Final three election tickets approved

By MAUREEN REYNOLDS
Associate News Editor

The remaining three tickets in the student body presidential election have received approval of their petitions to run. The tickets of Mark Healy and Mike Healy, Adam Istvan and Karla Bell, and Ryan Craft and Steve Lynch were notified last Tuesday of their approval.

In order to be approved, petitions are first verified by Judicial Council president Elliot PoinDEXTER. Petitions are then turned into the Office of Student Affairs and to the Registrar. The candidates must then be in good standing with each office.

Petitions were due Jan. 23, but three tickets were turned in well before the deadline. The Charlann Ehlers-James Leito ticket, which the candidates turned in on Jan. 19, was approved Jan. 20, said Director of Student Activities Greg Coughlin. The three other tickets, however, were not approved until Jan. 27.

Student body presidential candidate Mark Healy said he turned in his petition on Jan. 20 but was not notified of its approval until Jan. 27. He said he was unaware of any problems with either the Office of Student Affairs or the Registrar.

"I was not notified of any problems," Mark Healy said. "I went almost every day that the Student Government was open to meet with Elliot PoinDexter to see if my petition had been approved, and he said that it wasn't.

Mark Healy said he felt the length of time it took to get the first three tickets approved needed to be explained.

"I think that it's something that needs to be looked into," he said. "It seems peculiar that it would take so long for the rest of us to be approved, when it didn't take that long for the first ticket to be approved."

The Istvan-Bell ticket petition was turned in on Jan. 21. Istvan said, and Craft said he turned in his petition on Jan. 23. Neither candidate said they were notified of any problems in approving their petitions.

"It's taking forever to go through the approval process, trying to get everything in," Istvan said.

When asked about the amount of time it took for the Healy-Healy and Istvan-Craft tickets to be approved, see ELECTION/page 4

Students seek off-campus housing

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

Many Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students have already signed their leases for off-campus housing next year, said managers of local apartment complexes.

Officials representing traditionally popular off-campus locations confirmed that leasing is proceeding strongly for 2004-05.

Student body vice president Michaelbrink said, "They like it here, and we love to have them," Michaelbrink said. "Pretty much all of the renters here are students, besides the staff. I live here, and we have on-site maintenance and two security officers.

Turtle Creek — drawing 95 percent of its renters from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students — maintains a flexible system and is still taking applications for new residents.

"We had just started leasing in October," she said. "We don't like to pressure kids three years in advance to sign to live here."

Castle Point Apartments also attracts many students, sales manager Marianne Lofthus-Heon said. "Twenty-five percent are students, but out of that 25 percent, there are three and four students per apartment," she said.

Notre Dame junior Kathryn Wendel said the mixed atmosphere of students and older residents has been a positive factor in her decision to live off campus.

White, Moran win SMC elections

By ANNEJEE WOOLFORD
Saint Mary's Editor

Sarah Catherine White and Mary Pauline Moran were elected as Saint Mary's 2004-05 student body president and vice president Friday. White and Moran will take office April 1.

The ticket received 58 percent of total votes Thursday, beating out Sarah Brown and Michelle Fitzgeralid, whose ticket received 38 percent of votes. Four percent accounted for abstentions in an election where 50 percent of the student body voted, a turnout considered successful by election officials.

"I am extremely pleased with the student body's involvement in this election," said elections commissioner Nicole Haeberle. "Fifty percent of the campus voting is well above national averages for colleges and shows that all of the candidates capitalized the attention of Saint Mary's women."

Haeberle added that this year's election exemplified the strides made by Saint Mary's student government in recent years. "This election marked the first time in three years that more than one ticket ran for the student body presidency. In addition to White-Moran and Brown-Fitzgeralid, Shay Jolly and Veronica Saabedra rounded out a group of candidates going into the primary election, Haeberle said."

Both White and Moran agreed, citing a respectful election with tough competition.

"It's an honor," White said. "We're delighted and thrilled to see that so much of the student body supports us. It's exciting to see the school take interest in student government through the election."

"It really revitalized things on campus for people to know that they have a choice," Moran said of the competing candidates.

Before taking office, White and Moran will shadow current student body president Elizabeth Jablonski-Diehl to better understand what their roles will include. The shadowing group will consist of attending both administrative and student government meetings and evaluating the leadership demonstrated by past administrations.

The ticket said that their first priority upon taking office is to welcome new College President Carol Ann Mooney on behalf of the stu-

Lozar named 2004-05 Observer editor-in-chief

The Observer General Board elected associate sports editor Matt Lozar as the 2004-05 editor in chief on Saturday.

Lozar, a junior MIS major from Willoughby Hills, Ohio who lives in k e o a g h, joined T h e Observer as an interhall football reporter during his freshman year. Since then, he has covered a wide variety of sports, including football, men's basketball, softball and the national champion fencing team.

"I look forward to the opportunity to use the experience I've gained with the sports department to improve the paper as a whole," Lozar said. "It is a tremendous challenge, but one I am willing to accept."

As an associate sports editor, he helped run the sports department while coordinat-

ing a variety of projects. Lozar's primary responsibilities included planning and producing the Irish Insider special section used to pre-

view multiple sports events.

He is the fourth editor in chief in the last five years to come from the sports department.

"I have complete confidence in Matt's ability to lead The Observer next year," outgoing editor in chief Andrew Sookup said. "He has a wealth of great ideas and an excellent relationship with the staff."

Among the projects Lozar hopes to undertake during his tenure include establishing a recruiting and training system across all departments and getting color into the paper five days a week.

"I was excited to see what I could do to see The Observer improve next year," Lozar said. "And I'm extremely eager to work with a very tail-

anted staff."

Lozar officially takes over as editor in chief on March 1.
Inside Column

Love and Hallmark

The countdown has begun. As calendars flipped to February this weekend, moans of absolute agony and squeals of delight were heard echoing off of dorms and Domes alike. Saccharinely sweet red and silver heart decorations have appeared in the most unpredictable of locales, including the walls of South Dining Hall — and never has 24-hour fruit salad been more romantic.

Situata is stuck solidly on repeat as couples gear up for candlelit dinners and moonlight strolls, and singletons simultaneously loathe and revel in their solitude.

