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By MADDIE HANNA
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While the investigation into the Jan. 12 breach of a Notre Dame Development Office server has not yet determined the source of the intrusion, no direct evidence of fraud has been reported to the University, a Notre Dame official said.

"Forensic experts are still analyzing the server itself and criminal investigators continue to examine the incident to identify potential perpetrators," Vice President of Public Affairs and Communication Hilary Crnkovich said in a statement Thursday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Getting to work

Sunday: the dreaded day when the weekend is drawing to a close and you remember all of the things you have been putting off. After recounting the weekend’s festivities you know that the work has to begin. A pile of work lies before you, and you sit down to start, but honestly, you know that something else will once again get in the way.

The list of things that deter you from doing work is endless. Technology was supposed to make our lives easier, but if you ask me, it’s only complicated it. Doing work is endless. Technology was introduced to a Harry Potter quiz computer “doing work.” I was recently going to do work than actually doing it.

A group of junior students energetically cheers on the Saint Mary’s basketball team at the Belle’s last home game of the season Saturday in Angela Athletic Facility.

IN BRIEF

The men’s tennis team will host Bradley University in the Eck Tennis Pavilion Tuesday at 5 p.m.

The Creative Writing Program, Department of English and Student Union Board will sponsor a lecture and reading by James Salter in the Oak Room of South Dining Hall tonight at 7 p.m. as part of the 2006 Literary Festival. The event is free and open to the public.

A children’s storytime Valentine’s Day party will be held Tuesday evening in the Bookstore. Stories and activities will be led by Kay Undergan beginning at 1 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend.

A Student Night hosted by Kevin Guilfoile and featuring slam poet Saul Williams will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event is sponsored by the Creative Writing Program as part of the 2006 Literary Festival and is open to the public.

The Notre Dame men’s basketball team will take on University South Florida at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Joyce Center arena.

The Saint Mary’s psychology department will host a lecture by Notre Dame head football coach Charlie Weis Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Vander Venet Theater in the Student Center. Weis will discuss autism and global delays as part of psychology week at the College.

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The Observer celebrates its 2006 Literary Festival by sponsoring a variety of events throughout the week.

OFFBEAT

Ken doll tries to win Barbie back with makeover

NEW YORK — He's been to the gym, looks buff and stylish, and now Barbie's boy toy Ken wants to win back the doll he split from two years ago.

After a two-year separation, Mattel consultant Philip Bloch said in a statement. "Everyone knows how difficult it is to change, especially when you've lived your life a certain way for more than four decades."

Mattel said in February 2004 that Barbie and Ken had split after 43 years because they wanted to spend some time apart. Ken, who appears to have spent time in the gym and at the stylist, returns wearing a beachwear ensemble complete with board shorts and white T-shirt.

For her part, Barbie publicist Lauren Daugherty said Barbie "appreciates the new look Ken is sporting. He really looks great. But we'll have to stay tuned to see whether these two will get back together.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

No, because I think there are better ways to approach the issue.
The Edith Stein Project, organizers redefine feminism

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

At the closing banquet of "The Edith Stein Project," Director of the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture David Solomon said when Notre Dame students want to address an issue, they immediately jump to the idea that they need to have a conference. With "The Edith Stein Project: Redefining Feminism" conference, however, three Notre Dame students actually carried their idea out to its completion.

Off-campus senior Caitlin Shaughnessy, Howard Hall junior Anamaria Scaperlandia-Ruiz and Cavanaugh junior Madeleine Ryland organized the conference, held Friday and Saturday in the McKenna Center for Continuing Education.

The conference discussed attacks on the dignity of women in contemporary culture through abortion, violence against women, rape, pornography and other issues, as well as how women can better understand their vocations in life. It was named in honor of philosopher and Carmelite nun Edith Stein because of her work in the Catholic Women's Movement in Germany, her love of philosophy and her death at Auschwitz.

"The Edith Stein Project" featured more than 20 speakers from around the world, addressing topics ranging from female migratory labor to abortion rhetoric and attracting hundreds of registered guests, including students from Dayton and adults from Texas and California.

Josef Seifert, a distinguished professor at the International Academy of Philosophy in Liechtenstein in western Europe, made the international trip to speak at the conference about the late Pope John Paul II's philosophy of love and self-donation. He said he thought the project was impressive, especially having been developed by young people.

"That is why I traveled here from Europe," Seifert said.

The conference's formation began simply, with three Notre Dame students—inspired partially by feminist author Gloria Conde's book, "New Woman"—spending long hours at Coleman-Morse Research Center researching ideas and contacting experts on the topics. But eventual­ly, the framework work behind the project grew.

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Shaughnessy, Scaperlandia-Ruiz and Ryland enlisted the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture, Notre Dame Right to Life and other groups to sponsor a conference dedicated to redefining feminism.

Shaughnessy said she felt the program was a great success and that the creators achieved what they set out to do.

"There have been a lot of people here, and we are almost at full capacity," she said. "People are engaging in issues and discussing them with one another."

Shaughnessy also said the trio received ample outside support when planning the project.

"A lot of people have expressed (that) what we are doing is very important," she said.

One of the main purposes of the conference was to talk about these issues in the context of women's dignity and identity, Scaperlandia-Ruiz said.

Scaperlandia-Ruiz also said the organizers' goal was to "get to the core of what is being attacked by eating disorders, violence, etc. Rather than just address the problems superficially.

Ryland said she thought Saturday's discussions especially brought a lot of topics to the table and that it was great to see where people were in agreement and disagreement.

"It was good to see people get to the roots," she said.

Shaughnessy said she was pleased the conference was a good combination of not only philosophy and theology but also of personal experience and general stories about life. In addition, she said she was appreciative that people had not only attended, but also participated and engaged, in the event.

Notre Dame sophomore and participant Dominic Pepper said he admired the courage of the event organizers for developing the conference.

"It was incredible that three girls got together and in a year had a conference," he said.

"They put hundreds of hours into this, easily."

The conference speakers also had positive reactions to the event.

Erica Bove, one of the numerous speakers at the conference, addressed the spiritual dimension of eating disorders. She said it was wonderful to see so many people exploring the issues of the conference and working to create a better environment for women.

"The connection has been established (between) God's love for us and the dignity of each person. It's a great framework for looking at women."

Erica Bove, speaker

Seifert praised the personal notes that "one normally does not find in such conferences," including two women describing their personal experiences with rape and how to cope as well as a personal story about conflicts between marriage and graduate study at Harvard.

Seifert, an expert on the writings of Pope John Paul II, also said there was a correlation between the late pope and the conference—that his encyclicals and travels inspired many of the people in attendance.

"They call themselves members of the Pope John Paul II Generation, creating a culture of life as opposed to the culture of death," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Election results allegedly fraudulent

PORT-AU-PRINCE — A member of Haiti's electoral council said results of the presidential elections were being manipulated, echoing concerns of throngs of supporters of President Rene Preval, who poured onto the streets on Sunday with angry allegations of fraud. With 75 percent of votes counted, Preval was falling short of winning Tuesday’s elections outright by less than half a percentage point.

"According to me, there’s a certain level of manipulation," said Richard Duchemin, an electoral council member, told The Associated Press, adding that "there is an effort to stop people from asking questions" about the tabulation process.

Duchemin said Sunday he needed access to tallies of vote counts in hopes of learning who was behind the alleged manipulation. He called for an investigation.

Markets remain open despite flu

LAGOS — Nigeria ignored international recommendations for stopping bird flu, keeping poultry markets open on Sunday and letting people move their birds around most of the country unrestricted.

Officials were awaiting to see whether or not the virus already had infected people in Africa’s most populous nation. Test results were pending on two sick children near a farm where the H5N1 strain was first detected among poultry. Their families also were being tested.

