Istvan, Bell win 2004 presidential election

Candidates react to results of Student Senate vote

By SCOTT BRODUEHRER
News Writer

The Student Senate broke the election deadlock Sunday afternoon, electing Adam Istvan the next student body president by a 15-13 vote. While senators were constitutionally bound to vote for the candidate that the majority of their dorm voted for, they were not informed of their dorm’s vote until Sunday’s meeting.

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The Senate’s vote to Istvan’s vice president was a clear winner in each dorm, leading to a 15-13 decision in favor of Istvan. While Poin dexter released information about how each dorm voted, the student body vice president Emily Chin would break the tie.

Student senators debate constitutional procedure, equal representation

By MEGHANNE DOWNES
Assistant News Editor

Many of the 28 senators who cast votes to elect Adam Istvan student body president Sunday criticized the system that required them resolve the election by casting their votes according to how their dorm voted, and one senator even left the emergency meeting early when he realized the senators’ presence was merely a formality.

Citing constitutional procedure, Senate’s vote to Istvan’s vice president Elliot Poin dexter alleged that all senators were required to vote for the candidate who received a plurality of the votes in their dorms and, in the event that the candidates tied, then the dorm’s senator would choose which candidate the dorm would vote for. The constitution also states that had there been a tie in the Senate vote that student body vice president.

queer film festival ends without protests

By ANDREW THAGARD
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Notre Dame’s first Queer Film Festival concluded Saturday after drawing large crowds but none of the protests that some had anticipated on the campus of a Catholic university.

“It was very successful,” said Uma Dacey, a senior film, Television and Theater major who organized the event. “It’s been the best weekend I’ve had at Notre Dame.”

The four-day festival opened Wednesday evening to a sold out crowd in the Hesburgh Library auditorium. A showing of the film “Jim in Bold” was followed by a question-and-answer session with director Glenn Holsten. The remainder of the festival featured additional films and sessions with directors, producers and screenwriters, though these events did not sell out, Dacey said.

Notre Dame students, faculty and alumni attended the festival, which featured a screening of the film “The Opposite of Sex,” Roos had returned to campus since he was a student here several decades ago and that his visit left him more impressed with his alma mater.

“After this weekend his whole viewpoint on Notre Dame changed,” Dacey said.

Students who attended the festival also said they were pleased with the event. Junior Ryan Metheny said he

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Tunnel vision**

I know what's down there.

I've seen the inside of Notre Dame's worst-and-best-kept secret: the tunnel. Worst-kept: you'd have to be oblivious not to notice the selective snow-melting that strakes across South Quad and makes past snow-melting that dorms only two years ago.

Head down the tunnel towards the stadium, and you're underfoot. You'll uncover the foot of Stadium, you'll uncover the foot of the dorms, and you'll uncover the foot of Stadium, you'll uncover the foot of the dorms that was underneath—until you look hard enough, you might glimpse the charred remnants of a green jersey or two.

Take a right over to North Quad, and you've hit the tunnel jackpot: leather couches, music, soft lighting, and thousands of those utterly seductive Lion King valentines from Knott Hall. It's the anti-nightscape, the ultimate 24-hour space, the pit where parietals come to perish — let the digging begin.

Straight past the den of sin lies LaFayette underground, where Starbucks is bottomless and quarter dogs cost a nickel. The feast just keeps growing.

The gluttony comes to a sobering end.

Let's start at the middle of it all: the tunnel more than 400 feet below the Golden Dome.

Here we find the ghosts of alcohol policies past, from a pyramid stacked high beneath—until you look hard enough, you might glimpse the charred remnants of a green jersey or two.

The view's expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Claire Heininge at chaine@nd.edu.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** In honor of presidents' day, who is your favorite president and why?

Andrew Kawalski

Freshman Keenan

"George Washington because he had wooden teeth."

John Middleton

Senior off-campus

"Taft because he was a big fat man who stuck in a tub."

Laura MacGregor

Sophomore Cavanaugh

"George W. Bush because he's from Texas. Gotta love southern accents."

Natasha Sarkisian

Sophomore off-campus

"Father Hesburgh, president Emeritus of ND, because he has so many degrees."

Noah Babin

Freshman Stanford

"Colin Campbell, president of the NHL, because hockey rules!"

Wes O'Neill

Freshman Morrissey

"Paul Martin, current Prime Minister of Canada, because in Canada we don't have presidents."

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**IN BRIEF**

Attend the Faculty Debate on Affirmative Action from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. Professors representing several different viewpoints will present their opinions on a recent issue of controversy on campus.

Come and hear from ND faculty students who recently traveled to Nigeria at the Catholic Church in Africa presentation tonight from 9:15 to 10:30 p.m. in the lounge of the Coleman-Morse Center. They will relate their experiences with the people and church of Africa and provide time for questions.

Sharpen your interviewing skills at an interviewing workshop from 5 to 5:45 p.m. in 114 Planner Hall. The workshop is sponsored by the Career Center.

Come to the Saint Mary's Post-Graduate Service Fair from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Noble Family Dining Room Tuesday. Students of all class levels from both Saint Mary's and Notre Dame are encouraged to attend and speak with professionals about volunteer and service opportunities.

Juniors, pick up your Junior Parents Weekend tickets from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday in the Sorin Room of LaFayette. Tickets will also be available for pick-up at the same location beginning at 1 p.m. Friday.

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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**LOCAL WEATHER**

TODAY TONIGHT TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY

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**HIGH**

In a Feb. 13 article titled "Controversy swirls around Monetologists" in the South Bend Tribune, the editor wrote: "The new edition of "Controversy swirls around Monetologists" by Noreen, the Tribune reported, "is the third edition of a book about the art world's fascination with Monet's work. The author, a leading art historian, has written a new chapter on the artist's life and work, including his relationship with his wife, Camille, and his friendship with fellow artist Claude Monet."
Three mules cloned successfully

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Three young mules who are the first members of the horse family to be cloned are all healthy, normal and energetically enjoying life, researchers who put them in the "anyone but Charlie" mindset worked out," Ebersol said.

Ebersol said that the results were not unexpected, as Istvan had captured 1,723 votes as compared to his 1,538 in Thursday's runoff election.

"I didn't think we were going to win, the numbers just didn't work out in the dums. There is no way the numbers could have worked out," Ebersol said.

Istvan received 975 more votes in the runoff election than he did in the first election, which attributed to the merits on his ticket, among other factors.

"The endorsements of the other candidates, saying that student government is "all about great ideas." "Ryan (Craft) and Steve (Leito) had the staples in the computer clusters, I gotta go with it. I haven't spoken with them yet, but if [Ebersol] says he can get a student on the Board of Trustees, that is something no one can afford to overlook. Any help that he can give me can be greatly appreciated," Istvan said.

Istvan said he planned to incorporate the some of the ideas of the other candidates.

"I think Notre Dame especially needs to see how people who aren't part of the homogenous Notre Dame group live their lives because it's very different," he said.

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also called the group's actions inappropriate.

"I was wearing a bikini and I had the "rape free zone" tape wrapped around me," she said. "She thought that was fewd and inappropriate."

Shortly after this encounter, Kennedy said, representatives from Student Activities approached the table and told the group to close it. The group then relocated to a booth not far from the original table where they continued to hang out. "That really made them mad and they came down an hour later and told us [that] we needed to leave," Kennedy said.

