIN ALLEN

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Peterson-Miller said most of the students in attendance at the Jan. 23 meeting were not necessarily interested in running for student government offices, but they wanted to learn more about the process of becoming involved at Notre Dame. ISSA currently works with First Year Studies and student government to deliver that type of information to international students when they arrive at Notre Dame as freshmen.

"International students don't necessarily feel like they need special favors, but they have unique insights and perspectives that could benefit the student body as a whole," said Peterson-Miller.

Peterson-Miller attended the forum to offer support from student government for international students. Foley said most of the students present were freshmen and seemed to be happy with University services, but have found it difficult at times to learn about all the opportunities that are available.

"A lot of their concerns were not much different from those of any group of students," said Foley.

Notre Dame hosts over 1,000 international students from about 100 countries, but only 266 of these students are undergraduates. Due to their larger numbers, international graduate students are more organized. Peterson-Miller said.

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Sunday the president's tax and spending blueprint

will roll out as scheduled despite Saturday's space

shuttle disaster.

Fund seeks to aid Columbia survivors

A fund that raised $1 million to assist the children of the Challenger disaster in 1986 will launch an effort to do the same for survivors of the Columbia crash. With non-profit status and volunteer administrators, the Space Shuttle Children's Trust Fund was established with the support of NASA to provide for the health, education and related sup­

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Pakistanis deny involvement in terrorism case

Associated Press

The 28 Pakistanis arrested in a raid that turned up explosives and maps of a NATO base either have denied any links to terror­
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After an all-day hearing, a judge ruled Tuesday that the protesters should remain jailed while the investigation continues, lawyer Gennaro Razzino said in a tele­
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Children’s prescriptions vary

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Prescription rates for Ritalin and similar attention deficit disorder drugs - both widely praised and widely maligned - vary dramatically across the nation, new research indicates.

While the prevalence of the disorder is not thought to vary greatly by region, a study being released Monday found that treatment rates ranged from 1.6 percent of children’s prescriptions examined in Washington, D.C., to 6.5 percent of children’s prescriptions in Louisiana. Significantly higher rates were found in the South and Midwest than in the West.

Overall, about 4 percent of prescriptions examined for children ages 5 to 14 in 1999 were for stimulants including Ritalin.

The study, appearing in February’s issue of Pediatrics, was done by researchers at Express Scripts Inc., a Missouri-based pharmacy benefits management company. The researchers reviewed a nationally representative sample of company prescription claims for 178,800 children throughout 1999. The claims were for all types of medications.

Lead researcher Emily Cox and colleagues said that while they did not determine if higher prescription rates represented overuse or if lower rates represented underuse, “both may be occurring.”

The variations should be examined to “reduce the risk to children from unnecessary drug therapy as well as the negative health and emotional consequences to children with untreated medical conditions,” the researchers said.

Critics of excessive use of such drugs, including some doctors, have worried that the drugs sometimes are promoted by schools and others as a “quick fix” without other appropriate treatment.

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Lewalski, a junior accounting major, joined The Observer as a member of the Viewpoint staff before becoming Controller, a post she has held for the past year.

Lewalski is from Michigan City, Ind., and lives in Howard Hall. She interned at E.K. Williams, a small South Bend accounting firm.

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Boeing offers help with probe

♦ Aerospace firm pledges support for Columbia investigation

Associated Press

CHICAGO Boeing Co., the largest space contractor, said it would do what it could to help officials determine what caused Saturday’s tragedy aboard the space shuttle Columbia.

Chicago-based Boeing generates about $2 billion, or about 4 percent of its business, from its work on NASA’s manned space operations, which includes the space shuttle and the international space station programs.

“We are doing everything possible to support NASA and the United Space Alliance in their investigation of [the] tragedy,” the company said on its Web site.

A Boeing spokesman declined to comment on what effect the shuttle disaster might have on the company.

Columbia was built by Rockwell International, but Rockwell turned its shuttle program over to Boeing in the mid-1990s.

One analyst said it was too early to assess what effect Saturday’s tragedy might have on Boeing’s business because so little is known about what happened.

“They probably will stand down until they know what the problem is, but will continue with the program — so you probably will not see an enormous financial impact,” said Cai Von Runnmoht, an aerospace analyst with SG Cowen Securities Inc. in Boston.

Boeing announced Jan. 1 it posted a $590 million profit in the fourth quarter thanks to a flourishing defense business and despite a slump in the aviation industry.

Boeing offered its condolences Saturday to the families of the seven astronauts killed.

“The men and women of the Boeing Company salute the bravery and dedication of the astronauts who lost their lives in the pursuit of discovery and science today,” the company said on its Web site.

BellSouth gets court order to keep exec

Associated Press

ATLANTA A judge has granted BellSouth Corp. a temporary restraining order preventing its vice chairman, Gary Forsee, from accepting an offer to be chairman and chief executive of Sprint Corp.

A Fulton County Superior Court judge issued the order over the weekend after the company filed the request late Friday, BellSouth spokesman Jeff Forsee said Sunday.

Forsee, who joined BellSouth in 1999, has a noncompete clause in his contract that prevents him from taking a job with a competitor of the Atlanta-based regional phone company. Sprint and BellSouth both sell long-distance service in nine Southeastern states and compete nationally for wireless customers.

BellSouth went to court Friday after Forsee, 52, told the company he wanted to take the Sprint position, replacing William Esrey, a person familiar with the situation said. Forsee, who was a Sprint executive for nine years, oversees BellSouth’s domestic operations.

Forsee did not immediately return a message left Sunday at his Atlanta home. Sprint spokesman Bill White declined to comment Sunday.

BellSouth is trying to prevent Forsee from divulging "intellectual capital," including company pricing plans and merger and acquisition information, to a competitor like Sprint. Forsee also is chairman of Cingular Wireless, BellSouth’s joint venture with SBC Communications Inc.

“BellSouth attorneys and Sprint attorneys are in discussions about this matter,” Butcher said.

Sprint, based in Overland Park, Kan., has repeatedly declined to comment on the possibility of Forsee joining the company.

Sprint is scheduled to report its quarterly earnings on Wednesday, and analysts believe the company will discuss the issue then.

Esrey’s departure has been expected since Sprint announced in November that he was undergoing chemotherapy treatment after being diagnosed with lymphoma. But analysts had expected chief operating officer Ronald LeMay to be his successor.

Esrey, 63, was elected chief executive officer of Sprint in 1985 and chairman in 1990. LeMay, who joined Sprint in 1965, was appointed president and chief operating officer in February 1996.