"Take a look at the enthusiasm with which Nigeria has accepted the African poultry policy," said one diplomat. "It is therefore vital that Nigeria does not lose its momentum in this fight to keep the H5N1 virus out of the country."

National News

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LOCAL NEWS

City cemeteries ruled too cluttered

EXETER, Ohio — More than 11,000 complaints in this southwestern Indiana city are getting so cluttered with memorials of the deceased that officials have ordered a cleanup.

Relatives of those entombed in mausoleums at Evansville's Oak Hill and Locust Hill cemeteries have until March 1 to remove personal items such as tables laden with photographs, figurines and other personal items from the indoor burial vaults.

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Business of love gains popularity

BEIJING — The gateway to marital bliss has a frosted glass door embazoned with two candy-apple red hearts and lots of computers.

Introducing the Beijing Military and Civilian Matchmaking Service, one of a growing number of Chinese companies that are marrying high-brow and low-tech traditions to spawn romantic unions.

Romance and marriage have changed drastically in China after 25 years of breakneck economic growth and looser social controls.

In a country now wide open to Western influences, even Valentine's Day is making inroads, with chocolates, dinner dates, flowers and cards all becoming popular expressions of affection on the occasion — dubbed Qing Ren Jie, or Lovers' Day.

For centuries, families relied on village matchmakers. Then came communist-era unions, sanctioned — and sometimes arranged — by government companies for their employees.

Today, the search is driven by personal choice, spiced up by the convenience of the latest technology.

China is now free and transparent. Everyone has the freedom to find their partner," said Wang Peng, a divorced 43-year-old who was making his first visit to the Beijing service.

"Now people can meet face-to-face, talk about their feelings, exchange ideas," said Wang, a businessman with carefully combed hair. "They can find a common language and be together."

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**In Brief**

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**Trade deficit pushed to new record**

WASHINGTON — American appetites for all things foreign, from oil to cars to clothing, pushed the trade deficit to yet another record in 2005.

And the year’s $201.6 billion deficit with China, the largest ever recorded with a single country, brought demands for a crackdown on what will be seen as unfair trade practices.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that the overall trade gap climbed to an all-time high of $725.8 billion last year. The deficit was up 17.3 percent from 2004, marking the fourth straight record.

The chief culprit in pushing the deficit up last year was record global oil prices and increased U.S. demand because of a loss of Gulf Coast production following Hurricane Katrina. The U.S. foreign oil bill soared to a record $251.6 billion, up 39.4 percent from 2004.

Pfizer predicts disappointing earnings

NEW YORK — Pfizer Inc. disappointed Wall Street on Friday with a 2006 earnings prediction that fell below analysts’ forecasts while announcing revenue growth would be flat as it continues to struggle with patent losses.

Sales of the world’s largest drug company fell 66 cents, or 2.5 percent, to close at $25.68 in trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Friday’s projection comes just months after Pfizer rescinded its earlier forecast of double-digit growth in 2006, and an even stronger performance the following year.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial were expecting Pfizer’s income to grow around 2 percent but now the company projects it will fall 1 percent.

The company projects 2006 earnings of about $2 per share, excluding special items.

Analysts, on average, had projected a profit of $2.04 per share. Pfizer reported adjusted profits of $2.02 per share in 2005 on sales of $51.3 billion.

The company said 2006 sales would be “comparable” to 2005.

Pfizer Chief Executive Henry McKinnell said in a meeting with analysts that 2006 is a “key year in our drive to transform Pfizer.”

Cable legislation could lower bills

WASHINGTON — Most cable TV subscribers would save money if they were allowed to pay for only the channels they want, a Federal Communications Commission study said Thursday, reversing the agency’s earlier finding that consumers wouldn’t benefit.

The study given added ammunition to lawmakers and regulators who see “a la carte” as a way to clean up raunchy television by giving parents more control over the channels their children watch.

"I am pleased that the commission has concluded that ‘a la carte’ offers could reduce consumers’ cable bills by as much as 13 percent," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who plans to introduce legislation next week to create and promote use of the la carte system.

"The report confirms what I have believed for years — if consumers are allowed to choose the channels their families view then their monthly cable bill will be less," he said.

Senate Commerce Committee Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, said if a la carte won’t cost consumers more, “I will support an effort to take such an approach, subject to discussions with providers on the downside of such a plan.

The industry’s main trade group, the National Cable & Telecommunications Association, was quick to point out the downside it sees.

House releases Katrina findings

WASHINGTON — Unreashed warnings, poor planning and apathy in recognizing the scope of Hurricane Katrina’s devastation to the slow emergency response from the White House down to local parishes, a House investigation concludes.

The 600-page report by a special Republican-dominated House inquiry into local, state and federal disaster response in U.S. history concluded that late and local evacuation orders exacerbated an untrained and inexperienced force of federal emergency responders.

It also said President Bush received poor and incomplete counsel about the crisis unfolding in the Gulf Coast.

Overall, the House report said, the federal government’s response to Katrina was marked by “forthrightness, flailing and organizational paralysis.”

“Our investigation revealed that Katrina was a national failure, an abdication of the most solemn obligations to provide for the common welfare,” said a summary of the scathing report obtained Sunday night by The Associated Press.

“At every level — individual, corporate, philanthropic, and governmental — we failed to meet the challenge that was Katrina,” the report concluded.

“In this cautionary tale, all the little pigs built houses of straw.”

The House findings mark the first of two congressional inquiries and a White House review of the storm response expected over the next six weeks.

On Monday, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee was to continue its own investigation into the Aug. 29 storm response recognizing the scope of widespread abuse in federal readiness.

The analysis by FCC staff provides an in-depth look at the workings of the National Association of Broadcasters, which administers the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act.

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Excerpts released from the House report, which issued a total of 90 separate findings, spread the blame through all levels of government.

Among the conclusions:

- Mitchell Blanks and Kathleen Nagin, Mayor Ray Nagin, and Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco to issue emergency response from New Orleans area led to deaths and prolonged suffering.
- The White House was unable to effectively sort through confusing reports about love breathes and other disaster developments, preventing rapid relief.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency suffered from a lack of trained and experienced personnel.
- Military assistance was invaluable, but the military failed to coordinate with state, local and other federal assistance organizations.
- Government officials at all levels failed to take into account lessons learned from a 2004 fictional storm exercise, dubbed Hurricane Pam, that was supposed to specifically test the region’s readiness.

The House investigation criticized Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff’s actions, saying his overall responsibilities for the federal disaster relief were fulfilled “either late, ineffectively or not at all.”

The special report concluded that Chertoff unnecessarily delayed naming a top federal coordinator for relief efforts and the activation of an internal disaster management group.

More prompt action by Chertoff would have quickened the relief effort, the report said.
The "Monologues" and other literature and academic freedom, as central elements of the semester's close.

Father John Jenkins' January concern in University president was a primary point of controversy in the selection of speakers tonight, the appropriate means to affirming female and academic perspective will be clearly presented.

"We welcome the academic discussion and the panels because one of the main points of The Vagina Monologues is to raise awareness and promote discussion of female and ending violence against women," said organizer Emily Weisbecker.

"My impression is that a lot of the people who object to these events are more comfortable in the presence of this show on campus knowing that the theological perspective will be presented in conjunction with each performance. They are, however, more ambivalent when it comes to the change from last year's DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Even though organizers and students that appreciate the dialogue generated by this year's show, they face the difficulties of staging a play in a classroom and not a theater and regret the lack of funding opportunities in the new academic environment," Weisbecker said.

But the change in fundraising policy and the outcome of stigma from the event, This is dialogue about Notre Dame's unrecognized gay-straight student group. "Right to Life problems with the event were always in the fact that money from ["The Vagina Monologues"] was going toward the WCA and the SOS, which are groups that then have an antidissent sentiment," club secretary and senior Michelle Bederman said. Bederman said while the current situation may not please everyone or dramatically lessen the controversy surrounding the play, it takes a step toward preserving academic freedom on campus. "One of the things that should happen at Notre Dame is dialogue between people that have conflicting opinions," said history professor Robin Darling Young. "The DeKoven and orthodoxy Catholic character and the support a student has at the University to see quality films and hopes it continues in the future." One of the things that should happen at Notre Dame is dialogue between people that have conflicting opinions," Bederman said. "We're doing the same thing."

