Former Governor speaks on politics, religion

By MICHAEL CHAMBLISS
News Writer

In his capacity as chairman of "The Charter for Protection of Children and Young People," former Oklahoma Gov. Frank Keating spoke Monday to a packed house in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium on the topic of politics and vocation.

A Republican and lifelong Catholic, Keating served as governor of Oklahoma from 1995 to 2003. He is widely known for his attempts to mitigate social ills such as drug abuse, divorce and domestic violence through mobilization of the clergy. Keating has also been lauded for his strong leadership after the 1995 Oklahoma City bombing.

Keating spoke at length about the obligation of Americans to participate in public life.

"Every one of us has a vocation to politics. We all have an obligation to serve," said Keating. He added that the merging of the public and the private sectors is essential for the success of the United States. Keating, who could only serve a maximum of eight years as Oklahoma's governor, said he believes it is vital to support this healthy mix.

"The role of a Catholic should be to present himself as a person of honor and integrity, a symbol of what a citizen should be like," said Keating of the role of Catholics in American public life.

Relating numerous personal stories and anecdotes, Keating expressed his hope that the audience will decide to promote marriage.

"Keating also addressed the recent sexual abuse scandals within the Catholic Church.

"There isn't a greater calling anywhere in the world than to defend the innocence of children and Young People," Keating said. "Looking at past precedent and the way that we do things today, it is imperative for us to take these things seriously and to study the causes of all these scandals.

"We have a strong tradition of law enforcement in America, and if the church fails to act, then I think it is the church's responsibility to do so."
Basketball to the rescue

I had fears about my first spring semester at Notre Dame. The stories of blustering cold, fierce winds and depressing days without a trace of sunlight left me wondering how I would make it through my first winter in South Bend. Come to think of it, the entire city becomes as helpless to keep me occupied, no leisurely reading of textbooks while relaxing on a comfortable bench overlooking the Golden Dome — no aimless strolls around campus with a particular destination in mind. I sincerely hoped that I would not confine myself to my dorm room, living off of Diet Cokes and the chocolate chip cookies my roommate’s mother sends. Fortunately for me, I got out quite often, dressed in more layers of clothing than I ever thought humanity possible and a pair of huge hiking boots I only imagined Army ROTC cadets wearing. I rush off class and the dining hall as often as I did in the fall, although at a slightly faster pace and with more unmentionable mannerings under my breath. Most interestingly, however, I have found a relief from the piling up of snow and schoolwork that shattered all worries of days spent under a warm comforter — Notre Dame basketball. The cold no longer affects me as inherently exciting with rowdy fans as well. I don’t think I, or my father for that matter, would provide students with additional opportunities to talk with faculty and current upper-class students about the opportunities available in the Mendoza College of Business, 5:30 p.m., Mendoza College of Business.

Joe Trombello
News Production Editor

WHAT’S GOING DOWN

NDSP takes drunken student home
NDSP transported an intoxicated student to his off-campus residence Sunday morning. The case is being referred for administrative review.

Employee injured in fall
After an employee sustained injuries during a fall Saturday, NDSP transported the employee to the University Health Center for treatment.

Visitor reports missing jewelry
A visitor reported losing her necklace Friday at the Gruto. The woman later notified NDSP she found her necklace in her purse.

Student reports missing bike
A student reported her unlooked bike was taken between Saturday and Sunday afternoon from the south side of Breen Phillips Hall. There are no suspects.

Employee slips on ice
A University employee reported he fell on the ice on campus. The employee injured his fall Sunday morning. The case is under investigation.

WHAT’S WHAT

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ ND

Art Exhibit
Display of photographs depicting the Gullah Culture by Doris Ulmann all day at the Snite Museum of Art.

Mendoza Majors Night
The fair will couple with departmental presentations that would provide students with additional opportunities to talk with faculty and current upper-class students about the opportunities available in the Mendoza College of Business, 5:30 p.m., Mendoza College of Business.

Students with Disabilities Discussion
Students with Disabilities Discussion. Cross students with disabilities are invited to share their experiences of having a disability on campus, LaFayette, Notre Dame Room, 5 p.m.

WHAT’S HAPPENING @ SMC

Lecture
Talk about Community Leadership, 12:15 p.m., North Wedge Room

Reading
Contemporary Drama, Reading & Dinner, 4:30 p.m., President’s Dining Room

Lecture
Eating Disorder Awareness Week speaker, 7:30 p.m., the Carroll Auditorium

WHAT’S COOKING

North Dining Hall
Today’s Lunch: Boiled mustaccioli, baked spinach fettuccini, parastia meat sauce, fried cheese ravioli, Swiss steak, rice herb garlic potatoes, whipped potatoes, haddock with herbs, sugar snap peas, Japan ginger chicken ten-sauce, fried cheese ravioli, Swiss steak, boiled spinach fettuccini, pastaaria meat sauce.

Today’s Dinner: Boiled fettuccine, alfredo sauce, cheese frenchbread, shrimp en croute, chives long grain, wild rice, wild rice, whipped potatoes, broccoli spears, grilled redfish, baked sweet potatoes, beef tamale, corn and pepper flaners

South Dining Hall
Today’s Lunch: Pasta shells primavera, fettuccine, gorgonzola sauce, french bread pizza, collard greens, turkey turnovers, London broil with wine marinade, cheddar-baked pollock, shrimp creole, potatoes au grain, grilled turkey sandwich, fries

Today’s Dinner: Chicken cacciatore, fettuccine, gorgonzola sauce, french bread pizza, chicken parmesan, oven-fried chicken, Polish sausage, polini with vegetables, Polish-style kushi noodles

WHAT’S INSIDE

CAMPUS NEWS
CCDC sponsors eating disorders week
The Counseling and Career Development Center is sponsoring events in conjunction with a nationwide campaign discussing the current problems of eating disorders.

U.S. seeks approval for war resolution on Iraq
The United States announced the pursuit to gain approval of the U.N. Security Council amid contestation from France, Germany and Russia.

Business News
Corporation admits to inflating profits
European markets encounter its own corporate accounting scandal as Ahold executives announced misrepresenting profits.

Students continue debates on affirmative action
Students express anger at the views expressed on the developing issue and advocate more understanding.

WHAT’S THE UP

Tuesday, February 25, 2003

Joe Trombello

Corrections
In the Bengal Bean story Chip Macs is incorrectly named as the winner of the 140 pound quarternial match, in actuality, Tony Hallidex was the fight. The discussion for disability awareness week that week is actually said, "Experiences With Special Needs: Students, Parents, Children, Inhabit Adults."
CCDC raises eating disorder awareness

By SARAH NESTOR
Saint Mary’s Editor

Saint Mary’s students will have a chance to learn more about eating disorders this week. The Counseling and Career Development Center is sponsoring National Eating Disorders Awareness Week on campus.

The week is a nationwide campaign by the National Eating Disorders Association to raise awareness about the growing problem of eating disorders.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association, it is estimated that between 5 and 10 million girls and women and 1 million boys and men struggle with eating disorders, such as anorexia, bulimia and binge-eating disorders. The group also found in a recent college campus survey that 91 percent of college women control their weight by dieting.

Today students can attend the lecture and discussion "Body Image, Food and You" led by licensed clinician social worker Gwen DeHorn from the Eating Disorder Recovery Center. The lecture will be held in Carroll Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

On Wednesday the Nursing Department is sponsoring a health fair from 3 to 5 p.m. in LeMans Reignbeaux Lounge. At the fair, women can learn about the varying components that will affect their health now and in the future.

On Thursday and Friday the CCDC will be offering eating and body image screenings. The screenings will be held from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday and from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday. The screenings are free and confidential and no appointments are necessary.

The CCDC is located in 166 LeMans. For more information, contact the CCDC at 284-4565.

Call for Student Nominations

The College of Science invites student nominations for Kaneb Teaching Awards

Take advantage of the opportunity to nominate your best professor in the College of Science for a Kaneb Teaching Award.

Nomination forms may be found on the College of Science webpage at: www.science.nd.edu or you may pick up a nomination form in the Dean’s Office, 174 Hurley Hall

Deadline for nomination is Thursday, March 6

Return to: Sr. Kathleen Cannon, O.P., Associate Dean Dean’s Office, College of Science 174 Hurley Hall

Mathcounts competition scheduled for Saturday

A regional competition of Mathcounts, a nationwide math coaching and competition program, will take place Saturday (Feb. 22) in DeBartolo Hall at the University of Notre Dame. More than 200 middle and junior high students from the northern and central Indiana counties of St. Joseph, Elkhart, Fulton, La Grange and Marshall are expected to compete.