Sprint is the nation’s third-largest long-distance provider and fourth-largest wireless provider. BellSouth is the dominant local phone provider in the South, serving 44 million customers.
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GERMANY
Schroeder's party crushed in vote
Associated Press

BERLIN
Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's party suffered a crushing defeat in two German state elections Sunday, reflecting a loss of confidence in the government's economic course despite broad support for his anti-war stand on Iraq.

In final results, the Christian Democrats grabbed 48 percent of the vote in Lower Saxony from 36 percent in the last election five years ago. The Social Democrats were at 33 percent, down from nearly 48 percent last time.

In Hesse, the Christian Democrats won 49 percent compared with 39 percent in 1999, with the Social Democrats slumping to 29 percent from 39 percent. With a one-seat majority, the Christian Democrats have the chance to drop the Free Democratic allies and govern alone.

Sunday's result also increased the conservatives' legislative leverage by increasing their majority in the upper house of parliament, where the states are represented.

Though the defeat turned heavily on dissatisfaction with tax hikes and Germany's grim economic picture, it also demonstrated the limits of the strident anti-war stance that helped Schroeder narrowly win re-election in September.

The conservative party's leader, Angela Merkel, expressed satisfaction that "people in Germany refused to be seduced a second time by a mood of fear." she accused Schroeder of exploiting at the expense of the country's reliability as a U.S. ally.

"People in Germany refused to be seduced a second time by a mood of fear." Angela Merkel conservative leader

"This is an important signal to the European allies and to the American government." Angela Merkel conservative leader

German participation in a military build-up against Iraq and campaigned saying Germany would refuse to back a war authorization in the U.N. Security Council, which is weighing in February.

Schroeder's stance will be tested this week when Secretary of State Colin Powell offers new evidence of Iraqi weapons programs. Backed by polls showing that most Germans oppose a war, the Social Democrats insisted Schroeder would stick to his defiance.

"There was no immediate comment from Schroeder, who spent Sunday with his wife in the Lower Saxony capital of Hanover, where he governed for more than eight years before becoming chancellor.

But the conservatives, who said they avoided raising the Iraq issue during the campaign to avoid being branded warmongers, signaled that they now intend to sharpen the tone of Germany's debate over Iraq.

"Germany is bound to two important lessons from World War II. 'No war ever again,'" is an important lesson," Merkel said. "But it's just as important for Germany never again to act alone."

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NIGERIA
At least 40 perish in Nigerian bank blast
Associated Press

LAGOS
A powerful explosion tore apart a bank and dozens of apartments above it Sunday in Nigeria's commercial capital, killing at least 40 and trapping many others, relief workers said.

Police were investigating a range of motives including that the blast was part of a bank robbery plot. Looting and bloody fights broke out as hundreds of young men grabbed fistfuls of cash from the leveled bank and battled over them.

In the chaos, trapped victims cried for rescue and onlookers wailed as rescuers recovered bloody, broken bodies.

The Red Cross said searchers had recovered more than 30 dead and 37 injured. Ten of the wounded died later at Lagos General Hospital, hospital workers said.

Many more victims were believed caught in the rubble, and the death toll could rise, said Emmanuel Ijewere, president of the Nigeria Red Cross.

The blast occurred about 12:30 p.m. on Lagos Island, a crowded business district of banks and other businesses packed side-by-side with poor, densely populated residential blocks.

The four-story bank building collapsed, bringing three floors of apartments crashing down on the ground floor Prudent Bank. Fires flared briefly after the blast, which police said lasted for miles and sent a tower of smoke into the sky.

Two adjoining buildings were heavily damaged, and buildings blocks around had shattered windows and other marks of the explosion.

Residents said some victims had been blown away from the bank building.

"My uncle was in the balcony of our house talking with a friend and the force of the explosion threw them down," resident Remi Oyebanji said. "They're both dead."

An Associated Press reporter saw 10 charred bodies. One covered corpse appeared to be that of a child.

Resident Omololu Kassim, who was helping carry the dead, said he saw 40 and as many injured."

Police had put the toll at 50 or more. The blast came as thousands of people, preoccupied with an even higher death toll.

Hundreds of police surrounded the damaged neighborhood, dispersing the looters and forcing back thousands of onlookers.

Cranes and other heavy equipment moved in to lift up the heavy concrete slabs and other debris.

Ambulance drivers fought to navigate narrow streets as they pushed through the throngs to get to victims.

Survivors bundled together what possessions they could and set off in search of safe housing.

"My husband is dead," one middle-aged woman cried, carrying a bundle on her head and dragging a little boy behind.

Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo flew in from New York to visit the blast site. Obasanjo, accompanied by Lagos state Gov. Bola Tinubu, had no comment.

Tinubu said his government will begin a judicial investigation into the blast and he promised free medical treatment for the injured.

Lagos Island is one of two islands that, with the mainland, make up this city of 12 million. Congestion on the island has sent many businesses moving to other parts of Lagos in recent years.

Nigeria is Africa's most populous nation, with 120 million people, and urban crowds contribute to high death tolls in disasters and terrorist explosions.

On Jan. 27, 2002, a series of explosions at an army barracks killed over 1,000 people.

Hundreds of them drowned after jumping in the canal to escape the blast.

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VIEWPOINT

Panera bread is not the answer

When I got the news that my little brother had been admitted into Notre Dame’s auspicious graduating class of 2007, I immediately thought, “Go Irish.” He is a decent dude with outstanding analytical skills and thick hair, and we really could use more like him. I thought of the benefits, the symbiosis if you will, that would follow from the two of us sharing this small campus, I thought of the costs.

First, and I do mean foremost, he would be tapped into a life of seductive indulgence and unparalleled coziness. Mine. With connections to the raging off-campus party scene, he’d instantaneously be the coolest kid in 3B.

Not like I’d mind either. I remember those first few days of freshman year when we’d march single file toward Turtle Creek, following the kid who claimed he had a big brother who lived there. I’d could just give him the honor of being “that” kid, my life would be complete.

In return I could hit up his thrilling section karate parties. We could jam to some Ashanti and duet on Foulsh, then skirt over to Sbarro for a slice, preferably stuffed. Freshman love that crap. I love that crap.

Of course it wouldn’t all be grin, we’d have to share a car and what limited sum of women dig us on thick-haired math wizards.

Yes, his first year would be unforgettable. However, when reality hits sophomore year, he’ll find himself in the back row of 101 Delortand watching the Friday night SU8 selection. People will still be searching for the next Boat Club, the next beer, while they lament their late birthday. They’ll still be waiting for football season when they can steal sips of Icehouse from a Syrofoam cup.