Coughlin said that Friday's dismissal resulted from the group's decision to devote

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from the agreement they made in reserving the table through Student Activities, not the students' choice of clothing. He said, however, that there is an expectation that visitors will take care in how they dress while in the building.

"We would just ask any guest of LaFortune to dress in a manner appropriate," he said.

Controversy continued to surround the production of "The Mysteries" on Saturday. Members of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Right to Life and area churches converged outside of Stephen Center before the performance to protest against it, waving signs and distributing miraculous medals.

WDUX contributed to this story.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rare snowstorm hits Middle East

AMMAN, Jordan - A rare storm dumped more than two feet of snow on parts of the Middle East, causing blackouts and power lines in Lebanon, collapsing a wall at a holy site in Iraq and delaying flights between the U.S. and Israelis. At least one person was killed.

In the capital of this desert kingdom, snowmen lined the streets of Amman on Sunday, and children lined up on plastic tubs and bowls. Parts of Jordan received as much as two feet of snow, and more was reported in southern and central Jordan.

The wintery blanket stranded motorists and closed schools and airports for more than 300 miles west of the capital on Sunday, the first day of the work week for much of the region.

Iran to sell nuke fuel worldwide

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran has offered to sell nuclear reactor fuel on the international market as a way to demonstrate that it has the technology, a senior foreign ministry official said Sunday.

Iran has the technology to enrich uranium for the fuel, but hasn't done so, the official said, in remarks signaling Iran soon may resume uranium enrichment, which it suspended last fall.

Once it produces nuclear fuel, Iran would sell it either through the International Atomic Energy Agency, which would monitor it, or directly to a buyer.

The United States seeks to restrict countries from acquiring uranium enrichment technology if they have not already done so.

NATIONAL NEWS

Cruise ship virus strikes 300

CAPESTORM, N.Y. - A Carnival cruise ship returned from a five-day cruise to Mediterranean ports on Monday with more than 300 people sick with a gastrointestinal illness.

Carnival officials said preliminary tests show the outbreak might have been caused by a norovirus. The virus is spread through contaminated food, contact with infected people or poor hygiene. It can be prevented by regular hand-washing.

The weather was very calm, from a cleaning perspective and disinfecting and sanitizing point of view, said Carnival spokesman Robert Stata.

"It’s a very calm ocean, so it was very easy to clean," he said.

Bush attends Daytona 500

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — President Bush traveled to the seaside luxury hotel where he was to watch the Daytona 500, NASCAR's most prestigious annual race.

Bush attended the second Daytona 500 event in a sport that draws a prized voter bloc.

President candidate Howard Dean speaks Saturday during a campaign stop in Racine, Wis. Some of Dean's close advisers have said he will bow out of the race if he loses Tuesday's Wisconsin primary.

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"I may say that Tuesday night. He may wait until Wednesday or Thursday to announce that course," Grossman said.

Grossman said Dean feels just as strongly that he is obligated to press for reforms supported by voters who made him last year's front-runner. "In what form that movement takes, I can't spell that out to you and I don't think Howard could right now, either," said Grossman, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

"I believe that work will effectively be in concert with ... and fairly support of John Kerry, should he become the nominee, and I suppose he will," Grossman said.

Other top advisers said they have doubts whether Dean would ever work directly on Kerry's behalf this year. They are discussing ways to use Dean's grass-roots organization to help elect Democrats to Congress and they would support Kerry's agenda as president, several aides have said.

Scores of campaign aides were making plans to leave their jobs after Tuesday.

Campaign manager Roy Neel did not dispute the accounts of Grossman and other advisers, but said it was premature to write Dean's campaign obituary.

"Any and all options are on the table," Neel said.

"The results Tuesday night will help dictate what he does but he is still passionately committed to continuing the message. What form he does it in, any option for that is on the table," he said.

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"This is a delicate balancing act that has to be struck for Howard Dean," Grossman said. "His supporters, they will not want him to give up and will want to carry out the cause. His name is on the ballot in many states whether he campaigns or is less engaged. The fact is Howard will do whatever it takes to support the nominee. He will do nothing to undercut the nominee’s success.”

The advisers sought to square their perceptions with Dean's public remarks.

"When Howard Dean says he's not going to quit, what he means is he’s not going to quit as the candidate, not as an American who wants to carry on the fight,” Grossman said.

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senator voted, he did not release actual dorm-by-dorm voting figures based on Thursday's election, a practice the Judicial Board has followed in the past.

Poindexter said that he and director of student activities Brian Coughlin knew the exact breakdowns on Thursday. But the Judicial Board president didn't tell each senator how they were required to vote until the Sunday meeting.

In a 20-minute debate about the constitutional process before the election, Knott senator Brain Agganis said that senators questioned their role in the process and discussed their opinions regarding the election procedure. Agganis said he was disappointed in the system and believed that this election was proof there were flaws in the procedure and structure.

Several senators expressed concern regarding representation through the Senate's vote.

Amy Chambers, the off-campus senator, said that questions about the disproportional off-campus representation on Senate had not been an issue prior to the election, but became critical when the emergency meeting was called.

"It's pretty ridiculous," Chambers said. "I was kind of fired up about this. Carroll gets one vote and they have a hundred people. I get one vote and I have 1,600 people — so my people are one-sixteenth as important as Carroll's people. It just seems strange because we're all supposed to have an equal voice, and Carroll students in this election were 16 times as important as off-campus students."

Brin Anderson, senator from Howard — the second smallest women's dorm on campus — said she was not opposed to the current system where each hall had one vote regardless of size. Anderson said that not necessarily everyone in those larger dorms voted to warrant proportional representation.

Anderson added that senators raised concerns regarding the meeting's purpose.

"It was difficult when we went in because we knew [Poindexter knew] how the votes were going to fall and I think a lot of senators felt trapped," Anderson said. However, senators entered Sunday's meeting unaware of the vote they would have to cast.

Chin said she thought that Poindexter would have informed her prior to the meeting if it was a possibility she would have to make the decision.

"It would be a huge burden to take on that responsibility," Chin said. "I think I would have been informed if I had to make that decision prior. I wasn't very concerned about making that decision."

Keenan senator Dan Zenker said after talking with several other senators that a common concern arose over whether it was right to vote strictly following dorm totals, even if a majority of the student population was not in favor of the chosen candidate.

Zenker was one of two senators that refused to vote in Senate meetings because of personal reasons, Chin said.

Zenker, who also sits on the Council of Representatives, said he believes that election procedures would be addressed at Wednesday's Senate meeting, even though Senate voted to transfer its power to amend the Student Union Constitution to the Council.

"I think there would have been reprimand for misconduct had they not decided to vote on their dorm's decision, they were given the option to leave after Poindexter distributed the envelopes informing the senators of the vote they were required to cast.

Siegfried senator Mike Maus said he was uncertain whether it was right to vote in subsequent elections. Less than half of the undergraduate population voted in this election, the number of 3,524 ballots being cast.

Poindexter said he was confident in the current system and offered his hope that this year's election will influence a greater amount of students to vote in subsequent elections.

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Poindexter said he and Coughlin met Thursday to review election guidelines.

Coughlin said he believes this is the first time that a candidate has not received the needed 50 percent plus one vote to be named to the top student government position and that the decision was left to the Senate.