Mathcounts promotes math achievement among sixth, seventh and eighth graders around the country through competitions similar to school athletic events. Student "mathletes" train individually and on teams, then compete in local and state competitions. Prizes are awarded at all levels, and winners at the state level receive a free trip to Washington, D.C., to compete in the national competition, where the prizes include scholarships, trips and trophies.

This year as many as 30,000 students are expected to compete nationwide in Mathcounts, which began in 1983. Michael M. Stanislic, associate professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering at Notre Dame, is regional coordinator of the Mathcounts competition, which has been held at the University for the past eight years.

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Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame students interested in majoring in education

You are invited to attend an EVENING WITH THE EDUCATION DEPT.

Thursday, February 27th at 6:00 P.M.

Madeleva 315 (elementary education)
Madeleva 328 (secondary education)

Join the faculty from the Saint Mary’s College Education Department for a short presentation followed by a question and answer session. Learn about Education course requirements. Meet Education students and enjoy refreshments.

Saint Mary’s College
Notre Dame, Indiana
Board of Governance

BOG votes to host Yale professor

By MEGAN O'NEIL
News Writer

As things continued to wind down for the Board of Governance administration, officers on Monday held their final meeting before spring break. The meeting primarily centered around several student organizations and their appeals for co-sponsorship funding for various events.

Katie Harrison, Student Academic Council (SAC) secretary and treasurer, requested $300 from BOG to help sponsor a campus visit by Yale University professor Cynthia Russett planned for Wednesday. The professor recently published a book titled, "Catholic Women's Colleges in America." Thursday, administration and faculty will meet with Russett to discuss qualities of Saint Mary as an institution and the future of women's Catholic education.

"The administration is really excited about this," Harrison said. "But it should be a student sponsored event. We want students to attend the lecture as well, not just the administration." BOG members expressed their excitement to participate in the upcoming event.

"Having BOG's name down is a show of student support," said Student Body Vice President Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl.

The funding was approved unanimously by BOG.

Russett elaborates on the experience of women, and mentions Saint Mary's 16 times in her book. It is currently on sale in the Saint Mary's bookstore.

In other BOG news

* BOG also granted $900 to the Biology Club to assist with the Ecology Fair. The fair will be held in conjunction with the annual Student Diversity Board (SDB) picnic on April 14. Three booths will be set up on the library lawn and will provide students with information about world environmental issues.

SDB will also sponsor a student collection that will also take place to help Saint Mary's recycling campaign. The fair will include a live band.

* The Board voted to deny a $1,500 request from several Saint Mary's students traveling to Haiti over spring break. The students are going abroad as part of a justice class that examines poverty and development.

The trip, the most expensive undertaking by Saint Mary's students, is largely being funded by the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership. Board members said participating students should be responsible for raising the remaining money they need for the trip.

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vision with the Class of 2007.

Desiree Paulin and Kristi Spriggle expressed excitement to find out what the seniors want for next year. If elected, they plan to organize surveys that would help determine preferences of the majority of Saint Mary's seniors regarding events such as Senior Dad's Weekend, the Senior Retreat and weekend trips.

"First we want to see what everybody in the class wants to do," Paulin said. They announced the plan to initiate an "Independent Women Series" that would include subject matter ranging from business etiquette to oil changes.

"The point of senior year is to have a great and shining year, but we also want to prepare Saint Mary's women for an independent life," Paulin said.

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ND Express Attendants
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Stepan Center Managers
Student Activities Office Assistants

Applications available outside the Student Activities Office, 315 LaFortune or on-line at www.nd.edu/~sao/office/jobs. APPLICATIONS DUE MARCH 28.
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS
Seeking U.N. approval for war resolution
for war, the United States and key allies Britain and Spain sought Monday to the Security Council declaring Saddam Hussein has plans for "the final opportunity" in disarm and inspectors were now face the consequences.

But France, Russia and Germany, which oppose military option, circulated an alternative plan to pursue a peaceful disarmament of Iraq through strengthened inspections over at least the next five months. Their memorandums won immediate backing from China, the only U.S. ally, and the Secretary of State Colin Powell's lobbying efforts with top officials in Beijing on Monday.

The rival positions set the stage for a heated battle over whether the council would back U.S. and British demand for war now or the French, Russian, and German call for war to be "a last resort." The council decided to hold another closed meeting to discuss the two proposals Thursday.

The showdown heightened fears of war, with Wall Street posting its biggest decline in a month Monday after a day of light trading.

Getting approval for the U.S.-backed resolution will be a daunting task. To pass, the resolution must have nine "yes" votes and avoid a veto by France, Russia or China. Only Bulgaria and Pakistan have considered a strong bet to support the U.S.-British-Spanish plan.

Eleven of the 15 council members have endorsed the idea of continuing weapons inspections, but the United States has dispatched some of its top negotiators to Security Council meetings in recent days to push for the resolution.

For some of the countries, such as Angola, Guinea and Cameroon — poor African nations whose concerns drew little attention before they landed seats on the council — there is the possibility that supporting the resolution may reap financial benefits from the United States. But members of the council support continued inspections are also lobbying hard.

After the rival proposals, no council member indicated a change in its position. But several council diplomats said there was room for a compromise.

"The cards are on the table," one U.N. ambassador told The Associated Press. "Now I think we need to sit down jointly and come out with a common solution."

But U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said the only way Iraq can avoid serious consequences now is to demonstrate "a major, drastic, dramatic change in the attitude that that government has displayed towards the issue of disarming itself of weapons of mass destruction."

Washington has reserved the right to wage war with a coalition of willing nations, but U.N. backing would provide legitimacy and financial support for military action and its aftermath.

On Monday, Turkey's Cabinet agreed to host tens of thousands of U.S. combat troops, a key step toward allowing Washington to forge ahead with plans for a northern front against Iraq.

The draft resolution does not set any deadlines. But U.S. and British officials made clear they want the Security Council to vote by mid-March.

IRAQ

Saddam Hussein challenges Bush to televised debate

United Nations

Saddam Hussein indicated on Monday that he does not intend to follow U.N. orders to destroy his Al-Samoud 2 missiles, and challenged President Bush to a United Nations debate via satellite link.

In a three-hour interview with CBS anchor Dan Rather, the Iraqi leader said he would not step down under international or domestic pressure to allow inspectors to destroy his missiles.

Rather reported on the interview during the evening newscast. CBS said it planned to broadcast excerpts on Tuesday and the entire interview on Wednesday.

Rather said that Saddam walked a little stiffly when he met with him but was calm and "unburdened" during the interview.

Regarding chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix's order that Iraq destroy its Al-Samoud 2 missiles, Rather quoted Saddam as saying Iraq would not be able to prepare proper missiles and we are committed to that.

But Blix's order to destroy the missiles is "proper," Saddam was quoted as replying. "We do not have missiles that go beyond the prescribed range."

The order was issued after international experts determined the missile flew farther than the 93-mile limit set down by the United Nations in 1991.

Iraq maintains some of the missiles are "out of range" without warheads and guidance systems.

"This is not a serious issue," White House press secretary Fleischer said on The Flotus, according to the Associated Press.

Washington is considering Bush's plan for a "joint draft U.N. resolution submitted Monday by the United States, Britain and Spain that would pave the way for war.

Iraq had suggested it was trying to persuade the United Nations to allow it to keep the missiles after technical modifications worked out in talks with U.N. technicians.

North Korea test-fires missile into sea

North Korea fired an anti-ship missile that landed in the sea between the Korean Peninsula and Japan, a South Korean Defense Ministry official said Monday. The official said the Hwasong-9 missile was fired somewhere along the lines of those in a U.S. presidential campaign, according to the network.

Neither the United States nor South Korea have acknowledged the test.

U.S. charges 55 with selling drug gear

Federal authorities charged 55 people with trafficking in illegal drug paraphernalia in an investigation they said targeted the nation's biggest Internet distributors of marijuana bongs, crack pipes and other drug abuse gear.

In coordinated raids on Monday, officials con- fiscated "thousands and thousands of tons" of paraphernalia from companies boasting up to $50 million in annual sales, said Mary Beth Buchanan, U.S. attorney for the eastern district of New York. The operation is "the "Operation Pipe Dreams" investigation along with the Drug Enforcement Administration. "No one would possibly use these items for smoking tobacco," Buchanan said at a Justice Department news conference.

Ashcroft says terrorism alert still high

The threat of a terrorist attack against America remains high and there are no plans to downgrade the nation's terrorist alert, Attorney General John Ashcroft said Monday, U.S. intelligence-gathering continues to show enough of a threat to warrant keeping the alert level at "high risk," the second-highest level on a five-color scale.