At the end of the film series, Laina said, "I'm a big supporter of academic freedom and it's always been an issue for me through my college career," O'Byrne said. "Part of inquiry and part of academic discussion is to look into these things that are potentially controversial, challenging the film series was changed, but she was heartened by the willingness to engage in open discussion about academic freedom.

"I'm pleased that at least brought this up — at least had the courage to bring this to the floor and [not] sweep it under the rug," O'Byrne said.

Senior Tiffany Thompson attended the 7 p.m. screening of Brokeback Mountain. "I was wearing an orange "Gay? Fine by me" T-shirt. She said she has attended at least one film during the series every year.

"I think [the name change] is kind of silly," Thompson said. "O'Byrne doesn't think it is a huge thing but I didn't think it was necessary either — We're doing the same thing." Freshman Sean Gaffney also attended "Brokeback Mountain." "I feel it's kind of a big controversy and it is always good to be knowledgeable about what is being talked about," Gaffney said.

Laina, who will not be at Notre Dame next year, said the future of the film series is "very much up in the air," and will depend on the outcome of the discussion of Catholic character and academic freedom at Notre Dame.

"It is important that students and alumni feel that this event is important... It is valuable that they express those views to the president," Martin Laina film series co-chair.
Skating sweethearts skip celebrating love

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Apolo Anton Ohno and his girlfriend, Allison Raver, both happened to have their short-track races scheduled for the day after Valentine’s Day.

"There’s no shortage of things to do," Ohno said.

America’s speedskating sweethearts have an agreement: There’ll be no celebrating their two years together at the Olympics on Feb. 14.

"I don’t know. Girls like Valentine’s Day, so that was kind of tough, but, like — we race the next day, so ..." she said Tuesday, her voice trailing off wistfully.

"I’d like it," she added, "because Italy, you know — romance.

Ohno, who made a sensational debut at the Salt Lake City Olympics in 2002 by winning a gold and a silver in the rough-and-tumble sport, has been focused intensely on training, living in a spare apartment at the national Olympic center in Colorado Springs, Colo.

And keeping distractions at a minimum.

"Competitions, our preparation, our time and our focus are much different than most people," he said. "It’s very hard.

I’m eating, that’s it," she said. "Basically, no matter who you are, Valentine’s Day will give you something to be stressed about," says 25-year-old relationship expert Bennett Madison. It’s kind of like the stress at Christmas, he explains, but worse: "It’s got that added layer of romance.

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Bennett Madison, author of "I Hate Valentine’s Day," reflects on his personal disgust for the day of love on Feb. 10 in New York City.

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Freedom to choose?

As the debate about the Catholic church and identity continues on this campus, the The Observer provides a platform for students to share their thoughts and opinions on various topics related to the Church. In this edition, we are featuring a Letter to the Editor discussing the issue of freedom to choose, whether it be for personal, religious, or political reasons.

The Observer encourages all students to voice their opinions and share their perspectives on a wide range of topics, including politics, religion, sports, and campus life. Whether you agree or disagree with the views expressed, we invite you to engage in thoughtful conversation and debate.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor of The Observer,

I am writing to express my concern about the issue of freedom to choose. As a student at Notre Dame, I have found that many of my peers are grappling with this question, particularly in the context of their religious beliefs.

I believe that each individual has the right to make their own decisions, regardless of their faith. Whether it be for personal, religious, or political reasons, I believe that students should be allowed to choose what is best for them, without fear of judgment or criticism.

I also believe that the Church should support the right to choose, as it is a fundamental human right. By allowing students to make their own decisions, we can foster a culture of respect and understanding, and create a more inclusive and tolerant community.

I urge the University to continue to provide a space for open and respectful dialogue on this topic, and to support students in their right to choose.

Sincerely,
[Your Name]

Editor's Note: The Observer welcomes letters from all members of the Notre Dame community. Letters should be no longer than 300 words and must include your name and affiliation. We reserve the right to edit for length and clarity.
Jenkins’ thinking in line with Catholic teaching

As an alumna of Our Lady’s University, former Sports Editor of The Observer, and a mother of two, I am writing in response to the recent Jenkins’ invitation for comments on his addresses concerning Academic Freedom and the Vagina Monologues. I am pleased by and grateful for the position that Jenkins has taken regarding the Queer Film Festival and “The Vagina Monologues.” Neither of these events occurred at the University of Notre Dame or at any other Catholic educational institution. Indeed, I corresponded with the previous administration to express this same view.

The reason that such events do not belong at Notre Dame is simple: these events are contrary to the fundamental reality of the human family and the Catholic faith, namely, the truth about human sexuality.

As ably explained in 2004 by Bishop D’Arcy, “The Vagina Monologues” is “offensive to women, it is antithetical to Catholic teaching on the beautiful gift of human sexuality and the teachings of the church on the human body relative to its purpose and to its status as a living temple of the Holy Spirit. The human body and the human person, in the tradition of the church, must never be seen as just an instrument.”

Concerning the Queer Film Festival, it cannot be overstated that past presenters have included dissonant Catholics such as Sister Joan Gammati and Franchise, a “social sin,” which may lead persons to pervert the wage earner (Catechism, para. 1867). The presence of these events at our university object to an organization that violates the principles of academic freedom, properly sponsored events really an effort to control the experiences they have had to do evil (Catechism, para. 1868-1869). Indeed, the Church teaches that one cooperates in sins committed by others when we praise or approve their acts, or when we do not hinder them when we have an obligation to do so (Catechism, para. 1868). The presence of these events on the campus of Notre Dame obliges us as people of faith to oppose them.

I am aware of the counterargument to this position, namely that the suspension of university support for these events violates the principles of academic freedom, and I find it completely without merit.

Institutions of higher learning must indeed foster intellectual inquiry and the pursuit of knowledge, actions that flourish in a collaborative environment that supports the open exchange of ideas. In that regard, I add that following my graduation from Notre Dame, I have earned both a Master’s in Philosophy (at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, 1994) and a law degree (Case Western, 2000) and have completed the coursework toward a Doctorate in Philosophy (Catholic University of America). I have taught numerous philosophy courses as an adjunct professor, and I have a robust appreciation for academic freedom, properly sponsored. In the contexts of classroom study and personal research, no scholar or student should be restricted, saved by the boundaries of his or her respective mind and inclination and academic freedom.

The ultimate object of study is the understanding of the truth. A path of study that has been so severely constrained does not merit further pursuit. In this vein, neither the Queer Film Festival nor “The Vagina Monologues” meet these criteria. These events do not take place in the context of classroom study or even in an open exchange, as they present one-sided view of human beings.

Furthermore, as demonstrated above, the view that they present is fundamentally flawed; it stands in opposition to the truth. This issue is not a matter of censorship. Persons are free to meet and to discuss the issues raised in the Queer Film Festival and “The Vagina Monologues.” They are free to pursue their own private property to show such films or dramatic performances. However, as a Catholic institution, Notre Dame is obligated to uphold the truths of the Church and the faith. It cannot condone the performance of these events in its facilities or on its property.

Like it, is absurd to suggest that such events might be condoned because they raise money for charity. As the Church unambiguously teaches, an evil means cannot be pursued to achieve a good end.

In closing, the Queer Film Festival and “The Vagina Monologues” have no place at the University of Notre Dame or at any other Catholic educational institution. They do not merit the sponsorship of our University’s Lady.

And I am very, very glad to see that Jenkins’ in line with these issues in an entirely proper pastoral and administrativa way in the light of faith and sound philosophy.