The ultimate Hallmark holiday is within sight. That's right. Looming just beyond Groundhog Day and nestled snugly between Washington and Lincoln's birthdays in Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 — the holiday said to honor the patron saint of lovers, when candy, flowers and kisses are exchanged by the tons and it would limit ResLife interference, as beer goggles would no longer be calculable of locales, unless you really like the idea of being picked up and tossed out in the next breath — why not bring back the kind of "love lottery." The two would take a software approach to their son Jon Blake Cusack.

His wife, Jamie, into naming their newborn son. Jon Blake Cusack talked his wife, Jamie, into naming their son Jon Blake Cusack 2.0. Version 2.0 was born Tuesday at Holland Community Hospital, and the proud parents took him home Friday.

I wanted to find something different to name him besides Jon Blake," Cusack, who is self-employed with Westshore Design, said. "We decided to have our wedding ceremony in a Russian boxers married in the ring. ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — There's usually a ring in a wedding ceremony, but a wedding ceremony in a boxing ring was the wedding of two Russian boxers who exchanged vows — and then blows — in what they called the greatest experience of their lives. "We decided to have our wedding party in a boxing ring because we first met in the ring and thought it would be very symbolic," said Nikolai Kibkalo, 49, who tied the knot with Natalya Karpovich, 31. On Saturday night, the pair of pugilists wore traditional wedding garments, but donned boxing gloves after the ceremony and duked it out for a while.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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In Focus conference draws 120

By CLAIRE HEININGER
Assistant News Editor

Despite clashes over the publicity scheme leading up to the third annual AAA In Focus Student-Run Conference, executive chair Ryan Leung said the event successfully boosted recognition of Asian and Asian-American issues at Notre Dame.

"I think that, overall, the conference was a success," Leung said Sunday. "People's eyes were opened to some things they weren't aware of before."

Leung said the conference was well attended, with 120 people present at the closing banquet and most of those also participating in various workshops throughout the day.

"Being an all-day Saturday event, it was hard to get people to attend every workshop we had," he said. "But I'm glad we were able to get people to come to parts of it."

Prominent Asian-Americans in a variety of career disciplines led workshops at the conference, including actor Parry Shen's presentation of "Personal Journey," which narrated his experiences as one of the few Asian-Americans in Hollywood.

AAA In Focus Public Relations chair Sarah Liu said the conference was eye-opening, but that students' interest in Asian-American concerns should not be confined to a yearly event.

"I really hope that the questions we raised will go beyond just the conference this weekend," Liu said. "I hope the students who came felt empowered and will go out to make an impact on the Notre Dame community. I really hope that people will continue to challenge others and themselves."

While some of the flyers used to promote the event on campus were perceived as furthering anti-Asian stereotypes, Leung said they were not intended to be offensive.

"I didn't get any official complaints, but I heard a lot of talk," he said. "Some of the flyers were seen as perpetuating stereotypes, but we saw them as a method to bring issues Asian-Americans face to the forefront, to get people to discuss them and to promote change."

Advance publicity notwithstanding, the conference did bring the AAA into the spotlight.

"A lot of people who came without any knowledge of the Asian community gained knowledge and insight," Liu said.

Leung agreed that the goals of the weekend were achieved.

"The most important mission of the conference was to spark that fire in students' hearts to promote a better understanding of multicultural issues on campus," he said.

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Students take a break from the In Focus conference this weekend to grab lunch.

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dents was one deciding factor in her choice to live in Castle Point next year. "Castle Point is the least expensively and nicest of the complexes, despite its longer distance from school," Wendell said. Also, "because it is not just for students, I will be able to interact with many different types of people, which is something that I think many people forget about while on campus at Notre Dame."

In preparation for this academic year, Wendell signed her lease in early October. Some students, however, are not so prepared — causing complications as the signing deadline nears.

College Park property manager Patty Rossum said students attending Notre Dame are renewing their leases later on in the year to create problems. "Five percent of them just assume that since they're already there, they automatically get their apartment renewal every year," Rossum said. These students then are left to sign up late or not at all — College Park has been sold out of apartments since early October.

"We have a list for the 2005-06 school year starting already," Rossum said. "One hundred percent of all our renters are students."

Some complexes, however, have not begun that renewal process yet. The former Campus View Apartments, renamed Clover Ridge, has come under new ownership that aims to focus on this year first. Lisa Dolen, property manager of the recently purchased apartments, said the complex is remodeling and does not want to begin leasing until the renovations are complete. "So far, we're in the middle of remodeling. We're putting in new carpets, new bathrooms, washers and dryers — all of it," Donlon said. "We're looking to start leasing at the end of February or early March."

Management hopes that new rent-covered rentals such as Internet access and basic cable will lure students to Clover Ridge. Many Saint Mary's students, however, said they will not take the bait — instead turning to the new on-campus apartments. Junior Michele Firmstone said the proximity of the apartments is a major selling point. "It's convenient. There's no driving issue," Firmstone said. "The apartments are already furnished, and we won't have to worry about paying rent and utilities every month."

Saint Mary's director of Residence Life Michelle Russell believes the apartments are a strong draw. "It's an option to the independent students of students without having to move away," Russell said. "You're close to class, close to the heart of campus — you still get your own kitchen, your own apartment. You get that freedom."

Saint Mary's Residence Life reported receiving more applications than there are spaces for the new apartments. There will be a lottery for the 12 double and 12 quad apartments on Feb. 3. If a student is not chosen, her room deposit will roll over to the next year.

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dent body. This goal will be followed closely by their sec­ond priority to form a Board of Governance.

"We truly realize that we're not the only ones who will be doing all of the work," White said. "It's everyone who is interested and wants to get involved."

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Lecture to discuss the 'other' Americas

Spotted in The Observer

J. Michael Dash, professor of French and director of the African Studies Program at New York University, delivered a lecture titled "The Relating Island: The South of the South in the Americas" at 4 p.m. today at the Eck Center auditorium.

Presented by the University's Working Group for the Americas, in conjunction with its Institute for Latino Studies and African and African-American Studies Program, the event is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception. The lecture is a continuation of the "Caribbean Inventions" conference held last fall at Notre Dame.

Born in Trinidad, Dash previously served for 21 years as professor of Francophone literature and chair of modern languages at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica. He specializes in the study of Italian literature and French Caribbean writers, especially Edouard Glissant whose works "The Ripening" and "Caribbean Discourse" he has translated into English. He is the author of numerous books, including "The Other America: Caribbean Literature in a New World Context," "Liberia: A Haiti Anthology," with Charles Arthur, and "Culture and Customs of Haiti."

