Brown, Braun elected new student leaders

Senate decides run-off tie in closed meeting by 15-13 vote

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

After a drawn-out election process, a decision on who will be next year's student body president and vice president was reached Sunday.

Student body presidential candidate Liz Brown and vice presidential candidate Maris Braun defeated Danny Smith and Ashley Weiss by a 15-13 vote Saturday night in a closed Student Senate meeting. Brown and Braun will assume their positions April 1.

Because neither Brown and Braun nor contenders Smith and Weiss received the 50 percent plus one of the student vote required to seal the election in the run-off, the Student Union Constitution required the decision to be made in a closed meet-

Female officials: Power at ND wielded not only by men

University’s top women say bylaw restricting presidency to priest does not hinder their advancement

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

Media coverage surrounding the Feb. 11 election of Drew Gilpin Faust to the top spot at Harvard University focused on one fact and one fact only—that Drew Gilpin Faust is a woman.

Faust became the first female president in Harvard’s 371-year history last Sunday, bringing the total number of Ivy League schools with women at the helm to four, including the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University and Brown University.

A 2006 survey by the American Council on Education found that 23 percent of college presidents were women, up from 9.5 percent in 1986.

Notre Dame, however, will never join this trend. University bylaws state the president must always be a priest and a member of the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross.

Yet several of the highest ranking women at Notre Dame said this rule doesn’t bother them, and does not restrict power so much as it encourages the University’s mission of providing a faith-based campus environment. In short, it insures that the University stays on course as a Catholic institution, they said.

“The bylaw absolutely does have an effect — but the effect to me is not on how leadership can therefore be expressed by women,” said Carolyn Woo, dean of the Mendoza College of Business.

“I think it’s why we’re able to maintain the whole Catholic mission and identity. If we didn’t have a priest as a University president it would be very difficult to carry that DNA,”

Woo said to view Notre Dame’s situation only as one in which a woman can never be head of the University limits the

‘Monologues’ aims to stir debate

Annual SMC event addresses hard topics

By KELLY MEHAN
San's Mary's Editor

Inflammatory stereotypes, abortion and eating disorders were just some of the heavy issues the third annual SMC Monologues addressed this weekend.

The College’s version of Eve Ensler’s “The Vagina Monologues” drew a crowd of about 125 during the Friday and Saturday night performances.

‘Loyal Daughters’ to change hands, title

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

With the goal of making “Loyal Daughters” an annual production at Notre Dame, senior Emily Weisbecker and sophomore Sarah Van Mill are now interviewing a new wave of students and faculty members with stories about sex, sexuality and sexual violence.

“Loyal Daughters,” a play that featured skits based on interviews with members of the Notre Dame community, premiered in November.

Van Mill sent out several mass e-mails earlier in the semester to announce she was conducting confidential interviews with students and faculty from Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross.

“When we first started sending them out... just the next

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The following is a list of 65 people who would have made better choices for commencement speaker than General Electric's Jeffrey Immelt. No offense to Mr. Immelt, but this is a Notre Dame graduation, not a lecture at Mendoza.

I didn't put any research into this list, so please, spare me the e-mails about how so-and-so is booked until 2000, but he owes us one)

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Students, parents enjoy JPW

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

Families gathered on campus this weekend for the 56th annual Junior Parents Weekend — an event considered by many an important part of Notre Dame tradition.

The weekend kicked off with an opening gala on Friday evening, where juniors and their families enjoyed a cash bar, hors d’oeuvres, portrait photography and dancing.

Junior class president Bridget Higgins’ parents drove the six-hour trip from Pittsburgh Friday morning, and she said was delighted they could be there so she could introduce them to her friends.

“At the gala, wandering around and meeting people, you get a more of a view of a person’s life and their backgrounds, because sometimes you only see them in the context of school,” Higgins said.

In addition to an evening of socializing, visiting parents were also given a glimpse of the University during Saturday’s program.

From 10 a.m. to noon, parents and students had the opportunity to attend workshops and lectures at the newly constructed Jordan Center.

Joe Real showed his parents some of our concerns about the process.”

Immediately following were luncheons in the individual residence halls, concerts performed by student ensembles and receptions for honors groups.

