Students march on Washington
ND Right to Life Club participates in March for Life

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Notre Dame students often have a reputation for being apathetic to current events, but don't tell that to members of the Notre Dame Right to Life Club.

The pro-life organization took about 200 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students to Washington, D.C., last week to participate in the March for Life. The march, now in its 31st year, commemorates the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade, which legalized abortion in the United States.

Janel Daufenbach, club president, said the march provided a unique opportunity to meet with pro-life activists from colleges across the nation.

"It was really inspiring to be there with so many college students," she said.

Daufenbach said about 250,000 abortion opponents took part in the march, which led from the Washington Monument to the Supreme Court. Several students who attended the march said they were motivated by love for the unborn. Andrew McElhinney, a seminarian at Moreau Seminary, said he had a desire to defend the unborn.

"It's a really powerful experience," McElhinney said. "It's a great opportunity to show support for the most unprotected people in our society.

Senior Meg Hunter-Kilmer echoed that sentiment, calling the march "powerful." Hunter-Kilmer said the massive gathering was a chance to build unity among pro-life students from different colleges. She said the Notre Dame Right to Life Club participa...
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Rock the vote**

During Winter Break, gathered at a friend's house over dinner, the conversation quickly turned to politics.

She, a Stanford sophomore, told us of the circus-like atmosphere to which California had fallen as a result of the recent governor's recall and spoke of her excitement at finally being able to vote as a Californian. She proudly mentioned how she, like so many other Palo Alto residents, bucked the state-wide trend to recall Gray Davis.

Her vote meant something, even though she voted for a losing proposition, and she was excited at getting to do it.

During a short break in the conversation, another friend quietly asked, "Guys, I'm sorry, but, what recall?"

Polite laughter ensued — my friend, the loveable screw-up, smiled sheepishly. I laughed too, later finding this emotion replaced by one of slight sadness and even embarrassment.

So much has been said about the political apathy in today's youth. Eighteen- to 24-year-olds simply don't care enough, or are too lazy, to get out and vote, the argument goes.

College students would rather drink even, the new remixes of Dean's "I don't care," than the voter's registration card in the mail for Maxim or Sports Illustrated than the voter's registration in the mail for Maxim or Sports Illustrated.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW ARE YOU STAYING WARM IN THE BITTER COLD?**

Anna Nussbaum  Sophomore Farley  "Cuddling with my roommate."  
Brian Hedges  Senior Freshman Steigfried  "Wearing my Jagermeister jacket."  
Dan McSwain  Junior O'Neil  "I'm going to Australia, seriously!"  
Dan Greiew  Freshman Steigfried  "Lots and lots of layers."  
Kristina Dziadz  Junior P.E.  "Strapping live squirrels to my body for warmth."  
Senior Off-Campus  "Vegetarian Chicken Noodle Soup."  
Joe Trombello  Assistant News Editor

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**OFFBEAT**

Bloomberg offers Mrs. Atkins steak dinner

NEW YORK — Mayor Michael Bloomberg, embroiled in a battle over remarks he made about Dr. Robert Atkins, offered the diet guru's widow a low-carb meal, culpa Saturday — an invitation to a steak dinner.

Richard Rothstein, a spokesman for Veronica Atkins, said Saturday evening that the dinner invitation had been accepted.

The mayor, who a day earlier advised an angry Atkins to "lighten up," didn't deliver an apology himself. Instead, mayoral spokesman Ed Sklyer issued a three-sentence statement about the food fight.

"While talking to firefigh­ters about the challenges of losing weight, the mayor made a joke which upset Veronica Atkins," Sklyer said. "He never intended to insult his late husband or offend her, and is sorry that it has been the result."

Pot fumes cause cops to leave work

JERUSALEM — The fumes from several tons of marijuana stored in an Israeli police station were so strong that officers had to leave their work place.

The police station in the town of Dimona in the southern Negev Desert is used to store all the marijuana confiscated along the Israeli-Egyptian border, a busy smuggling route.

Between three and four tons were seized in the past two months.

"The smell was overpower­ing," police spokesman Gil Kleinman said Friday. "It was too much for the officers working next door to the storage room, and they had to leave their offices."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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**IN BRIEF**

The English Department will present a lecture given by Vanderbilt professor Jonathan Lamb titled, "The Crying of Lost Things: Advertisements for Lost Property and the Beggar's Opera." The event will take place from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

The final showing of the Student Film Festival runs in the Hesburgh Library Carev Audiorium from 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. tonight. Tickets are $5.

"The Thief," a 1997 Russian movie that received an Oscar nomination for Best Foreign Language Film, will play tonight from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Delbarton 120.

Representatives from over 100 companies will speak with students about employment opportunities in the Winter Career and Internship Fair tomorrow. The fair will occur from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Students of all levels are encouraged to attend.

Amanite House, a post-gradu­ate service opportunity in Chicago, will hold an information session for interested students. The session will be held from 8 to 9 p.m. in the Center for Social Concerns Lounge.

Fred Adams, a professor at the University of Michigan and Associate Chair for Graduate Studies, will present a lecture "Into the Dark: The Long Term Future of Our Dying Universe," tonight from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Delbarton 102.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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Groups discuss Keenan Revue

SMC students, Keenan rector to talk about avoiding controversy

By NATALIE BAILEY
News Writer

In an attempt to eliminate the controversy surrounding the Keenan Revue, Keenan Hall rector Father Mark Thesing and two Saint Mary’s student officials met Friday to discuss their concerns regarding the upcoming annual variety show.

Sarah Bailey, Women’s Issues commissioner for the Board of Governance, represented Saint Mary’s Keenan Revue Committee in the meeting and was accompanied by Student Trustee Sarah Mahoney.

“This meeting was groundbreaking and will influence the future [because] we have laid the groundwork for talking to Keenan before the Revue,” Bailey said. “The same issues come up every year and Saint Mary’s and Keenan have never met before the show. We want to keep things civil and enjoyable.”

Thesing declined to comment on the meeting in particular or the Revue in general.

Bailey said she presented her specific concerns about the Revue’s use of potentially offensive stereotypes, and she said the show’s material often focuses on racism, sexism and social issues. Mahoney said she asked that Keenan consider the College’s mission in preparing its material. Both women said they felt that Thesing listened to their concerns and suggested practical ways to address issues.

“Some things guys just don’t get,” Mahoney said. “It may not be offensive to them, but if they think in a broader sense and talk about all the possible ways people can be offended, it is our hope they will weed those things out before they get into the show.”

Mahoney said Thesing screened the skits Friday night. Each evening, the show will start with a disclaimer stating that the Revue is self-mocking and has no intention of offending the audience.