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Gunshot linked to series of shootings

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The day after the chief investigator said authorities were closing in on a serial highway shooter, a man stood in plain view on an overpass and fired a handgun at cars below. He then walked to his car and slipped into traffic.

Ballistics testing has confirmed that the Saturday morning shooting was the 24th in a series in the Columbus area, investigators said Sunday. No one was injured in that shooting.

The bullet recovered from the battery of a sport utility vehicle struck on Interstate 70 matches eight others recovered during the investigation, including the one that killed a woman in November, according to a release. The others have been linked by factors including location and circumstances.

Experts said the shooter is becoming bolder after evading capture for three months, when authorities first established a pattern in the shootings.

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Law School
jailed founder Calisto Tanzi is being investigated Thursday night in downtown Milan, searching a revelation of the new case could be delayed. They said the process was delicate and public anonymity, confirmed the government focused on Tanzi, his attorney said Friday. They were finalizing possible charges against Ributti’s accounts in 2001 and 2002.

The evidence is designed to prove that share a single fatal flaw. Genetic diversity is so vulnerable to catastrophe epidemics. Species that share a single fatal flaw could be wiped out by a virus that can exploit that flaw. Genetic diversity is so vulnerable to catastrophe epidemics. Each faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted. Prosecutors may have miscalculated about $600 million from the electronic and medical supply conglomerate, accused of stealing more than $600 million from the electronics and medical supply conglomerate, accused of stealing up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

Feds: Indict Enron ex-CEO

HOUSTON — Federal prosecutors are preparing criminal charges against former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling for an indictment expected to be handed up this month, perhaps as early as next week, sources close to the case told The Associated Press Friday. The two sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the government focused on Skilling after securing a guilty plea to two counts of conspiracy from former Enron chief operating officer Andrew Fastow last month. But they said the process was delicate and public revelation of the new case could be delayed. The Houston Chronicle first reported in its online edition Friday that three investigators were finalizing possible charges against Skilling.

Lawyer grilled in Parmalat probe

A longtime lawyer for Parmalat's jailed founder Calisto Tanzi is being investigated for possible wrongdoing by investigators in the fraud probe of the dairy giant keep digging into the company’s intricate operating systems and software makes the global computing ecosystem vulnerable to a cascading failure. Geer’s paper did little to live up to its high-profile billing with particular fervor — Geer, a talkative man with mutton chop sideburns and a doctorate in biostatistics from Harvard University. “Which leads you, when you think about shared risk, to think about monoculture. Which leads you to think about epidemics. Because the idea of an epidemic is not radically different from what we’re talking about with the Internet.”

Microsoft, which ditches pressure to take to fire Geer, says the comparison between computers and living organisms works only so well.

CORPORATE SCANDAL

Tyco trial continues, tests jurors

NEW YORK — As the trial of two former executives of Tyco International entered its fifth month, key testimony in the Manhattan courtroom played like Economics 101. Defendant Mark Swartz, Tyco's former chief financial officer and first defense witness, opined on such topics as pretax income and bonus plans. Two jurors leaned forward and took notes. But most made a long face and yawned during last week’s testimony. No one could say if some jurors fell asleep or even considered risk.

"There was a huge amount of proof," said Paul Summili, a former federal prosecutor in Boston. "It's a delicate balance. You have to wonder how much of the initial proof the jurors are going to remember months and months later."

Ronald Fischetti, a veteran Manhattan defense attorney, said, prosecutors may have miscalculated by "throwing everything up in the air, hoping something would stick." Swartz, 43, and former Tyco CEO Dennis Kozlowski, 57, are charged with grand larceny and enterprise corruption, accused of stealing about $600 million from the electronic and medical supply conglomerate. Each faces up to 30 years in prison if convicted.

At times, the white collar case has taken on a high-profile billing with enough sensational allegations of greed, excess and sex to steal headlines from Martha Stewart. Without a Microsoft monoculture, he said, most of the recent progress in information technology could not have happened. Without a Microsoft monoculture, he said, most of the recent progress in information technology could not have happened.

Microsoft corporate headquarters in Redmond, Wash., is pictured in this file photo. The world's leading software maker has come under fire, as security experts criticized what they call a dangerous 'monoculture' that could threaten security.
Elections reveal student apathy

A farce.

That sums up the entire 2004 student body presidential election campaign that ended Sunday night, when the Student Senate selected Adam Istvan and Karla Bell president and vice president. From personal attacks directed toward one candidate to an electoral system that was placed in a lose-lose situation, this election ended in a way fitting for a campus thick with student apathy toward its elected leaders.

Every candidate's platform this year focused on combating student apathy toward student government. Now Istvan will face the toughest challenges of any student body president in simultaneously trying to fix the disenchantment with campus government demonstrated in this election and with the flawed election procedures that helped produce it.

Even those who believed in student government have to shake their heads at the election itself. Under the Student Union Constitution, when election results fail to yield a majority winner, representatives in the Student Senate pick the winner by casting their votes according to which candidate won a plurality in their dorm. Additionally, had there been a tie in the Senate vote, the student body vice president — Eric Glick, who was not elected to the position — would have made the tie-breaking decision.

That means two days’ worth of dorm results were instantly available after the election. Whether the constitution was followed is anybody’s guess. The voting was closed to the public, and student government officials only revealed how each senator voted. Student body president Jeremy Lau, vice president Emily Chin and Judicial Council chairman Elliot Poin dexter refused to release the dorm-by-dorm breakdown to The Observer — as has been done with every other election in at least the last three years, including the 2004 election primary — without giving a concrete reason. That isn’t exactly the best method for developing a closer relationship with students. We wish to find out other places where this election fell short? Look at how the Charlie Ebersol determined during his cam­ paign, which far exceeded the amount of reasonable criticism a candidate encounters while running. Look at the 1,000-vote gain Istvan received in the run-off election, which leads one to wonder if people were voting for Istvan or against the unpopular Ebersol. Has student apathy reached such a point that students will pass up the most qualified yet least popular candidate — Ebersol — in favor of a candidate whose only experience with student govern­ ment comes as a dorm commissioner — Istvan — because they believe student government doesn’t accomplish anything anyway?

This attitude only fosters a cyclical relationship between students and their elected leaders. When a fundamentally flawed procedure is used to settle the election instead of a fundamentally flawed procedure is used to settle the election instead of an inherently flawed process, students have a reason to feel apathetic. In this instance, students’ votes led to the election of a president who is inexperienced in dealing with the inner workings of student government functions — and thus at a disadvantage when it comes to combating some of the problems that cause student apathy in the first place.

Run-off process inherently flawed

While today’s closed Senate meet­ ing chose the winner who coincided most with the wishes of the Student Body in Thursday’s run-off, Adam Istvan, I would like to remark that I have never seen a more unfair, nonsensical and poorly designed process. As the off-campus senator, I repre­ sent 1,600 people. Let’s say every member of my constituency voted and they all voted for one candidate. Let’s say every member of Dillon Hall, that has over 300 residents, also all voted for that same can­ didate. That’s 1,900 votes, which is more than double what does the same candidate need to secure the presidency in a run-off, even if every other voter chose the opposite candidate. Let’s hypothetically say that happened. For fun, let’s say one vote was taken to the Senate, the outcome would be grossly different than what students wanted. While that first candidate with over 1,900 votes would have over 50 per­ cent of student support, he would only procure a shocking 7 percent in a Senate meeting like today’s. The fact that a process like this turns someone’s majority into a mere 7 percent is pretty disgusting. As I said in my Friday Observer, Charlie Ebersol said, “I think it’s important that each dorm has equal representation and equal voices.” While the article suggested that Charlie shares my sentiments that the system is inherently flawed, this comment does not.