The event is co-sponsored by Notre Dame's Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, the Departments of Romance Languages and Literatures, English and Anthropology, and French and Francophone Studies.

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The Healy ticket and the Isvand ticket were faxed to the Registrar's office on Jan. 21. We didn't hear anything from them," Coughlin said.

"When the Craft ticket showed up we faxed their names, and we re-faxed the Healy and Isvand tickets.

When they [were approved] there was a little note saying 'Sorry for the delay.' They were in the Registrar's office for five days," Coughlin said.

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Mary's campus.

"I think Sarah Catherine and Mary Pauline will do a fabulous job transitioning into their new roles and taking the lead in furthering stu­dent government," Haeberle said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Hundreds killed in hajj disaster
MENA, Saudi Arabia — About 10,000 people were trapped in the jam of people, leading to a deadly crush on a five-lane highway. Tens of thousands of people were on the uppermost ramp, which is about the width of a five-lane highway.

Islamic leaders now Israeli targets
JERUSALEM — The leaders of violent Islamic groups are targeting for assassination, Israel's defense minister said Sunday, raising the possibility of a further escalation in the three years of Israeli-Palestinian bloodshed.

Iraqi leaders try to map path to sovereignty
Iraqi leaders are trying to map their path to sovereignty, they said Sunday, at a critical meeting of political parties. The new political leaders, who have the power to negoti­ ate with Washington, are trying to show that they can deliver the kind of stability that the United States wants.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush to order intelligence probe
WASHINGTON — President Bush, under mounting political pressure, will sign an executive order to establish a full investigation of U.S. intelligence failures in Iraq, a senior White House official said Sunday.

The investigation will look at what the United States believed it knew before the war began about Saddam Hussein's regime and what has been determined since the invasion. President Bush was scheduled to announce the formation of the investigation Sunday when he returns to Washington after visiting Texas.

The Bush administration has ordered the CIA and FBI to work together on the investigation, which is expected to last several months.

LOCAL NEWS

Ind. Guard members deployed
INDIANAPOLIS — About 800 National Guard members from Indiana and other states are heading to Bosnia-Herzegovina on peacekeeping duty received a warm sendoff Saturday at the Fort Wayne Air National Guard Base.

"Know that you have the unconditional support of every man, woman and child that cares about you," said Maj. Gen. Joe Kernan, Indiana Army National Guard commander. "Your Warrior Family is behind you."

"You're going to work hard and do the best you can," said Vice President Dick Cheney, who introduced the soldiers. "You're going to do a job that's important to the people of this country."

ROVERS still plagued by software
LOS ANGELES — NASA said Sunday its Spirit rover was away from rolling on Mars again and that the software problem vexing the spacecraft may trouble both it and its twin, Opportunity, for the duration of their double-barreled mission.

Engineers discovered a file from Spirit's flash memory but held off from reformatting it completely until Monday, said Michael Watkins, project manager. "I believe it's a good diagnosis program, and we're going to try to diagnose more problems if necessary."

"I think we can declare we're completely back in our normal mode," said Adler during a conference call with reporters. "The key is that the rover had no new problems."

"Engineers also are regularly reformat­ting the robots' flash memory, per­haps every week or two," said Adler. "But the crisis is over."

Even with the computer glitch, engi­ neers believe at least one of the 344-pound robots may last longer than their warranted 90-day lifetimes. A 15-watt heater that's been turning on unnecessarily on Opportunity may curtail its extended mission, however. NASA scientists said the solar-powered spacecraft have ample time to roam like no other mission to Mars ever has. Once underway, the rovers could cover thousands of yards of terrain.
Shuttle anniversary commemorated

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — One year after Columbia broke apart and fell in flaming streaks from the Texas sky, NASA workers who launched the shuttle and its seven astronauts and then gathered up the remains stood united in sorrow Sunday at the precise moment of the explosion.

The first anniversary of the catastrophe was a time for every astronaut, every member of their families, debris searchers, school children, even football fans — to pause and remember.

"On this day, at this very hour, the unthinkable happened," Kennedy Space Center's director, Jim Kennedy, told the crowd of a few hundred who gathered on a gray, drizzly morning at NASA's astronaut memorial.

Kennedy quietly recited the names of the Columbia astronauts and placed a black granite monument behind him. Command pilot William McCool, Michael Anderson, David Brown, Kalpana Chawla, Laurel Clark and Israel's first astronaut, Ilan Ramon.

"They were our friends. They are our heroes. Their loss will not be in vain. We will come back bigger, better and stronger than ever," Kennedy said.

Almost all of the mourners held a long-stemmed rose. After the brief outdoor ceremony, they peeked the red, yellow, peach and ivory-colored flowers into the surrounding memorial.

The ceremony began at 9 a.m., the instant NASA lost communication with the spacecraft. It ended at 9:16 a.m., the time the spacecraft should have landed on the Kennedy Space Center runway. By then, Columbia had shattered into thousands of pieces that crashed down on Texas and Louisiana.

A piece of fuel tank foam insulation had torn a hole in the bottom of the orbiter. It was a post-mid-January liftoff and allowed hot atmospheric gases to pour out during atmospheric re-entry.

Kidnapped woman discovered alive

Associated Press

BUCKEYE, Ariz. — A correctional officer was relieved of guard duty Sunday from the prison the guard was on when her body was found. Teri Jendusa-Nickolai, 38, was kidnapped and murdered.

A neighbor said they saw Jendusa-Nickolai apparently being attacked by a prison guard Saturday night at Wind Lake, Wisconsin. She was a babysitter and had been kidnapped from her car in Wind Lake.

"We again rejoiced and we thanked the Lord for all of our prayers being answered," Jan Johnson family friend.

WHEELING, Ill. — A woman was found severely beaten, wrapped in duct tape and inside a plastic garbage bag in her ex-husband's storage unit on Sunday, a day after she called 911 from the back of his truck saying she had abducted her.

Jendusa-Nickolai was reported missing last Saturday when her ex-husband, David Larsen, was shot by his automated weapon.

"We again rejoiced and the Lord answered," said Jan Johnson family friend.

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The personal computer maker would still trail Dell Inc. and Hewlett-Packard Co., but executives hope the increased volume will give it more leverage in negotiating with suppliers. A similar argument was made when HP announced it was buying Compaq Computer Corp. in 2001.