Mahoney said that, as a result of the discussion, she hopes that planning for the show will start earlier in future years and avoid many offensive jokes.

“The success of our efforts will depend on how much the producers and rector push the men of Keenan to do this,” Mahoney said. “This has to be something they value and want to do.”

The Saint Mary’s Keenan Revue Committee will screen the variety show Wednesday. The committee consists of Saint Mary’s student body president and vice president, two members of Holy Cross College’s student government and may include two Notre Dame representatives. The committee also plans to meet with Keenan residents after the show to review how jokes worked, whether people were offended and how the Revue can improve.

“This was a good first step,” Bailey said. “Thesing! was very nice to come over to meet with us, but, in the future, we need to do more before the event.”

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ARTISTIC AWARENESS

Artist Malaquias Montoya spoke about his “PreMeditated: Meditations on Capital Punishment” exhibit at the Snite Museum on Sunday. Montoya, a California native, is a prominent figure in the Chicano graphic arts movement. His works include paintings, murals, washes, and silk screens.

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WEDNESDAY AT ST. MARY’S

Informational Meeting January 28th at 7:00 pm
Haggar College Center 2nd Floor Parlor Room
Sarah Brown

Who are they?
Sarah Brown is a junior philosophy and political science major. She is currently serving as the Saint Mary's student body vice president. Michelle Fitzgerald is a sophomore political science and religious studies major. She is currently the sophomore class president.

Fun Facts: If elected, Fitzgerald would become vice-president after serving as sophomore class president, as did current Saint Mary's president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl and Brown.

Notable Quote: "We are not just administration. We have different leadership styles," Brown said.

In their words...

Top Priority: Expanding the backgrounds of students involved in student government leadership positions.

First Priority: Drawing a large applicant pool for positions on the Board of Governance.

In our words...

Best Idea: Building upon efforts by the current administration to continue making student government leaders visible and available to students.

Worst Idea: Increasing the use of the student government logo as a marketing tool for the student body president.

Bottom Line: Brown and Fitzgerald are the most experienced ticket. They have both served in top leadership positions and Brown's experience in the Office of the Student Body President means she is very familiar with the workings of the office and what is feasible. Students should view their proposed ticket as a marketing tool for the student body vice president.

Shay Jolly

Who are they?
Shay Jolly is a junior communications major. She currently serves as the president of the Resident Hall Association. Veronica Saavedra is a junior business major. She currently serves as the president of the Student Diversity Board.

Fun Facts: Jolly is passionate about sports and is considering being a sports broadcaster. Saavedra likes to play racquetball.

Notable Quote: "Student government] needs more of a support system. ... We are all Belles in our own right and we should support each other," Jolly said.

In their words...

Top Priority: Increase relationships between faculty and students and Saint Mary's and Notre Dame

First Priority: Determine and analyze problems within student government to help eliminate those hierarchical issues within the structure.

In our words...

Best Idea: Improving communication within student government and between Saint Mary's and the community.

Worst Idea: Focusing too much on equalizing power between the five boards and the Board of Governance.

Bottom Line: These women decided to run together after a night of discussion about how their respective boards did not have power and were just overshadowing their concern with action.

Sarah Catherine White

Who are they?
Sarah Catherine White is a business major and Italian minor. Mary Pauline Moran, the junior class vice president, is majoring in business administration.

Fun Facts: White studied in Rome for a semester. Moran is an Irish dancer.

Notable Quote: "We have a very realistic sense and a fresh outlook on student government and the student needs. We're not afraid to stop something if it's not working," White said.

In their words...

Top Priority: Emphasize simple events and enliven attitude in daily campus life.

First Priority: Welcome new College President Carol Mooney with an all school dinner or gathering.

In our words...

Best Idea: Establish procedure manual that lists names, numbers an processes, which can be utilized by students who wish to institute events or other types of action on campus.

Worst Idea: Strengthen ties with South Bend community primarily by encouraging Mass participation.

Bottom Line: White and Moran exude an admirable enthusiasm and desire to enliven the general attitude on the Saint Mary's campus. However, their platform lacks specific goals and they are relatively inexperienced on the executive level, particularly when compared to other candidates. While White and Moran are eager and dedicated, their ability to achieve concrete accomplishments is doubtful. While they know the "ins and outs" of student government, in their words, their ideas are narrow and somewhat hackneyed, failing to put this inside knowledge to good use. The candidates are rightly concerned with working closely with new College president Carol Mooney, and they want to introduce her to the atmosphere of the school and their own attitudes. Again, though, their concern with attitude overshadows their concern with action.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Mexican admits Peace Corps volunteers

MEXICO CITY — Mexico has broken a decades-old tradition of rejecting U.S. aid workers, granting permission for the first group of U.S. Peace Corps volunteers ever to work here.

Mindful of national sensitivity over U.S. influence, though, the government plans to keep a close eye on the group of 15 volunteers that arrived here in November.

Still, for a country that has kicked out or criticized U.S. experts in the past — and for one touched about being viewed as undeveloped — it's a big change.

The decision was made in November. The first 15 volunteers, scheduled to arrive this summer, won't be performing the Peace Corps' usual tasks in rural schools, clinics or farmer training. They will be tasked away in research centers to work on information technology, science and business development.

Asian bird flu outbreaks continue

BANGKOK, Thailand — Indonesia became the seventh country in Asia to confirm an outbreak of deadly bird flu, as the World Health Organization warned Sunday the virus could be resistant to basic human influenza drugs.

The disease has already affected millions of chickens in Indonesia, said Sofjan Sofjan, a senior agriculture official. But the virus has not yet crossed over to humans, he said.

Indonesian officials had earlier denied the diseases' presence, but the Indonesian veterinarians Association said several independent investigations had revealed that bird flu had already killed millions of chickens over the past several months. Asia is on a region-wide health alert, with governments slaughtering millions of chickens to contain outbreaks in Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, South Korea, Japan and Taiwan.

NATIONAL NEWS

Ex-inspector blasts WMD intelligence

WASHINGTON — U.S. intelligence agencies need to explain why their research indicated Iraq possessed banned weapons before the American-led invasion, says the outgoing top U.S. inspector, who now believes Saddam Hussein had no such weapons.

"I don't think they exist," David Kay said Sunday. "The fact that we found so for the weapons do not exist — we've got to deal with that difference and understand why."

Hostage takers "more compliant"

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — As a prison standoff began its second week Sunday, negotiators said hostage takers were more compliant.

"I am flabbergasted. I am astonished I am blown away. Opportunity has touched down in an alien and bizarre landscape," said Steven Squyres, of Cornell University and the mission's main scientist. "I still don't know what we're looking at."