“A highlight of Saturday evening was the 5:30 Mass held in the Joyce Center. University President Father John Jenkins presided, and Zahm Hall rector Father Daniel Parrish delivered the homily. Keating said the Mass served as a great opportunity for personal reflection.

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Dinner at the Joyce Center Fieldhouse after Mass.

She said it was “incredible that nearly 3,500 parents from coast to coast had traveled in this horrible weather for this year’s JPW,” in comparison to the 128 in attendance during the inaugural event in 1952.

The weekend concluded Sunday morning with a closing brunch featuring guest speaker Lou Holtz, head Irish football coach from 1986-1996, in addition to Chandra Johnson, associate director of Campus Ministry and Kerry Carroll, JPW chairperson.

University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh gave the benediction.

Nancy McEvily said the closing speakers made her realize how important JPW was in making her Notre Dame experience truly unique.

“During your junior year, you have a really solid group of friends and you know who’s important to you,” she said. “And this event allows your parents to meet those people who are really important to you.”

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Above, Father Bill Lies gives the opening prayer for the President’s dinner Saturday night. Below, juniors and their families walk around the Joyce Center before the event.

PHOTOS BY ANDREW STEVES
Details of Student Union Board's budget up for debate

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

The Student Union Board (SUB), responsible for bringing events to the campus, sees Notre Dame's annual Ben Folds concert to Notre Dame, has been hired lately in Student Senate debates about control over its budget.

Two potential resolutions dealing with limitations on who can spend SUB's money—how much those people can spend have seen discussion on the Senate floor.

The first resolution proposes that the amount SUB can spend without authorization from the Financial Management Board (FMB) be reduced to the amount that SUB sees—SUB's budget—be raised from the current $5,000. The other proposes that money allotted to the Office of the President be kept, but in a SUB account, according to student government, said student vice president Bill Andrichik.

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SUB had an initial budget of $27,010 for the 2006-07 school year, said SUB manager Patrick Vasse.

After winter break, SUB received $27,000—full of funds for The Shirt proceeds, which are allocated to student groups. SUB divides its budget between its 11 programming committees, an administrative account, and an advertising account.

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Revenue from ticket sales at events is looped back into the fund to pay for programming later in the year, Vasse said.

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Carolyn Woo, dean of the College of Business, said she sees Notre Dame's unique academic and administrative environment as preparing people to succeed in the right environment.

"Believe that people can succeed, but also that we must succeed together, but rather than against each other," Woo said. "We believe in that, but in fact, we are explicit and intentional. That's what makes that different.

"Women at Notre Dame is not, therefore, an ethos based on male leadership versus female leadership—it is one deeply reliant on religion.

University president is a very special position, and to require this University's president to be a Holy Cross priest makes Notre Dame a special kind of connection to its history and its roots," Maziar said. "And it also shows a special concern and need to protect the legacy that each president will leave.

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Women continued from page 1 question to formal power.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chinese ring in Lunar New Year

BEIJING — Asians flocked to temples, parks and Disneyland on Sunday to pray, play, eat, and celebrate the first day of the Lunar New Year, ushering in the Year of the Pig.

At the Lama Temple and White Cloud Temple in Beijing, faithful burned incense and tossed coins at incense burners, believing that if they handed over the coins they would have good luck in the New Year.

At a traditional fair in the capital's Ditan Park, performers sang folk songs and snippets of Peking opera for throngs of people snacking through the park, many carrying balloons, Chinese knots and candles in chubby pig shapes.

U.S. helicopter crash kills eight

SHAIJOI, Afghanistan — A U.S. helicopter suffered a "sudden, unexplained loss of power" and crashed Sunday in southeastern Afghanistan, killing eight American troops, the military said. Fourteen people on board survived.

A NATO spokesman denied the helicopter had been shot down, saying the pilots had radioed ahead to report engine problems. It was the deadliest U.S. crash in Afghanistan since last May.

The CH-47 Chinook helicopter was carrying 22 U.S. service members under overcast skies when there was a "sudden, unexplained loss of power and control and crashed," U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col. David Accetta said. The 14 survivors suffered injuries.