David Dieteman, Class of 1992

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Monday, February 13, 2006

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Vagina Monologues’ revisited

I recently tried to explain in my 30-year old book that the people at Notre Dame over “The Vagina Monologues.” Her response was, “It’s so ’80s.”

I thought about this for a while in light of the past few weeks. I wanted to imagine the reaction of the three outstanding leaders of the women’s movement: Gloria Steinem, Betty Friedan, and Gloria Allred. I wanted to ask them to discuss and focus on the social and economic consequences we want this community to express this same view. At the YWCA, our students in the program. The act mocking disabled individuals, going as far as to refer to them as “tarts.” I realize the show is meant to be light-hearted and should not be taken seriously, but making fun of the handicapped is not at all funny under any circumstances. It is simply a display of incredibly poor taste. It is a travesty that this University, which will not sponsor “The Vagina Monologues” or the Queer Film Festival, has no problem endorsing this kind of cruel humor. I am disgusted with those who wrote this act, horrified that the rector of Keenan Hall allowed it to be performed and truly saddened that there are students at Notre Dame who are ignorant or insensitive enough to find this funny. I sincerely hope Keenan Hall uses a little more tact when putting together next year’s Revue, but I definitely will not be attending.

Lauren Behr, Class of 1992

Keenan Revue offensive

After hearing a lot of extremely positive buzz, I was excited to attend last Friday’s Keenan Revue. However, I was appalled when I saw “Global Guts: Special Olympics Edition” listed as one of the acts in the program. The act mocks those with special needs, going as far as to refer to them as “tarts.” I realize the show is meant to be light-hearted and should not be taken seriously, but making fun of the handicapped is not at all funny under any circumstances. It is simply a display of incredibly poor taste. It is a travesty that this University, which will not sponsor “The Vagina Monologues” or the Queer Film Festival, has no problem endorsing this kind of cruel humor. I am disgusted with those who wrote this act, horrified that the rector of Keenan Hall allowed it to be performed and truly saddened that there are students at Notre Dame who are ignorant or insensitive enough to find this funny. I sincerely hope Keenan Hall uses a little more tact when putting together next year’s Revue, but I definitely will not be attending.

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The Bomont youth decide to rebel against the ban on dancing in "Footloose." The show is the ninth musical performed on campus by PEMCo since 1997.

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Kick off your Sunday shoes

PEMCo changes direction; performs upbeat, entertaining version of 'Footloose'

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

It's a song, it's a movie, it's a ... musical?

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMCo.) performed "Footloose" on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night at Washington Hall. Based on the 1980s film starring Kevin Bacon, the musical entertained the crowd with strong performances and an upbeat sensibility.

"Footloose" tells the story of Ren McCormack (Will McAuliffe), a Chicago native who is forced to move to the small town of Bomont, where a dancing is banned. He explains his love of dancing to his classmates.

Ren (Will McAuliffe), left, moves from Chicago to the small town of Bomont, where a dancing is banned. He explains his love of dancing to his classmates.

The Bomont youth decide to rebel against the ban on dancing in "Footloose." Willard (Jack Calcutt), left, shares some advice that his mother gave him with his friends during the musical number "Mama Says (You Can't Back Down)."

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While the original compositions aren't immediately recognizable as songs from more famous musicals, all of the songs are decidedly entertaining. Some, such as the rollicking "Mama Says (You Can't Back Down)" and "I'm Free/Heaven Help Me" are better than others, but all of the songs are peppy and upbeat, much like the musical itself.

The musical includes '80s pop songs from the '80s with original music. The show includes everything from Temptations-style diva numbers to line dancing. PEMCo's cast was definitely the most country line dancing. Coupled with the generally upbeat music, the dance numbers were high-energy, athletic events. They ranged from the expected "Footloose" style of dancing to a great line dance scene, and even included a dance set during gym class.

The performers pulled off the clearly intense routines with apparent ease, and they were all well-choreographed in spite of the diverse range of styles.

The dancing seemed different from what you get in most musicals, which was one of the definite strengths of the performance. "The music of Footloose doesn't lend itself to your typical musical theatre choreography," Martinez said. "It's the type of music you blast on the radio or dance to at a party. As the choreographer, my goal was to keep the dancing spontaneous and fun while at the same time challenging and impressive."

PEMCo's cast was definitely the most impressive part of the performance of "Footloose." The energy of the cast proved absolutely infectious, and every scene was clearly the result of a lot of practice and a deep love of performing. While the whole cast truly does a great job, there were some significant standout numbers in the performance. Will McAuliffe, as Ren, was a solid leading man with great dancing and singing skills, and he was complimented by Callie Hoffman's powerful voice and presence as Ariel.

Joseph Garlock, who played the antagonistic Reverend Moore, was not only a convincing adult, but he brought emotional depth to the otherwise simple story. Ariel's trio of friends, including Rusty (Regan Harding), Urleen (Andrea Laidman) and Wendy Jo (Pam Williams), were terrific performers and provided some of the best comedic moments in the musical.

Jack Calcutt played the hilarious over-the-top country character of Willard Hewitt and provided some of the night's biggest laughs. "There's a moment during the first refrain of "Let's Hear It For the Boy" when Jack gets this goofy, amzing smile on his face after feeling the rhythm for the first time," Radelet said. "Every single time it happens, I die laughing and just thank God for musical theatre."

Overall, PEMCo. put on a fantastic show with what is an entertaining, albeit somewhat cheesy, musical. The energy of the show, the great singing and dancing and the exuberance of the cast made it a performance worth watching.

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**Movie Review**

`Cachorro' explores love, family.

**By TAE ANDREWS**

When his mother goes on vacation in India, young Bernardo (David Castillo) is left in the care of his uncle Pedro (Jose Luis Garcia-Perez), an openly gay dentist and active urbanite.

But after Bernardo’s mother Violeta (Elvira Lindo) is detained indefinitely for smuggling drugs, Pedro finds himself in a more permanent stewardship of his nephew, creating a “Queer Eye for the Little Gay” living situation.

Despite Pedro’s status as a gay bachelor accustomed to the single life, he is able to make the transition into a responsible guardian for young Bernardo, who, for his part, is mature beyond his years.

The two become very close, but their relationship comes into jeopardy when Bernardo’s grandmother, Doña Teresa (Empar Ferrer), tries to intervene and has Pedro separated from Pedro on grounds that a homosexual is incapable of caring for a child.

Director Miguel Albaladejo makes some very pointed statements about homosexuality in “Cachorro.” The portrayal of Pedro and his gay friends both challenges and redefines conventional notions of what it is to be gay.

Pedro and Co. are big, burly men with expansive waistlines and body hair galore. This “Bear Clan,” despite their exterior appearance of “man’s man” masculinity, remains obviously gay.

This clearly lends support to the theory of homosexuality as being the product of genetic heritage, and not of upbringing. Despite Violeta’s wish to have a gay son, Pedro makes it abundantly clear to his gay friends that he does not want Bernardo being influenced into maintaining a homosexual lifestyle.

Interestingly enough, however, at the film’s conclusion there is significant reason to believe that Bernardo is gay, leading the viewer to wonder whether he was truly gay by birth or changed as a result of living with this uncle.

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Wade, O'Neal carry Miami to first win over rival Detroit

San Antonio relies on fourth-quarter effort from Ginobili to overcome Indiana, improve road trip record to 6-0

Miami Heat center Shaquille O'Neal, left, backs down Pistons center Ben Wallace during Miami's 100-98 victory Sunday.

The Miami Heat finally overcame the Detroit Pistons Sunday for their league-best ninth straight win.

Miami Heat guard Dwyane Wade sank his final seven shots and scored 28 points in the second half.

"Dwyane took the game over," Detroit coach Flip Saunders said. "He got a lot of shots up, and we couldn't get any back over."