That’s our problem though. We are always waiting. Waiting until 1 a.m. to go out, in expectations of the next buzz kill. Waiting for something to happen. Despite what many might think, that something is not Panera Bread Company. If anything can illuminate the severity of the South Bend condition, it’s Panera.

Walking back from class on Thursday, I saw three girls running frantically toward the Joyce Center parking lot. Concluding that they must be running from N9SP, I sprinted to catch up. “Panera!” they screamed. Apparently, they were just hoping to snatch the first tasty morsel of Pumpernickel at Panera before the dinner rush set in. Panera, man. Not Pantera, Panera.

There is no easy answer here. Theme parties are a start, but they alone cannot subvert this Panera madness. We have to get creative with this one. Joe, a quick learner from Alumni, has grown fond of tennis matches at the Pavilion with the incentive of promotional giveaways. Windsor is another option, or bagel toss.

I don’t know. What I do know is that we have 8,000 individuals at this university, all with different tastes, hobbies and concepts of fun. Sadly, we all end up doing the same thing. We settle for overcrowded bars and under-supplied house parties. We show up at the architecture party though we can’t draw. We go to the boxing house though we can’t box. We get in the cab and ask the cab driver, “What’s hot tonight baby? Take us there.” Then we complain that there’s nothing to do.

I used to blame it on the Notre Dame breed. Legacies like myself show up thinking it’s going to be like it was in ’75, like Dad would always talk about. We think of college as four football seasons connected by a negligible spring. Once we get here we realize those springs are far from negligible, but in fact are sobering and long. We realize that if we don’t get up and do something, they’ll seem even longer.

That’s why our legacies are so stinking crap. So we go to the spots Dad used to talk about, the ones that are still standing and haven’t lost their permit, and we get our laughs. We soon understand that this is still the same place we heard about in all those stories, minus a couple of bars and plus a couple of rules.

It’s easy to wander through here and think that we missed out, that we came a few decades too late. It’s easy to forget why we came here. I didn’t come for the business program or the diversity. I came for the tradition, the football, the beer and because it was the best school I got into. I came. So did all of you, and so will my brother. He can wait until he hears from Georgetown, but he heard the same stories I did and will be here next fall.

So go to Windsor if you need to and enjoy the casinos. Mix things up and go drinking on Tuesday instead of Friday. Just don’t complain that there’s nothing to do in South Bend. I hate that.

Panera man.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
My life has turned out to be quite like Charles Dickens’s "Tale of Two Cities." The best of times. At home over Christmas break, I became "Laura" again. My mom's organizing. She woke me up at 11 a.m. to go to my dentist appointment— one that she had booked for my college years and adult life.

On Christmas morning, I waited patiently with my siblings before we all opened our stockings. Once mine was full of little trinkets my father had carefully picked out and wrapped.

I went out to a movie with my sister, and my father footed the bill. I also noticed that I had my glasses back.

At home in Kentucky, I was 23 going on 18.

Laura Rompf
Beyond the Bubble


to me as educational and somewhat entertaining.

However, it’s not the routine, the long hours or the sometimes annoying students that shaped me in the Bubble. In Oklahoma City, I am not "Laura." I’m "Ms. Rompf." I cannot act as if I’m 23.

I cannot laugh at immature jokes my classmates make. Jokes I myself would have cracked while at home with my little brother. I cannot stop in the middle of lecture because I’m bored of giving notes, and my students would have taken notes. There is material to cover, and I am the one responsible to make sure that these students learn or at least are exposed to that material.

Perhaps the most extreme example I can give occurred at the beginning of the semester. One of my students warned me that she has epilepsy. This means at any moment she could have a seizure, and she wanted me to be informed.

Here’s where "Ms. Rompf" comes into play. If she has a seizure in my classroom, there would be no adult figure to turn to. No one to ask to do what, or how to control the situation.

A full classroom of 25 18-year-olds would be looking to me for an answer. To 25 18-year-olds, I would be the adult figure.

Quite a change from the little girl whose dad buys her gas and mom wakes her up in the morning. Perhaps everyone faces this quick transformation after graduating from college.

Perhaps I go quickly from seniors that frequented Corby’s on Tuesdays, to adults that can barely stay up past 11 p.m. on weeknights.

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Laura Rompf graduated from Norte Dame in 2007. She is currently teaching in Oklahoma City through the Alliance for Catholic Education. Her column appears every other Monday. Contact her at lbromfield@nd.edu.

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The College was in the wrong

Readers contribute to the respect the right of people to believe in values different from your own

We people who believe in a woman’s right to choose and monstrous murders. Not all of us have had abortions either. We simply believe that it is wrong to make it illegal to tell a woman what to do with her body.

As for Saint Mary’s response to the two different trips to Washington, D.C.: Were both groups sponsored by the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership or was it an individual act?

Arthur and I agree. It is not the courts that will affect them for the rest of their lives.

Yes, it was at the expense of another human life, which is wrong, and I am not trying to justify it.

However, there are many instances where choices have been made at the expense of other human lives that many pro-life supporters don’t take a second glance at. For example, the choice to terminate a healthy or the choice to bomb an abortion clinic.

You may be thinking, yes, but abortion kills innocent people, but so do the afore-mentioned "choices." It has been proven in the former that many people who are sentenced to death are later found innocent. The latter, however, is an act based on hatred for people who are guilty of having a different set of morals.

Lyndsey Bergen
supernumerary

The College was in the wrong

In one of my classes today, several girls reacted in horror to a recent article in Friday’s Observer because they agree.

After reading, I realized that I don’t agree. I have deliberated how to say this and as an individual act?

But abortion certainly isn’t accidental. Women who have abortions for any pro-choice advocates for that matter aren’t hateful people.

Yes that’s right, they said; it is probably hard to believe. They have made a choice that will affect them for the rest of their lives.

In fact, two very close people in my immediate circle have had abortions, and they are two of the best people I’ve ever met. They made a mistake, and paid for it in a different way than many women do.

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A leprechaun told stories at "A Very Potter Evening." This fun-filled night took place in November and kicked off the festival as the first pre-event.

By CHRISTIE BOLSEN
Assistant Scene Editor

In the beginning, there was William Faulkner.
The first Sophomore Literary Festival commemorated the works of this Nobel Prize-winning American writer. 36 years later, SLF looks to expand beyond the traditional and into more diverse types of writing— including writing about fictional news, with headlines like, "Man Totally Proud of Last Night's Drunken Phone Calls."