NASA began receiving the first of dozens of black-and-white and color images from Opportunity. "The pictures just blow me away. We've certainly not been to this place before," deputy project manager Richard Cook said.

Opportunity plunged into the martian atmosphere at 124 million miles per hour, slowed to 12,000 mph and bounced down on Mars in just six minutes, swaddled in protective air bags. It hit with a force estimated to be just two to three times that of Earth's gravity. Engineers had designed it to withstand as much as 40 Gs, said Chris Jones, director of flight projects at JPL.

The six-wheeled rover landed at 12:05 a.m. EST in Meridiani Planum, believed to be the smoothest, flattest spot on Mars. Opportunity lies 660 miles and halfway around the planet from where its twin, Spirit, landed Jan. 3.

On Sunday, NASA said Opportunity was in excellent health and Spirit was on the mend after serious software problems had hobbled it.

One of the Opportunity rover's first photos sent back to earth Sunday, showing the martian landscape behind the rover's stowed mast.

Elections threatened by veto of bill

TEHRAN — Iran's hard-line Guardian Council vetoed a bill Sunday that would have curbed the power, throwing elections into doubt in a historic confrontation between reformers and conservatives.

The Guardian Council rejected a bill reinstating thousands of candidates that it disqualified earlier. The veto is likely to provoke a boycott of the Feb. 20 legislative elections by reformers. Members of the Guardian Council could not immediately reached for comment.

Another reformist legislator who has been disqualified, Fatemeh Haghighatjoo, told the AP that with its veto, "the Guardian Council effectively pushes the country towards greater political chaos."

"The rejection brings reformers and all those who want free and fair elections closer to boycotting the election," Haghighatjoo said.

"Iranians never allow dictators to decide for them," she said.

Members of President Mohammad Khatami's government have said they will not hold what would be "sham elections" if the disqualifications are upheld.

In a session broadcast live on state radio, legislators voted Sunday to approve the bill. They categorized it as "triple-urgency," meaning highest priority. It was the first time since Iran's 1979 Islamic revolution that parliament has approved a triple-urgency bill.

The bill would have amended the National Elections law to force the Guardian Council, which oversees elections, to reinstate all candidates unless there is legal documentation to prove them unfit for parliament.
and concerns realistically, provide an approachable and welcoming student government and evaluate campus academics and relationships between departments. We also believe we should recognize and integrate campus talent and athletics and enliven and recognize student's spiritual needs on campus.

White has been involved in the Board of Governance Academic Standards committee, as well as serving as the Alumni chair for the sophomore year and the Social Committee of the first-year board. White is majoring in Business, with a concentration in International Business and a minor in Italian.

Moran has also held many positions in Saint Mary's politics. She is the current junior class vice president, and she was on the Student Government Association's constitution committee. Moran was the lieutenant of the student commissioner's office as a sophomore and worked on the first-year board to help design the Class of 2005 Web page. Moran is an MIS major with a conversation in Accounting.

White and Moran said that the reasons to run for president and vice president are countless.

"We have a passion for this school," said White. "We feel we represent a wide variety of students here, and people have enjoyed what we've done so far. We are always up for a challenge, and this certainly is one, an exciting one."

White also said she and Moran feel all students are a part of student government.

"All students at Saint Mary's play a role as a leader, whether silent or for all to see," said White. "We would really like to continue to expand student government and have the committees take on more responsibility to keep the leadership transition as smooth as possible."

"I think Michelle and I have a great combination of experience and fresh ideas," said Brown. "We're not opposed to new ideas, and we're not stuck in an old system. We have good relationships with the faculty, staff and students at Saint Mary's, and we also have a good feel for what is current."

Brown and Fitzgerald's platform places much emphasis on improving both in and out of student government.

"We would really like to continue to expand the leadership roles in student government and have more committees take on more responsibility to keep the leadership balanced and fair," said Brown. "We would also like to continue to expand student government and look for new ways to involve more students."

"It was great to see schools with brand-new pro-life groups," she said. "We went on to say that the pro-life movement can create unity among groups with otherwise differing views."

"It shows it's not a partisan issue," Galgano said. "It's a matter of life and death."
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FREE Trade

Costa Rica fifth to join CAFTA

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration reached an agreement with Costa Rica on Sunday that will allow that nation to join four of its neighbors in creating a Central American Free Trade Area with the United States, officials of the two countries announced.

The deal must be approved by Congress.

The agreement came after two weeks of intense negotiations aimed at overcoming differences in such areas as telecommunications and insurance that had prompted Costa Rica to back out at the last minute from completing the CAFTA talks last month with the four other nations, Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Honduras.

Administration officials said they were pleased with the market-opening language finally reached with Costa Rica, which had sought to protect its monoply operations in telecommunications and insurance.

Costa Rica agreed to fully open its insurance market to foreign competition by 2011. It also agreed to open three key sectors of its telephone market to competition — wireless services, private network services and Internet services.

While the country will maintain bans against foreign competition in other areas of telecommunications, U.S. negotiators said they were satisfied that they had won down barriers in the areas of most interest to U.S. companies.

"Costa Rica needed a little more time to complete its participation in CAFTA, and we're very pleased it has joined its Central American neighbors in this cutting-edge, modern free trade agreement," U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick said in a statement.

The negotiating breakthrough was announced jointly in Washington by Zoellick and Costa Rican Trade Minister Alberto Trejos.

Senior U.S. trade officials, who briefed reporters Sunday on condition of anonymity, said that they hoped to publish the full text of the CAFTA agreement by the end of the week.

They said the next step would be to add a sixth country, the island nation of the Dominican Republic, to the trade deal before submitting it to Congress.

The free trade deal covering Central America has stirred strong opposition among U.S. sugar cane and beef beef farmers, who fear competition from lower-priced Central American sugar and beef and from the U.S. textile industry, which is concerned that the deal will open their beleaguered industry to even more foreign competition.

U.S. officials on Sunday refused to speculate on when the CAFTA deal could be presented to Congress for a vote. Supporters hope that the addition of the Dominican Republic will pick up critical House votes among Democrats whose districts include large numbers of Dominican immigrant populations.

However, U.S. labor unions are vowing to strongly oppose the pact, which they believe would continue a trend of exposing U.S. workers to increased competition from low-wage nations with lax labor and environmental laws.

For its part, the administration hopes to use congressional passage of CAFTA as a stepping stone to achieving an even bigger goal, creation of a Free Trade Area of the Americas, covering all 34 democracies in the Western hemisphere.

In 2003, U.S. goods exports to Costa Rica totaled $3.5 billion, up about 13 percent from the previous year, while the United States imported $3.4 billion in goods from Costa Rica, an increase of 9.7 percent from 2002.