The helicopter crashed in the Shahjoi district of Zabul province, about 50 yards from the compound of the Afghan National Police's 1st Local Police Company, according to a U.S. military statement.

Israel

Peace bid begins amid doubts

Rice encounters stalemate between governments over Palestinian militants

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Hoping to turn the page on six years of stalled Middle East negotiations, the U.S. instead found itself boxed in by a series of acutely complex political impasses involving ally Israel and the Palestinians.

Secretary of State Colin Powell arrived in the region intending to lead a symbolic peace summit. He promised, however, that the United States would not end shut-bout peace talks that have been eclipsed amid uncertainty and disagreement over Israel's arrest of Hamas militants.

The United States considers Hamas a terrorist group.

Last Sunday, the U.S. diplomat held a similarly long meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert over a similarly hard-line position.

Israel will not recognize a Palestinian government that refuses to renounce violence, honor past commitments and accept Israel's right to exist.

Olmert says Washington agrees and will share the new government. U.S. officials, however, are not going that far.

The United States, still hoping to avoid a split, will shame Hamas or change his mind, says it will reserve judgment until the new Palestinian government takes shape.

Rice acknowledged that the momentum was "an awkward time" but I actually think that's what we're able to do it face to face," Rice told reporters.

The meeting was planned before Abbas made his pact with Hamas. The gathering was meant to offer weary Palestinians a brighter vision for their future by opening a discussion of the contours of an eventual Palestinian state.

It also was a way to strengthen Abbas in his power struggle with Hamas, which surprised the U.S. administration by defeating Abbas' secular Fatah Party in elections 13 months ago.

Although U.S. officials brushed off any suggestion the pact has tainted Abbas, diplomats have not hidden their displeasure with both the content and timing of the deal made.

"Neither the U.S. nor Israel

Israel Defense Minister Amir Peretz, left, meets with U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in Jerusalem Sunday. Rice met with Israeli and Palestinian leaders during her visit.

N.J. civil union law takes effect

HILTON WOODS, N.J. — Diane Marini used to joke that she was always the bridesmaid and never the bride because, as a lesbian, she thought it was unlikely New Jersey would ever approve same-sex marriage.

Still, she and longtime partner Marilyn Mazzucco have been together for 12 years. They were among seven couples who sued the state in 2002, demanding the right to marry.

While their suit didn't lead to a gay marriage law, it has led to New Jersey becoming the first state in the nation to approve civil unions from other states, however, there is a 72-hour waiting period after applying for a license — just like with marriage.

The civil union law takes effect Monday and some same-sex couples are planning ceremonies. For couples who are not already in civil unions in other states, however, there is a 72-hour waiting period after applying for a license — just like with marriage.

Food inspection policy updated

WASHINGTON, Aug 11 — The first major changes to food inspection in a decade will increase federal scrutiny of meat and poultry plants where the blazer from E. coli and other germs are high or where past visits have found unsanitary practices.

The changes will result in fewer inspections at plants with lower risks and better records for handling meat and poultry.

LOCAL NEWS

Indy mayor won't run for governor

INDIANAPOLIS — Democrat Mayor Bart Peterson of Indianapolis said Saturday he will not be a candidate for governor in 2008.

Peterson made the statement after accepting the Marion County Democrat Party's nomination for re-election as mayor.

Peterson said he would not rule out running for governor later, but said that if he is re-elected he would complete his four-year term as mayor.

Democrats seek limit on Iraq war

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Sen. Joe Biden, a 2008 presidential candidate who leads the foreign relations panel, said the 2002 authorization should be repealed to restate the president's authority and clarify the mission of U.S. troops in Iraq.

"I've been working with some of my colleagues to try to convince them that that's the way to go ... it make clear that the purpose that he has troops in there is to, in fact, protect against the risk of gaining a buffer of territory, training the Iraqi forces, force protection and for our forces," said Biden, D-Del.

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them guide where the interview places. Weisbecker, previously a rape victim, said she was referred to the interview by a counselor. "I was really amazed and impressed with how much people were ready to come in and share their personal experiences with me," she said. "They were very open and there was definitely no shortage of volunteers.