"There's an element of last man standing here," said Roger Kay, an analyst at the research firm IDC. "The PC industry is definitely consolidating and, at this stage, bulk counts. Gateway and eMachines each had about 3.4 percent of the total U.S. market in the fourth quarter of last year, according to IDC. By comparison, Dell and HP together commanded more than half.

The agreement announced Friday came a day after Gateway posted its 12th loss in 13 quarters, a result of sharp, declining sales and charges related to its makeovers from a personal computer maker to consumer electronics company.

"Competing against Dell and HP is tough," said Stephen Baker, an analyst for NPD Group Inc. "There isn't anything they can do to close that gap that would be meaningful. That gap is so big that there's just nothing you can do.

Gateway's revenue last year was about one-third what it was in 2000. The company introduced a raft of flat-panel TVs, cameras and music players last year, but luster holiday sales failed to validate its gamble to branch into consumer electronics.

Last year, Gateway's PC shipments fell 24 percent to just under 2 million units. E Machines shipped 1.9 million PCs last year, meaning the transaction would effectively double Gateway's PC business.

Ted Waitt, who founded Gateway in 1985 and returned as chief executive in 2001, said skepticism by analysts about the future of the company's PC business, which still accounts for about 70 percent of its revenue, "basically gets answered" by the acquisition.

Once the deal is closed in about six to eight weeks, Waitt will be replaced by eMachines' CEO, Wayne Inouye. Waitt, 41, will remain Gateway's chairman. Inouye, 51, was senior vice president of computer merchandising at Best Buy Co. before joining eMachines in 2001 to turn around the then-struggling company.

The two companies, which began negotiating about a month ago, have targeted different customer segments. E Machines employs only 138 people, mostly in Orange County, hiring outside firms and selling its lower-end PCs through major electronics retailers, including Best Buy, Circuit City Stores Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

Gateway, which employs about 7,500 people, sells its higher-end gear at its shrinking chain of 190 stores and over the Internet and phone.

Gateway said it had no plans to carry the eMachines brand in its stores and hasn't approached eMachines' retailers about carrying the Gateway brand.

**AIR TRAVEL**

**ATA strikes deal with bondholders**

**INDIANAPOLIS** — The parent company of ATA Airlines Inc. has reached agreement with bondholders Friday, buying itself more time to repay debt and ease a cash crunch that threatened to bankrupt the nation's largest commuter carrier.

ATA Holdings Corp. said it had met the conditions for completing a bond exchange offer. The conditions included gaining satisfactory consent from bondholders to completing amendments for leasing Boeing 737s and 757s that ATA had ordered before the Sept. 11 attacks.

ATA also said it had won approval from the Federal Aviation Administration's Stabilization Board, which guarantees loans to airlines.

The low-fare carrier had faced the prospect of paying off $300 million in debt over two years while making aircraft lease payments.

Friday's announcement "will certainly give ATA a lot of breathing room to recover from the last couple years of industry difficulties," said Richard Rittenbender, an airline analyst at Moody's Investors Service.

ATA shares closed up 41 cents, or 3.3 percent, at $12.84 on the Nasdaq Stock Market. Indianapolis-based ATA said last summer that it could not meet debt obligations unless it won more time to repay bondholders. The airline warned of a possible Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing unless it secured new repayment terms.

Under the bond swap, ATA has more time to repay $175 million in bond notes originally due in August and another $125 million in notes that were due next year. In exchange for stretching out the repayments, bondholders receive more favorable interest and cash consideration terms.

ATA made its initial bond exchange offer Aug. 29, but was forced to revise the terms and extend the offer's deadline several times after failing to win enough bondholder support.
Letter to the Editor

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Edwards, not Kerry, will depose Bush

Defending the Vagina Monologues

Exploring play’s complexities

I would like to respond to Professor Rice’s Jan. 28 column concerning “The Vagina Monologues” at Notre Dame. In 2002, when “The Vagina Monologues” first came to Notre Dame, Professor Rice expressed concern and distress for some of the content of the play, as she did again this week. She worried about, among other things, the exchange of criticism, or your own inability to deal with the word “vagina,” successful production and what they would mean for women and for Notre Dame. And he is right to worry. As the play says, “We were worried about vaginas.” The “Vagina Monologues” is not a simple play — it is a complex, multi-layered tapestry. To attempt to cast the entire play in a single light is to miss the point it is trying to make. Professor Rice’s mistake is that he attempts to do just that — classify the entire play as an advertisement for immorality and perversion.

It is true that some of the Monologues will make audience members uncomfortable. Others may cause fear or pity, while still others will create an unwavering sense of hope. The fact is that “The Vagina Monologues” is a metaphor for women and an example of women’s diverse experiences in life. To silence these experiences, or to prevent them from being heard, is to silence us all. And once we get to talking, there’s no stopping us.

Professor Rice chastises the administration for its decision to allow such a play to be performed on the campus of Our Lady, I say that Our Lady would be proud. She, too, had a story to tell. Pregnant out of wedlock with only an incredible explanation for her husband-to-be, she asked that others hear her story and have faith that, although she did not fit into the mold that society expected her to, she was an important and worthy woman.

Mary had a vagina. And I bet she would have been proud. She, too, had a story to tell. Notre Dame’s own College Democrats, a predominantly female group, share a strong balance of optimism and outrage. Bush won’t serve another term — not on their watch. But my handful of experiences with them also suggest to me something else: a collective hope that, after each successful debate, Edwards will, Mia Hamm-style, tear off his Oxford shirt and bare his sculpted pecs in all their gymnastic majesty. Looks much better than I think we have a consensus here. America simply isn’t ready to have an unsightly commander-in-chief. The GOP barn dances must have Karl Rove shaking in his booties. "No so the Democratic Party. The distinctions are simple, handsome, youthful Democratic candidates begin, of course, with JFK. William P. Buckley, Jr., goes so far as to say that JFK’s real legacy is his beauty. Then Gary Hart in 1984 and Bill Clinton in 1992. And now Edwards — deemed by People magazine a few years ago the “Sexiest Man Alive” in the political category.