Shaquille O'Neal kept the Heat in the game early and finished with a season-high 31 points.

"It was a big win," O'Neal said. "We could have let it slip away, but we kept on fighting. Now we have to develop some type of consistency. Anybody can win one game. We have to do that night in and night out."

Chaseney Billups had 29 points and 10 assists for the Pistons. They've lost three of their past five games but still have the NBA's best record at 6-0.

"The Heat might look at this as being bigger than it really is," Billups said. "It's just another win. But they have struggled against teams with better records, so beating the team with the No. 1 record is a big win for them."

Wade sank his final seven seconds left made the score 98-90, Miami decided twice, and the Heat held on possession with 25 seconds to go.

San Antonio 92
Indiana 88

Even though Tim Duncan and Tony Parker made their All-Stars, the San Antonio Spurs needed Ginobili and Bruce Bowen to beat the Indiana Pacers.

Ginobili scored 10 of his 29 points in the final 2:38 as the Spurs beat the Pacers for their league-best ninth straight win.

Duncan and Parker shot a combined 16-for-30 from the field, but Ginobili reminded a national television audience why he was an All-Star last year by shooting 7-of-12 from the field and 11-of-12 from the free throw line.

Ginobili said he knew someone had to pick it up for the Spurs. Duncan is still recovering from a torn hip and Parker's shot was off.

"We know that Tim is not at 100%," Ginobili said. "He's still sick, weak. He's been playing with pain in his foot for a lot of games. We've got to step up and take some pressure off him."

Stephen Jackson led the Pacers with 17 points and Peja Stojakovic added 16.

Duncan had 10 points and 11 rebounds, despite being held to 4-for-15 shooting. Parker had 17 points and six assists and Bruce Bowen had 16 points and eight rebounds.

The Spurs improved to 6-0 on their nine-game road trip that ends Wednesday at Philadelphia. They also extended the Pacers' four-game winning streak.

Memphis 100, Los Angeles 99
Paul Gasol's return
and a dominating start by Los Angeles Lakers were enough to help the Memphis Grizzlies escape Staples Center with a one-point win for the second time this season.

Gasol scored four of his 31 points in the final 53 seconds.

Dwight Howard led the Lakers with 16 points and 12 rebounds against his former team, and the Grizzlies kept Kobe Bryant in check en route to a victory over the Lakers on Saturday night.

"It's ecstatic for the guys because they've had so many games like this in the last three weeks where they've been around but haven't finished the games off," coach Mike Fratello said. "Just when it looked like it was slipping away again, tonight they dug down."

Former Lakers guard Chucky Atkins had 18 points, including a three-pointing free throw with 3 seconds left, as the Grizzlies ended a season-worst five-game losing streak and a six-game road skid. Memphis has won three of its last four games against the Lakers in Los Angeles, after losing the first 18.

Bryant scored 12 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter and Smash Parker added 20 for the Lakers.

Bryant, who came in averaging a league-leading 35.4 points, missed 12 of his first 17 shots and finished 10-for-28 from the field.

New Jersey 94, Milwaukee 78
Vince Carter's game-high 29 points and Jason Kidd added 16, leading the New Jersey Nets over the Milwaukee Bucks Sunday night.

The win was the 13th in 14 home games for New Jersey (27-22), which had a 12-game

San Antonio forward Manu Ginobili, left, shoots over Indiana forward Peja Stojakovic during the third quarter of the Spurs' 92-88 victory in Indianapolis.

home winning streak snapped by San Antonio on Friday night.

The game was played in front of approximately 5,000 fans, who braved a record storm that dropped 2 feet of snow in New Jersey.

Starting center Nenad Krstic was ejected for a scuffle with a Milwaukee player just before halftime, but the Nets got 16 points off the bench from 39-year-old Clifford Robinson and 10 from fellow reserve Scott Padgett.

Michael Redd paced Milwaukee's 26-24 with 27 points, while T.J. Ford added 18.

The Nets grabbed the lead in the first quarter and never looked back, average a 110- 92 loss to the Bucks at home on opening night Nov. 2. The Nets led by 19 after the first quarter.

The loss was the Bucks' first this season against an Atlantic Division team. They had won the previous nine games.

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AROUND THE NATION

WINTER OLYMPICS

Figure skater Michelle Kwan of the United States takes questions during a press conference in Turin, Italy, Sunday, when she spoke about her withdrawal from the Winter Olympics due to a groin injury.

Injured Kwan turns down broadcast booth

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Faced with the loss of its biggest Winter Olympics star only two days into the Turin Games, NBC tried to keep Michelle Kwan — in the broadcast booth.

Kwan turned down the job offer, saying she didn’t want to be a distraction for remaining members of the U.S. Olympic figure skating team, NBC Sports spokesman Michael McCleary said Sunday.

The star withdrew from the Olympics on Sunday because of a strained groin muscle, ending her quest for her first gold medal in what was expected to be one of the most compelling stories in Turin.

NBC Sports had first contacted Kwan’s agent in January, when it had appeared unlikely that she would be competing, McCleary said. NBC Universal Sports Chairman Dick Ebersol made Sunday’s offer only an hour after her news conference, when she had come to NBC’s studios to be interviewed by Bob Costas.

Women’s figure skating traditionally is the most-watched Winter Olympics event, and Kwan is its biggest star. More women than men usually watch the Winter Games, and that’s due largely to figure skating.

“It’s like a lead actor leaving a series,” said Marc Berman, television analyst for Media Week Online. “It’s not positive.”

NBC broke into its overnight rebroadcast of its prime-time coverage at 4:20 a.m. EST to report Kwan’s withdrawal.

“Stars emerge during the games themselves — not before,” McCleary said.

IN BRIEF

Roddick sends U.S. into Davis Cup quarterfinals

SAN DIEGO — Andy Roddick beat Romania’s Razvan Sabau in a straight sets Sunday to send the United States into the Davis Cup quarterfinals.

The victory gave the Americans an insurmountable 3-1 lead in the best-of-five opening round, then James Blake made the final 4-1 with his closing singles victory.

Blake and the doubles team of Mike and Bob Bryan provided the first two U.S. victories, then Blake capped the round with a 6-1, 7-5 win over Horia Tecau in what essentially was an exhibition match shortened to two sets.

The United States advanced to play Chile, which beat Slovakia in the first round.

Roddick, who lost a big early lead and the match after becoming nauseated in Friday’s opening singles against Andrei Pavel, defeated Sabau 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.

Oberholser wins Pebble Beach National Pro-Am

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Arron Oberholser was shaky down the stretch Sunday until a big break turned into an unlikely birdie, allowing him to coast the final three holes Sunday and win the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Oberholser enjoyed a proud, peaceful walk up the 18th fairway on his way to an even-par 72 and a five-shot victory, matching the largest margin in the 77-year history of the tournament. Sweeter still was capturing his first PGA Tour event on a course he has played countless times since he was a kid.

The 31-year-old Oberholser grew up in San Mateo and played college golf at San Jose State, and there were echoes of “Go Spartans” throughout a final round of warmth and sunshine on the Monterey Peninsula.

Oberholser finished at 17-under 271, five shots ahead of Rory Sabbatini.

Hamlin wins exhibition NASCAR race

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Look out Tony Stewart, your new rookie teammate has a lot of muscle: he’s ready to fist this season.

Denny Hamlin shocked NASCAR on Sunday by beating Stewart and the rest of the big shots to steal a win in the exhibition Budweiser Shootout at Daytona International Speedway.

Hamlin led 16 of the 70 laps and was heading toward an easy win when Stewart, his veteran teammate at Joe Gibbs Racing, used a wide pass to take the lead away from him with four laps to go. But seconds after Stewart moved to the front, the caution flag came out for debris on the track, setting up a two-lap shootout to the finish.