Joanna Cornwell, one of the co-chairs of the 2003 festival, explains the changes in the spirit of the festival this year, as opposed to recent years. This year, we really wanted to change the direction of the festival and restore it to some of its former glory...we've really tried to increase student involvement and appeal to a larger range of people. This year we have multicultural aspects, journalists, playwrights, fiction, nonfiction and poetry. It really is a large variety," Cornwell said.

Also as co-chair, Meghan Martin wants to provide a wide range of styles, but emphasizes the importance of literary tradition at Notre Dame. "SLF's 36 year existence is a testament to the thriving arts community here on campus—no matter how quiet or unnoticed it may be, it proves that the written word must be celebrated, if for no other reason than the power that it evokes in such a subtly ubiquitous existence," Martin said.

Sophomore Literary Festival 2003: WordFest is the latest in a series of SLF's devoted to "Celebrating the power of the written word since 1967." This year's festival includes a partnership with the St. Joseph County Literary Council, incorporating service to help raise literacy awareness. $1 admission to two of the events will benefit this cause. Another feature of this year's SLF was the organization of pre-events, such as "A Very Potter Evening" in November, held to celebrate the release of the latest Harry Potter movie.

On Wednesday, the actual festival begins. The first guest making an appearance will be Dan Coyle, class of 1987, journalist and author of "Hardball: A Season in the Projects." The acclaimed non-fiction work is Coyle's memoir of his experience as a baseball coach for troubled kids in Chicago's infamous Cabrini-Green housing project. The story of a makeshift young baseball team playing in the projects was adapted into a movie starring Keanu Reeves in 2001. Following Coyle's presentation there will be a reception to follow. This is the first event open to the public.

Another exciting guest this year is Joe Garden, one of the founders of and a staff writer for "The Onion." One of the most popular satirical newspapers in the country, "The Onion" combines clever fictional stories with an amazingly realistic reporting style to call itself "America's Finest News Source." Recent headlines in the paper: "U.N. Orders Wonka To Submit To Chocolate Factory Inspections," "New Swiss Army Phone May Pose Health Risks," "Depressed Roommate Hitting The GameCube Pretty Hard" and "Guy at Gym Keeps Offering To Spout Everyone."

Garden, a former liquor store employee who denies being a journalist in interviews, landed at "The Onion" in...
tracts fresh faces and up and coming talent

A young boy, the tradition continued the following year. Sophomore John Mroz was assigned the task of carrying out Rosi's dream of making it an annual event, but Mroz envisioned inviting writers instead of scholars. The problem was that he had no money or connections to entice high profile authors. The second year's festival was saved when Joseph Heller of Catch 22 fame agreed to speak — after an autographed football was promised for him.

As invitations were sent out, the event began attracting the attention of prominent writers; as a result, it also gained support and monetary assistance from the University. The final lineup that year included impressive names in addition to Heller: Wright Morris, Ralph Ellison, Granville Hicks, William F. Buckley, Kurt Vonnegut and Norman Mailer. Mailer, whose son John Buffalo is the Mailer in this year's festival, garnered national attention for the event with the premiere of his film, "Beyond the Law." Thanks to the promise of a football for the festival chairman, the event was saved.

The festival has done a great deal of evolving since those first years. More focus is placed now on the students and their contributions. Cornwell feels strongly about how rewarding student involvement will be for all participants. "There is this untapped potential for festivals like this and we feel that only if we can get the word out, students can experience the power of the written word and even showcase their tremendous talents at nights like ND Unplugged," Cornwell said.

After 36 years, SLF is still going strong, thanks to unique visions by every sophomore class each year. This year is no exception. "Sophomore Literary Festival more or less had a face lift," Cornwell said.

Sophomore Literary Festival 2003: WordFest will take place from Wednesday to Feb. 13. All proceeds from ticket sales and donations accepted at the door will benefit the St. Joseph County Literacy Council.

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Schedule of Events

Wednesday-
Dan Coyne at 7:30 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall
Followed by reception and book-signing in Coleman-Morse, featuring Big Yellow Taxi

Thursday-
Cavanna Coffeehouse at 7:30 p.m. in LaFortune Ballroom
Moderator Jean Loez followed by reception, book-singing and Harmonia

Saturday-
Nikki Giovanni book signing at 4:30 p.m. in Hammes Bookstore
Presentation at 7:30 p.m. in Jordan Auditorium, Mendoza College of Business
Followed by reception in Mendoza atrium
Ticket price: $1

Sunday-
SLF Slam at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall
Feb. 10—Joe Garden at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall
Followed by reception and book-signing in basement of Zahm Hall
Feb. 11—Kevin Coyne at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall
Followed by the Uncertones, reception and book-signing in LaFortune Ballroom
Feb. 12—John Buffalo Mailer at 7:30 p.m. in Washington Hall
Followed by reception in LaFortune Ballroom
Feb. 13—ND Unplugged II from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. in LaFortune Ballroom (tentative location)
Kevin Garnett had 30 points and 17 rebounds as the short-handed Minnesota Timberwolves easily defeated their eighth straight home game, 99-91 over the Philadelphia 76ers on Sunday.

Marc Jackson had 14 points as his first start made his 14 career starts, he took 12 points to offset the absence of Joe Smith in the starting lineup. Smith will miss at least three weeks. The Timberwolves outrebounded the 76ers 51-39, with Rob Strickland on the bench for the first time since Dec. 3.

Allen Iverson had 21 points on 7-for-23 shooting for the 76ers, whose four-game road winning streak ended.

Derrick Coleman, who had 15 points and 11 rebounds, scored four straight points to pull Philadelphia to 95-91 with 1:24 left, but Garnett made a long jumper on the other end to give Minnesota some breathing room.

"We were able to practice Saturday because of an inflamed right knee — scored the Sixers' first seven points, but he started leaving shots a bit further off the floor because he couldn't find many openings to drive at in the lane."

All five Timberwolves, one of their best interior defenders, the Timberwolves were tough on defense underneath and outscored the 76ers 60-42 the paint. But they scored a high of 41 points in a 199-94 win over Minnesota in December. January was 6-for-14 in the first half and finished with 13 points.

An injury to Iverson, who replaced Smith in the starting lineup, found Rasho Nesterovic average just 17.7 points as Garnett did his usual good work in the paint. Spindly rookie Iguo Rachovics, pressed into more playing time without Iverson out another two-to-three weeks, had one of his best games with three long 3-pointer just before the third-quarter buzzer to give the Wolves a 77-66 lead.

**Rockets 105, Kings 89**

The Sacramento Kings found out just how far Yao Ming has come since the beginning of the season.