Ashcroft said the level was raised to orange on Feb. 7, prompting the government to impose extra security measures and causing jitters throughout country. "The constant and continuous evaluation of the factors that go into the development of threat level have not changed in a way significant enough for the threat level to be changed," Ashcroft said. Other Bush administration officials, notably Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge, have indicated the level could soon be reduced to "elevated," the middle of the color scale.
Convicted spy won't face death penalty

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The government's attempt to impose the death penalty on convicted spy Brian Patrick Regan was rejected Monday by the federal jury that convicted him of offering to sell U.S. intelligence to Iraq and China.

Regan, a former Air Force master sergeant, was found guilty last week on two attempted espionage counts and a single charge of gathering national defense information. He was acquitted of attempting to spy for Libya.

"It took a lot of guts" for jurors to consider a second attempt at espionage, said defense attorney Jonathan Shapiro. The jury deliberated nearly seven hours over two days before deciding he did not, a decision that spared him the possibility of the death penalty.

Ethel and Julius Rosenberg were the last Americans put to death for spying. They were sentenced to life in prison when they were sentenced to life in prison. The CIA's Aldrich Ames and the FBI's Robert Hanssen were sentenced to life in prison for stealing U.S. atomic secrets in credit card debts and draft evasion, to get out from under $117,000 in credit card debts and draft evasion.

"I distinguish between guilty human life and innocent human life. I think that it would cheapen life to say that Timothy McVeigh will not pay for what he did," said Keating. He added that his is "basically the Catholic Church's view," explaining that while the pope does not believe in capital punishment, the official teachings of the Church do not yet condemn it.

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Robinson Center to celebrate anniversary

Special to The Observer

The Robinson Community Learning Center (RCLC) will celebrate its second anniversary on Tuesday, February 25, 2003.


Entertainment will be provided by Jacqueline Jefferson of the Gullah Community in South Carolina. The festivities will also include award presentations to five outstanding center participants. Since its creation in 2001, the RCLC has registered more than 1,700 Northeast Neighborhood residents, who have benefited from center services such as youth tutoring, computer training, GED classes, and music and exercise instruction. Through its literacy corps, which operates in five locations, the center has trained some 150 tutors who have developed one-on-one relationships with approximately 175 young people.

If you wish to contribute to the Chad S. Sharon Memorial Fund please contact the Development Department at (574) 631-7164.
**MARKET RECAP**

**Market Watch February 24**

**Dow Jones**

7,848.24 -159.87

**NASDAQ**

3,228.38 -26.64

**S&P 500**

832.58 -15.59

**AMEX**

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**NYSE**

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**IN BRIEF**

Weather cuts into February sales

The snowstorm that hit the Eastern seaboard a week ago wiped away retailers' much-hoped for Presidents Day sales bonanza and made what was already expected to be a tough month even more difficult.

S.C. Penney Co. and Federated Department Stores Inc. and Target Corp. lowered their forecasts for February sales, and Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said it expected results at the low end of its estimates. Target Corp. said results were coming in below expectations.

"February was weak to begin with, and on top of that we had the snowstorm and the rainstorm," said Kurt Barndard, president of Kurt's Retail Trend Report, based in Montclair, N.J. "Even without the weather, February would not have been a barn-burner."

Pilots' chief opposes new carrier

United Airlines' pilots union reiterated strong opposition Monday to the company's proposal for a low-cost carrier even as United pushed ahead with the concept by naming an executive to head the venture.

"United is determined to push ahead with the concept by naming an executive to head the venture," said Robert Hoffman, president of the U.S. union chief Paul Whiteford sent CEO Glenn Taylor said the company was asked by its board of directors to consider the hub closures as an alternative, along with the possible sale of the airline's Pacific operations.

Company spokesman Joe Hopkins insisted that United has no intention of closing any of its hubs and is exploring various restructuring alternatives.

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**THE NETHERLANDS**

Ahold execs admit to scandal

Ahold, one of the biggest supermarket companies in the world, reported Monday that it overstated its profits by at least $500 million.

In a speech to the European-American Business Council in Washington, the EU's internal market commissioner, Frits Bolkestein, said tougher EU guidelines were in the works. He insisted that the EU has not been slow to react to the string of scandals that hit U.S. companies.

"We are neither compliant nor arrogant enough to believe that they could not have happened in the EU," he said, according to a text released in Brussels.

**Coke extends its lead over Pepsi**

Coca-Cola Co. slightly increased its lead over rival Pepsi-Cola. In 2002, the world's largest soda maker captured 44.3 percent of the U.S. soft drink market, but saw its market share drop between 1999 and 2001. With the latest gains, it's only 0.2 percentage points above Coca-Cola's Barq's in 1998 at 44.5 percent.

The only top ten brands that grew in market share in February, the company said, were Coca-Cola Classic brand fell 0.6 percentage points in market share.

Atlanta-based Coca-Cola dominates 44.3 percent of the U.S. soft drink market, but saw its market share drop between 1999 and 2001. With the latest gains, it's only 0.2 percentage points away from where it stood in 1998 at 44.5.

Pepsi-Cola, based in Purchase, N.Y., lost 0.2 percentage points in market share. The No. 2 company commands 31.4 percent of the U.S. soft drink market.

The Dr. Pepper/Seven Up unit of Cadbury Schweppes, the third-largest soft drink group, fell 0.4 percentage points in market share to 15.0 percent.

"The only top ten brands that grew were several of the diet brands," said John Sicher, editor and publisher of Beverage Digest. "At least one reason is because consumers are interested in low- or no-calorie beverages."

**AMSTERDAM**

With WorldCom and Enron still fresh in investors' minds, Europe was confronted with its own corporate accounting scandal Monday when the world's third-biggest food retailer Ahold admitted vastly overestimating earnings over the past two years.

Ahold's top two executives resigned and several senior U.S. managers were suspended while investigations focused on whether income was booked prematurely at the company's U.S. Foodservice arm. Ahold also owns Stop & Shop and other U.S. supermarket chains.

Its shares plunged 63 percent in Amsterdam trading after the company said it had inflated earnings in the last two years by at least $500 million. It will restate earnings for 2001 and delay its 2002 earnings report, pending results of ongoing investigations at its operations in the United States, South America and Europe.

Merrill Lynch estimated the restatement could wipe 77.1 percent and 6.9 percent, respectively. The broader Dutch market fell 5.4 percent.

Standard & Poor's lowered its credit rating for Ahold bonds as prices tumbled on international markets.

Ahold, which uses U.S. and Dutch accounting standards, generates more than half its sales in the United States, where it owns the regional chains Giant-Landover, Giant-Carlospe, Tops, Bi-lo and Bruno's as well as Stop & Shop.

According to figures released by Ahold in February, the company has 40 million customers in 27 countries and generated sales of 72.7 billion euros ($79 billion) in 2002. It owns about 9,000 supermarkets on four continents and employs around 450,000 people.

Its shares came under pressure just over a year ago when it became known that the company's profits were smaller when stated under U.S. rather than Dutch accounting rules, primarily due to its treatment of goodwill amortization.

The problems at Ahold, which trails only Walmart Stores Inc. and France's Carrefour SA in size, appeared to be isolated, but analysts were reluctant to rule out that they could spread.

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The joys of being a girl

Amy Schill

Tuesday Voice

The Vagina Monologues. The Girl Culture Exhibit at the Snite. You can't swing a tennis raquet these days without hitting opinions about what feminism means, and if we try to discuss anything bordering on feminism here precisely because any attempt to do so is seen as a direct attack on the Mother of God, as a reiteration of the fact that Notre Dame is a Catholic institution. If you ask me, it is definitely not what keeps us here. We still have to maintain the right to wear the perfect tampon these days without hearing such comments from women as, "What is that girl wearing? How slutty?" "Look at her—she's anorexic." "You're makeup. Where does she think she is?"

I wonder if our classmates would do different things if boys actually treated women as equals, instead of judging negatively by men, and if we actually tried to live up to the example of Mary, we are judged negatively by men, and if we did, we are judged as sluts by both men and women. Anyone else confused?

That's right, men and my Church make it very difficult to be a girl, but women don't help much either. Why are shows like "Joe Millionaire," which are in the business of objectifying and ridiculing women (don't get me wrong, I was hooked), more successful at selling femininity products than Maxxim subscriptions? But...women like to judge women too. It's a sad fact that for whatever reason, many girls like belittling other girls as much as they like complaining about how girls belittle them. I don't remember the last time I was in the dining hall with anything but comments from women as, "What is that girl wearing? How slutty?"