By saying that “it’s necessary that each dorm has an equal voice,” Charlie is advocating that students do not have an equal voice. If every dorm is to have an equal voice, then Carroll’s some 600 members are more than three times more important than his off-campus students. And the student government functions — and thus at a disadvantage when it comes to combating some of the problems that cause student apathy in the first place.

The promises are things that impact the students. And the stu­ dents, not the dorms, have a right to pick who they want leading them, whose policies they like better and want to go into effect. Today, a pres­ ident is got fewer votes than his opponent could have been chosen, and while I did not overtly favor the candidate who won, I would have been pretty upset if I had, and the Senate could not have chosen him because of our constitution.

Amy Chambers
Off-campus senator
Feb. 15

Should the student government constitution be amended so that, in the future, the Senate will not decide an election in which a candidate does not achieve a majority?

Vote by 5 p.m. Thursday at www.ndsmcobserver.com

John F. Kennedy
U.S. president

"A young man who does not have what it takes to perform military service is not likely to have what it takes to make a living."
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reacting to the Queer Film Festival

Notre Dame students have duty to respect faith

I am not a graduate of Notre Dame, but I am a Catholic — a convert — and am sensitive to how our Church appears to the "separated brethren." A top-notch university which bears the name of the Mother of God should be especially conscious of its duty to present a bold witness to the world of what the Church means.

I am writing with regard to the gaylesbian film festival, which I would not be shocked to see on a campus such as Indiana University-Bloomington, but at a school named after Our Lady? Representing a Church founded by Christ who was not afraid to admit the existence of objective evil, and was not in tolerant of the false evil.

I think you have a duty before God to clearly represent the faith on which your school was founded. Anything else is dishonesty and capitulation. Your school is not the correct forum for any gaylesbian lobby to find its voice.

Laurel DeStefano Carmel, Ind. Feb. 15

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You might want to take a look at what Christ says before you try to defend his message, specifically, "Let those without sin throw the first stone" (John 8:7) and most importantly, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." (Matthew 22:39).

Live your life in accordance with God's plan for you, and allow others to do the same. And please do me a favor and keep your hateful, bigoted, inchoherent rhetoric to yourself.

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Exhibit at Snite brings America to life

By MEEGHAN CONROY
Scene Writer

The vivid colors and intrinsic detail that Chase used captures his vision of different scenes from across America that make up his life.

Chase was a true New York cosmopolite. Downtown, his elaborate studio served as an office, gallery and a center for other artists and socialites. Chase was well known in the social scene. However, he was also a devoted father and husband of eight children. Chase often included his family in his paintings, as may be seen in "Shineecock Hills, Long Island" (1895), "Summer Time (Pulling for Shore)" (1886), and "Wash Day (Washing Day-A Backyard Reminiscence)" (1886), offer glimpses into the daily activities of nineteenth-century Americans. His use of varied brush stroke and soft color creates dramatic light and perspectives, bringing the subjects to life. The audience can familiarize with the "normal" scenes and activities, often overlooked in their own lives.

The last painting in the collection is a still life, "Peonies" (1903). This piece exhibits one of Chase's greatest challenges: flowers. Although more than one hundred of Chase's works were still lives, very few were flowers because of the technical difficulties they posed. This piece demonstrates his exceptional talent with calculated brush strokes and colors that evoke the beauty of nature and its transience.

The Lily Endowment Collection, a private philanthropy agency in Indianapolis, made this exhibit possible. The agency strives to support the community, education, and religion of its hometown and state. Thanks to the agency, Chase's work may be preserved as part of Indiana's heritage. The public is welcome to see the collection at the Snite through May 16.

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DARTing into BEER 101

$20 seminar offered at legends is meant to educate the average drinker

By BRANDON HOLLIMAN
Scene Writer

Along with the terrific success Legends has had in its first year of operation comes a unique seminar that discusses the 'lighter' aspects of the college student's beverage of choice.

"Beer 101," being held at Legends this Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m., is a PowerPoint presentation demonstrating how beer is brewed and fermented, what ingredients make up the contrasting styles of beer, and a sampling of seven to eight different kinds of beer so students can taste the differences for themselves. The seminar also rewards students with free pints of their choice. This event is limited to students 21 or older.

"We're just trying to get people exposed to beer," says Jeff Croty, the general manager of Legends. "We're trying to educate your palate just like your brain."

"I first discovered these differences working at a microbrewery. If you don't try something, you don't know it's there!"

"Beer 101" will be led by Jim Herton, the facilities organizer for Notre Dame Food Services, and students can hope to enjoy the demonstrations he makes between the standard domestic beer and international imports.

"Beer 101" is also the first of a three-part series in alcohol education at Legends, with the management hoping to have "Wine 101" and "Alcohol Etiquette" later this year.

The event costs $20 per person.

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Most of the library's steel is from the Second World War. In 1941, the OWczarzki family, including a 10-year-old Owczi­

PRIDE

Though not of Polish origin, this bust of Jesus is one of Owczarzki's most powerful pieces of art.

Though Copernicus's name is well known, it is per­

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Owczarzki is seen here with one of his many busts that are now on the second floor of the Hesburgh Library.
Sandler and Barrymore get back together for Valentine’s day

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore’s romance “50 First Dates” proved an irresistible draw for the Valentine’s weekend date crowd, taking in $41 million to debut as the top movie, according to studio estimates Sunday.

If the estimates hold, it would be the second-biggest February opening ever, behind the $58 million debut of “Hannibal” in 2001 and just ahead of last year’s “Daredown” at $40.3 million.

The previous weekend’s top film, “Barbershop 2: Back In Business,” slipped to second place with $15.6 million, bringing its 10-day total to $44.1 million.

The overall box office was down, with the top 12 movies grossing $107.8 million, off 13 percent from the same weekend last year.

“50 First Dates” was a reunion for Sandler and Barrymore, who starred in “The Wedding Singer,” which opened over Valentine’s weekend in 1998.

Wendy’s main audience is males in their teens and 20s, who turned out in force, but women made up 57 percent of the crowds on the strength of Barrymore and the movie’s romantic theme, director Sony reported.

And the Valentine’s weekend sealed the deal with audiences.

“Talk about great timing. For a lot of couples, this was their Valentine entertainment,” said Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

Sandler plays a womanizer smitten by Barrymore, an accident victim who forgets the previous day’s memories each morning, forcing Sandler to dream up new ways for the two to meet and fall in love.

Playing in 3,591 theaters, “50 First Dates” averaged a strong $11,417 a cinema.

With many people off work Monday for President’s Day, “50 First Dates” should come out of the long weekend about halfway to the $100 million level. The movie is positioned to become the first released in 2004 to top that mark.

Though many critics trashed “50 First Dates,” the movie earned its share of positive press, with some reviewers taken in by the story’s sweetness and Sandler and Barrymore’s chemistry.