Yao had 18 points, 11 rebounds, four blocked shots and a season-high six assists as the Houston Rockets beat the Kings 105-89 Sunday.

"Every time I play him, he continues to get better and better," Sacramento's Vlade Divac said. "He's definitely going to be a great player in this league. The way he thinks on the court. He plays very unselfishly and understands the concept of the game.

In early December, Sacramento and Houston split two games in which Yao had a combined 23 points and 20 rebounds. He was much improved this time, as he noticed his team-leading 15th double-double.

"We never had a ball a lot today so there were a lot of open shots," Yao said. "Eddie Griffin led the Rockets with 22 points while Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobley scored 21 each.

Sacramento coach Rick Adelman was unhappy with his team's effort coming off a 124-113 loss to the Raptors on Friday.

"They were aggressive and took it to us and we were the opposite," Adelman said. "They played the game with more energy and took advantage of it. They were very good and we were very bad."

Peja Stojakovic led the Kings with 31 points.

Yao, Griffin and Francis sparked a 12-3 run late in the period as the Rockets expanded their lead to 29-22 with 2:47 left in the quarter. Houston had a 50-32 lead at the end of the period as Griffin had 11 and Yao 8.

Houston shot 65 percent (15-of-23) in the first while Sacramento hit only 22 percent (3-of-13) in the quarter and just 29 percent (12-of-42) for the game.

Stojakovic had 19 in the third quarter to help keep the Kings from a big blowout. But Griffin had 11 and Mobley and Yao seven apiece as the Rockets led 86-66 after three.

**Hawks 97, Magic 89**

Shareef Abdur-Rahim has discovered the best way to block out trade rumors — just keep winning.

"The game is an emotional game," he said. "Even if I'm not showing it, I'm fired up inside."

Abdur-Rahim scored 23 points and made 12 of 23 from the floor. Added 22 as Atlanta overcame a 38-point deficit by Tim McGrady to beat the Orlando Magic 97-89 on Sunday.

McGrady broke the team record he set earlier this season with his eighth straight game of at least 30 points, but the NBA's leading scorer missed his last three shots after his 3-pointer cut the Hawks' lead to 82-76 with 4:44 remaining.

Atlanta won for the fifth time in six games, after three in a row for the first time since Nov. 12-18. Hawks center Theo Ratliff tied career high with nine blocked shots, the last of which came on the final shot led to Abdur-Rahim's hard dunk of Andrew DeClercq, which made it 80-73.

The Hawks have struggled all season and carry a 19-29 record into Miami for their final game before the All-Star break. Most of the players on the roster have been the subject of trade rumors since Terry Stotts was named head coach after Lon Kruger was fired Dec. 26.

"I was proud of the way the team battled their come back," said Stotts, who improved to 8-13 since taking over. "We managed to hold the lead the whole time. I thought we played well offensively and didn't let the frustration end up hurting us at either end of the floor."

Abdur-Rahim, Glover and Mohammed each had 10 rebounds for Atlanta. Glover had 19-foofer from the right wing with 1:54 remaining to give the Hawks their last 10-point lead before Mike Miller's three-pointer made it 92-87 a minute later.

The Magic shot only 8-of-31 on 3-pointers, including combined 2-for-12 effort by Miller and Pat Garrity. Miller, Garrity and Kemp were a combined 6-for-11-on first-half attempts from the floor.

Bucks coach Doc Rivers tried to fire up his team when he was ejected late in the third quarter for arguing with referee Ted Bernhardt.

"I thought the team needed a lot," Rivers said. "If that's what lost the game for us, we're in a lot of trouble."
James ruled ineligible after accepting jerseys as gifts

Prolific prep school player appealing decision after allegedly returning jerseys

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio LeBron James sat in the bleachers Saturday, watching as his high school’s freshmen basketball team warmed up for a game.

For now, it’s as close as the 18-year-old superstar can get to the court.

James, widely acknowledged as the nation’s top prep player, didn’t comment when he was cleared from a clothing store on Jan. 25.

James ruled ineligible after accepting jerseys as gifts worth $845.

The Ohio High School Athletic Association ruled Friday that James violated a state bylaw on amateurism by accepting the trendy, “throwback” jerseys from a clothing store on Jan. 25.

The decision came four days after James was cleared following a two-week investigation for accepting a $50,000-plus sport utility vehicle as an 18th birthday gift from his mother.

On Friday, OHSAA commissioner Clair Muscaro declared James, a senior expected to be the nation’s top prep player, to the court.

The Fighting Irish (13-1), ranked No. 1 this week by USA Today, hosted Canton McKinley on Sunday at the University of Akron’s James A. Rhodes Arena.

James will be there only as a spectator unless he takes legal action to be allowed to play.

Attorney Fred Nance, recently appointed an Ohio amateur bylaw 4-10-1 that states “an athlete forfeits his or her amateur status by capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value.”

“The bottom line,” Muscaro said. “He did not pay for these items.”

Robert Rosenthal, the store’s owner, declined comment on Saturday.

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Joyce said his team is dealing with losing its best player as well as could be expected.

“Kids are resilient, man,” he said. “They’re about business, and that’s how we’re looking at it. Yeah, we don’t like the circumstances, but this is an opportunity. I don’t want our guys to feel bad and not play because of how they received the opportunity.”

Joyce has asked the media to refrain from interviewing any of James’ teammates, and said he wouldn’t appoint one of his players to act as a spokesman for the group.

“He was here,” Joyce said. “He didn’t work out with the guys.”

After learning James had accepted a Gale Sayers No. 40 Chicago Bears jersey ($235) and a Wes Unseld No. 41 Washington Bullets jersey ($450), Muscaro spoke with the store manager at “Next Urban Gear and Music” in Cleveland.

Muscaro was told James did not pay for the jerseys.

By doing so, James had violated an Ohio amateur bylaw 4-10-1 that states “an athlete forfeits his or her amateur status by capitalizing on athletic fame by receiving money or gifts of monetary value.”

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Gloria James said she was disappointed in Muscaro’s ruling, and claims the OHSAA did not contact her during the inquiry.

St. Vincent-St. Mary is scheduled to play five more regular-season games, including a Feb. 8 date in Trenton, N.J., before it will try and win its third state title in four seasons.

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“At this point, even if I appointed one, they don’t want to talk,” he said. “They just want to play basketball. They want their game to do the talking for them.”