Back to Edwards’ debating skills. He’s an astonishingly skilled attorney, the first of all, argument is his profession and he’s proved to have mastered it. Some believe that if Edwards ended up as the Democratic nominee, Bush would simply refuse to debate him. The smiling drawl, the warm smile, the swift intellect — it’d be over before it started. Bush, let’s be honest, couldn’t debate his way out of a wet paper bag. Maybe he could cheer his way out of one. Top-dollar schooling evidently failed him in that department. So the prospect of our beloved incumbent locking rhetorical horns with Edwards — on national television, no less — must have Karl Rove shaking in his imported loafers. At that same prospect, people like me are salivating, gleefully imagining the sound thrashing Edwards would deliver. It’s true that some of the Monologues will make audience members uncomfortable. Others may cause fear or pity, while still others will create an unwavering sense of hope. The fact is that “The Vagina Monologues” is a metaphor for women and an example of women’s diverse experiences in life. To silence these experiences, or to prevent them from being heard, is to silence us all. And once we get to talking, there’s no stopping us.

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An equal opportunity production?

I am writing to address a grave concern of mine: the travesty known as "The Vagina Monologues." Clearly, allowing them to come here will put a blemish on our school’s otherwise great reputation. I cannot believe that we are allowing ourselves to take such a significant step backwards in the development of our atmosphere of sexual equality. Where, I ask, are "The Penis Monologues"? What kind of equal-opportunity campuses are we if we can’t even provide comparable theatre experience for our men and our women? I don’t know the issue here, but this monologue play, but I do know that it has vagina in the title, and to me, that just exudes discrimination. Clearly, this can only be balanced out with a play that has penis in the title. I mean, come on. Men have sex organs, too. We can get onstage and talk about them. Ever think about that? Seriously. I hope if you have been reading this far, you are either very angry with me, or laughing hysterically. (I will accept either.)

Kerry Walsh
Jan of 2003
former V-Day ND organizer
Jan. 30

Justin Smith
Dillon Hall
Jan. 30
The large pop punk tour of the year breezed though the Windy City Jan. 30, leaving the young adults of Chicago with a warm feeling despite the biting cold outdoors. Motion City Soundtrack, Sugarcult and co-headliners MxPx and Simple Plan took the downtown Riviera Theater by storm that night, filling the theater to the brink and pleasing the anxious crowd. The show opened with Epitaph recording artist Motion City Soundtrack from Minneapolis. This excellent blend of unusual vocals, electric keyboards and beats was a powerful way to start the night. The band played their much too short eight song set with flare. They began their set with "Cambridge" and continued by playing the majority of the songs on their full length album, "I Am the Movie."

Lead singer and guitarist, Justin Pierre, has an excellent voice, and the quality shone through to the crowd of exuberant teenagers. Motion City Soundtrack is rounded out by Joshua Cain on guitar and vocals, Tony Thaxton on drums, Jesse Johnson on moog (a small keyboard-type instrument), and Matthew Taylor on bass and backup vocals. Their set flowed beautifully as they finished up with fan-favorites, "The Future Freaks Me Out" and "My Favorite Accident." This band has an amazing amount of talent and it was evident as they played their set. The group could do something spectacular in the future.

As Simple Plan lead singer Pierre Bouvier said later that night, "Give it up for Motion City Soundtrack. We're OK. They are great." The next act of the night was Santa Barbara, California's own Sugarcult. This powerful pop-punk foursome put together an excellent set that was very well received by the crowd who was looking to take the energy level up a notch. Sugarcult did just that entering the stage to their popular song, "Stuck in America."

The high energy continued through the night as they played songs from their full-length album, "Start Static," such as, "Daddy's Little Defect," "She's Pretty Girl." They also played their new song, "Memory," to supplement the older favorites. This song is on their new full length titled, "Palm Trees and Powerlines," which is scheduled to be released on April 13. Leading the way was singer/guitar Tim Pagnotta, with band mates Marko 72 on guitar, Airin on bass and vocals, and Ben Davis on drums and vocals. Their books were incredibly catchy and kept the crowd jumping the whole set. Their clever use of lyrics enhanced the melodies. The music had enough pop credence to draw the crowd in and was smart enough to keep them excited for the next song.

Sugarcult played an excellent set and made one lucky fan's night by pulling him out of the crowd to videotape the set for their impending DVD they will be releasing. Members of the band could also be found out by their merchandise booth during the show and after the show to take pictures and sign autographs for the fans. This kind of attitude, supplemented by their punchy music, will help them continue on their path to fame.

The final act of the night was northern neighbor Simple Plan from Canada, with Pierre Bouvier on vocals, Chuck Comeau on drums, Jeff Stinco on lead guitar, David Desrosiers on bass and backup vocals and Sebastien Lefebvre on bass and back up vocals.
Riviera

my night in one of the year's first big rock tours

These French-Canadian punks were the high-light of the night for many of the teens in the crowd whose resounding screams filled the building as they took the stage to the Star Wars theme, "The Imperial March." They immediately ripped into their set, playing many of the songs from their 2002 debut album, "No Pads, No Helmets... Just Balls," including radio hits, "I'm Just a Kid," "Addicted," and "I'd Do Anything."

This high-energy band is very reminiscent of fellow pop-punk band Good Charlotte. Both have catchy hooks and fast paced anthems for disillusioned teens who want to scream their frustrations about growing up. The band played their songs and made jokes between them in Blink-182 fashion for the captivated audience. After playing some of their songs, the band really kicked in covering Pink's, "Get the Party Started", The Black Eyed Peas "Where's the Love", and also the Turtles' "Happy Together". Hearing so many cover songs in one night was a bit surprising.

Rouvier and his acoustic guitar provided the second encore of the night with Simple Plan's latest radio hit, "Perfect." Rouvier started the song himself, but then stopped and allowed the thousands of voices in the Riviera to do the work for him. Halfway through the song the rest of the band joined him on stage and they filled out the rest of the music in an excellent end to the concert.

Overall, it was a well-crafted tour with an interesting mix of different bands. The talent of some of the bands was over the heads of the kids who were seemingly there for one purpose, to see Simple Plan. Simple Plan deserves a lot of credit for realizing this talent and taking these bands on tour to give them exposure to the masses.

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I come to you today, my dear friends, to bring to light the dire situation we are facing concerning The Observer Viewpoint section. Many people turn to the Viewpoint section in order to explore the various perspectives of fellow students and faculty, hoping to gain insight on current issues that are relevant to the student body and in our world. This, after all, is why the section exists.

I have noticed, however, that the scope of the issues covered in The Observer by the student body has become increasingly narrow. In fact, on any given day, there's a pretty good chance that most students can name two or three of the articles that are published before even opening the paper. Because of this, I have decided to layout for you a quick list of what I believe to be the most played-out Viewpoint articles of all time.