Stewart restarted on the bottom of the track, with Hamlin right next to him when racing resumed. Hamlin quickly moved out front, then held off challenges from Stewart and Dale Earnhardt Jr. to win for the first time in NASCAR’s top series.
West Virginia 69

Kevin Pittsnogle followed a scoreless game with 25 points, and No. 9 West Virginia rebounded from its only Big East loss with a victory over No. 15 Georgetown on Sunday.

Shut out in the Mountaineers’ 57-53 loss Thursday at Pittsburgh, Pittsnogle made 10 of 13 shots and scored six of the first eight points in a 15-5 game-ending run as West Virginia snapped Georgetown’s seven-game winning streak.

Mike Goertzel and Johannes Herber added 13 points and 13 rebounds for the Mountaineers (18-5, 9-0)

1), who shot 62 percent in the second half to move into a first-place tie with Connecticut and Villanova.

Thousands of West Virginia fans, whose numbers rivaled those of the home team at the MCI Center, had watched Pittsnogle “Overtake” in the game’s final minute. Georgetown led by many as 11 in the first half but scored only 19 points in the second half, with Jeff Green scoring 14 to finish with 21.

Syracuse 75, St. John’s 60

Gerry McNamara left the game on good terms this time.

Limited in his last two outings because of injuries, McNamara had 23 points and eight assists Sunday in Syracuse’s victory over St. John’s as the Orange regrouped after losing five of their previous six games.

The 6-foot-2 senior guard started his 124th consecutive game, the longest active streak in the country, but unlike the last two games he didn’t leave this one until the Orange (17-7, 5-5 Big East) had it well in hand.

“I felt a little better,” McNamara said in the locker room with a huge bag of ice taped to his right leg. “It’s been frustrating but it feels so good to get a win and get back on track. We have stayed positive and that’s so important to stay positive.”

McNamara, who helped the Orange to the national championship as a freshman, injured his Achilles’ tendon in a game against Butler and was limited to 15 minutes and two points. He injured his Achilles’ tendon in the loss to Connecticut and played only 24 minutes and had seven points.

Rutgers 91, Marquette 84

Quincy Douby scored 32 points and Ollie Bailey contributed 12 points and seven rebounds as Rutgers snapped a three-game losing streak with a win over Marquette on Sunday. The 91 points were the most by Rutgers in a Big East game since a 97-87 victory over Villanova in Jan. 1999.

Anthony Farmer added 14 points and six assists despite playing with a bruised right shoulder, while Jimmie Ingham came off the bench with 10 points for the Scarlet Knights, who played without head coach Gary Waters.

Waters was inducted into West Virginia’s Hall of Fame on Saturday and couldn’t get a return flight due to the massive snowstorm that hit New Jersey this weekend. Fred Hill Jr., coach of Rutgers in Waters’ absence and led the Scarlet Knights to their second win in the last eight games.

A three-point play by Bailey with 7:50 remaining gave Rutgers a 68-65 lead and ignited a 15-7 run.

Marquette (16-8, 6-5) rallied to within 81-77 before Douby drained a 3-pointer with 2:09 remaining. Douby, the Big East’s leading scorer, went over 30 points for the third time this season.

Minnesota 69

Michigan State 55

Lamars Roush and Gary Waters didn’t feel like being overrated in the game’s final minutes.

“We’ve been a little soft in prac­tice lately, because I’ve been paranoid about this three games in six days,” said Izzo, whose team had won six of its previous eight games.

The Spartans (18-6, 6-4 Big Ten) were just as quick to credit Minnesota for the outcome.

Zach Petchel scored 13 points, Juan Stamper added 12 and Adam Boone and Mor­ハ developed 10 each for the Gophers (12-9, 3-7), who have won three of four since shuff­ing their lineup.

Ohio State 69, Illinois 53

There was no postgame party after beating Illinois this time. Ohio State still has other big games to play.

Jamar Butler scored 22 points, Terrence Dials had 19 and 14 rebounds and JaKe Kel Foster added 18 points to lead the 19th-ranked Buckeyes to a victory over No. 10 Illinois on Sunday.

A year after running up­ranked Illinois’ perfect 29-0 season on Matt Sylvester’s 3-point shot at the buzzer, the Buckeyes relied on their outside shooting and Dyal muscle inside to win their fourth straight game and remain in second place in the Big Ten.

Georgia Tech 71

North Carolina State 68

Revealed Fredrick wants his starting point guard back.

Fredrick scored a career-high 22 points as Georgia Tech upset No. 16 North Carolina State Sunday to end an eight­game losing streak, its longest in 25 years. Fredrick’s 3-pointer with 1:22 left gave Tech a 67-62 lead. He hit a short jumper before the shot clock expired to push the lead to 71-65 with 1:03 left.

A 3-pointer by the Wolfpack’s Cameron Bennerman with 50 seconds left cut the lead to three points.

The Wolfpack had a chance to tie in the final seconds. After Bennerman missed a three-point try, the clock expired with Gavin Grant looking for a teammate beyond the three-point line.

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Oh no! Apolo Anton Ohno, misses 1,500 finals

Dutch speedskater pulls off upset

**Associated Press**

TURIN, Italy — The Dutch have another speedskating star at the Olympics — and an unlikely one at that.

Nineteen-year-old Wust beat out favored veterans in 3,000 meter skating.

She then anxiously watched as the final pair of competitors fell on the next turn, the defending champion, and another skater was disqualified for impeding.

Ohno stuck down his left hand and another skater was disqualified for impeding.

Ohno said. "But there are lots of other talented athletes and I dig what I had to do."

Clara Pechstein, a multiple Olympic medalist and world record-holder Cindy Klassen of Canada took bronze.

"I wasn't sure how close the other people were behind me, so I decided to just pick up the speed a little bit," Ohno said. "We had a little bit of contact that caused me to get too far forward with my skates. I lost a lot of speed and almost went down."

"I knew she was good, but not this good," Kempekers said.

Groenewold said. "She has a strong mind and she wanted to go for it."

"I knew she was good, but not this good," Kempekers said.

"When the last pair skated I had to wait and then when I saw that they were ... above my time, it was so beautiful," Wust said. 

"I was already done enough."

"I am a little disappointed but not this bad," Pechstein said.

"She has a personal record," Wust said. "You realize she had won gold, she fell to her knees before jumping up and hugging coach Gerard Kempwaters, Crown Prince Willem Alexander, heir to the Dutch throne, looked on from the stands, filled with orange-clad Dutch fans."

"They give you so much energy," Wust said. "You hear them and you want to go faster and faster."

"I was very happy because it was a personal record," Wust said.

"I was already very happy because it was a personal record," Wust said.

"It is so strange when you sit watching for 20 minutes and everybody ends above your time," Wust said. "When the last pair skated I had to wait and then when I saw that they were ... above my time, it was so beautiful."

"Greenewold, a silver medalist at the 2002 Salt Lake Games, was 1.65 seconds behind and needed a major comeback effort to nip Klassen at the line."

"I am a little disappointed but it is always better to have a Dutchie on top than someone else," Greenewold said.

Peckstein never got close to the lead, eventually finishing more than 2 seconds behind. Dejected and exhausted, she threw her race armband to the floor, angry at having missed her eighth Olympic medal.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Irish upset North Carolina, edge Wake Forest

By DAN TAPETILLO  Sports Writer

The Irish improved to 4-0 on the season with wins over No. 10 North Carolina and No. 23 Wake Forest over the weekend.

Sunday’s 5-1 upset over the Tar Heels was proof the Irish can compete with the nation’s top programs. The victory marks the first time Notre Dame has defeated a top-10 ranked program since the 2001-02 season against No. 7 USC.

The Irish got off to a strong start against North Carolina as they took the doubles point with wins at the Nos. 2 and 3 positions.