John Meijer, the big retailer's chairman, has announced that it plans to open 15 new stores this year.

Meijer said it plans to begin adding new stores next year and to have 100 new stores open by 2010.

The new stores will be located in high-density markets, such as Las Vegas, Phoenix and Miami.

The new stores will be built by the Bechtel Group and will be 500,000 square feet each.

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Meijer plans to open 50 new stores in the next five years, with 15 new stores opening in each of the next three years.

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Point.dester said.

According to Poleidester, the ticket of Charlie Ebersol and James Leito has been approved, but there is no record of Mike Healy, Adam Istvan and Karla Bell. Both Ebersol and Istvan are still in the process of being approved.

Ebersol said that student involvement is a top priority of his list and that he's interested in student government.

Point.dester said: "We really need to focus on student involvement in administrative stuff."

Ebersol said one of his objectives is to have the student body president sit on the Board of Trustees. If not as a voting member, then as simply the voice of the students in the administration.

"They just need our voice there," he said.

In line with their focus on student involvement, Ebersol and Leito have proposed to visit each dorm before the election and again during the year if they are elected.

"I think the first thing you have to do is give students more of an opportunity to be a part of your campaign," said Ebersol. "I want to have students look at my campaign and give me feedback."

Ebersol is currently the head of the Student Union Board, and he said he is focused on returning a good product to the students in terms of a more efficient, well-run student government.

"We have worked the last eight months to get a group that represents every body of student government," he said. "You have to be able to show you can pull it off.

Leito, Ebersol's candidate for vice president, is currently the supersophomore class president and was the freshman class treasurer last year.

The Healy-Healy ticket — the two are not related — promises to focus on issues that students want and need.

"I think the biggest problem is that student government is not really getting the job done on things that we can actually do something about," said Mark Healy.

"I'm here because I want to break the cycle of having a few people decide what the school should be.

Mark Healy expressed a need for student government to work on things that will improve student life.

"We have been looking into putting some type of Blockbuster on campus," he said.

These candidates will also focus on student feedback and involvement.

"We're suggesting that right where they have the TCE boxes ... we put in boxes for suggestions," said Mark Healy. "There would be forms that people can fill out and we'll directly get them and we can contact the students...

Istvan also commented on other issues in his campaign, which include transportation for students.

"Our two prime objectives would be that we're trying to get a printer in every dorm that students can use their printing quota for," said he. "And we're trying to get a shuttle bus from the Joyce Center parking lot to DeBartolo (for off-campus students), and Grab 'n Go in DeBartolo Hall.

Craft and Lynch also want to institute an inexpensive movie rental program on campus and design better off-campus transportation.

"We feel that we can bring a fresh outlook to student government," Craft said. "We feel if we can succeed in meeting these objectives that the students will notice a difference in what their student government is doing for them.

The two do not have experience with student government on campus, but they feel that it is an experience that will help them bring a fresh perspective to the office.

Contact Maureen Reynolds at mreynold@nd.edu

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Observer endorses Brown-Fitzgerald

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Acting out against affirmative action

Affirmative action has been a touchy subject for many Americans for a long time. Last year, Notre Dame was affected directly when our University officially sided with the University of Michigan’s admissions policy, which awards “bonus” points to applicants from minority groups. I also went to a public school in the Washington, D.C. area, which has a much higher minority population than this University. Therefore, I know how important diversity is to a holistic education and believe our school must always take all possible strides to recruit students from varied backgrounds. However, I have also witnessed less-qualified minority students get into prestigious colleges, while more qualified white students were refused admission. Seeing both sides first-hand, I have long struggled to find my own position.

My views became solidified when I read “What’s So Great About America?” by Dinesh D’Souza. An Indian immigrant who has served as a White House policy analyst, D’Souza argues vehemently against affirmative action. I found his arguments quite compelling and think that many other students with reservations similar to my own may find D’Souza’s perspective helpful.

The main thrust of D’Souza’s anti-affirmative action argument is a contrast between the prevailing sentiments of two groups; the African-American population and the non-white immigrant population. According to D’Souza, immigrants often compare American conditions in their home countries, amazed that what should be considered “luxuries” in their homes are oftentimes seen as basic necessities here. In fact, the minimum wage rate in America is higher than the average income in many countries. Conversely, many African-Americans compare their troubles to the lives of the American elite. For example, “If rich white kids can go to college, then my children should have the same opportunity.” Using this standard for comparison is completely irrational, as it assumes every citizen has the right to whatever anyone else has, regardless of other differences, usually based on merit.

African-Americans sometimes counter that they would be much more successful were it not for the system, institutionally, that is an insurmountable disadvantage because of their skin color. They believe they are treated differently because they look different. This may be true, D’Souza argues, but new immigrants coming to America usually face even harsher disadvantages. In addition to not fitting the “American” standard physically, immigrants must overcome a lack of credit, a lack of familial relations in the country and most importantly, an immense language barrier.

One rarely hears of immigrants clamoring for “bonus points” because of their obstacles. Immigrants do not demand that the United States somehow change to eliminate their disadvantages — they simply work even harder to overcome them.

Another defense for affirmative action is that many minorities, especially inner-city blacks, simply are not exposed to the same opportunities as whites. This suggestion is false as well. Evidence from a 1999 study by the College Entrance Examination Board entitled “Group Differences in Standardized Testing and Social Satisfaction,” shows that whites from families making less than $20,000 annually actually score higher than blacks from families earning over $60,000 a year.

Such disparity proves that “opportunity” alone cannot be responsible for differences in test scores.

The most famous civil rights leader of all time, Martin Luther King Jr., pleaded that all men be judged by merit, not by the color of their skin. Unfortunately, our current affirmative action policies do exactly what King argued against — they are in place to award positions in jobs and universities to those of a different race, in such cases that those individuals would not be accepted by anyone else.

Blacks compose only 12 percent of the population, but 75 percent of NBA players are black. Is it sensible then to place a quota on the number of blacks who can play in the NBA, so that the races are more evenly distributed? Surely not, those players earned their places on merit.

D’Souza concludes with the idea that the root of the problem for African-Americans (and other minorities) is that they are so focused on the crimes of the past that they are unable to see that there is in fact a clear path to a more successful future, if they would simply choose it.

Instead of demanding that society lower the merit-bar so that they can compete, those groups should raise themselves and meet the current criteria. Instead of agitating the system, demanding reparations and relying on pity in order to achieve, they should work with a system that is in fact unbiased to find the success that other minority groups have found.