Almost half of the audience was 25 or older, a more mature crowd than normally turns out to see Sandler.

“I think people were excited to see Adam and Drew paired up again,” said Rory Bruer, Sony head of distribution. “And I think one thing I would say about Adam, he’s just such a likable guy. He’s just so accessible to all audiences. People can relate to him.”

In narrow release, the murder thriller “Highwaymen,” starring Jim Caviezel, debuted weakly with $203,000 in 111 theaters for an average of $1,829.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at North American theaters, according to Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. Final figures will be released Tuesday.

6. “Along Came Polly,” $5.08 million.

By MARY SMITH
Scene Editor

Most students have walked through the second floor of the Hesburgh Library and seen Marian Owczarski’s steel sculptures on display. Before Sundays exhibit opening, few understood the meaning of the sculptures for Owczarski and for Owczarski’s native Poland.

The “Pride of Poland” celebration, sponsored by the Polish Club of Notre Dame, gave students and members of the surrounding community the chance to hear the artist speak about his life and work.

The exhibit features several portraits of influential Polish figures in history. Some of the subjects are well known to most students, such as Pope John Paul II and NikoIII Kopernik, better known as Copernicus. Others are less well known here, but still significant. Biochemist Casimir Funk, for example, was awarded a Nobel prize for discovering vitamins and raising awareness of vitamin-deficiency diseases.

Owczarski’s life has had a great influence on his work. The artist was born in Lukow in 1932. Seven years later the country was sunk into the horrors of World War II. A Nazi air strike claimed the lives of his family. Owczarski himself was badly wounded and barely survived the war.

After the war, Owczarski began to pursue his artistic career, working his way through several schools including the University of Art in Lodz and Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw.

After winning his final degree in 1981, Owczarski became part of a nationwide restoration effort, working to restore churches damaged during the war. Owczarski, a man of diverse talents, worked with wood, glass, stone, plaster, marble and metals in his restoration work. He has also created sculptures using different materials, including wood and stone.

Ultimately, however, his sculptures in steel are one of the best representations of his art. His first metal sculptures were made from pieces of abandoned tanks found in the Polish countryside, making them particularly potent for Poles who had lived through the war. The artist now uses stainless steel, a product essential to modern society, to create art that will speak to a modern world, describing it as “the most logical medium of the age.”

Owczarski’s skill in working with a difficult material has rightfully gained him artistic renown. His sculptures have been exhibited in eleven countries and over 50 cities, including Warsaw, Budapest, Prague, Frankfurt, Paris, London, Moscow and New York. He has won numerous awards for his work.

Owczarski is currently director of the Galeria at Saint Mary’s College and Artist-in-Residence of The Orchard Lake Schools in Michigan. He continues to be involved with Polish-American art organizations in the area.

The “Pride of Poland” exhibition will be on display in the second floor lobby of the Hesburgh Library until April 25th.

Photo courtesy of Amy Baker

This metal bust of Madame Curie was created to honor one of history’s foremost female scientists who was also born in Poland.

Photo courtesy of Amy Baker

Pope John Paul II is shown with great reverence in this detailed bust shown at the Hesburgh Library.

Photo courtesy of Amy Baker

Thomas Aquinas is featured here as a full statue holding his famous text, the “Summa Theologica.”
Irish sweeps 3 weekend matches in Virginia

Notre Dame collects win over Virginia Commonwealth, Boston College and Virginia Tech

By ANNE LOUGHERY

The No. 26 women's tennis team improved its record to 5-3 this weekend, after winning over Virginia Commonwealth, Boston College and Virginia Tech. This weekend's success began with a close 4-3 victory Friday over No. 14 Virginia Commonwealth in which the Irish ended the Rams' 40-match home winning streak.

Notre Dame claimed the initial 3-0 advantage in the match before the Rams' Olya Borivska defeated No. 14 seniors Alicia Salas 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 and Silvia Uriczek beat No. 18 freshman Christian Thompson 7-6 (7-3), 6-4. In her third consecutive clinching win of the season, freshman Catrina Thompson defeated Virginia Commonwealth's Virginia Caglian 7-6 (7-4), 6-0 at the No. 3 position.

The Irish claimed the doubles point with No. 39 sophomores Lauren Connelly and Salas beating the Rams' Gago and Cristina Arribas 8-1. The No. 2 doubles team and Salas have recorded victories in eight of their last nine matches. Junior Sarah Jane Connelly and sophomore Kristina Statney won by default at the No. 3 position, as the Rams only have five players on their roster.

In singles, No. 4 Lauren Connelly extended her winning streak for the Irish in singles with a 6-3, 6-2 defeat of the Eagles' Morgan Landes. Notre Dame swept the doubles matches with Salas and Lauren Connelly delivering the first win of the meet 8-1 over Allinson Ashley and Silvia Zengeler of the Eagles. The doubles point for the Irish was the eighth straight for the Irish, and Statney was victorious over Landes and Allinson Nash 8-3.

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The Belles drop 8th consecutive road loss to Alma

By STEVE COYER

In a tough 77-65 loss on the road, the Belles fell behind early and failed to recover against Alma College. The Belles (6-17) lost to a talented, but struggling, Alma (12-10) hold strong the entire game until the final buzzer.

For the Belles, this marks their fifth straight loss and never closed the gap as Alma (12-10) held strong the entire game.

For the weekend, the Belles mark their eighth consecutive loss in an away game and their fifth loss in six games.

Junior guard forward Creachbaum led the way for the Belles with 26 points and seven rebounds on 10-of-16 shooting.

Guard Bridget Boyce, who received a nomination for MIAA Player of the Week, also contributed 14 points on 5-of-12 shooting.

The difference in the game for Alma proved to be the strong inside game of forward Karen Hall. In a previous game against the Belles, Hall had 24 points and 10 rebounds. In Saturday's game, Hall was just as dominant bringing in 30 points and 13 rebounds on 8-of-12 shooting.

The Belles only had two players score in double figures, and the bench combined to score just 12 points. The team also shot 5-of-20 from 3-point range and was outrebounded by Alma 35-26.

Both teams only committed 10 turnovers, but Alma had 18 points to 12 for the Belles.

Free throw shooting helped Alma seal the victory as the team shot 18-of-22 from the line with Hall going 12-for-13. For the Belles, all players scored in double figures for Alma.

Guard Kayte Peacock had 14 points and forward Michelle Dettling had 13.

Against Alma, the scoring for the Belles was not spread in the line. Creachbaum, Boyce and Katie Bowie combined to score 49 out of 65 total points.

With the loss, the Belles remain in last place in the MIAA and their league record falls to 1-11. Since Olivet lost this weekend in Calvin, the Belles are still only one game back from moving out of last.

The Belles now have only two games left for the year and will return home next weekend to play against Kalamazoo Wednesday. The last regular season game for the Belles is a critical match-up on the road against Olivet.

The ALMA 77, ST. MARY'S 65 at the CAPPERT GYMNASIUM

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NASCAR

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. nearly traded paint with the car ahead of him, snatching the lead at the Daytona 500 with a brush, fearless move.

Just like his old man.

Earnhardt later drove off the track in front of the main grandstand, splashing in the grass to celebrate his first Daytona 500 victory.

Just like his old man.