First of all, I must point out the "obscure political reference that no one cares about" article. This is typically a full-page article that attempts to turn the student body towards either tree-hugging liberalism or "ostracize everyone but the upper-middle class" conservatism. Thanks for the effort guys, but if I were looking for an article like this, I would've picked up copies of "Common Sense" or the "Irish River." Second, there's the typical "Cherish your time at ND" article that someone is sure to send in once a week. This usually comes from a senior who is lamenting over their experiences at Notre Dame and talking about anything from what they think to be a funny Frosh-0 experience to the last time they got drunk at the Linebacker. On occasion, these articles can be tolerable, giving the student body a chance to reflect on their experiences here, but after awhile they start to sound like an NDN "the more you know" commercial. This type of article can easily be coupled with the "thank God I'm finally 21" article, which generally recounts close calls with bar bints or fake ID stories.

Then, of course, there is the "I'm ultra-sensitive and everything offends me" article, carrying the tone of the movie PCU throughout. This article rant's about different events going on around campus that "don't fit in with the Catholic nature of the University" and usually tries to stifle much of the creative thinking that goes on here. Two of the usual suspects that are attacked here are the Yagin Monologues and the Keenan Review. I must say, if you're going to object to something, I think those of The Observer. Thanks for the effort guys, but if I were looking for an article like this, I would've picked up copies of "Common Sense" or the "Irish River." Review then you should go off about the tonal structure in the crowd that sing all of the songs between skits. They are simply unbearable. Oh, and that awful head-bobbing that accompanies the singing, please make it stop.

On a related note to the previous article, there is the offended person's response to the offending person article. This is when someone writes a Viewpoint about something that offended them and the next day another article comes out about how offensive the previous article was to another person. These articles can get a little ridiculous and are at times hilarious. The author Felipe then ends up looking like a total ass. Does anyone remember that girl who was fuming about clothing styles on campus? If not, you can find her at the first table on the left in North Dining hall, according to the evidence.

I consulted a classmate of mine, fellow editor of the Viewpoint major Dan Block, for a reaction to lack of diversity in the Viewpoint's students submitting. "I have this to say," I'm truly surprised that no one has written on the plight of the three-toed Sri Lankan tree lemur. This rare species travels the forests in fear of his life while heartless poachers chase him like they're playing some kind of game. It's a damn shame. Jenkins, a damn shame.

Upon hearing this, I shed a tear then quickly reminded him that my name was in fact Tom, not Jenkins.

I would continue on my little ramblings about the common Viewpoint themes, but then my article would look really good on the page and everyone would skip over it. So, in closing, I must say this; if anything I have said hurt your feelings or offended you, I'll see you in the Viewpoint section tomorrow.

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Irish down slew of challengers at dual meet

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Saturday’s dual meet marked the first ever all-male Notre Dame fencing team showcased its talent in front of a home crowd. Neither the men nor Dame fencing team tasted defeat this season. The Irish men finished with two perfect 9-0 and 10-0, respectively, and Dame fencing went on to a combined 9-9 record for the season.

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In the men’s epeeists and sabers struggle, two squared off in one of the most intense matches of the day. This time, Snyder jumped out to a 5-2 lead with four seconds left before the match was called. Ellis fought back and used a furious rally to record the next three points and tie the bout at four. Both fencers struggled in the “shockout” until Frank Snyder scored the final point to secure a 5-4 victory.

A roar burst from the Notre Dame faithful as the men defeated Ohio State by a 15-12 score. The Buckeyes, the men’s defending national champions, were off for a home game.

The women’s team was even closer.

Despite the epee team winning only two of nine matches to Ohio State, junior Natalie Bustamante’s surprising 5-4 victory over top Buckeye epeeist Alexandra Shklar proved critical.

The men’s squad won 11 of the 13 overall events to wrap up a 5-2 January with a 159-75 thrashing of St.

Bustamante, who is not on scholarship, showed just how deep the Irish talent pool goes.

“It was great because our walk-on beat their top girl,” Walton said. “You know you can rely on the rest of your team and you fence better when you don’t have that pressure.”

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ND SWIMMING

Michigan spoils near-perfect weekend for Irish women

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

What’s the deal with Michigan?

Thus far this year, the Wolverines have managed to outduel Notre Dame and other opponents this weekend. The men advanced to 18-1 on the season.

While Hulick (100-meter freestyle), Carroll (200-meter individual medley) and Garcia (200-meter freestyle) each finished in all the world cups he attended, his greatest test, however, was against Ohio State when he finished Saturday with a perfect 166-134, in the Wolverines have managed to outduel Notre Dame and other opponents this weekend. The men advanced to 18-1 on the season.

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Federer defeats Safin to capture Australian Open title

Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Roger Federer skipped the sobbing this time. He is, after all, getting familiar with the honor: Grand Slam tournament champion.

Playing shrewd and confident tennis that has left him at No. 1, Federer won the Australian Open 7-6 (3), 6-4, 6-3 Sunday against a weary and frustrated Marat Safin.

Federer has captured two of the last three majors following his Wimbledon triumph.

"I feel like I’m living the game when I’m out there,” the Swiss star said. “When a guy is going to hit the ball, I know exactly the angles and the spins. I just feel that I’ve got that figured out.”

It was enough to end Safin’s great run. The unseeded Russian beat top-seeded Andy Roddick in the quarterfinals, then stopped defending champion Andre Agassi’s 26-match winning streak at the Australian Open in the semifinals.

But after more than 18 hours and 27 sets in six rounds, Safin had little left. Federer clearly was fresher, having spent just more than 10 hours on court and losing only two sets.

When Federer won Wimbledon last summer, he responded with sobs of relief. "I was out of energy, my legs were just too tired,” he said. "I was a little too tired to keep up with him. I felt that I was missing just a little bit. Against Roger, you have to do better than that. I’m not playing a yo-yo.”

Safin lost his last six matches in 2003, a rough year in which he struggled with an ailing wrist. He entered the tournament at No. 86 and will improve to the low 30s on Monday.

"I’m actually very glad to be in finals again,” he said. "I’m really glad to play my best tennis after the injuries I had last year.”

He did get one reward for his marathon effort in Melbourne, matching Harold Solomon’s record of 30 sets for a Grand Slam tournament set in the 1976 French Open.