"Look at her—she's anorexic." "Too much makeup. Where does she think she is?"

I only wish I had heard that last one. The point is, girls, with the help of some wack prejudice norms and a prevailing fear of what women could become when freed from these norms, have painted themselves (and their nails) into a tight corner. So here's my dilemma. It's freezing outside, and I want to go to the dining hall. I could dress comfortably in sweatpants and be judged by male Donors (all in sweatpants) as a typically ugly, definitely not-going-to-pout-out-tot-night Notre Dame prude (and I just wanted a taco stir). Or, I could perform the feminine role: I wear the cold and wear a skirt, only to be judged by my fellow Donor sisters (and I just wanted to look nice). And, of course, if I decide to stay home and write a column about this wacky situation, I'll be labeled as semi-nazi (whatever that means) by lesbians who only spell words with a "y." "What's a girl to do?"

So, here's a weird thing. My Church makes it difficult, guys make it difficult, girls make it difficult and all that bleeding makes it difficult. Honestly, what is the deal with that? I don't pretend to know how to solve this problem, but I'm hoping in the future I can actually open to dialogue, to expressions of womanhood that are more attainable and desirable than the options currently available. I think it would be really cool if I could walk around campus without being the object of a condescending gaze, or made or female, if I could just be myself. Really, wear what you wanted to wear, write what I wanted to write. For now though, I gotta go. Who has time to write when there are legs to be shaven?

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AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

We would first like to express our anger and disappointment of the ignorant opinions that are constantly expressed in the Viewpoint pages about affirmative action. First of all, we would like to break down the reasons for and who benefits from affirmative action policies.

For the 500-plus years that African Americans have been in this country, over 300 of those years have been spent in slavery. Not until 1963 did we get the liberty to vote. And still to this day, African Americans do not have a level playing field with whites. The majority of schools that blacks attend do not receive the same amount of funding as suburban schools. A lot of inner city schools do not have AP classes and honor classes. It's not that we are not as smart or intellectually capable; we just do not have the same opportunities or funds as many whites do. Our parents can't afford the Kaplan courses to help us get those 1600s on the SAT.

Even if affirmative action does help us get in to Notre Dame, it is definitely not what keeps us here. We still have to maintain our grades so that we will not be dismissed, the same as any white person. There are many African Americans here on campus that are on the Dean's list and make 4s each semester.

Second of all, it has been statistically proven that white females benefit the most from affirmative action. Why is it that your article only targets blacks, when next to Native Americans, we are the smallest minority on this campus? Is the fact that Notre Dame saves 25 percent of the freshmen class for legacies "racist" and "exploits...equality under law?"

In his Feb. 21 letter, Paul Allegre said, "Blacks and Hispanics must learn to succeed in situations which are not rigged in their favor." What do you call the Civil Rights Movement, racial profiling, the constant starrings and the ignorant, racist comments that our peers on this campus say everyday? How much more of a struggle do we have to go through before we stop getting this treatment, and others like you open your eyes and see that the playing field is not level and is in favor of females.

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Support for minority recruitment endeavors

Admission is about the person as well as the score

I was dismayed to read the short-sided views of fellow Notre Dame students who were opposed to Father Malloy’s position in support of the University of Michigan. The whole idea of the admissions process is to invite those who would make a difference in the community to come. The issue of ranking qualities of applicants seems completely logical because there are a variety of traits that University would like to draw. While it is easy to find people who would make a significant impact, some factors that contribute to one’s acceptance are truly beyond one’s control. The high socioeconomic status of an individual’s parents for example, is not within the control of a student, and yet, is an undeniable factor in acceptance because of the advantages awarded to that student throughout his education.

Supporting Michigan questions what value is placed on certain knowledge and experiences and potential. I do not think the clarity of a differential geometry class with or without minorities present is the issue. The college experience is about preparing individuals for life. In reality, the standardized tests that some praise create a homogeneous environment through the culturally-biased questioning. To create a diverse environment, it is necessary to look at factors besides racially representative factors that can measure certain skills. We want an excellent education. But that must contain more than academic knowledge, such as applying a learned mathematical formula. We must learn how to relate to fellow students and individuals who are not exactly like us.

If we are cultured in an environment that only praises certain features, we will be at a severe disadvantage after graduation. The realization of race with a plethora of factors is significant because it facilitates learning varied cultural qualities; although ethnicity should not be the sole basis for admission, one should be given an opportunity for a feature making one distinctive.

Notre Dame’s support for Michigan in its efforts to bring minority students to the University is clear and is a part of the University’s traditions. While the legacy tradition could never be challenged, it can be viewed as part of the admissions process and can seemingly admit less qualified students.

However, legacy is simply another component that makes a student distinctive in admissions.

I think individuals are unique because of their own accomplishments and because of God’s blessings; the admissions process seeks to capitalize on both. Admission is not only about scores, but also about experience, background, and character experience and what he/she represents. While some of the criteria of GPA might not be as good, that does not necessarily make someone less qualified. One may be equally or more so qualified depending on the measuring stick.

Leah McGee
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Feb. 24

Can a preventive war be just?

"We offer not definitive conclusions, but rather the surest way of establishing peace."

The U.S. government reportedly may drop its federal court prosecution of Zacarias Moussaoui, “the 20th hijacker,” and try him instead in a military tribunal to avoid giving him access to Al Qaeda prisoners. The trial, with limited protection of rights for defendants, were established by President Bush to try non-citizens for terrorist violations of “the laws of war and other applicable laws.” They are constitutional, and would be so even to try U.S. citizens, under Congress’ power to punish violations against the “law of nations.”

Kevin Hansen
Alumni Hall
Feb. 24

"We must learn how to relate to fellow students and individuals who are not exactly like us."

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Visit the Notre Dame Minority Alumni Network, whose recruitment endeavors have been instrumental in increasing minority enrollment. But if we really want to make strides in creating more ethnic diversity, it will require recruiting efforts from individual alumni clubs and current Notre Dame students at the local level. Minority Alumni Network make phone calls to minority high school students to answer questions and encourage them to apply to Notre Dame. Despite the considerable efforts of these groups, many talented minority students will still have no contact with any representative of Notre Dame. Individual alumni clubs and current Notre Dame students — regardless of race — can help boost minority applications by searching their home communities for impressive minority students who have not been actively recruited by Notre Dame. Notre Dame students and local alumni can personally visit these minority students, and alumni clubs can attract minority applicants by creating minority scholarship funds for Notre Dame. A high school student is more likely to consider Notre Dame if he receives encouragement from respected individuals in his home community. Notre Dame students and local alumni can personally visit these minority students, and alumni clubs can attract minority applicants by creating minority scholarship funds for Notre Dame. A high school student is more likely to consider Notre Dame if he receives encouragement from respected individuals in his home community.
Cat Power is purrrrry good

By JOSE deWIT
Scene Music Critic

It has been five years since Cat Power's last release of original material and three years since its last release altogether—a well-performed collection of covers—so, understandably, their new album. You Are Free, arrives charged and burdened with long-standing and well-settled expectations. Whether it lives up to its demanding expectations is a question that is unfairly severe for any artist, and its answer is unfairly impetuous when it is demanded of an album this fresh. This is especially the case when the artist in question is Cat Power and the album in question is as moving and mature as this one, with Chan Marshall's earlier albums. You are Free is a Flower, and it is appreciate it in a light so harsh as this, without allowing its delicate beauty and subtle profundity to develop and emerge from its cruel and shine in its own right, wove care­less and presumptuous.

Cat Power is the vehicle for the singing and songwriting of Chan Marshall, the daughter of a traveling pianist from the South. She left high school to pursue her own musical talent and began to establish her own reputation after making a name for herself as an opening act for Liz Phair. Her fame grew steadily, helped along by the support of several big names such as the drummer from Sonic Youth, Steve Shelley, who became part of her backing band—but mostly on account of her beautiful, melancholy voicethough it remains as clear and flawless as in any of her other songs. It is accompa­nied by a simple piano progression that is as tremulous and uncertain as her singing throughout the piece that gives the song an eerily troubled, fragile mood which boosts on the listener a sense of a certain longing.

This sedated mood, however, does not last long. The album's spirits are uplifted with the upbeat, energetic "Free." "Free" is easily the most spirited out of a handful of more dynamic, animated songs that are peppered throughout the album. It stands out, bursting with vigorous, anhymic lyrics and a simple, violent sequence of chords on distortion guitar.