Earnhardt went NASCAR’s biggest event Sunday on the same track that took his father’s life three years ago, barreling past Tony Stewart with 20 laps left with a maneuver that would have made Daddy proud.

Junior showed the impatience of youth, needing only five tries to win the race that bedeviled his father for 19 years.

“He was over in the passenger side with me,” the 29-year-old Earnhardt said during a jubilant celebration in Victory Lane. “I’m sure he was having a blast.

The race was attended by President Bush, launched the Nextel Cup and came six years to the day that the Intimidator won his first — and only — Daytona 500 on his 20th try.

It’s still one of the sport’s most cherished scenes: the black No. 3 car rolling down pit road while the rival crews lined up to congratulate Earnhardt before he pulled into Victory Lane.

Three years later, he was killed on a last-lap crash in the 500, depriving the sport of a seven-time champion and its most popular driver.

“In a way, it feels like I’m closer to my dad,” Junior said. “At the same time, this is a reminder of losing him all over again.”

At least the next generation is in good hands.

In a daring move that must have been borrowed from the Intimidator, Earnhardt Jr. dipped to the inside without any drafting help and came within a foot of Stewart’s car at nearly 190 mph coming through the trioval.

Then Junior went right on by.

“I can’t believe I passed him by myself,” Earnhardt said. “I don’t know what was going on. It was like a magic trick.”

Earnhardt Jr. captures Daytona 500

IN BRIEF

O’Neal, Bryant show off in front of home crowd

LOS ANGELES — It’s an All-Star game that was all about dunking, Tim Duncan’s made free throw — a rarity on this evening — with 2.1 seconds left provided an anticlimactic ending to the NBA’s showcase event.

In a game featuring 44 dunks and 16 botched free throws — half of the 32 that were attempted — the West won the East 136-132 Sunday night.

Shaquille O’Neal was the game’s MVP with 24 points in 24 minutes — 18 of them on dunks. Kobe Bryant — the other hometown player — added 20 points on 9-for-12 shooting.

“Can you dig it?” O’Neal screamed to the crowd afterward.

They dug it, all right, just not at the time, this is a reminder of losing him all over again.”

He calmly made the free throw, and that was it.

Yankees, Rangers agree on trade, await approval

NEW YORK — Alex Rodriguez is one step from putting on the pin stripes.

The New York Yankees and Texas Rangers finalized the terms of their shocking trade Sunday, and the players’ association approved the deal for the American League MVP.

All that remains is for baseball commissioner Bud Selig to give his OK, which the teams expect Monday. The Yankees planned a Tuesday news conference in New York to introduce the newest prize in their collection of multimillionaire All-Stars.

Texas will pay $67 million of the $179 million left on Rodriguez’s record $252 million, 10-year contract, and will get All-Star second baseman Alfonso Soriano and a player to be named.

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL
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Who really benefits from affirmative action?

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Let's really talk about it!!

The Content of our Character: Is Affirmative Action Just?

Hear both sides of this issue and you decide

Monday, Feb. 16 Faculty Debate Jordan Auditorium MCoB 7:00pm
Tuesday, Feb. 17 Student Discussion Coleman-Morse Lounge 7:00pm

Brought to you by
Welsh Family Hall, concerned members of the Notre Dame Community and A.D.A.P.T.
The Notre Dame women’s lacrosse team opened the 2004 season with an impressive 17-9 preseason win over Team Canada at the Loftus Center Saturday afternoon.

The Irish got goals from 10 different players lead by Lauren Fischer and Meghan Murphy with three each. Fischer paced the Irish with five points (three goals, two assists) in the game while fellow senior Meredith Simon had two goals and two assists on the afternoon.

Senior Kassen Delano and junior Jackie Bowers joined Murphy with three points in the game. Delano had two goals and an assist, while Bowers had a goal and two assists. Kristen Liederweaver added two goals for the Irish while Cristy Foote, Abby Owen, Andrea Kinnik andBrittany Fox had single goals for the Irish.

The Irish led 12-4 at the end of the first half, and the teams each scored five times in the second half for the final score of 17-9. In goal for the Irish, junior Carol Dixon played the first 50 minutes, giving up eight goals while making five saves. Freshman Katie Linhares played the final 10 minutes, giving up one goal while making three saves. The Irish will next play Saturday, when they travel to Princeton, N.J., to participate in the Princeton Invitational in the final tuneup before the regular season begins.

Notre Dame defender Jess Mikula runs towards the action. The Irish won the match 17-9.

Coffee and Conversation
For Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Questioning Students at Notre Dame

The Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs invites gay, lesbian, and bisexual members of the Notre Dame family, their friends, and supporters to an informal coffee at the Co-Mo.

Everyone is welcome and confidentiality is assured.

"Coffee and refreshments will be served"

Monday, February 16, 2004
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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Irish runners perform well in Windsor Challenge

By MIKE GILLOON  
News Writer

Both the Notre Dame men's and women's track and field teams finished third Saturday at the Windsor Team Challenge, even though many members of the teams stayed home this weekend to rest up for the Big East Championships.

Mostly sprinters made the trip north to take advantage of the short, fast track at the University of Windsor.

The Irish women sprinters dominated their events as they claimed the top five spots in both the 60-meter and the 300-meter dashes. Senior Kristen Dodd emerged victorious in the 300 meters with a time of 39.13 seconds.

Junior Tiffany Gunn finished just behind Dodd in second place in 39.48, while senior Ayesha Boyd, junior Tricia Floyd and freshman Okechi Ugbokiri rounded out the top five with times of 39.69, 40.80 and 40.98, respectively. The next closest competitor was a whole second behind Ugbokiri.

The 60 meters was the same story with a few different names, as Boyd was the winner in 7.69. Floyd just barely missed the conference qualifying mark of 7.78 by finishing second in a time of 7.79.

Junior Tanya Casinham, Dodd and junior Latasha Steele completed the group with times of 7.81, 8.75 and 9.22, respectively.

On the men's side, Ryan Postel torched the competition in the 300-meter sprint. The sophomore from Lexington, Ky., won in a time of 34.54 and barely missed breaking the meet record of 34.37 seconds.

Junior Trevor McClain-Duer took third place in 35.07 as freshman Jordan Powell finished in a time of 35.63 to place fifth. The three Irish runners finished in the top spots in the 1000-meter run. Sophomore Vincent Ambriço won in a time of 2:32.03.

In the 3,000-meter race, junior Ryan Johnson was the victor with a time of 8:42.01. The younger members of the Irish teams also performed well, as several Irish freshmen and sophomores recorded their fastest times of the indoor season. Ambrose Wooden, who plays football in the fall, qualified for the Big East Championships with a time of 7.02 in the 60-meter dash.

Freshmen Katie DeRusso and Brianna Schmeid finished second in each of their events. DeRusso finished with a season-best time of 3:00.52 in the 1,000 meters while Schmidt ran the 600 meters in 1:37.46. Sophomore Elizabeth Webster was third in the 1,000 meters in a time of 3:01.48.

The University of Windsor men and women both placed first in the meet. The University of Western Ontario and Notre Dame placed second and third, respectively, for both men and women, as the Irish did not field a complete team.

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Joyce

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(12) Teresa Benton (11) and Megan Duffy (11) all scored in double figures.