Heckler said. "I always lost against the strong players like Venus or Serena,” Henin-Hardenne said. "I always lost against them over there because they’re so powerful.”

In Melbourne, she didn’t have to face Venus Williams, who was upset in the third round by Liu Raymond.

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PROVIDENCE falls to Seton Hall in Big East play

Associated Press

PROVIDENCE, R.I. — Seton Hall decided not to double team Providence’s Ryan Gomes, and see if anybody else could beat Providence’s Ryan Gomes, and...
New England Patriots wide receiver David Givens leaps over Panthers cornerback Ricky Manning. Givens, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate, caught the Tom Brady touchdown pass to give the Patriots a 14-7 lead.

Brady, Vinatieri fail, then deliver

Associated Press
HOUSTON — With a chance to put the Patriots ahead early, Adam Vinatieri missed — not once, but twice. With a chance to put them in control late, Tom Brady threw his worst pass of the playoffs.

When it really counted, New England’s two coolest customers were perfect. Brady stood up to Carolina’s nasty pass rush, making the throws that got New England in position to win another Super Bowl on a last-second kick. Vinatieri then delivered again for a 32-29 victory Sunday.

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“As that’s Jimmy Spencer,” NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said Sunday when asked about comments the outspoken driver made last week about Toyota’s entry into Craftsman Truck competition.

“They bombaded Pearl Harbor, don’t forget,” the San Antonio Express-News quoted the 46-year-old driver as saying during media day at Texas Motor Speedway.

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In Brief

CBS apologizes for end of halftime show

NEW YORK — CBS apologized on Sunday for an unexpectedly R-rated halftime end to its Super Bowl halftime show, when singer Justin Timberlake tore off part of Janet Jackson’s top, exposing her breast.

“CBS deeply regrets the incident,” spokeswoman Leslie Anne Wade said after the network received several calls about the show.

The two singers were performing a flirtatious duet to end the halftime show, and at the song’s finish, Timberlake reached across Jackson’s leather gladiator outfit and pulled off the covering to her right breast.

The network quickly cut away from the covering to her right breast.

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you accidentally knock your roommate’s toothbrush into the toilet. He’s not home. What do you do? Answer the question. Compare your opinions with others. Explore what matters at pwc.com/lookhere.
The Irish had no lack at Duke this weekend, as the Blue Devils swept in 7-0, in dual match play.

"We had our chances," coach Bobby Baysil said after the match. "They’re a Final Four team, in my opinion, so I expect them to do very well this season."

No. 8 Duke lost just two sets in singles and swept doubles against No. 49 Notre Dame. The Irish box scores, however, do not indicate that many of the matches were close.

"The doubles were pretty close; there was a break at No. 1 early, and we lost No. 1 and No. 3 doubles by one service break — both were 8-5," said Baysil. "No. 2 lost 9-8 in a tiebreaker, and we were actually down a lot over the doubles — they were very, very close."

Duke (3-0) won against Texas A&M on Saturday. The Aggies beat Notre Dame 5-2 last weekend at the Eck Pavilion.

"We had our chances," Baysil said of singles play. "Matt Scott swept a match in a tiebreaker... [and Brent] D’Amico lost in three sets."

Scott, ranked No. 66 coming off a recurrent leg injury, took the first set at No. 1 against Walther, 6-3. Playing at number two, however, Walther — ranked No. 7 in the nation — battled back to win the second set and the last set in a tiebreaker.

D’Amico came out strong, taking the first set against Jason Zimmerman 6-4, but he then lost 6-2 and 6-1 and Duke received the sweep. "We’re a very good team," Haddock said. "Denny Bass and Barry King all have consistent shots, and our doubles teams are at Nos. 1, 4 and 5, respectively. Ryan Keckley, at No. 6, was forced to retire due to an injury after losing a spinal nerve in the second set.

"We were down 2-0 right off the bat, which is a pretty big psychological thing to deal with, but you move on," said Baysil.

Despite Scott’s defeat, Baysil considered his play promising.

"Matt’s foot started to bother him a little bit toward the end of his match," Baysil said. "I was really satisfied with the way he played; he hit the ball better than he has since the fall. I hope he’s okay for the coming weekend — with Ryan’s status in question, Matt should come out of this one without any three starters."

Haddock will be playing in a tournament at Northwestern next weekend.

No. 8 DUKE 7, No. 49 NOTRE DAME 0 at the SHEFFIELD TENNIS CENTER

SINGLES
No. 1. Benjamin Peck (D) d. Luis Haddock (ND) 6-2, 6-3, 6-3.
No. 2. Stephen Strzibl (D) d. Renn Dodds (OSU) 6-2, 6-3.
No. 3. Nicholas Catchings (D) d. Barry King (ND) 6-4, 6-0.
No. 4. Eric Bayliss (D) d. Peter Rodrigues (D) 7-5, 6-3, 6-0.
No. 5. Patrick Kageles (D) d. Brent D’Amico (ND) 1-6, 6-2, 6-1.

DOUBLES
No. 1. Mark Palchak/Hatham (D) d. Kelli Resnik and Kaitlyn McFadgen (OSU) 6-4, 6-1.
No. 3. Michael Szwarc/Tim D’Amico (OSU) d. Jason Zimmerman and Peter Rodrigues (ND) 6-4, 7-5.
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No. 5. Andrew Miller and David Biddle (OSU) d. No. 2: Christian Thompson/Emmanuel Szwarc (OSU) 8-6.

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Belles finish season on high note

Saint Mary’s beats Chicago, preps for championships

By DAN TAPETILLO
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The Saint Mary’s swimming team finished its season by defeating the University of Chicago this weekend, 124-77.

The Belles beat both Chicago in individual events, and four swimmers claimed first place in individual events. Senior Megan Ramsey led the Belles to their second win of the year and claimed her second-consecutive win in the 200-yard freestyle in a time of 2:02.77 and the 100-yard butterfly in 1:01.72. Sarah Nowak won the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:13.76 and Kate Dingerman won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:14.32, and Megan Ramsey won the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 2:02.77.

Junior Michelle Santor finished fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke and the 200-yard IM. Stanforth’s 1:16.67 backstroke time was her fastest swim in two years.

Other notable highlights were third-place finishes by Kelly Nellis in the 200-yard freestyle and Julie McGranahan in the 100-yard butterfly.