This louder, more raucous, more hard­rocking side of Cat Power—reminiscence of their style on earlier albums—reappears on the darker, slower fourth track "Speak for Me," which finds Marshall's singing in the most furiously passionate of its moods. This same style is present in the faster­moving, angrier seventh track "War" and the slower, drum-driven bitterness of the eight track "Shaking Paper," in which the frantic, quivering tears of the lead guitar, which trem­bles in and out of hearing through the song, appearing long enough as until it dis­appears toward the end, betrays as much def­erence and pa­tience as the song's tempo. Marshall's voice in the song.

The major­ity of the album is more akin to Cat Power's last collection of original material Moon Pix, in which the simple piano and guitar work is what gives it its characteristic and singular sound, loneliness and melancholy mood. Its stark, simple style gives you Free its intimate, personal character, not only in its wistful, bitter­ness and its somber, brooding tension and angst, but also in its cathartic, reflexive earnestness and its frag­ile, delicate gentleness. Marshall's voice sees a beautiful, cathartic song about frus­t rated love in the third song, "Good Woman." "Names," the 11th song on the album, is a slow sound of a painful song about a child abuse that is agonizing and beautiful at once. It leaves a lasting, memorable ache, felt in the very pit of the stom­ach. If it's a song, it's a b l e s s i n g to the listener.

With their first album in five years, Cat Power is re-emerging on the music scene with a subtly beautiful musical style all their own.

You are Free invites the listener to take its songs in with a calm mind, closed eyes, a silent, open heart, and careful, patient ears. It allows the listener to come and sit in its shade and appreciate its beauty along with its sorrow and its hope. And while it shows at times that shade is just as good for sleeping as it is for thinking, feeling and resting the heart, and while it seems like the shade of its more unexciting pieces tends to overshadow some of its more beautiful material, You are Free is definitely not an easy listen. It is difficult to take in attentively at first. Its delicate nature contains much of its beauty more subtly than many audiences are used to hearing, and many of these treasures cannot be found without careful appreciation, and a subtle and contemplative mood. Marshall is an extraordinarily gifted songwriter with a strikingly versa­tile, expressive and beautiful voice. As an interpreter of emotional, heart­breaking, heart­mending songs about love, passion, pain, forgiveness, people, self and meaning, Marshall is almost unparalleled in talent.

Next to her, most other women singer­songwriters seem shallow, metadrama­tic, wailing, meaningless, whining, cater­wauling, unauthentic, fabricated, plastic, superficial diva. She is at once profound and accessible, gentle and forceful, angry and forgiving, calm and passionate, soft and resounding, unassuming and over­whelming, and she's pretty cute—and if that doesn't make Cat Power's You Are Free worth giving a listen or two, well sweetheart, nothing will.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Not just any given Mayer**

By EMILY TUMBIRNK
Scene Music Critic

John Mayer, one of the few genuinely talented pop stars of our generation, sure seems to have a lot going for him. Although he claims that “Something’s Missing,” it is sure hard to figure out what.

John Mayer’s new album showcases his talent on the guitar by adding an improv finesse to his songs.

He has a hit album, a Grammy as of Sunday, a massive following of devoted fans, a sense of humor, smooth charm and a new release that is sure to please.

Recorded in Birmingham, Ala., during his last tour, Mayer’s new two-disc live album, Any Given Thursday, gives a generous helping of tunes for those who are just simply not satisfied with Mayer’s limited catalogue. Offering three previously unreleased songs, a cover of The Police’s “Message in a Bottle” and a partial cover of Jini Hendrix’s “Let’s,” as well as fan favorites from both Room for Squares and Inside Wann Out. This album is a much more diverse and intimate offering than any of his others.

Unlike many artists who turn their performance into large productions that do not vary from city to city, Mayer focuses more on improvisation, encouraging fans to tape shows and follow him on the various stops of his tour. Each song on Any Given Thursday is slightly different from the original, but these changes create the flow that is so crucial for a live show. The album is one cohesive unit, meant to be enjoyed in full, not by skipping around to listen to individual tracks.

Any Given Thursday has a distinctly acoustic sound, without all of the expendable pop stylings that give Room for Squares some-what of an “easy-listening” feel. Mayer’s jazz and blues influences are perhaps most evident on this album, especially during the instrumental solos added to the songs specifically for live performance. These jams give Mayer an opportunity to show off his guitar skills that are sometimes neglected in the polished studio tracks. His guitar ability most clearly registers during the long solo of “Covered in Rain.” Clocking in at 10 minutes, 25 seconds, it is the longest song on the album.

After listening to Any Given Thursday, it becomes obvious to listeners that Mayer thrives on live performance. He updates his songs, fully invoking the flexibility that performing live has to offer. Both “3x5” and “Why Georgia” are greatly improved due to the addition of long teasing instrumental intros. The song “3x5” benefits from a partial cover of Cyndi Lauper’s ’80s hit “Girls Just Wanna Have Fun.” And “Your Body is a Wonderland” has a magnificent jam in the middle.

Listeners who have not yet been fortunate enough to see Mayer live in concert, will understand why they need to after hearing Any Given Thursday. Each concert is an experience, and this album gives a glimpse of what that experience is like. Very rarely does an album come along of such quality, in which every song is not just good, but probably someone’s personal favorite.

Although “St. Patrick’s Day,” a favorite from Room for Squares, is regretfully absent from Any Given Thursday, the album does a nice job of capturing the best that Mayer has to offer, and is a must-have for any fan’s collection.

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**ALBUM REVIEW**

**Walkmen blend only the best**

By BJ STREW
Scene Music Critic

No desire is more natural than the desire for good new music. Some might say that these guys remind them of a more refined version of one of their favorite artists.

The Walkmen is essentially a group of friends, who after a mediocre tour in major “labeled,” have come together to record their own album. Thank God the ex-Jonathan Fire*Eater crowd jettisoned their sound when they left Dreamworks.

This band is essentially a group of friends, who after a mediocre tour in major “labeled,” have come together to record their own album. Thank God the ex-Jonathan Fire*Eater crowd jettisoned their sound when they left Dreamworks.

The Walkmen build off the bands like the Strokes and U2, but have a distinct sound all their own.

The Walkmen reach the highest level of their own harmonic climax, when the song comes to a crescendo, reverberate against the vocal pinning, the song is over. Naturally, one is left wanting more.

The Walkmen deftly unite radio-friendly looks and structure with less conventional, more atmospheric songs, as well as combine a sense of pop and enchanting soundscapes.

They prove they are more than guitar-heavy prep school art-rock. They are more than The Cure meets Joy Division meets Radiohead meets Pavement meets U2 meets the Strokes meets whatever-the-l hype-unnamed-seays. They are what Notre Dame needs to listen to. They are a good new band.

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**BASEBALL**

**No. 11 Notre Dame hits well in early games**

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Spoof Wire

It was an up-and-down weekend for the Irish in Tempe, Ariz., as No. 11 Notre Dame split its four-game weekend to open its 2003 season by knocking off Arizona and Nevada before dropping a pair to host No. 4 Arizona State.

"Overall I was happy," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "We had a lot of hits and scored a lot of runs. But we went up against an Arizona team that's already played something games, and they're an excellent team. They're the fourth-ranked team in the country, and you're playing them in their ball park."

The Irish bats, which have been historically cold at the beginning of the season, exploded in the four games this weekend as Notre Dame batters smoked 54 hits and scored 36 runs over the four games.

"This was as well as we've ever hit the first weekend of the season in the nine years that I've been here," Mainieri said. "We had a lot of young guys swinging the bat pretty well."

Senior right fielder Kris Billmeyer provided much of that offensive muscle, going 7-for-17 over the weekend with nine RBIs and three home runs.

The talented Irish starting pitching staff also had a productive weekend. The participating rotation of sophomores Chris Niemann and John Oxford and seniors Pete Ogivie and Ryan Kalita held opponents to 10 earned runs over 20.2 innings pitched.

"All four of our starting pitchers pitched tremendously for us," Mainieri said. "But we're early in the season, and you have to control how many pitches they throw, so you take them out earlier than you would have to later on in the year. So that's what I'm doing now." Unfortunately, the Irish bullpen had its troubles. The Irish relief team combined to allow 23 earned runs in 10 frames, including a five-run seventh inning by Dayton Friday to tie the game and a nine-run fifth inning by the Sun Devils Sunday to overcome a four-run Irish lead. In the first game, the Irish bats finally came to life against Arizona State, Irish relievers Matt Laird and Martin Vergara were beat up for 11 earned runs by the Sun Devil hitters.