Minority groups are not less qualified, talented or capable than the majority. Therefore, it is time to stop treating them so by giving them special privileges, which effectively destroys the merit-based system Dr. King valiantly sought. Affirmative action does not solve the problems of the race, but merely sweeps an embarrassing reality under the rug and allows minorities to retain the tragic notion that they are still victims of oppression. Minority groups can only advance after accepting that the means to progress is by increasing their own merit, not robbing it from others.

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"People".

Like many of the most insightful and head-directing movies from any year, some of them never even made it to Movies 14 or Edison. But thanks to the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, organized this year's European film exhibition, they decided to focus not just on films by women, but on films about women and issues they have faced. The Institute will sponsor one film every month for the rest of the semester.

Professor Daniel Mattern was one member of the committee responsible for deciding the theme and choosing the films. "We hoped to get a little more precise at some point," said. "But we were dealing with so many different countries, we just decided to choose seven films.

The films scheduled for this semester are far from optimistic and deal with issues like sexual abuse and prostitution. In order to help students understand the issues involved in these films, guest speakers will introduce the films and have a discussion afterward.

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Director: Peter Mullan
Thursday, Feb. 5

Lilja 4-Ever
Director: Lukas Moodysson
Thursday, Apr. 7

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The Institute also hopes to organize a workshop on women trafficking in conjunction with the visit to help students learn what they can do about an increasingly important issue.

"I'm glad someone is coming to give this some context," Mattern said. "It will be good to have someone here to tell us what we can do about this."
MINNEAPOLIS — For Sam Cassell, the first quarter and fourth quarter of a basketball game are the same. Maybe that’s why he can come through in the clutch so often.

Cassell scored his 30th point in the fourth quarter to lead the Minnesota Timberwolves to their fourth straight win over the Phoenix Suns.

"It’s just basketball, shooting the ball. That’s it," Cassell said. "Over the last 29 games Cassell is shooting 57.5 percent (734-of-1,277) from the floor in the fourth quarter. He has hit a clutch 3-pointer near the foul line down the stretch.

"I’m accustomed to doing what I’ve been doing," Cassell said.

The Wolves moved into a tie with Sacramento for the best record in the Western Conference at 30-12. The Kings lost 108-99 to Dallas on Sunday.

Minnesota has never been in first place for this long in the season — something Cassell isn’t worrying about.

"We just play ball and don’t get into what our standings are," Cassell said.

Trenton Hassell added a season-high 15 points and six rebounds for Minnesota, which has never been in first place for this long in the season — something Cassell isn’t worrying about.

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Carmelo Anthony shot 10-for-17 and scored 16 of his 25 points in the second quarter, but not stopping their guys get's guys fired up than a year later.

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"It’s one that’s going to stick in our ribs," Cassell said. "We handled it very well."

We can play with anybody in the league. We know that and we’ve shown that. But right now ... it’s not fun," Carter said.

Toronto has lost five straight games. The Wizards defense helped Memphis to 41 points in the first quarter, and Bynum's unique 2.000 points tonight.

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Philadephia Keith Primeau battles Washington's Rick Berry for a loose puck during the first period.

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Jochen Hecht and Martin Biron showed the Buffalo Sabres how to rally from a deficit. Hecht had two goals and Biron made 37 saves, helping the Sabres erase a two-goal deficit and beat the Carolina Hurricanes 4-2 Sunday for a rare comeback win.

Derek Roy's third-period goal put the Sabres ahead to stay, and Milan Bartovic added a goal and an assist.

Entering the game, the Sabres were 4-18-2 when they allowed the first goal, and 1-2-1 when trailing after the first period. But none of that mattered Sunday as the Sabres took advantage of mistakes by Carolina goaltender Jamie Storr.

"It doesn't happen very often," Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff said. "It would've been an easy game to go the other way, but we came back."

Erik Cole and Kevyn Adams scored for the Hurricanes, who had a 39-21 advantage in shots.

Roy's second goal of the season gave the Sabres the lead and sent Carolina to its fourth straight home loss.

After a turnover by defensemen Bruno St. Jacques in the Carolina zone, Bartovic shot on Storr, who made the save but failed to control the puck. Roy pushed the rebound into the left side of the net at 5:15 for a 3-2 lead.

It was just one of three goals that came off misplays by Storr. The Sabres scored twice off rebounds. Bartovic scored Buffalo's first goal off a shot by Andy Delmore, poking the puck past Storr at 3:55 of the second period.

Hecht scored an insurance goal when he stole Storr's pass along the boards and beat the goaltender back to the net at 18:31 of the third.

Storr, the backup to Kevin Weekes, took responsibility for the loss.

Devil, Thrashers 2

Jeff Friesen has been a streaky goal scorer since coming to the New Jersey Devils, and it appears he's on another run.

After going 10 games without a goal, Friesen scored his third in four games early in the third period to lead the Devils to a victory over the Atlanta Thrashers.

"Sometimes you get in slumps and, for whatever reason, guys don't get on the scoring page," Friesen said. "Sometimes it's a frustrating rut to get out of, but I feel I'm out of the rut now and I'm starting to contribute offensively.

Friesen scored his third game-winning goal of the season by taking advantage of a bad play by Thrashers superstar Ilya Kovalchuk, whose first career short-handed goal minutes earlier had tied the game at 2.

Kovalchuk had just been stopped on a three-on-one break, when the Devils then counterattacked.

Kovalchuk eventually got the puck along the side boards, but he made an ill-advised pass across the middle of his own zone.

Friesen read the play.

"I just went to the lane where I saw he was trying to throw it," Friesen said. "Obviously, you're a little surprised. It just came right on my stick. It was a big goal because this is a big win for the team."

It was a big disappointment for Kovalchuk.

"I can't give chances like this," Kovalchuk said. "If I want to be a leader on this team I have to play smarter.

Fliers 4, Capitals 1

Mark Recchi and John LeClair took full advantage of the short-handed Washington Capitals.

Recchi and LeClair each had a goal and three assists in leading the Philadelphia Flyers to a victory.

"What, are you surprised that we played a good game?" LeClair asked. "I think we're all feeling pretty comfortable. It's a good mix and it definitely worked well for us tonight."

Michael Handzus and Kim Johnson also scored to help the Flyers win for the fifth time in their last six games.

Washington played with just five defensemen. Sergei Gonchar injured a shoulder Friday night in a loss in Florida, and Josef Boumedienne was scratched because of food poisoning.

"It's huge, we really only have two defense that have a lot of NHL experience," Washington's Mike Grier said about Gonchar. "He's the leading point-getter for defensemen in the league and to lose him is a huge blow."

Recchi opened the scoring at 5:30 of the first period, beat­­ing goalie Rasidval Stana with a wrist shot after left wing Eric Friesen's strong play to keep the puck in the offensive zone.