Van Mill was not involved in last fall's production of "Loyal Daughters," but went to several rehearsals and all three shows to aid in her research of rape on campus. She decided to take up the task for next year since Weisbecker will graduate in May. Van Mill changed the name of the project to "Loyal Daughters and Sons," since last year many men eager to tell their stories responded to Weisbecker's interview requests.

"Sexual assault isn't just one gender's issue," Van Mill said. "(The play) still focuses on the women's experience, but men's experiences as well can be a difficult experience for men."

The energy of the audience's reactions fueled the message. "What works is what works," she said. "It's really hard emotionally, but it's also really exciting that people are willing to trust you with their stories," Van Mill said.

While Weisbecker said she tries to "alter the audience's views of women and the world," Van Mill needs to get either club or departmental sponsorship. She plans to continue the effort as long as people are interested.

"When we call for monologues, we seek variety in the kinds of monologues," she said. "G raduates approached me after Saturday's performance to tell her how moved she was by the production."

Pittman said it was the vocalization of survivors of sexual assault, women asking questions about their sexuality, women questioning the views of sexuality that they have been taught and women celebrating their sexuality, whether it be heterosexual, bisexual or lesbian.

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goal, said producer Becki Faunce, was to alter the audience's views of women and the world.

"Unlike the notions that our current students don't have," said Woodward reflected upon her first year directing the SMC Monologues, she said next year she would have "a better idea of what need to be done and how to do it."

"I learned what works best on stage and what the audience enjoys to hear," she said.

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Fox News competes with CNBC

Murdoch says new business channel will be more accessible than competitors

NEW YORK — News chief Rupert Murdoch says the new Fox Business Channel will be "more business-friendly" than rival CNBC, which he says that putting on the day he announced his network would launch at the end of the decade last month as the housing industry in major slowdown.

A decade ago — defining the decade that ended last year as the housing industry pioneer within six years and hasn't been caught since. Now many are questioning whether Fox Business Channel can compete against CNBC.

"We're going to be a business-friendly" than rival CNBC, making that point on CNBC where they aren't as friendly to corporations and profits as they should be. Murdoch continues to struggle with a severe slowdown, as the housing industry in major slowdown, warehouse prices fell 0.6 percent in January, the biggest drop in three months, providing fresh evidence that inflation pressures are easing.

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Fox News business anchor Neil Cavuto tapes a program in 2002. Cavuto and News Corp. chief Rupert Murdoch say the new Fox Business Channel will have broader appeal.

JetBlue cancels more flights, 'resets'

WASHINGTON — Snowstorm construction plunged to the lowest level in nearly a decade last month as the housing industry continued to struggle with a severe slowdown.

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House passes business tax breaks

WASHINGTON — House overwhelmingly approved business tax breaks worth $1.8 billion over 10 years, a key step toward forging a congressional compromise on increasing the minimum wage.

Boyle's vote on the tax cuts was 360-43. Passage of a wage hike for the lowest-paid workers now depends on how quickly the House and Senate work out differences between their tax packages. The Senate tax break is worth $28.3 billion over 10 years, which is more than four times bigger than the ones passed in the House.