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Irish coach

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**LACROSSE**

**No. 17 Irish defeat No. 10 Nittany Lions 10-9**

Team avenges last year's loss to Penn State

By HEATHER VAN HOOGSTEDEN
Spoof Wire

As the final whistle blew, Irish eyes were once again smiling. The Irish's last year's season, which included seven losses by a combined 10 goals, was impossible to take in as the team started a close game to start the new season, defeating No. 16 Penn State 10-9.

Junior Dan Berger led the way for the Irish, scoring four goals to help Notre Dame win last year's 10-9 home loss to Penn State in overtime. On Sunday, on a day of celebration, it was the Nittany Lions who struck first, scoring 9-8 in the first half.

"It was a couple of times, there's no shame in that," Mainieri said. "But I was disappointed, but we'd like to have another shot at those guys."

The Irish were not worried at all in the marathon sixth inning that put Notre Dame ahead 9-5. The game was called after 6:00 p.m.

The Irish are now 2-2 on the season and then Berger added yet another score, to put the Irish ahead 9-5. The Irish left the deficit, would not fold, and would not relax.

Penn State got the game back to within two goals, but Irish senior J.P. Gagne closed the game out in the seventh inning with the Irish up 9-7.

In the first game, the Irish left the deficit behind as the Irish took control of the game with a 3-1 scoring lead in the first half, led by the efforts of their six through nine hitters in the lineup — freshmen Steve Andres, Brennan Grogan and Cooper sweater.

Matt Edwards — who were a part of Notre Dame's bid for victory. Matt Edwards was the starting goalkeeper for the Irish in the game. He stopped 11 of 25 shots against Penn State. He also had a goal in the second half. Matt Edwards was the starting goalkeeper for the Irish in the game. He stopped 11 of 25 shots against Penn State. He also had a goal in the second half.

The game is set to start at 1 p.m.

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Irish narrowly lose to Wildcats

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

Once again, it was a close match for the Irish. With Notre Dame leading 3-2, and the final two matches near completion, No. 34 Ohio State was on the verge of an upset victory over No. 40 Northwestern Saturday. With a victory by either freshman Patrick Buchanen or sophomore Luis Haddock in those last matches, the Irish would have earned their first upset win of the season.

But the Wildcats hung on, Tommy Hanss topped Haddock in a closely contested 7-6 (7-4), 6-7 (3-7), 7-5 triumph, tying the score. Then, seconds later, Buchanen fell, as did Haddock for an Irish victory, as Adam Schachtner won 6-7 (6-8), 6-3, 7-6 (7-3). Northwestern won 4-3.

Against Michigan State Wednesday, Haddock had saved the day for the Irish with his victory in the final match. After fighting for a long time Saturday though, he could not do the same against Hamann.

"I had a pretty tough match," Haddock said. "I couldn't put it together at the end.

Last season, the Irish were 10-4 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. This spring, they are 0-5. But the Irish, 3-6 overall, began the day with the hope of winning the final two matches near the end of the season.

"It's pretty surprising that we actually have a better record on the road right now," Haddock said. "It's the few years here at home we were unbeatable.

The Irish have seen some tough competition at home, and have suffered a few close losses. Notre Dame started to turn around a season that began 0-4, and the team sees signs of improvement.

"We're definitely playing better than we did at the beginning of the year," Haddock said. "I thought we played a pretty good match Saturday. We put ourselves in the position to win.

For example, for only the third time this spring season, Notre Dame claimed the doubles point, to go ahead 1-0. Junior Matt Scott and sophomore Brent D'Amico upset Scaechterrei and Josh Azler, ranked 31st nationally in doubles. Then, after a loss by juniors Nicolas Lopez-Acevedo and Ben Hattan, the Irish took the doubles point with the 8-6 victory by Haddock and his third singles partner Brian Farrell.

Although winning the doubles points, in Haddock's words, "makes a huge difference," the Wildcats came back. D'Amico was defeated for only the second time this spring season as Azler won, 6-1, 6-3. Farrell and Scott brought the score to 3-1 with their victories. Farrell defeated Chuck Perrin, 6-4, 6-2, and Scott defeated 119th in the nation, triumphed over Jackie Jenkins, 6-2, 7-6 (7-4).

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Irish lose 3 to top 25 teams

By JOE LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

In a weekend of play that included bouts with three top 25 teams, the 19th ranked Irish were justed a little as they added three losses to their record.

Notre Dame was edged 4-3 by both No. 25 Kentucky and No. 19 Tennessee Saturday, and Sunday, respectively. But after their southern road trip, the Irish were defeated 5-2 by Duke, the nation's No. 1 team.

"It was definitely a little disappointing," junior Alicia Salas said. "(Although) we knew we were playing top teams.

The Irish began well against Kentucky as they claimed the doubles point. There were some good moments in singles too, with junior Caylan Leslie upset the 91st ranked Larry Nataf, 6-3, 6-4, and freshman Kristin Staton upset over Shoshanah, 6-4, 6-1. It was Leslie's third singles victory of the weekend.

"We played a lot better in doubles ... but we fell short in singles," Salas said.

Salas was defeated by No. 34 Sarah Witten, 6-1, 6-2. Senior captain Kate Cunha, sophomore Sarah Jane Connelly and freshmen Lauren Connelly were all defeated in straight sets also.

The doubles point was a high point for the Irish Monday. "What was disappointing against Tennessee was losing the doubles point," Salas said. "That could have made a difference in the match for sure.

Against the Volunteers, the duo of Cunha and Staton upset the 22nd-ranked pair in the nation, 6-5. The previous day Cunha and Salas also defeated Duke's Hillary Adams and Kelly McCain, ranked 13th nationally.

The Irish went into Friday's match with Duke with the attitude that they had nothing to lose, and the 5-2 loss was not entirely disappointing. According to Salas, the matches with Tennessee and Kentucky were "improved, but at the same time disappointing. The Irish have more tough competition looming ahead, with No. 42 Wake Forest and No. 14 Texas coming to the Eck Pavilion Friday and Saturday, respectively. The team hopes to use their experiences from last weekend's tough slide to turn potentially close matches into Irish victories.

Those were two of our closest matches of the year," Salas said. "Being a young team we just learn a lot by getting in those close matches, realizing how important the doubles point is. If we win the doubles point, we've got to realize that it's still very possible to lose the singles.

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Basketball author signing at Hammes

The author of a newly released book about the rigors of coaching college basketball will be autographing books at the Hammes bookstore Tuesday.

Brian Curtis wrote his book, "The Men of March: A season Inside the Lives of College Basketball Coaches," by following four Division I mens basketball coaches during last year's season. Notre Dame coach Mike Brey was one of those coaches and his experiences are recorded throughout Curtis' book.

The first chapter involving Brey explains the nerve-wracking week that led up to the hiring of Matt Doughterry as Notre Dame head coach in 1999.

The book goes on to tell about Brey's eventual hiring at Notre Dame and the ups and downs of the 2001-02 season.

The book also describes the experiences of Iowa's Steve Alford, UCLA's Steve Lavin and Illinois's Bill Self during last season.

At points in the book, Curtis weaves different coaching experiences from the four coaches, explains and compares and contrasts them.

He also shows how Brey and the other three handled slumping players and mistakes while coaching.

Curtis has received praise from numerous sports figures and commentators across the country, including Bob Costas, Lee Fowler and Seth Davis of Sports Illustrated.

"Brian Curtis has put together a rare, insightful and thoroughly reported look at the highest levels of college basketball. Anyone who watches and follows college hoops is going to love this book," Davis said.

Curtis wrote this book by following four coaches around during their preseason, regurlar season, conference tournaments and finally into the NCAA tournament.

He takes turns describing the ups and downs of each coach and his respective team go through as the NCAA season moves forward.

He will be signing his book for most of the day Tuesday.

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A tutor is needed for a special needs child who is in kindergarten (6). He could be tutored on any afternoon or evening besides Wednesday at Hesburgh Library.
Contact Cody Johnson at 258-0198.

Special Projects:
Volunteers are needed to staff a crisis hotline at the local YWCA, which helps women and their families who are victims of domestic abuse.
Contact Ms. Stratton at 233-9491 ext. 323.

Tutors/Mentors:
A few tutors are needed to tutor at McKinley Catholic High School with Professor Werge of the English department. Tutoring is on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30.
Contact Professor Werge at 631-7679.

Questions on the above opportunities?
Please email cscvols@nd.edu.

Faculty Opportunities

The CSC is offering course development grants to faculty members for the development of new community-based learning courses ($2000) and for the incorporation of community-based research assignments ($500). Courses are intended to involve students in community service, community-based research, or in learning from and within the local community (or elsewhere, if trips are planned) in other ways. Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis; applications are due April 15. Additional information can be found on the Center web site: http://centersocialconcerns.nd.edu (Go to faculty opportunities and then faculty programs), or by contacting Mary Beckman (beckman.9@nd.edu, 631-4172). We are looking particularly this year for individuals who would like to:
• create an assignment in which students help to document economic rights violations as part of the national Poor People’s Movement, and
• develop courses that address issues related to housing.