LeClair made it 2-0 less than three minutes later, tipping a shot behind Stana, who started in place of Olaf Kolzig for the first time since being recalled from Portland on Jan. 6.
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**MLB**

Alex Rodriguez looks on during a 4-1 loss to the Angels on Sept. 28. The shortstop was named captain of the Rangers Sunday night.

Rangers name MVP Rodriguez captain

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wearing their finest evening clothes, Alex Rodriguez and the Texas Rangers tried to put a formal end to their troubled offseason filled with trade talk and tension.

At an unusual news conference in which everyone was tuxedoed, the Rangers appointed Rodriguez their captain on Sunday night.

In town to accept the American League MVP award, Rodriguez met for five hours in the hotel suite of Rangers owner Tom Hicks, with general manager John Hart and manager Buck Showalter joining in. Afterward, the quartet proclaimed the start of a new era that they hoped would culminate in Texas' first World Series title.

"I definitely think I'm going to be here for a long time," Rodriguez said. "I'm probably pretty sure it will work out for the best."

Texas wanted to get out from under the burden of the record $252 million, 10-year contract it signed Rodriguez to after the 2000 season, and the seven-time All-Star shortstop was frustrated following three last-place finishes with the Rangers. Texas then agreed last month to a tentative trade that would have sent the seven-time All-Star shortstop to Boston for outfilder Manny Ramirez.

"It looked like there might be a situation that would be win-win," Hicks said. "But the deal was contingent on A-Rod agreeing to restructure his contract, and the players association vetoed the proposal made by Boston, saying it would have reduced the deal's value by $28 million to $30 million. The union made a counteroffer that would have cut $12 million to $13 million, a proposal Boston found unacceptable. The trade then collapsed."

"This was an unpleasant experience but probably a necessary one," Hart said. Showalter said he had been thinking of making Rodriguez captain for the past year, but Hicks wasn't aware of the plan until halfway through Sunday's meeting.

"I feel a grand responsibility not only to the Texas Rangers but to our fans," Rodriguez said, adding that he was touched by the gesture, especially given that he's only 28 years old.

**IN BRIEF**

**Mickelson wins playoff to end victory drought**

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Phil Mickelson showed he's back on his game after a disappointing year, beating Skip Kendall on the first playoff hole Sunday in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

The victory ended an 18-month winless streak for Mickelson, who dropped from second to 16th in the world rankings. He rolled a 3-foot birdie putt into the center of the cup to win the Hope, his second victory in the tournament in two years.

Kendall was left still looking for his first tour win. He was runner-up for the fourth time in his career, losing three times in playoffs.

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Jay Haas, 50, the 1988 tournament champion and runner-up to Mike Weir a year ago, finished third with a 67 that left him one shot behind Mickelson and Kendall.

**NASCAR's new tires and rules to be tested**

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — New tires and some new aerodynamics rules have turned the annual preseason test at Las Vegas Motor Speedway into a must for most of the top NASCAR teams.

"It's going to be important for everybody," said Ryan Pemberton, crew chief for Joe Nemechek.

"We're going to learn a lot about the new rules, the bodies, where we're at and what direction we need to go in — if we need to make more downforce or take some downforce off the front or what."

The four days of testing on the 1 1/2-mile LVMS oval, beginning Monday, will be different than the work that has been going on the last two weeks at Daytona International Speedway, where the new rules, cutting three-quarters of an inch off the rear spoilers — do not come into play because of the use of carburetor restric­tor plates to slow the cars on the big track.

The majority of the races on the 36-race schedule are run on the so-called intermediate tracks — 1 1/2- or 2-mile ovals — like Las Vegas, and everyone wants to know what the combination of softer tires, the shorter rear spoilers to cut downforce and several new templates to make the cars less aerodynamic will do.
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Tim Pickett's second strong finish made some history for Florida State.

The Seminoles, with Pickett again having a big second half, beat No. 10 Wake Forest 75-70, giving them consecutive wins over Top Ten teams for the first time in school history.

He scored all of his 18 points after halftime Sunday and Florida State made six straight free throws over the final 45 seconds to hand the Demon Deacons' their fourth straight loss.

Last Thursday, Pickett scored 22 points after halftime to spark the Seminoles to a 90-81 overtime victory over No. 7 North Carolina. Up next is No. 1 Duke on Thursday.

"In all my years of coaching I've never been part of a scenario where your team is on the run and you play the 10th, the seventh, then have a chance to go play the No. 1-ranked team," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said. "You have to be realistic where we are. We're still a team that's developing, that's trying to move our program to a place of significance in the ACC, as well as on a national basis."

Wake Forest (11-4, 2-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), has reached those levels, but the Demon Deacons added a loss to the list that included Texas, Duke and Georgia Tech.

Francisco Garcia scored 24 points and the fifth-ranked Cardinals rallied in the second half for their 15th straight victory in a win over Tennessee.

Louisville (15-1) regained the lead for the first time since the opening minutes and took control with a 12-0 run midway through the second half.

No. 14 Arizona 90, Oregon 66

Arizona's big first half was no accident. The Wildcats went up against Oregon looking for a quick start.

"We wanted a game where we could come out and jump on them," said Hasson Adams, who had 20 points in the 14th-ranked Wildcats' victory over the Ducks. "We felt this would be a great opportunity to work on that."

Channing Frye had 18 points and 11 rebounds and Ivan Radenovic had a season-high 19 points, 15 in the first half when the Wildcats (13-3, 5-2 Pac-10) had an 18-0 run on the way to a 25-point halftime lead.

"The first half was just spectacular," Arizona coach Lute Olson said. "Defensively, we created a lot of problems for Oregon and it was very hard for them to get any good looks at it."

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The victory moved Purdue (14-4, 4-1) into a three-way tie with Wisconsin and Indiana for first place in the Big Ten and set up a showdown with the rival Hoosiers on Tuesday in Bloomington.

Kenneth Lowe led the Cardinals with 19 points and Brett Buscher scored 13 of his 17 after halftime.
ND TRACK AND FIELD

Irish dominate at home meet

By MIKE GILLOON Special Writer

Sophomore Molly Huddle blew away the competition in the mile run as she and her Irish track and field teammates turned out a solid performance Friday night at the Loftus Sports Center. The men's and women's indoor teams hosted Western Michigan, Ball State, Loyola of Chicago and Depaul and came away with firsts in 16 events.