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Just because we’re not shiny doesn’t mean we’re inferior.
WOMENS SWIMMING

Women's swimming beats Wolverines in last dual meet

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The women's swimming and diving team ended their dual meet season on Saturday with a nail-biting 153-147 victory over Michigan at Bolles Aquatic Center. The Irish (9-1-1) edged the Wolverines (3-0) in the meet's final event of the 200 freestyle relay by .33 seconds to pull out the win.

Junior Danielle Hulick, senior Heidi Hendrick, sophomore Katie Eckholt and sophomore Kristen Peterson clocked in at 1:35.03 and gave the Irish a win over their then-No. 19 opponent.

"We've had some pretty close meets with them over the years," said coach Bailey Weathers. "Usually they're better at the freestyle relay. But our girls swim hard and I think our girls probably surprised them a little bit."

Notre Dame won nine events on the day. Hulick is responsible for three of the nine victories. Hulick swam on the difference-making relay team and also won two individual events, the 50 freestyle (23.90) and the 100 backstroke (56.43).

"Danielle has had a great season for us," Weathers said. "She did an awesome job yesterday and she is definitely a team leader for us.

A three-time Big East champion and the Big East 200 freestyle relay record holder, Hulick competed strongly in other events as well, taking second in the 200 medley relay, the 1650 freestyle, and the 200 freestyle events.

Other Irish victories include Hendrick in the 100 freestyle (51.86), Peterson in the 200 backstroke (2:03.42) and junior Lisa Garcia in the 200 butterfly (2:01.03).

Junior Meghan Perry-Eaton won the 1-meter (32.24 points) and 3-meter (307.95) diving competitions. Weathers said that while divers are expected to be more consistent as fatigue is not an issue, his swimmers do not take Perry-Eaton's consistency for granted.

Prior to the weekend, Weathers said he wanted his team to swim its hardest, win or lose, to show themselves they were ready for the Big East Championships.

So is the team ready to travel to Uniondale, N.Y. on Feb. 20?

"This win gave us a lot of confidence in terms of where we are," Weathers said. "The girls are really looking forward to the Big East Championships. This meet gave us real good idea of where we are and what we have to do to get the girls ready, which is important."

The Irish finish the dual meet season one win behind the team's 10-1 record of a season ago and will now concentrate on resting for the upcoming championships.

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Annie Mantey races ahead in the-200 yard breaststroke. The Irish beat Michigan in their last dual meet and look forward to competing in the Big East Championships.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Blue Devils suffer their 3rd loss

By CHIP MARKSZ
The Observer

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Miami Dolphins halfback Ricky Williams evades the Patriots defensive line to score a touchdown during the regular season. The Dolphins failed to make the playoffs, but Williams had an MVP performance at the Pro Bowl.

Williams leads AFC to Pro Bowl victory

RICKY WILLIAMS Ricky Williams might be the NFL's most profoundly mellow star, so it isn't surprising that Hawaii's warm sun and cool breezes always bring out the best in him.

In his first Pro Bowl, the Miami running back rushed for 56 yards, scored two touchdowns and forced a fumble on special teams to earn the MVP award in the AFC's 42-20 victory over the NFC on Sunday.

"What's fun is how laid-back everything is," Williams said. "It's always great to get in the end zone, but it's especially great to do it against the best players in the world with millions of people watching."

He was the biggest contributor to a balanced AFC effort featuring 100-yard passing games by all three quarterbacks and a recording six interceptions by the defense. Staked to a big early lead by Williams and starting quarterback Rich Gannon, the AFC cruised to its sixth victory in the last seven Pro Bowls.

Williams, who led the NFL in rushing for the Dolphins after three tough seasons in New Orleans, also caught three passes as the AFC jumped to a 28-6 halftime lead and eliminated the tension — already minor at best — from this good-natured exhibition.

The AFC nearly broke the Pro Bowl record of 51 points set by the NFC in 2000. The coaching staffs from Philadelphia and Tennessee made sure the game was decided in the air. The teams set records for most combined pass attempts (101) and combined interceptions (8).

A sellout crowd at Aloha Stadium enjoyed another blowout victory for the AFC, which has dominated the matchup in recent years. Each of the AFC's players earned $30,000 for the win, with the NFC's stars receiving $15,000 against the Jets.

The Super Bowl champions were well-represented, with six Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the lineup. Linebacker Shelton Quarles was a last-second addition; he already was in Hawaii for a vacation when Atlanta's Keith Brooking dropped out.

 Asked if the AFC was seeking revenge for the Buccaneers' Super Bowl triumph, safety John Lynch said: "It seemed like Rich Gannon did. I don't know what it is. They've been getting the better of us in this game."

Mens Tennis

Williams Tennis

Around the Dial

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dropped only her third col­
legiate match and is now 60-3 in her two-year career.

Senior captain Anna Carnick was the only wom­
man e p e e s t with a

highly combined team score. Bednarski is trying to build a team-first atti­
tude, and that was evident when he gathered the team together before the Penn State showdown.

"We are trying to build a team during the season. They responded very well. They started to work as a team," Bednarski said. "There is no posi­
tion they are in where they only care about fencing for them­
selves."

Janusz Bednarski
Notre Dame coach

They care about the team.

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hang their hat on their free throw shooting ability. It paid off big-time, as seven of Notre Dame’s 11 points in the second overtime came on free throws.

At one point, the Irish led 90-­
85 in the second overtime and the Hoyas slowly chipped away at that lead. Drew Hall, who made a 3-pointer with 4.4 sec­
onds left in the first overtime to tie the score, hit another three pointer. And after Matt Carroll — who finished with a career-high 36 points, including 6-for-12 from 3-point land – hit a short jumper, Mike Sweetney scored a layup to pull the Hoyas to within two with 46 seconds to play.

After Jones missed a 3-pointer from the corner, Hall hit two free throws to tie the score with 10 seconds left, setting the stage for Jones’ heroics.

"They were frenzied and foul­ing us, and I thought we could get it to, ‘They had to just drive and take it all the way to the hole,’ Irish coach Brey said. "Then we could see what we could get out of it."

But the game wouldn’t have even gone past overtime if the Irish not squandered a 13-point lead. Throughout the first half and for most of the second, Notre Dame seemed firmly in control, and when Carroll hit a 3-pointer — setting a school record for most career 3-point­ers — with 14:05 remaining, the Hoyas were only a 54-40 lead, the only question remaining seemed to be at what point walk-on Dan Lustig would enter the game.

But Brey didn’t think the game was over, the Hoyas didn’t fold, and Notre Dame didn’t score. Georgetown began dumping the ball into Michael Sweetney, who scored 38 points and finished with 15 rebounds.

"You almost have to let him get free and hope maybe he will flat out crushes you,” Brey said.