Prayers for Peace

Campus Ministry would like to invite you to join other students, faculty, and staff to pray for peace.

Each Friday, the 5:15 p.m. Mass in the Basilica will be a Votive Mass for Peace. As our country and the world face much conflict, we recognize the importance of gathering as a community of hope to pray for the perfect peace Christ gives.

Please join us this Friday and in the weeks to come.

LIVING NEXT DOOR TO THE KKK:

How the Klan Hurts Americans of All Colors

Guest speakers are Barb Franklin, Liz Dobbs and Stacie Sowala - Members of UC4Peace

Come hear their stories of being harassed and threatened by the local KKK.

Monday, March 3, 2003
7:00 to 8:30 p.m. 101 DeBartolo
Co-sponsored by African and African-American Studies, the Center for Social Concerns & the Department of Political Science.

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New York Teacher Volunteer Program
Wednesday/Thursday, February 26th, 27th

Sr. Deanna Subetta from the New York Teacher Volunteer Program will be at the Center for Social Concerns to meet with women who are interested in teaching positions at an all girls Catholic High School in New York City on Wednesday, February 26 (9-4 or later) and Thursday, February 27 (9-12 am). Sign up for an interview time at the CSC front desk.

Third Annual Saint Mary’s Post-Graduation Service Fair
Tonight! February 25th, 2003 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Reignbeaux Lounge in LeMans
Visit with representatives and get information about post graduation opportunities.
Summer service opportunities will also be available!
All students are invited!
Contact Sr. Linda, 284-5368 if you have any questions.

The Louverture Cleary School in Croix-des-Bouquets, Haiti
Friday, February 28th, 2003 from noon - 2 p.m.

The Haitian Project runs the Louverture Cleary School, which is committed to restoring Haiti through education. The school is a five-day boarding school for under-privileged, academically gifted middle and high school students. As a volunteer, you will live at the school in community with other volunteers, teach classes according to your experience and talents, and learn how it feels to be part of a family of 200 students, faculty and staff.

Returned volunteer, Kate Kowalski ‘99 will be at the CSC, to talk with interested students.
To apply, or for more information, contact Reese Jarrett ‘01 at (401)521-2255 ext. 54 or thp@ids.net
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poorly — or as well as — the Irish played Monday Night. Connecticut was simply that much better. Yet Notre Dame lost because it dug itself a hole two points too big.

When the Huskies nearly doubled Notre Dame’s offensive output after the first television timeout, the Irish couldn’t respond. First, the Huskies extended their lead by scoring lay-up after lay-up. Then, when the Irish buckled down, they climbed back into the game. Connecticut made them pay from behind the arc. When the Irish needed a defensive stop, they couldn’t get it. When they needed a momentum-changing basket, they couldn’t get it.

And it didn’t help that the SWAT team lost Emeke Okafor to the Huskies for the season.

“Every time we came within reach, they were hitting shots,” said Matt Carroll, the Irish valve. “We were either getting blocked, or taking shots that didn’t fall.”

So the Irish played like a different team and got a win.”

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“Certainly I take my hat off to Connecticut. Ribbons available at the win. We get contributions from Marcus White, who grabbed 14 rebounds in a reserve role.

“We get contributions from different people at different times and that really makes it special,” Calhoun said. “Of all the wins this year, surely the players were happier with this win. This was on the road, in a tough environment against an awfully good basketball team that can do some very, very good things. We were able to impose our quickness on them tonight.”

Matt Carroll led the Irish with 28 points, while Chris Thomas added 16.

“You put your hat off to him. They played a hell of a game,” Carroll said. “I’m proud of our team, we think we made a nice run in the second half, but it’s tough especially against a team like Duke when you get down that you try to comeback and try to get a win.”

Notre Dame actually jumped out to an early 15-8 lead on 3-pointers from Carroll and Thomas. But the Huskies quickly turned that deficit into a big lead by ripping off a 38-16 run to end the half. Anderson led the charge, knocking down five 3-pointers, while playing just 10 minutes in the half. He tied his with 11.12 left in the first half gave Connecticut a lead they would not relinquish.

After Okafor missed a jumper from the backcourt, watched an official serve his 30th technical foul. He lazily jogged down the court, watched Ben Gordon drill a 3-pointer to cut the Irish deficit to two. But Notre Dame would go no closer as Connecticut scored the next seven points and hung on to win by eight.

Contact Joe Hertler at jhettler@nd.edu

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**Mens Basketball Polls**

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**NHL**

In his first game since returning from right knee surgery Steve Yzerman and the Detroit Red Wings pulled off a victory against the Los Angeles Kings. Yzerman last played in Game 5 of last year's Stanley Cup Finals.

Yzerman returns to lead Detroit to victory

Associated Press

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**In Brief**

Game helps Orioles cope

After one of the most tragic weeks in franchise history, the Baltimore Orioles welcomed the opportunity to play a baseball game Monday. Exactly one week earlier, the players were pulled from the field and told that teammate Steve Bechler died of heatstroke. The team then spent the rest of the week trying to come to terms with the tragedy.

So even though Monday's four-inning intrasquad game had virtually no effect on the 2003 season, it served as a welcome departure from the events of the previous seven days.

"It's been a tough week for us, for the ballclub and the Bechler family," second baseman Jerry Hairston said. "We lost a member of our family, that's the way we look at it."

"Obviously, he's going to be missed. But at the same time, Beck would want us to move on and really start the season well. It's a sad situation, but the guys are doing the best they can. Hopefully we can somehow get through it."

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"It's a progressive disease, and at this time there is no treatment," said Dr. Carlos Garcia, a professor of clinical neurology at Tulane. "Sometimes surgery can help, but I don't believe you can play basketball once you have these types of problems in your feet and your hands."

At a news conference Sunday, MacCulloch tried to sound upbeat but choked back tears as he talked about making basketball "secondary."
freshman, Pierce was a phenom in the 155-pound weight division. But Pierce was stopped short of fighting his way out of the Joyce Fieldhouse when he lost in the semifinals. As a sophomore, Pierce again blazed his way through the 150-pound weight division. But this time there was no roadblock in his path to the second round of the Joyce Center. Pierce earned a spot in the finals and was victorious before a large crowd. In the two short years since he picked up a pair of boxing gloves, Pierce adroitly parried the punches and pummeled his way to the top of his weight class.

But Pierce disappeared from the campus’s boxing elite as quickly as he had appeared on it. Neither an injury nor a precipitous decline in skills were to blame, as Pierce spent the boxing season abroad during this junior year. The decision to bypass defending his title was not an easy one.

“It was tough,” Pierce said. “I wanted to continue fighting but it was a once in a lifetime opportunity to go abroad.”

Now a senior, he has faced the two short years since he was from peaking due to fun I’ve had with the camaraderie and hard work ethic. Pierce said. “My main goal this year was to pass on to the younger guys what we’ve done with the money that we donated to Bangladesh. Our chaplain reminds us before each fight that it doesn’t matter how we do, because we are already champions.”

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**ND Softball**

**Irish start season with tough games**

By AARON RONSHEIM
Sports Writer

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Alabama first baseman Jackie McClain started the scoring in the seventh with a three-run homer that brought Heathe Booth to the last out. After a walk, Alabama outfielder Becky Wilkins hit a two-run home run to put the Tide in front. Pierce said. “My main goal this year was to pass on to the younger guys what we’ve done defensively,” said Gumpf. “Against Cal, we didn’t get it done defensively,” said Gumpf. “And if you say pitching isn’t consistent and you don’t get it done defensively you are not going to win a ball game.”

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After a two-year hiatus, Pierce is looking to return to the Bengal Bouts finals this Sunday.

match Sunday. Pierce found it tough to gage how far away he was from peaking due to the abbreviated fight. He finds scouting other fighters to be of little use as well.

“With all the training, you never know how you’ll do until you get out there,” Pierce said. “Seeing opponents fight doesn’t help much because they’ll fight differently against me.”

With the semifinals on Wednesday, Pierce has been able to shed his teaching role and concentrate mainly on fighting. As a captain, he taught novices the basics of fighting in the fall and helped lead the other boxers in workouts during the spring. He has advice for any students considering boxing next year.

“Definitely give it a shot,” Pierce said. “My main goal this year was to pass on to the younger guys what we’ve done with the money that we donated to Bangladesh. Our chaplain reminds us before each fight that it doesn’t matter how we do, because we are already champions.”