Prior to the meet, Saint Mary’s viewed Chicago as the most comparable team they would meet all season — and after a marginal victory, the Belles still view Chicago as a great competitor.

"They were very competitive, with a team that is slightly smaller than ours," Saint Mary’s swimming coach Greg Petcoff said. "Our girls look for their success with a great deal of respect for them."

As the team prepares for the MIAA championships, the win against Chicago will help boost the morale of a team that has overcome many obstacles throughout the season.

"It was a really difficult season with a lot of conflicts, and the team still did very well," Ramsey said. "This was a nice way to hit everyone’s spirits."

In their preparations, Saint Mary’s will reduce the amount of training and begin tapering for the next few weeks. The team hopes to go into the MIAA championships Feb. 19 well rested.

"They are not going to see a new Saint Mary’s at the championships," Ramsey said. "They are going to see a more rested one that is ready to win."

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Gunn also finished third in the 200-meter dash, which was enough to qualify for the Big East Championships.

Sophomore shot-putter Meghan Horn qualified for the Big East meet with a distance of 12.72 meters. She also
finished seventh in the weight throw with a 13.41-meter mark.

Junior Roy Boyd was a winner in the 400 meters, as the senior posted a time of 55.79. She also made sure the 60-meter dash in 7.69
seconds.

Other winners for the Irish women were senior Kristen Bodz with a time of 24.42 in the 200-meter race and fresh-
men Cassie Guillekson, who

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spark.

"I'm just really pleased with the way they've come through this stretch of (ranked teams)," McGraw said. "It's really been a
great defensive stretch for us."

The Irish defense was also able to hold the Eagles' leading scor-
er, Jessalyn Deveny, to 13 points and
13-for-11 shooting. Boston College
got the rebound on the second
shot, but Jacobs was unable to
hit an open, possible game-win-
ing three-point attempt with
five seconds to go.

"I thought this game was criti-
cal for us," McGraw said. "It really gave us just an added
bonus going into the postseason.
I think we're a top-25 team."

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Severe found a way to score and
found a way for the Irish to win.

Duffy started the game with
eight free throws. She didn't miss a
free throw, either, going 5-for-5
in thegame. She committed
five fouls, including a technical
for the conference meet in

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great effort to help us get a big point."

Notre Dame has developed a habit of taking games to the extra period. The Irish are 0-2-4 in their six overtime contests this season. The Irish have not won a regular-season overtime game since a 4-3 win over Miami (Ohio) on Jan. 5, 2002. The Alaska-Fairbanks series marks the fourth consecutive series in which the Irish have played at least one overtime game, collecting two ties and two overtime losses in that span.

"Anytime you score in the last minute of play, it's a good tie," Poulin said.

The Irish got off to a quick start Friday, leaping out to an early 1-0 lead on a goal by Gill, after Cam Keith stole the puck in the Irish defensive zone and slipped it to Aaron Voros, who beat a helpless Bartusch less than five minutes into the third period.

Cam Keith would score a late goal in the third for the Nanooks after pulling Bartusch, but UAF was unable to get the equalizer. The Irish came away with the win despite being outshot 42-29. Brown matched a career best with 40 saves in the victory.

Saturday, each team was held scoreless in a wild first period, as UAF's McKay and Notre Dame's Brown stymied several quality chances. Notre Dame would get on the scoreboard in the second, with the freshman Paige scoring on a four-on-three Irish power play. The Nanooks would even the score on the next shift, however, as Cam Keith stole the puck in the Irish defensive zone and slipped it to Aaron Voros, who beat a helpless Brown far post. UAF would then take the lead at 9:56 of the third period on a goal by Walsh taken a hard shot from the slot to beat Bartusch less than five minutes into the third period.

Notre Dame got the game winner in the third, though, when Walsh took a hard shot from the slot to beat Bartusch less than five minutes into the third period.

NOTRE DAME 3, ALASKA-FAIRBANKS 2 at the JOYCE CENTER

First Period
ND — Mauro Kaletta 4 (Kyle Reagan, Matt Johnson), 9:27. 
ND — Kyle Reagan 11 (Polis, Paice), SHG, 11:42.

Second Period
UAF — Vojtech Fritsch 2 (Maxim Potvin), PPG, 9:30. 
ND — Steve Maggard 1 (A. Gill), PPG, 9:30. 
UAF — Curtis Fraser after another Miami (Ohio) on Jan. 5, 2002. The Irish fell to Rutgers on Saturday, 81-70.

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high number of fouls called in the second half to make 21-25 attempts from the line.

Near the end of that run, Notre Dame forward Jordan Cornette, who is usually calm and collected on the court, let himself get mentally taken out of the game and let the crowd get even rowdier.

Cornette was called for a moving screen, his fourth foul, with 13:07 remaining. Rutgers forward Herb Lamizana then bumped Cornette. Cornette retaliated, getting in the face of Lamizana and pushing Quincey Douby to the floor. Douby exaggerated his fall, and Cornette was called for a technical foul. The technical counts also as a personal foul, and Cornette fouled out.

The Irish were able to cut the large Rutgers lead to eight points twice, but they never got any closer. When the Irish were down 65-57 with 5:04 to play, Rutgers went on an 11-2 run to go up 74-59 and stifle any hopes of an Irish comeback.

Last year, it was former Scarlet Knights Jeremy Coleman connecting on 7-of-12 3-pointers to help Rutgers cruise to an easy win. This year, it was the freshman Douby coming off the bench and making 4-of-6 from behind the arc en route to a game-high 24 points.

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**Men's Basketball**

**Irish continue to suffer in torture RAC**

Scarlet Knights improve to 7-1 all-time versus Irish at home

By MATT LOZAR
Associate Sports Editor

Now that's more like it.

The Irish (13-7, 6-2 Big East) used another stellar defensive effort Saturday to remain undefeated at home with a 52-50 win over No. 23 Boston College (14-4, 4-4 Big East).

"Defensively, Severe came ready to play, make difference," said associate head coach Matt VanHoogstraten.

"Duffy, Severe didn't commit a turnover in 39 minutes. They really had great focus and played really well at both ends," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Thankfully, they did score, because we really struggled to score."

Severe, who came into the game averaging 7.5 points per game, was able to slash and create for the Irish.

"The drive was there a lot, so I just took what the defense gave me," Severe said. "I think that we were having a little trouble scoring, and I knew I had to provide some type of a difference."