"I think we did a good job of that.”

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Matt Carroll

Guard

Yet the Irish still nearly pulled out the victory in the first over­
time. Chris Thomas, who scored 24 points despite shooting 4-for­
20 from the field and fouling out in the second overtime, drove the length of the floor and launched an off-balance shot from the right elbow as time expired. The ball glanced off the backboard and bounced on the rim twice before falling away.

But in the final overtime peri­
od, the Irish weren’t about to be denied.

"We have a team that just refuses to lose, no matter what it is,” Carroll said. "We’re going to keep fighting if it takes three over­
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Belles extend losing streak to seven games

By HEATHER VAN HOOGARDEN
Sports Writer

Olivet (7-12, 2-6) proved to be too much for Saint Mary’s in the second half, as the Lady Comets overcame a 13-point first half deficit to come back and defeat the Belles 67-58. Amanda Johnston was unstoppable for Olivet, scoring 19 points and grabbing nine rebounds in only 24 minutes of action.

Olivet lived up to its billing as a well balanced squad, as three players scored nine points to help out Johnston, who shot eight of 13 from the field. As a team, Olivet shot well, in the second half — 51 percent—to help them pull away. Olivet also out-rebounded Saint Mary’s 43-39.

Saint Mary’s has had some serious problems this season, as they have been outplayed in the second half in many games. However, the Belles (5-14, 1-7) are not getting down about their season just yet.

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MENS SWIMMING

Up-and-down weekend for Irish in series split

By LISA REIJULA
Sports Writer

It was one step forward, one step back for the Notre Dame men swimming and diving team this weekend, as the Irish (6-7) handily defeated Cleveland State 156-85 on Friday, then lost a close contest 125-118 to St. Bonaventure Saturday.

At Cleveland State, the Irish showed their all-around talent, as seven different swimmers contributed to the team’s 10 event victories. The Irish divers came through, claiming the top three spots in both competitions. Senior Andy Maggio won both the one-meter and three-meter events.

The Irish 400 medley relay team was also victorious, as the team of Tim Randolph, Doug Bauman, Matt Obringer, and Frank Krakowski touched first in 3:24.47. Randolph won the 100 free, Bauman the 200 backstroke, and Obringer took first in the 200 freestyle.

Continuing the dominance for the Notre Dame were first-place finishers David Soukup (200 IM), Jason Fitzpatrick (200 back), Patrick Davis (1650 free), J.R. Teddy (200 butterfly), and Bauman (200 medley). The dual meet against St. Bonaventure Saturday came down to the last event of the day.

“Losing [Greenbraum] wasn’t something that we focused on, because we had beat them without her earlier in the season, but we just couldn’t get it done.” junior point guard Katie Miller said.

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Dame-Georgetown tilt went into overtime, but Carroll’s Irish were unable to put the game away and tied the game up in the second overtime period. Carroll tallied 11 of his career-high 36 points. On defense, he crashed the backcourt, often looking rebounds out of the grasp of a Hoyas and into the hands of an Irish player.

And during timeouts, he reminded his teammates that they don’t know how to do anything other than win.

There was Carroll talking to freshman Chris Quinn, in the game after Thomas fouled out in the second overtime, telling him his teammates were going to help him out.

There was Carroll patting Torrian Jones on the butt after he missed his first free throw, telling Jones the second — and game-winning — free throw was a gimme.

There was Carroll waving his arms frantically to spur the crowd and his teammates during their final defensive stand, and waving his arms in triumph.

In the Irish’s 6-7 season, Carroll said, “It’s good experience and important to have more wins. We’re ready for Big East,” said Bauman.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Irish win away at West Virginia

By KATIE McVOY
Assistant Sports Editor

The Irish can officially say that January is over and, this time, they've started the month on the right foot. Notre Dame opened the month of February by snapping a four-game home losing streak with a 69-64 victory against West Virginia on Saturday.

"I don't think I was ever so glad to turn the page in my calendar," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I was so happy to be out of January and moving forward."

The Irish finally began to find what they were missing during their last four home games, and it paid off.

For starters, Notre Dame returned its usual players to their places of prominence. Alicia Ratay, last year's go-to scorer, found her rhythm again and hit 14 of Notre Dame's first 24 points on the way to 21 points, her second highest point total of the season.

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Ratay, who West Virginia expected to stand around and shoot, started to do something else on Saturday too — she started to score off the dribble. That alone was enough to throw the Mountaineers off their game plan and, despite their two-point halftime lead, they left the floor with some­thing to think about.

"Ratay, she just took over the game. She had a great game," Mountaineers coach Mike Carey said. "What made her tough this game is she started taking it off the dribble ... that made her a double threat and that made it tough.

But the best part for Notre Dame was that Ratay did not single-handedly win Saturday's game. Sophomore Jacqueline Battest added 21 points of her own, either scoring or assisting on nine of Notre Dame's 13 field goals in the second half. Several of her five total assists went to teammate Teresa Burton, who was perfect from the field for 14 points.

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HOCKEY
Irish tie 1, lose 1 over weekend
By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Sports Writer

For both games this weekend against Ohio State, the Irish found themselves down 2-0 early.

The results couldn’t have been more different.

Friday, Notre Dame scored three unanswered goals after the two-goal deficit, only to end up losing 3-2 going into the third period with a goal by Morgan Cey making 41 saves.

“We got outplayed tonight, which was disappointing coming off the way we played last night,” said Irish coach Dave Poulin after Saturday’s loss.

Friday, in front of one of the smallest crowds this year, the Irish put on perhaps one of their best performances of the season, leading No. 10 Ohio State 3-2 going into the third period before the Buckeyes were able to tie.

In front of a sellout on Saturday, the Buckeyes went back to square one.

“We’ve got some guys to step up and make plays,” said Poulin after his team was shutout for the first time this season.

The shutout on Saturday was unexpected following an impressive performance the night before. The Buckeyes normally average giving up 24.1 shots to their opponent over the course of a game.

Notre Dame had 24 shots on goal just shorty into the third period.

Ohio State had a power play that was clicking at a rate of one goal every five chances. The buckeyes over powered the Buckeyes one power play goal in 11 opportunities.

“I thought we had a lot of energy,” said Poulin about Friday’s game. “We didn’t throw the puck away and had many great chances.”

The Buckeyes scored on its first power play chance of the game with defenseman Doug Andres scoring from the blue line past a screened Cey about four minutes into the first period.

Ohio State padded its lead just 43 seconds into the second period with a goal by forward Paul Caponigri. Even after the early deficit, it was apparent that the Irish were playing exceptionally well and just not getting any breaks. Finally, the breaks started coming.