Notre Dame (15-8, 8-3) outrebounded Providence (4-15, 0-11) 46-28 and shot 54.1 percent from the field for the game. "I thought we played well offensively," Taylor said. "I really want to stress that she hit at the end of the game."

Notre Dame is now just a half game behind West Virginia in the Big East standings. The Mountaineers are 9-3, while the Irish are 8-3. West Virginia beat Notre Dame earlier this season, giving the Mountaineers the tiebreaker. Connecticut is 10-1 and in first place in the conference.

Notre Dame travels to New York Tuesday to play St. John's.

Bulldogs

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straight penalty kills in their last eight games.

With the home sweep, Notre Dame also took a step closer toward securing home-ice advantage in the playoffs for the first time since joining the CCHA. The top six finishers in the conference receive home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

"Any time you can get four points at this point in the season, it's huge," Irish coach Dave Poulin said.

Friday, the Irish got the first goal of the game just 2:53 into the first period, as defenceman Tom Galvin took a shot from the blue line, and it was deflected past Mike Brown by forward Matt Amato. Ferris State would come back to tie the game less than two minutes later, with Derek Nesbitt beating Irish goalie David Brown with a hard shot on a 3-on-2. Each team scored a goal on its first shot of the game.

The Irish came back to take a lead, this time with Aaron Gill picking up a tally with less than a minute left in the first period. Notre Dame outshot the Bulldogs 16-5, but Mike Brown stifled Irish chances again and again.

Ferris State would come back to score the only goal of the second period, taking a 2-2 tie into the intermission, but Notre Dame would come back to score two quick goals in the third. After Lindley's tally, the Irish whipped a perfect pass to forward Josh Sciba as he came out of the penalty box.

"The first game I was alone in Mike Brown and beat him one-on-one with a quick wrist shot to put the game away for the Irish," said Poulin. "We got a bounce tonight," Poulin said. "But it was important to take advantage of it." Schal the goal might have been even bigger, and that was probably the best penalty we've ever taken since we got two goals out of it." Saturday, Notre Dame got off to an even quicker start, with defencemen Galvin and Neil Komadoski scoring the first two goals. Komadoski and Galvin worked the point positions to perfection all night long, with each senior picking up three points on the night, and each receiving assists from the other two and one assist.

The second period had no scoring, but it still featured a key moment in the game. Mike Brown was hit by a shot in the neck at 2:22 and was forced to leave the game. Tom Mueller came into replace Brown, who had played every single minute of the season for Ferris State up until this season.

"I was not very happy with our second period," Poulin said. "There was a kid who came in and hadn't played a minute, and we seemed to get away from the things we take pride in.

"At the second intermission, I told these guys that I was not going to let an opportunity slip away here." The Irish answered the call, pepperling Mueller with 13 shots in the third, in the second of two games. Komadoski scored his second goal of the game with a low shot from the blue line while the Irish were on the power play.

The senior defenceman picked up his third goal of the season, a career high. Michael Barratt scored an insurance goal at 14:55 of the period, beating Mueller with a low quick wrister to the glove side after skating left-to-right in front of the net.

"We got back to our game in the third period," Poulin said. "We're not there yet as a team, but this was just a very good effort, especially going into a break week." The Irish are off next weekend before facing Michigan in a two-game series at the Joyce Center Feb. 27 and 28.

NOTRE DAME 4, FERRIS STATE 2 at the JOYCE CENTER Friday

1st 2nd 3rd Total
ND — Komadoski (Galvin, Gill), 8:18.
ND — Galvin (Neil Komadoski, Matt
Kinnie), 17:08.
ND — Aaron Gill (Wanchulak, Rob
FSU — Derek Nesbitt (Jeff Legue, Skip
Boudreaux), 3:59.
FSU — Brian Scible (Mike Lale, Jared
O'Callaghan), 10:41.
Final: ND 9, FSU 2.

NOTRE DAME 2, PROVIDENCE 1 at the JOYCE CENTER Saturday

1st 2nd 3rd Total
ND — Sciba (Galvin, Neil Komadoski), 13:54.
ND — Matt Amado (Tom Galvin, Brad
Kemie), 19:52.
ND — Aaron Gill (Wanchulak, Rob
PVD — Kyle Schack (Joe Difrancesco, Skip
Boudreaux), 14:51.
Final: ND 7, PVD 1.
During Saturday's game, Chris Quinn drove around a defender. Quinn scored in the double figures in the Seton Hall game.

Francis

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to cater to the personnel on the court.
Without Francis, the Irish created spacing on offense and became more active on defense.

Notre Dame out-rebounded (37-32), out-assisted (16-15) and outscored its opponent, a Seton Hall team that sits in the Big East and has wins over Pittsburgh, Rutgers and Syracuse — all teams which have defeated the Irish.

Thomas led all scorers with 26 points on 9-of-21 shooting, including 19 in the second half. He also finished with seven rebounds and four assists.

"Thomas made a lot of good shots," Bray said. "I've always thought he is a second half player and he performed well in the second half. His conditioning is what really paid off. In the second half, either player got tired but Thomas didn't."

The Irish had four players in double figures, including Thomas, Torrian Jones (13), Chris Quinn (19) and Tim Timme mann (16).

Both teams began the game with poor shooting. The Pirates made 35 percent of their first-half field goals, with the Irish shooting just 37 percent.

Seton Hall point guard Andre Barrett led all scorers at 22 points with seven assists. The Irish, however, got five or more points from five different players in the half. Sophomore forward Rick Cornett, who is lower back. He had only played in a supporting role for a test at Syracuse today.

"I'm planning on playing the rest of the season with him not being a starter," he said sitting out is the best decision.

The team turned the ball over just nine times while managing to spread out the offense and execute the motion offense Bray had installed. "On the offensive end without Torri, we play more five out on the perimeter," Quinn said. "That leaves open driving lanes. [We] did a good job of getting into the lane, and Seton Hall was really collapsing on us. We found just the open guy."

Notre Dame's lead in the early second half to seven points after Jones converted a putback with 11:13 left in the game. Quinn, but Seton Hall would score eight of the next 10 points. Pirates' forward Kelly Whitney, who had 18 points, gave the Irish problems down low, scoring 12 points in the second half. Barrett — who finished with a team-high 20 points — reached the foul line and made key plays to keep his team in the game.

Thomas, however, had the upper hand on the day, scoring nine points in an 11-4 Irish run and making key shots toward the game's finish.

The Irish shot 43.9 percent from the field and just 29.4 percent from the 3-point arc, but the team took care of the ball and used baseline drives and pick-and-rolls off of Timme mann and Thomas to get 23 free throw attempts and establish solid ball control.

The effort the team gave Saturday gives the Irish hope for a test at Syracuse tonight.

"We put in tremendous amount of minutes against Timme mann right now [going into Syracuse]," Thomas said. "With Torri going out, everybody's turned their backs on us. If we can continue to play like this, we'll give the [NCAA tournament] selection committee a great run for their money."

Note:

Thomas missed a foul shot and erased hope of being a perfect 7-8 from the charity stripe late in the game.

With the miss, Thomas came one point shy of tying his own career record of most points in back-to-back games. Thomas scored 31 points versus Connecticut and 26 points against Seton Hall, amassing 57 points in two games. Thomas scored 58 points in two consecutive games at West Virginia (26) and Miami (32) as a freshman.