Under the House bill, small businesses would see an extension in some tax write-offs that are scheduled to expire and would be able to continue to claim a tax credit for hiring disadvantaged workers.
Snowing heavy. Conditions are awful." to keep track of the trio's position. Rescuers were using the signals toward them, said Sgt. Sean Kozlow. "No one wanted it to end like this [a Senate vote]. We didn't feel great. Brown said there was a concern that the procedure for voting was correct and there was no way to make sure it was done right." In this process is unpleasant, it is also rare. "The only time I know of an election being determined by Student Senate is three years ago," said Kozlow. "That's the only time I can think of. It's a huge deal." Kozlow was referring to the 2004 election, when the Senate overruled Adam Istvan and Karla Bell in a 15-13 vote over opposing ticket Charlie Ehrenberg and James Lennon. Now that the election process is finally over, Brown said Braun and Bell are a breath after assuming leadership as the de facto leaders of the student body. Brown, speaking for the Braun-Bell admin, said they hope to "hit the ground running on student issues" with the Senate in session, each Senator may cast his vote freely." Coughlin discovered this discrepancy Thursday and called a meeting of various members of student government including, Andrichik, student body president Lizzi Shappell, Judicial Council president Liz Kozlow, Senate Oversight chair Chris Hellen and parliamentarian Matt Fisher. To decide which version to follow, Andrichik said. "The decision of the meeting was that, for the integrity of the Constitution, we felt that regardless of what information was disseminated at the beginning of the term, the correct Constitution should be followed for this election," Andrichik said. The correct version called for senators to vote according to the plurality in their residence hall, he said. The version of the Constitution that applies for senators to vote freely was not actual­ly voted on by senators during the 2003-04 term, when the Constitution underwent major revisions. "According to minutes from the 2003-04 Senate that we reviewed during this whole process, the Constitution was never changed from how it was initially read, which required the senators to vote as their dorm voted, which is why we went with the actual Constitution," Andrichik said. Fisher, a sophomore, who wished to remain anonymous to avoid conflict with fellow senators, disagreed with the decision to sub­stitute a section of the Constitution without consulting the senators. "To give a version of the Constitution that was actually, that's not true — we have a different set of rules we are going to by — it sets a dangerous precedent." At the closed meeting, many senators expressed confusion over the changes and were left out of the decision to insert a different clause regarding closed meetings into the Constitution, the senator said. The biggest thing is that the clause concerned senators so much," the senator said. "Doing something like this to change it so close to this emergency meet­ ing almost seems like pulling the rug out under our feet." There is no information in the Constitution as to what to do if there is a discrepancy in rules, the senator said.

Fisher senator Drew Clary called the mix-up a "terrible situation." Forcing senators to vote according to their dorm pluralities gave the Braun-Bell ticket an advantage. Clary said Smith-Weiss would have had a better chance of winning if senators could vote accord­ing to their own preference, he said, since many senators served on their camp­aign committee. Clary worked on the Smith-Weiss campaign. And had the two tickets known different rules would be followed in the closed meeting than those that were laid out in the Constitution presented by sena­tors, the candidates could have spent less time campaigning and strategizing and spent the final hours of the election week trying to win votes in dorms with close­numbers.

Some senators were also unhappy at a meeting where their vote was predetermined. "Another main concern was that since we have to vote in our dorm with no matter what... A lot of people were ticked off that they were forced to go to a meet­ing in which they had no control over their vote," he said. Brown-Braun won the majority with a 15-13 vote and will be student body president and vice president starting April 1.

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Fallen climbers on Mt. Hood all found alive

Associated Press

GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore. - Rescuers located three climbers who fell from a ledge on snowy Mount Hood on Sunday, but rescuers suggested they were forced to go to a meeting in which they had no control over their vote.

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ing of the Student Senate, said Judicial Council presi­dently Liz Kozlow. "Each senator is mandated by the Constitution to follow the plurality of their dorm, which means they must vote according to the majority vote in their dorm," Kozlow said. Of the four had ties within their dorm a senator would be able to vote freely, she said. Each senator received an e-mail with a copy of the breakdown of his or her dorm directly before the Senate meeting to determine a president. The senators were not present for the formal vote, but none of the four had ties within their dorms and therefore their absence did not affect the outcome, Kozlow said. McGlenn and O'Neill were the only two dorms with a tied vote, and both senators voted for Braun-Bell in their dorm.

Even those voting yes, however, were not enough for Smith and Weiss to pull away with the presidency. Smith-Weiss won by 15-13, as Kozlow said following the decision. "I'm just going to take a step back, step away from it and wait for school again and see what comes my way." Kozlow felt the "little bit shocked and over­whelmed" by the results were announced.

"It was a long meeting and it's over," she said. "I think we're all just happy it's over," she said.