A little more than halfway into the second period, with the Irish on a 5-on-3 power play, defenseman Brett Lebda slapped a hard shot toward Buckeye goaltender Mike Betz. Betz missed the shot leaving an easy rebound shot for forward Kyle Calder, who scored his first goal of the season.

Five minutes later on the power play, the Irish tied the game at two goals against when forward Josh Wroblewski scored after Betz gave up a rebound from a hard Neil Komadoski shot.

Just 40 seconds later, it was again special teams that gave the Irish their first lead, although not in the usual way. Despite being on the penalty kill, Irish was able to get a shot past Betz from the right circle for the third Irish short-handed goal of the season.

For most of the third period, the Irish appeared headed to perhaps its biggest win of the season, with Cey coming up huge as the Irish were being outshot 13-3.

It was that 14th shot that Cey could not save.

With a little over a minute left, the Buckeyes decided to pull Betz in favor of another offensive player. Despite several opportunities to clear the puck down the ice, the Irish could not get the puck away from their goal, and Buckeye David Steckiel was able to score off a rebound with just 4.7 seconds left in the game to send the contest into overtime.

It was the second straight home overtime tie for the Irish, after a 3-3 result on Jan. 25 against Michigan State. The result Friday was the same, with both teams scoring in the extra period.

“There’s no question this feels like a loss,” Poulin said. “The guys should be angry and we can’t keep filling just shot.”

If the guys were angry, it would have been difficult to tell after Saturday’s performance. In a game in which Ohio State simply dominated the Irish and held a 43-23 advantage in shots on goal.

The Buckeyes got on the board a little less than 15 minutes into the first period, when Paul Caponigri took advantage of an Irish turnover and wristed a shot over Cey’s glove.

Ohio State got all the scoring they would need on a power play goal five minutes into the second period, when Ryan Kesler snapped a shot past Cey after a beautiful feed from R.J. Umberger.

There was no sign of let-down in the Buckeyes after their 2-0 lead though, as the physical play of the Ohio State club kept the Irish from being able to organize any kind of offensive flow.

Even in the third period, when the Irish were trying their hardest to mount a comeback, Ohio State outshot them 17-6.

“Maybe it’s a good time for an off-week,” said Poulin. “It will give us a chance to regroup. Maybe we need this.”

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MENS TENNIS
Seminoles chop Irish on final point of match
By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

A precious win was in sight for the Irish Friday night at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

After losing the doubles point on the court. An Irish victory in that final match would give Notre Dame its first triumph in a wireless spring season.
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THE "BUGS" OUT

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**MENS BASKETBALL**

Irish top Hoyas in double-OT thriller

*By ANDREW SOUKUP*  
Sports Writer

Turrian Jones watched his first free-throw attempt clang off the rim. He heard his teammates come up to him and encourage him, telling the 66 percent free throw shooter they had confidence in him. He looked at the scoreboard and saw the score tied at 92 with four seconds on the clock.

So he stepped to the free-throw line again, sunk the shot, and then forced Georgetown's Drew Hall into a timeout and a deep desperation heave at the buzzer. And when the ball ricocheted off the backboard, No. 11 Notre Dame had survived a scare from Georgetown to win 93-92 in double-overtime.

The game brought back memories of Notre Dame's quadruple-overtime victory over Georgetown last year. And after the game, parallels to the two games were far too easily drawn by.

"We were like, 'Here we go again,'" Jones said. "But we were tested and we'd been there before. We had guys who went through it before, and I knew we'd be ready.

"I knew that we'd be ready. Every time I was on the floor, I knew we could win. And every time I got on the floor, I thought about how we could win. I had confidence in my team and I had confidence in myself."

Notre Dame (18-3, 6-1 in the Big East) is now off to its third straight season with an undefeated mark at home. The Irish are 10-0 in the Big East.

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Top-ranked Nittany Lions tamed by No. 2 Irish

*By MATT LOZAR*  
Sports Editor

After going 9-4 in his first collegiate bouts last weekend, junior sabre Brian Dosal came into this weekend's match against No. 1 Penn State with realistic hopes.

"I didn't expect to win at all," the second-year fencer said. "I got lucky and when I got some momentum, it really fired me up."

Sometimes the best surprises come with no expectations.

Using Dosal's two upset wins, the second-seeded Irish fencing team defeated the top-ranked Nittany Lions 15-12 to make their claim for the top spot in the country.

"He started almost fencing with us like a walk-on and had a little skill but not much," Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski said. "He is progressing very quickly."

Dosal dropped his first bout 5-0, and his next one wasn't looking promising with talented freshman Martin Zagunis on deck. Dosal surprised everybody by posting a 5-3 victory, and by following that win with a 5-3 win over Noah Jacobson.

"It feels great. They didn't expect me to do it, so doing it makes it whole season worth it," Dosal said. "I definitely can compete at that level. It is only five-touch bouts, but I feel I can steal away a couple which can make the difference [in future matches]."

Gabor Szelle and Matt Fabricant also posted individual 2-1 records against the Nittany Lions to give the Irish sabre squad a collective 6-3 record.

Fabricant defeated two-time All-American Amir Rahimi 5-4 and Szelle also beat Zagunis 5-4.

The men's team also went 6-3 against Penn State and was led by senior captain Jan Viviani's 3-0 record. Viviani and sophomore Michal Sobieraj each won crucial overtime matches.

Mens foil compiled a 3-6 record that was highlighted by sophomore Derek Snyder's 5-4 win over current NCAA Champion Nonapat Panchan. While the mens team was able to knock off the top-ranked team in the country for the third straight season, the womens team couldn't complete the upset, losing to Penn State 16-11.

"This is not unusual with such close-knit rivalries, this is how it goes for us because it is good training," Bednarski said. "Our fencers are very good. We are happy, not really happy, but happy.

The womens foil team was the only weapon to post a winning record against Penn State, going 5-4. Sophomore Andrea Ament and Alicja Kryczalo each went 2-1.

**WOMENS TENNIS**

No. 5 Notre Dame 2  
The Irish fell to the No. 14 Tar Heels Saturday.

**HOCKEY**

Notre Dame 3  
Ohio State 2

**SMC BASKETBALL**

Notre Dame 153  
Michigan 147

In their last dual meet of the season, the Irish improve to 9-1-1 heading into the Big East Tournament Feb. 20.

**WOMENS B-BALL**

Notre Dame 69  
West Virginia 64

Alicia Ratay scored 23 points as the Irish snapped out of their January slump.

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