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By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Writer

The Irish (12-9-3, 8-8-2 in CCHA) dropped a pair of one-goal games to Northern Michigan (12-11-1, 10-10-0) this weekend, falling 4-3 in overtime Friday night and 1-0 Saturday. The Wildcats exacted a bit of revenge on Notre Dame, who defeated Northern Michigan in a home sweep earlier this season at the Joyce Center.

For the third consecutive week, the Irish opened a road series with a game that went into overtime, with the previous two a 5-4 overtime loss to Bowling Green Jan. 9 and a 2-2 tie against Wisconsin Jan. 17.

Wildcat forward Daren Olver scored the winning goal Friday with just 45 seconds left in the extra frame.

Notre Dame has struggled with consistency this year, defeating several ranked teams but having difficulty making any major strides in the conference standings. They are 1-5 in their last six CCHA contests.

The Irish were unable to take advantage of quality play from senior forward Rob Globke, who had two goals on the weekend. Senior captain Aaron Gill also scored two points in Friday's game, picking up a goal and an assist.

The combination of Gill and Globke scored seven of the eight goals the Irish have scored in their past four games.

Senior Neil Komadoski looks to pass the puck during a game against Lake Superior earlier this season.

Brown allowed only one goal Saturday, collecting 22 saves, but was bested by senior Craig Kowalski's shutout.

Kowalski made a combined 48 saves in the two Northern Michigan victories.

Friday, Northern Michigan got on the scoreboard first as Jamie Milan scored a power play goal just a little over halfway into the first period. The second period was full of end-to-end action, as both teams scored two goals in the frame.

Notre Dame scored the first two goals of the second, giving the Irish a 2-1 lead. Gill collected his ninth goal of the year nine minutes into the period, and Globke followed a little more than three minutes later. That lead was short lived, as Northern Michigan tied the game just 11 seconds later with Nathan Oystrick collecting a rebound of a Alan Swanson shot and flipping it past Cey.

Booby Selden regained the lead for Northern Michigan with less than two minutes left in the second, flipping a shot past a screened Cey for the goal.

The Irish tied the game back up at 6:29 of the third period, with Globke scoring his second goal of the game. It was his team-best 15th goal of the season.

Olver's overtime goal dropped Notre Dame to 0-2-3 in overtime this season. The Irish have not won in the extra frame since a win against Miami (Ohio) Jan. 25, 2002.

Saturday, the Irish put a lot of pressure on Kowalski, outshooting the Wildcats 27-23. They were unable to solve the Wildcat goalie, however, who collected his fourth shutout of the season.

Oystrick scored the only goal in the game for Northern Michigan, scoring on a slap shot that deflected past Brown with a little less than four minutes left in the first period.

Oystrick, the CCHA's leading scoring defenseman, collected three points on the weekend (two goals, one assist) and played a part in both game-winning goals for the Wildcats.

The Irish return home for the first time in 2004 this weekend, facing fourth-place Alaska-Pairbanks. Face-off Friday is 7:35 p.m., and Saturday's face-off is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Defense steps up in Irish win over Wildcats

To say that the Irish defense has been dominating of late would be an understatement. After holding Syracuse to 32 points on 24 percent shooting Wednesday night on the road, the Irish then came home Saturday to do the same to Villanova, holding the Wildcats to 36 points in a 18-16 win.

"I was really pleased with our defense," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think we've been doing a fantastic job defensively since the Big East season began. That's something that we're taking a lot of pride in."

The 35 points Syracuse scored was the least allowed by the Irish in a Big East game. Notre Dame only gave up 16 points in the first half, setting the tone for the rest of the game.

Saturday, Notre Dame was able to come away with the victory because of their stifling defensive effort. Villanova, who entered the day leading the nation in turnovers with only 9.2 a game, committed 10 in the first half alone.

The Irish held the Wildcats scoreless over the last 7:05 of the game to preserve the win. But it wasn't easy.

The Wildcats sported a lineup with no true post players. Instead, they had five guards in the game at all times. Every player on the court could shoot the three, which made it difficult for the bigger Irish to matchup.

However, Notre Dame was up to the challenge. They employed a switching defense that didn't allow the Wildcats to get good looks at the hoop.

"Their defense was very good, they mixed up the screens real well," Villanova coach Harry Perretta said. "But Notre Dame found success in its team defense, as the Irish were able to guard anyone on the court interchangeably, making the switches on screens very effective."

"I thought it was a great team effort defensively because everybody had to guard a lot of different people," McGraw said. "I thought we handled their offense about as well as we can."

Villanova was held to 25.6 percent shooting, and went 0-for-7 from beyond the arc in the second half. The Irish held the Wildcats to 18 points in both halves, making it four consecutive halves that the Notre Dame defense has held its opponent to less than six points at any time.

"I feel confident about the defense because we know how good their offense is," McGraw said.

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Dame is doing well given the situation. "The coaches are out working hard," he said. "[Director of personnel] Jimmy Gonzales is doing a great job of making the players happy on their visits."

One weekend of visits remains before signing day. On Sunday during his visit, Bragg became the second quarterback to verbally commit to Notre Dame after Tennessee signal caller David Wolke gave his word last week.

Brown and Jabble visited on Jan. 16 and decided Sunday. According to Lemming, Brown needed help to get past Notre Dame admissions after previously being denied.

"None of these guys [Bragg, Brown and Jabble] were first options, but the coaches obviously see some potential," Lemming said.

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away the Irish appeared to have finally grasped that concept, jumping out quickly to a 5-2 lead. Kentucky wasn't rattled and went on an 11-0 run that was part of a much-larger 30-12 run. The rest of the afternoon, the Irish had to battle back.

That's something a team, especially one like the Irish, can't do against teams like Syracuse and Kentucky.

"You can't dig that deep a hole against some men. Now, they are men," Brey said. "When we play men, we have had trouble playing older guys. We've been the younger group. I think it's been very glaring."

Against both of those teams, the Irish came out, and for whatever reason, just laid a goose egg early in the game. They are making the home-court advantage more of a disadvantage right now.

They aren't coming out with the energy and focus necessary to compete with top teams. They have to remember it's not just a laudable ego early in the game. They are making the game a much larger team, as the Irish had to battle back.

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some more balls to bounce our way," Irish guard Chris Thomas said. "But that's been our luck at home.

We don't have any"

Few could have predicted the outcome would have remained in doubt until the final minute, especially when the Wildcats jumped out to a 32-17 lead in the first half. And with 3:33 left in the game, Kentucky held onto what initially appeared to be a comfortable nine-point margin.

Then the Irish went to work. Torrian Jones and Jordan Cornette both tipped in missed Irish shots to cut the Kentucky lead to five with 1:46 left, and 39 seconds later, Chris Quinn made two free-throws pull Notre Dame to within three.