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles look to beat the Flying Dutch

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's has not had the season that it hoped for, however, their first-round matchup tonight with nationally ranked Hope in the MIAA tournament gives them a perfect opportunity to turn a negative into a positive. The task at hand is great for the Belles (6-19, 2-12), as they face the Flying Dutch (25-0, 14-0), who have proved to be a force to be reckoned with nationally, as d3hoops.com ranks them second in the country. They average 78.7 points and 44.9 rebounds per game.

Hope is led by a balanced attack that features Amanda Kerkstra, (16.3 points, 9.3 rebounds per game), who shoots 57 percent from the field, and Amy Baltmanis (9.6 points, 3.9 assists per game). Saint Mary's will counter with offensive firepower of their own, led by sophomore Emily Creachbaum, who averages 12.4 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. Next up in the scoring department are freshmen Bridget Boyce (7.2 points per game), and Anne Hogan (7 points, 4.6 rebounds per game).

However, the last time these two teams met on Feb. 5, Saint Mary's had many troubles on defense, as the Belles shot only 21 percent from the field, opposed to the Flying Dutch's stellar 51 percent shooting. Regardless, Saint Mary's is excited to play tonight.

"The only way to go into this game is with the idea that we have nothing to lose," coach Suzanne Bellina said. "The last time we went up there, we left with a really good feeling."

Bellina was referring to the last time these two teams met, when Saint Mary's was only down 33-25 at the half, despite losing 77-37.

The Belles are ready to play, as seniors Kristen Matha and Shaun Russell look to finish out their careers on a high note. Russell, (6.2 points per game), who averaged 15 points in her last two outings, is playing extremely well for Saint Mary's.

"Our team knows anything is possible," Bellina said. "That's why you play the game."

The eighth-seeded Belles face the top-seeded Flying Dutch at 7:30 p.m. at Hope College, Holland, Mich.

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SMC SWIMMING

Ramsey falls just short of qualifying

By ERIK POWERS
Sports Writer

After six months, 11 meets, three school records and one MIAA championship, Megan Ramsey's season is finally over. The 18-year-old swimmer was strong at this weekend's NCAA qualifying meet but was unable to match a final burst of energy in order to earn a spot in next month's championships.

Ramsey took third in the 100 butterfly Friday, but did not have a fast enough time for the national cutoff. Ramsey was quick from the beginning, reaching beyond her previous limits in order to eclipse her best previous pace by .2 seconds at the 75-yard mark. Her body could not match her mind's determination for much longer, and Ramsey's pace slowed precipitously.

"I felt strong and powerful at first, then I lost my momentum to get my arms out of the water the rest of the way," Ramsey said.

Her coach, Greg Petcoff, offered a similar view of the race.

"She broke the first 75 was a lot of heart, and the last 25 was a lot of pain from the season," Petcoff said. "A season of training and meets just hit her right there."

After Ramsey's record-setting race at the MIAA championships the previous weekend, she advanced into uncharted waters for Saint Mary's. Petcoff designed her conditioning program to have her swimmers peak at conference and was unsure if Ramsey would be able to compete at the qualifying meet. Friday's race confirmed that Petcoff had his swimmers peaking at just the right time, even if the summit lasted for only one weekend.

In her other race, Saturday's 200 butterfly, Ramsey decided to start refining her stroke for next year. Ramsey experimented with counting her strokes and attempting to get more distance with each arm. While the changes weren't good enough for her to qualify, she nonetheless finished in a promising eighth place.

"The 200 was interesting," Ramsey said. "My times were good, but I didn't want to go into the cut, so Petcoff had me try something new."

Now that the season is over, Ramsey is experiencing mixed feelings. She will miss the camaraderie and security of the past few months, but she appreciates the rest.

"The end of the year is bittersweet," Ramsey said. "We're like a family with the time that we spend together everyday. It will be nice to have the break — we'll miss it mentally and physically, but I'll miss the faces."

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STUDENT LEADERSHIP AWARDS

Request for Nominations

We are requesting nominations for the Student Leadership Awards. These awards are given to the ten undergraduate students who best exemplify the spirit of Notre Dame in social, recreational, residential, service, and religious activities that promote the welfare of the University and extended communities.

Selection of the recipients of these awards is based on outstanding service on or off campus through participation in voluntary and/or (e)lected co-curricular activities with an emphasis on quality of participation.

We ask your assistance in identifying students deserving of such recognition. A student may nominate another student, but no self-nominations will be accepted. If you wish to nominate a student, please provide the following information.

1) The name of person doing the nominating and their relationship to the nominee.

2) The name and year in school of the nominee.

3) All major activities, number of years involved, and leadership positions held.

4) Expound not only on the leadership positions held, but more importantly, the contributions and not just describing and/or listing leadership position(s) held.

For more information on the nomination process, please contact Karen Alkema in the Student Activities Office at 631-7308.
EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: George Harrison, Sally Jessy Raphael, Christopher George, Tony Newcombe.

Happy Birthday: You won't be afraid to take a risk today. You will make the right choices and have the fortitude to finish what you start. It's time to do what you know in your heart is best for you. Your number are 5, 13, 27, 33, 36, 41.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be way ahead of the crowd today. Step to help others. Physical activity will be rewarding.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take time to fix up around your home. Don't let your stubborn nature lead to irreconcilable differences with some of the people you are closest to. Admit that you're not always right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Do what needs to be done so that you don't upset anyone who is counting on you. Someone you have become friends with probably has a greater interest in you than you think. Be careful how you treat this new friend.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Take the initiative and do as much as you can when it comes to work. Your job will be much easier if you empower people instead of competing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 21): This is a great day to have some fun. Make plans to do things with good friends, your lover or even family members. You'll find out something new.

VIRGO (Aug. 22-Sept. 22): Don't be too quick to address emotional issues. Bury yourself with programs that will enhance your looks, make you feel good about yourself and in general will keep you out of trouble.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone you meet at a group meeting will share some valuable information with you. Cutting out and mingling with others will broaden your outlook and open up opportunities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let anyone talk you into slackin' or taking time off on such a productive day. You will feel so much better if you can get things done. Laura.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll want to be involved in everything and in a position of control. However, if you become difficult to deal with, you may end up being shot out of a leadership position.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your determination coupled with your ability to observe others will help you get to the bottom of things as well as reach your set goals for the day. You may want to consider taking a different course of action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't bug yourself down doing too much for everyone else. Ask for help. Spend time in the company of people you enjoy being around.

PICTURES (Feb. 19-March 20): Arguments will only lead to anxiety and frustration, and certainly won't fix the problem. Get involved in your own interests and you will feel better about yourself.

Birthday Baby: You will be charming, engaging and entertaining. You will have the strength and courage of a commander and will be admired by your peers.

Check out Eugenia's Web sites at astroadvice.com, eugenialasl.com, wnetwork.com.

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**Falling hard**

**Quick UConn team wore down the Irish in 87-79 loss**

By JOE HETTLER

Sports Editor

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun told his team Sunday night at their hotel that no matter what Notre Dame did at practice that day, they couldn't improve in one area— their quickness.

The Huskies used that speed advantage to out-run the Irish in building a 15-point halftime lead, then held off a second-half charge en route to handing Notre Dame their first home loss of the season, 87-79, Monday night at the Joyce Center.

"The last thing I said to the team last night ... was that we're quicker than them. And if we don't take advantage of that, we'd be fools," Calhoun said. "They could do other things, they could do a lot of other things, but they're not going to get quicker overnight. So you have to take advantage of that quickness and I thought we did a very good job of that, both defensively and offensively."

Guard Ben Gordon scored 25 points, center Emeka Okafor added 19 points and 10 rebounds and reserve guard/forward Rashod Anderson tied a career-high with 22 points off the bench to lead the Huskies (18-6, 9-4) to their third straight win.

Sophomore guard Chris Thomas attempts a reverse layup during Monday night's game against Connecticut. Despite cutting the lead down to only two points, the Irish lost 87-79.

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**Difference between 2 halves cost Notre Dame win**

By ANDREW SOUKUP

Sports Columnist

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. How else to describe Notre Dame's performance in a 87-79 loss to Connecticut Monday?

In the first half, Notre Dame struggled to keep up with an up-tempo style of play completely foreign to the Irish. They got rattled, lost their composure and they were down 15 at the half.

In the second half, Notre Dame responded like a team that had won 20 games for three consecutive seasons by cutting the deficit to a field goal—a field goal the Irish never made.

"It was the tale of two halves," Chris Thomas simply said. But keep in mind that as