At No. 3, the pairing of sophomores Brook Buck and freshman Kelsey Tefft topped Caitlin Collins and Tanja Markovic in a comeback. At No. 3, the duo of seniors Kiki Stastny and team captain Lauren Connolly secured the victory after defeating the No. 50 ranked squad of Meg Tanney and Austin Smith 8-6. Juniors Christian and Catrina Thompson suffered the lone doubles loss, as the nation’s No. 1 pair fell 8-3 to Sara Amundsen and Jenna Long.

First off in the courts in singles was freshman Katie Potts after topping the Tar Heels’ Charlotte Tasniff 6-2, 6-0 at No. 6, giving Potts her eighth consecutive win this season and fourth straight victory in dual matches.

Catrina Thompson, ranked No. 24 nationally, defeated No. 28 Long 7-5, 6-4. Thompson now holds a 13-6 record against nationally-ranked opponents.

Christian Thompson followed her sister’s lead by topping Collins 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 at No. 2. The final win for the Irish came from Stastny, who finished 7-6, 7-6 (7-2) over Markovic and continues her streak of not dropping a set since Nov. 4.

No. 22 Notre Dame  No. 23 Wake Forest 3

Since Saturday’s 4-3 win over the Demon Deacons, Notre Dame’s fate depended on a clutch win from Potts at No. 6.

After posting a 5-2 advantage in the deciding third set, Potts failed to hold serve on her first attempt to close out the match against the Demon’s Sierra Poske. Potts then held serve to bring the contest to 5-5, only to fall short in breaking Potts next match for the Irish with a 6-3, 6-2 victory at No. 6.

“We have good knowledge and it was time to prove that if we win the third set, we did it,” Bayliss said. “I think Michigan State will provide another opportunity and see what we can do Wednesday before we go to Ann Arbor.”

The Irish next take the courts against Michigan State Wednesday at 4 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Announcing the Year 2006 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2006 annual awards for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student’s degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O’Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

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3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
5) the names of two references.

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Belles say goodbye to seniors after last meet

By BECKI CORNER and DEIRDRE KRASULA

Sport Writer

It was a bittersweet season-ending meet for the Belles this weekend at the MIAA Championships. Several Belles recorded career- and season-best times, but it was with sadness that the younger Belles said goodbye to seniors Katie Dingeman, Kelly Nells and Stephanie Hile.

The Belles came in last place competing against Calvin College, Hope College, Kalamazoo College, Olivet College, Albion College and Alma College. Calvin led by 1:08.13 in the 100-meter but recorded a 26.02 in the 50-meter freestyle. Karla McGough also carried the swimmers to some of their best performances.

Swimming for Saint Mary’s this past four years has been a true blessing,” she said. “I have had a chance to compete in a sport I have deeply and have made friends and memories that will last a lifetime. It has been an honor to represent SMC as a captain this year.”

The Belles look forward to next year and hope that seniors Karla McGough, Sarah Bulid and Mary Stancek, all of whom specialize in the freestyle, will be able to step up to the plate and assume the leadership role for the Belles just as effectively as captains Dingeman and Nells did this year.

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Runners cruise in Windsor

By JORDAN BELTZ

Sport Writer

The Irish traveled to Canada this weekend to participate in the Windsor Invitational and left the competition with several noteworthy finishes.

Senior sprinters picked up four victories this weekend, including two by standout sprinter Maryam Ergha. The junior sprinter won both the 60-meter dash and the 300-meter dash. Ergha has been one of the most consistent performers for the Irish this entire season, especially in the 60-meter events.

This was her third victory in the 60 meters this indoor season. She also won the event at both the Moya Invitational and the Notre Dame Opener.

The Irish women also performed well in the 60-meter hurdles.

Sophomore Domonique Manning won the event with a time of 8.26. She also finished first in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 8.49. Freshman Alyissah Hasan took second place just behind Manning.

Senior Ryan Pontel earned the fourth and final Irish victory of the weekend. Pontel won the 300-meter run with a time of 35.10 seconds. Junior Jordan Powell also ran well in the 300 meters, placing fourth.

The Notre Dame pole vaulters also turned in strong efforts, led by juniors Dave Viken and Justin Oppel, who finished in second and third place, respectively. Viken came up just a centimeter short of his personal best, clearing a height of 4.70 meters.

Oppel, competing in his first meet this season after rehabilitating a head injury, cleared a height of 4.50 meters, good enough to qualify for the Big East Championships.

“This meet was my first one since returning to action from a concussion, so it was all or nothing for me,” Oppel said. “I know that I needed to perform well in order to qualify for the Big East Championships.”

Notre Dame now looks to the Big East Indoor Championships next week. The Irish men are the defending meet champions, while the women came in second last year to the University of Pittsburgh.

“My main goal for next week is just to score some points for the team as we try to defend our title,” Oppel said. “I’m just trying to stay healthy and contribute to the team.”

The Big East Indoor Championships will take place next Saturday and Sunday in Akron, Ohio.

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Squad scrimmages No. 2 Duke

By TIM DOUGHERTY

Sport Writer

Notre Dame played its weekend pair of scrimmages Saturday in Durham, N.C. without a running scoreboard. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he did not concern himself with the scores of the team games against No. 2 Duke and No. 25 Rockefeller, instead looking for sound, mistake-free play.

Though the scrimmages were complete with officials to simulate real game play, the only goal Corrigan kept track of was improvement—which he said he found in his team’s effort Saturday.

“Playing a sound, fundamen
tal game has been a point of emphasis this year,” Corrigan said. “We were out and put them out and play that way. It was a great weekend for us—exactly what we needed.”

Corrigan said his strategy was to use the trip as a chance to improve before the February 26th Midfielder Taylor Clagett (22) splits the defense in a match on April 10, 2005 against Air Force.

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older last year to the University of Pittsburgh.

“The best thing we gained was a chance to test ourselves and to compete in a better team when we return to Penn State. It’s all about us taking steps forward.”

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Men’s Lacrosse Squad scrimmages No. 2 Duke

Track

1100-meter run with a time of 35.10 seconds. Junior Jordan Powell also ran well in the 300 meters, placing fourth.

The Notre Dame pole vaulters also turned in strong efforts, led by juniors Dave Viken and Justin Oppel, who finished in second and third place, respectively. Viken came up just a centimeter short of his personal best, clearing a height of 4.70 meters.

Oppel, competing in his first meet this season after rehabilitating a head injury, cleared a height of 4.50 meters, good enough to qualify for the Big East Championships.

This was my first one since returning to action from a concussion, so it was all or nothing for me,” Oppel said. “I knew that I needed to perform well in order to qualify for the Big East Championships.”

Notre Dame now looks to the Big East Indoor Championships next week. The Irish men are the defending meet champions, while the women came in second last year to the University of Pittsburgh.

“My main goal for next week is just to score some points for the team as we try to defend our title,” Oppel said. “I’m just trying to stay healthy and contribute to the team.”

The Big East Indoor Championships will take place next Saturday and Sunday in Akron, Ohio.

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Squad scrimmages No. 2 Duke

By TIM DOUGHERTY

Sport Writer

Notre Dame played its weekend pair of scrimmages Saturday in Durham, N.C. without a running scoreboard. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he did not concern himself with the scores of the team’s games against No. 2 Duke and No. 25 Rockefeller, instead looking for sound, mistake-free play.

Though the scrimmages were complete with officials to simulate real game play, the only goal Corrigan kept track of was improvement—which he said he found in his team’s effort Saturday.

“Playing a sound, fundamenta
tal game has been a point of emphasis this year,” Corrigan said. “We were out and put them out and play that way. It was a great weekend for us—exactly what we needed.”

Corrigan said his strategy was to use the trip as a chance to improve before the February 26th
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playoffs.

"I'm really happy that we won the game, and I'm happy for our crowd because we've had some good crowds here on Friday nights and we've disappointed them in the past," Irish head coach Jeff Jackson said of the series' Friday home game.