NOTRE DAME 71,
SETON HALL 68

at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (12-5, 6-5)
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Kell er 1-4 1-2 3, Davis 0-1 0-0 0, Billmeier 0-3 0-0 0.

SETON HALL (16-6, 6-4)
Whitney 8-12 1-2, Story 3-3 0-0 9, Barrett 2-5 0-0 4, Jones 4-10 4-6 13, Cornett 3-4 0-2, Freeman 0-4 0-0 0,
Hiller 0-3 0-0 0.

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Jones

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and the sellout Joyce Center crowd roared their approval. "I made a play on the ball, and he got a step on me going down the court. I knew that either Mike or coach [Mike] Brey was going to chew me out," Jones modestly said after the game. "I knew I had to block it up to make it up for my mistake."

His teammates were more prais ing. "I wish I could have a block like that," Jordan Cornette grinned. "That's a hell of a play." Irish coach Mike Brey nodded.

Jones went on to score five of Notre Dame's final six points and swatted a Morris point guard in the final seconds. Notre Dame went on to win 71-68 over Seton Hall. And when ESPN wanted to put Chris Thomas on camera after the game, that gave Irish coach Mike Brey a chance to walk off the court with arms around each other's shoulders.

"I wish there wasn't that Seton Hall defense easily. If he didn't somehow mimic Jones' play and leadership was key to Saturday's win.

Tori rian Jones passes the ball against Miami. Jones' s outstanding play and leadership was key to Saturday's win.

Hall defense easily. If he didn't flip a layup from an impossible angle that dropped into the basket, he fired a pass to the perimeter for his teammates to drain a 3-pointer.

"I think Torrian Jones has shown the greatest improvement over knowing when to drive and when to pass, and knowing when not to force a shot," Brey said. "And that's a fine line, because he can make difficult shots."

Sure, Jones had his weak moments, like in the early minutes when he missed easy lay-ups and open jumpers. But he adapted over the course of Saturday's game — a process that somehow mimics Jones' progression this year.

"Few had ever questioned Jones' vocal leadership, but he only had played in a supporting role. And over the summer, faced with the prospect of playing significant minutes for the first time in his college career, the senior co-captain spent endless hours working on his game. He tried to showcase it all, too, as the season began — by firing long-range jumpers and doing things that were very un-Torrian Jones like. But a conversation with Bray helped Jones realize he had to red to his strengths — playing aggressive defense and attacking the basket with slashing drives.

"He has. And it's no surprise that Notre Dame is on a roll.

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Men's Basketball

Return date unknown for Francis

By ANDREW SOUKUP
Sports Writer

Until Saturday, sophomore forward Torrian Francis had never missed a game in his Notre Dame career. Now, the Irish don't know when he is going to play again.

An MRI last week revealed that Francis is sidelined indefinitely with a bulging disc in his lower back. He had only played an average of eight minutes in games against Pittsburgh and Connecticut before leaving because of back spasms.

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Torrian Francis looks to shoot in his short appearance against Connecticut. Francis will be out indefinitely with a bulging disc.
Unfortunately, Randy picked a bad batch of candy hearts to give to his girlfriend. Jessica this past Valentine’s day.

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12 Atlas page
13 Hosp. area
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15 Highly ornate
16 "... Hi!
17 "Oh, well!
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20 Impressed, and how!
21 Slowly, to a con­ductor
22 Medical break­through
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is the day for love. You and your partner can enjoy one another. The charms that were hanging over your head are over and a romantic time for two should be on your agenda. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may feel somewhat let down today. Don’t let someone you love play hero with your heart. Be patient, not stubborn. Problems with female friends may be discouraging. **

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): If you get the chance to travel, go for it. You will have a great time. To what you decide to do, series of course you choose to sit at home. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You need time alone with the one you love. Don’t be hurried to tell others how you feel and what you want. Peace, quiet and a little bit of passion should be your plan. **

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): It is best to spend a quiet day with your mum. Chances are good that you neglected their needs during the past couple of months, and it’s time to make up for lost time. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Travel and social activity will be a lot more fun that you had imagined. Love is in the air and you will attract potential mates. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You have put yourself through an emotional wringer. It’s time to mellow out and reevaluate your motives. Avoid going to crowded places. **

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UNSCRAMBLE THE FOUR JUMBLES TO FORM THE SURPRISE ANSWER, AS SUGGESTED BY THE ABOVE CARTOON.

Jumbles: CYNIC LINER BEFO UL PLURAL

Answer: Often done by medical students before a big exam — THEY “BONE” UP.

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Joyce's career night leads Irish over Friars

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

No Francis, no problem in 71-68 win over Seton Hall in a 71-68 conference victory in a 71-68 win over Seton Hall (16-6, 6-4) at the Joyce Center Saturday afternoon.

"Everybody's really picking it up," junior guard Chris Thomas said. "You can't replace a double-double. It's Torin, but we're picking up the intensity and playing with a tremendous amount of confidence."

The team announced Friday that Francis — who averages 14.8 points and a team-high 8.8 rebounds per game — is out indefinitely due to a high 8.8 rebounds per game — is out indefinitely due to a bulging disk in his lower back. Notre Dame lacked a consistent low-post threat, but Irish coach Mike Brey and the Irish changed the offensive scheme.

"Jones was the difference, especially in the first half," McGraw said. "She had the knock-out punch at the end of the half to hit that 3-pointer. That was really great to see her come in and have a great game."

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The Irish had five players score in double figures for the second straight game, scoring the first goal of the season.

The Irish showed no love for Ferris State on Valentine's Day weekend, collecting a 4-2 win Friday and a 4-1 victory Saturday. An offense that has been rather quiet all year finally started clicking as the Irish scored a combined eight goals in their two wins.

Notre Dame collected three goals from its defensesmen on Saturday, and even goalie David Brown helped out on the offense with an assist Friday night.

"We really worked on getting the puck to the net this week in practice," Potholm said.

The Irish got the puck to the net quickly in both games this weekend, scoring the first goal in each with less than three minutes elapsed in the first period. Also, in a game in which the luck of the Irish simply hasn't been there, Notre Dame got a few bounces to go their way. Friday the Irish scored a short-handed goal and Saturday was perhaps one of the strangest plays of the entire season.

With the score tied 2-2 in the third period, and the Bulldogs on a power play, Notre Dame was forced to take a faceoff in its defensive zone. Irish forward Jason Smith won the draw and made a short pass to forward T.J. Jindra, who skated the puck into the neutral zone.

Jindra then flipped the puck along the center-ice boards, and Ferris State goaltender Mike Brown headed toward the boards to stop it. The puck glanced off a metal stanchion and deflected toward the vacated net. Brown tried to get back but couldn't as Jindra put the puck off the wall at a perfect angle and slid down the ice into the empty net.

"We finally got a bounce to go our way," Jindra said after the game. "Anytime you get a goal on the penalty kill it's a big goal. I just dumped the puck down and got a lucky bounce."

Notre Dame's special teams came through in a big way this weekend, with Notre Dame's power play scoring two goals on Saturday, and the team killing all nine Ferris State power plays in the two games, in addition to Jindra's shorty.

When asked if the Irish have been especially solid lately and stretched their streak to 33, Jindra said: "The Irish have been especially solid lately and stretched their streak to 33..."