But that was as close as the Irish would get. After a Kentucky timeout, Cornette fouled Chuck Hayes, who made the front end of a one-and-one. On an off-balance jumper, Cornette missed a chance to tip the ball in, and the Irish missed their chance for an upset.

"They came out with a ton of energy in the first half, mature in the second half," said Irish coach Mike Brey.

They played mature for all 40 minutes. They won."

Notre Dame only led for the first 2:23 of the game before withering under a red-hot Kentucky offense that outhustled the Irish 30-12 over a 12-minute stretch in the first half. In that span, the Wildcats shredded an Irish defense with transition baskets and easy layups. On the other end, Notre Dame settled for 3-pointers too quickly and had trouble establishing Torin Francis amidst a double-team defense.

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But unlike their performance against Syracuse a week ago, the Irish battled back.

Even when Kentucky scored to give itself a 15-point lead with 7:33, the Irish didn't give up. Slowly, they chipped away at the Wildcats lead and set the stage for the game's thrilling final minutes.

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away the Irish appeared to have finally grasped that concept, jumping out quickly to a 5-2 lead. Kentucky wasn't rattled and went on an 11-0 run that was part of a much-larger 30-12 run. The rest of the afternoon, the Irish had to battle back.

That's something a team, especially one like the Irish, can't do against teams like Syracuse and Kentucky.

"You can't dig that deep a hole against some men. Now, they are men," Brey said. "When we play men, we have had trouble playing older guys. We've been the younger group. I think it's been very glaring."

Against both of those teams, the Irish came out, and for whatever reason, just laid a goose egg early in the game. They are making the home-court advantage more of a disadvantage right now.

They aren't coming out with the energy and focus necessary to compete with top teams. They have to remember it's not just a laudable ego early in the game. They are making the game a much larger team, as the Irish had to battle back.

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some more balls to bounce our way," Irish guard Chris Thomas said. "But that's been our luck at home.

We don't have any"

Few could have predicted the outcome would have remained in doubt until the final minute, especially when the Wildcats jumped out to a 32-17 lead in the first half. And with 3:33 left in the game, Kentucky held onto what initially appeared to be a comfortable nine-point margin.

Then the Irish went to work. Torrian Jones and Jordan Cornette both tipped in missed Irish shots to cut the Kentucky lead to five with 1:46 left, and 39 seconds later, Chris Quinn made two free-throws pull Notre Dame to within three.

But that was as close as the Irish would get. After a Kentucky timeout, Cornette fouled Chuck Hayes, who made the front end of a one-and-one. On an off-balance jumper, Cornette missed a chance to tip the ball in, and the Irish missed their chance for an upset.

"They came out with a ton of energy in the first half, mature in the second half," said Irish coach Mike Brey.

They played mature for all 40 minutes. They won."

Notre Dame only led for the first 2:23 of the game before withering under a red-hot Kentucky offense that outhustled the Irish 30-12 over a 12-minute stretch in the first half. In that span, the Wildcats shredded an Irish defense with transition baskets and easy layups. On the other end, Notre Dame settled for 3-pointers too quickly and had trouble establishing Torin Francis amidst a double-team defense.

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But unlike their performance against Syracuse a week ago, the Irish battled back.

Even when Kentucky scored to give itself a 15-point lead with 7:33, the Irish didn't give up. Slowly, they chipped away at the Wildcats lead and set the stage for the game's thrilling final minutes.

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Irish experience both ends of the spectrum

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Irish coach Bob Bayliss had an analogy to sum up his squad's weekend performance.

"Sometimes you're the bug," Bayliss observed wryly, "and sometimes you're the windshield.

The men's tennis team had a taste of both roles this weekend, as a disappointing loss to No. 9 Texas A&M was offset by decisive wins against St. John's and Illinois State.

"We played almost well enough to win this match," Bayliss said of the 2-2 loss to the Aggies. "We had enough windows of opportunity — if we had capitalized on all of them, it would have been a different outcome."

Irish No. 4 Stephen Bass and No. 6 Eric Langencamp were the only players to post points against the Aggies. Bass won 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7-5) over Khaled El Dorry, and Langencamp beat Bryan Wooten 6-4, 6-3.

Notre Dame's No. 1 Luis Haddock lost 6-1, 6-3 to Lester Cook, ranked No. 17 nationally in singles play. At No. 2, Matthew Scott fell 6-1, 6-1 to Ante Matijevic, ranked No. 19.

At three, Mohamed Dakki beat St. John's No. 6 Eric Langencamp were the only players to post points. Dakki and Jodam beat D'Amico and Scott 8-4, while Bass and King fell to Ell Dorry and Zack Malmgren 8-6.

"Friday was a tough match," Scott said, "against a good Texas A&M team."

Sunday was a different story, however, as Notre Dame swept St. John's 6-0, winning all singles matches in two sets.

"These were matches we expected to win," Bayliss said. "St. John's will [probably] qualify for the Big East Tournament, and it's important to win decisively over Big East opponents."

The Irish lost only 27 games to Big East opponents, scoring an average of 4.5 per match. At the No. 1 spot, Haddock clinched the match for Notre Dame, defeating David Nylén 6-3, 6-1. At two, Scott posted a 6-3, 6-4 win over Aurelio Di Zazzo and Brent D'Amico topped Louis Desmetteaux 6-4, 6-1 at three.

At four, Bass defeated Nick Stocker 6-1, 6-3, and King beat Morgan Bauer 6-1, 6-2. Langencamp remained consistent by topping Boris Chlaporukha 6-1, 6-3 at No. 6.

Doubles were not played.

Bayliss hoped to clinch the match in singles and "substitute liberally in the doubles matches," he said Friday. The team's solid singles play, however, meant the players had a longer break before facing Illinois State at 2 pm.

"We expected to win," Haddock said of the match against the Red Storm. "The good thing was that we won every set. It's hard to come out fired up against a lower level team, especially after not playing for a day."

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"It was the best I've played this season," Haddock said of his 6-3, 6-1 win over Ben Cappuccitti at No. 1. "I'm not as good as other players I've played, but I felt good about my performance."

At No. 2, Scott defeated Benjamin Pettinari, also by a score of 6-3, 6-1. An arm injury kept D'Amico on the sidelines for the Illinois State match, moving Bass, a freshman, to the third spot. Bass rose to the challenge, winning over D'Orlando Uskokovic 3-6, 6-3, 6-1.

At four, King defeated Ngrebat 3-6, 6-2, 6-1, and Langencamp beat Alban Renard 6-0, 6-1 in the first match to finish.

No. 6 Pat Buchanan won 5-7, 6-3, 6-1 over Alredo Lagarda in doubles.

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