The Irish started strong Friday and opened up a 2-0 lead by the beginning of the second period, but Ferris State cut the lead to one with a late-period goal at 14:27. Notre Dame hung on to end the period with the lead, but an Irish bench minor for too many men on the ice at 1:50 of the third gave the Bulldogs a power play.

Ferris State controlled the puck in the Irish zone and worked the puck to the left post, where Irish goalie Dave Brown made the initial save. While Brown was sprawled against the post, the rebound came to Bulldogs sniper Greg Rallo on the right side of the crease with a wide-open net. Rallo shot the puck low into the net when Brown — still on his back — shot his glove out across the goal and snagged the would-be tying score out of the net when Brown — still on his back — shot his glove out.

"When you get a save like that, it really your team and it's a reference maker for us. When Christmas. He's been the difference maker for us. He's really good before Christmas. He's been the difference maker for us. When Christmas. He's been the difference maker for us.

The save sparked an Irish offensive flurry, and less than three minutes later, defensemen Wes O'Neill added a game breaker. At 6:00 of the third period, O'Neill stepped up and unleashed a shot from the high left slot that deflected off a stick and hit the twine just under the crossbar.

Left wing Mike Walsh finished off the Bulldogs with a lucky bounce and a great move one minute later. Walsh collected a breakout pass that deflected off the linesman's skates in the neutral zone. Walsh split the two Bulldogs defensemen and slipped the puck between the post and pad on the low right side for the 4-1 lead at 7:17.

"Walsh plays the same way all the time — he plays physical, he plays big, he can skate well," Jackson said. "He has good skating skills, and I was glad to see him bust through like that. That's a big time, professional type goal."

It was not the lone goal for Walsh on the game, as he had already lit the lamp early in the second to give the Irish a 2-0 lead. Right wing T.J. Jindra and Walsh advanced into the Bulldogs zone on a two-on-one. Jindra cut to the center and dished a backhand to Walsh on the right side. Jindra fought through the defense to set up a screen, and Walsh sent a wrister in on the low right side at 4:33.

Erik Condra got the Irish on the board first at 12:48 of the opening period on a power play goal. Notre Dame worked the puck high around Ferris State's zone until Mark Van Guilder dished off to Condra. Condra stepped in and shot from above the circle to put the puck in the top right corner.

"To get on the board early was really crucial for the entire team's confidence," Walsh said of Condra's goal. "Once we had that, everyone was like 'All right, we're going to win.'"

Notre Dame continued its dominance over its ranked opponent on Saturday night with a power-play-laden 5-2 victory.

The Irish once again got to an early 2-0 lead, with an emphasis on "early."

Jason Paige scored 46 seconds into the game off a rebound from a Walsh shot.

Irish forward Josh Sciba takes a faceoff against Ferris State Friday. Notre Dame swept the Bulldogs in a crucial weekend home-and-home. The Irish won both games 3-2 over the then-No. 20 Bulldogs, who entered the series fifth in the CCHA.

Paige roofed the puck over Bulldogs goalie Mitch O'Keefe's shoulder.

Josh Sciba then added to his Irish goal lead with his 14th of the year when he created the two-goal lead at 16:02 of the same period. Sciba scored off a dish from Condra.

Ferris State tied the game in the second with two power play goals at 12:23 and 16:21.

The goals came from Mark Bombersbach and Eric Vesely.

But Van Guilder secured the game winner on an Irish power play with only seconds remaining in the period. Van Guilder collected a pass from Condra in the middle and slipped the winner past O'Keefe for the 3-2 win at 19:53.

Brown was solid in net for the second straight night, saving 29 of 31 shots faced.

The Irish will be in action next weekend with two games on the road against Bowling Green in Bowling Green, Ohio. Contact Kyle Cassily at kcassily@nd.edu.

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SMB Basketball
Belles get big win on senior day
Bridget Boyce takes over in regular-season home game
BY FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Led by senior captain Bridget Boyce, Saint Mary’s defeated Kalamazoo 57-34 on the final home game Saturday.
"Boycey put the entire team on her back," Belles head coach Steve Bender said. "She really played the game of her life."
Steve Bender
Belles coach

Belles stack up with 19 points and 19 rebounds. 
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Four points to cut the deficit to two with 60 seconds remaining. The Blue Devils turned the ball over on the offensive possession, and Kalamazoo’s Mary Brown drew a foul with 30 seconds left on one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devils failed to convert either of the free throws, and just one of just one three-free throws. With 13 seconds left, the Blue Devilsfailed to convert...
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Sweep smell of success
Irish take two games from Ferris State to get back in the hunt for home ice in the playoffs

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Irish have been gaining momentum since mid-December, but it took a Michigan State setback last weekend to refocus a team firing on almost all cylinders. Notre Dame (9-12-3 CCHA, 11-16-3 overall) swept the No. 20 Ferris State Bulldogs (9-10-5, 14-12-6) 4-1 and went 3-2 in its home-and-home series on Friday and Saturday night.

The sweep pushes the Irish into a tie for ninth place with the upcoming weekend's games.

MEN'S TENNIS

Team takes three from top opponents at Eck

Strong doubles set the tone for success in first home matches

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish snapped a three-game losing streak this weekend, winning all three of their matches at the Eck Tennis Pavilion to improve to 4-4 on the season.

Notre Dame toppled Purdue 6-1, Wisconsin 6-1 and Bradley 7-0 to rebound from a difficult road trip early in the season. "A 'W' is always better than an 'L,"" head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I think some of the guys needed to win some matches and I think that was good.

Notre Dame 6, Purdue 1
The Irish came out strong against the Boilermakers with a win in the doubles competition, and they never looked back.

In the first doubles match, Eric Langekamp and Andrew Roth won 8-5 at No. 3, but Ryan Keckley and Barry King fell 8-5 at No. 1 to leave the point in the hands of Brett Helgeson and Sheeva Parbhu.

Parbhu and Helgeson won 8-3 at No. 2 to put the Irish up 1-0 going into the singles matches.

"I thought Purdue came in and really played hard against us," Bayliss said. "We surprisingly won the doubles point quickly -- they usually play great doubles, and we got the false impression we might be in for an easy day." In singles, Keckley won 6-1, 6-4 to offset a loss by captain Patrick Buchanan by a score of 6-4, 6-2.

Stephen Bass won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 1 to put the Irish within one point of victory, and Parbhu clinched the win for the Irish at No. 2 with a 6-2, 6-2 victory.

King won at No. 3 despite dropping the second set with a score of 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Blue Demons crush Irish

Irish set possession record but lose big to No. 15 DePaul

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame set a new school record for fewest turnovers in a game Sunday at the DePaul Athletic Center — and lost by 29.

The Irish (14-9, 5-7 Big East) turned the ball over only six times but shot just 25 percent from the field Sunday and suffered a 79-50 drubbing at the hands of No. 15 DePaul (19-5, 7-5). It was Notre Dame's worst defeat since Tennessee beat the Irish 89-50 in the NCAA Tournament on March 17, 2002.

Unfazed by Notre Dame's ability to maintain possession, DePaul attacked to the very end, scoring on fast break opportunities and lording three-pointers in the final minutes to cap off a game in which the Blue Demons shot 51 percent from the field.

Irish guard Lindsay Schrader shoots in the lane during Notre Dame's 69-65 overtime loss to Villanova Feb. 7.

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sweet cap for season

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has a lot to be pleased about as the regular season comes to a close.

The Irish fencers, ranked No. 1 in the women's poll and No. 3 in the men's, completed two 6-0 sweeps at the UC-San Diego Duals over the weekend, finishing the regular season with twin 29-1 records.

"Frankly speaking, we will say that it was a very strong performance of the young team," Irish head coach Janusz Bednarski said.

The event's biggest matchup pit­ted the Irish against No. 9 Stanford. Notre Dame had strong performances in both the men's and women's sides, winning 17-10 and 20-7, respectively.

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Sweeps at the UC-San Diego

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