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received 50 percent plus one vote in the student body run-off elec­tion, the Constitution dictated that the winner be decided by a majority vote in a closed meeting of the Senate. Andrichik, who as vice president is also the Student Senate's liaison to the Judicial Council for emer­gencies, met Sunday night to decide to adopt a correct protocol was followed. "I think everyone wanted to make sure that the procedure for voting was correct and that we did it professionally and accurately as possible," she said. There was a lot of anxiety, she said. "I just think that every­one was just in a little bit of an adrenaline and wait for help. The Correct version called for senators to vote according to the plurality in their residence hall, he said. The version of the Constitution that sensors to vote freely was not actual­ly voted on by senators during the 2003-04 term, when the Constitution underwent major revisions. "According to minutes from the 2003-04 Senate that we reviewed during this whole process, the Constitution was never changed from how it was initially read, which required the senators to vote as their dorm voted, which is why we went with the actual Constitution," Andrichik said. Fisher, a sophomore, who wished to remain anonymous to avoid conflict with fellow senators, disagreed with the decision to sub­stitute a section of the Constitution without consulting the senators. "To give a version of the Constitution that was actually, that's not true — we have a different set of rules we are going to by — it sets a dangerous precedent." At the closed meeting, many senators expressed confusion over the changes and were left out of the decision to insert a different clause regarding closed meetings into the Constitution, the senator said. The biggest thing is that the clause concerned senators so much," the senator said. "Doing

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By now, tear stains would have formed near Milo's eyes into his fur, which would appear dark brown. He could be wearing a red sweater and would have a teal colored collar, with matching leash. I believe his rabies shot was given by Kryder Clinic so he should have that tag on his collar. Milo was apprehensive of people he didn't know. He was a "puppy mill" dog. We believe he would run from someone if he was approached.

If found, please contact Animal Hospital of South Bend (MILO'S VET) 282-2303
I would like to thank and congrat­ulate all of the academic departments that truly understand the importance and meaning of academic freedom, and in particular, those that chose not to sponsor the "Vagina Monologues" this year.

An Observer editorial published this past Friday ("After debate, inaction can’t continue," Feb. 3) lamented the decisions of these departments in regards to the "Monologues." The editorial expressed a sense of confusion as to why "departments wouldn’t fully exercise the right they fought so hard to protect." This confusion, I believe, stems from a misunderstanding of both the nature of freedom and of academic departments. The meaning of freedom is not the obligation of people to slander and disrespect each other, or bombard their community with "controversy" that makes exciting headlines. The meaning of freedom is far deeper and more beautiful than that.

Freedom, which is grounded in reason, contains its meaning only when used in pursuit of truth: and it is only within truth that we become truly free. Universities and academic departments within them are founded on the pursuit of truth, and understand that it is there that the truth we pursue in freedom is God, whom we come to know through both faith and reason.

Because of the knowledge which has been given to us by revelation, we follow the teaching of the Catholic Church and pay due respect to its sacred teaching and tradition. Therefore, the editorial’s statement, "It doesn’t matter what people think of the ‘Monologues,’ or ‘Quasim,’ or any other student-run event that presents ideas in opposition to Church teaching. It just matters that they think about them," is false.

The University is a place of formation where young men and women come seeking the assistance of learned professors in order to pursue the truth in each of their academic fields, from engineering to English. The issues should not be simply "thought about" as one thinks of grabbing some fro-yo on the way out of the dining hall, but rather that one carefully considers them in light of what we know so that the truth may be better grasped. Thus, academic excellence and freedom enter into the University. Each department must focus itself within its own discipline and understand that it is there that true freedom lies and not in the wanton spending of funds and time on events ill-suited to their mission of pursuing the highest and ultimate truth.

It is true that discussion of issues makes Notre Dame a vibrant place. The editorial correctly noted "As he issued his closing statement last spring, Jenkins commended students and faculty members for engaging in thoughtful, concerned debate." But then it added, "Unfortunately, that debate now seems to be lost." That, however, is far from the truth. There are daily opportunities to continue that dialogue. Groups formerly opposed to each other, such as Forensic Voice, Right to Life, the Identity Project of Notre Dame and Sustained Dialogue have come together on a number of occasions to continue fruitful debate and to reach out to others in order to make a positive impact on the broader community.

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president, ND Right to Life
Feb. 18
It's often tempting for a tree-hug­
ging, anti-war, blue-state Yankee like me to get a little self-important while waxing nostalgic about America in recent months. As if hear­
ning President Bush say, "I'm a Speaker" at his State of the Union Address wasn't sat­
isfying enough, learning that the leader of the National

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there are few bright spots of Republican humor in America. Trey

Parkway and Matt Stone, the creators of "South Park," famously announced a few years back that they voted Republican because, while they "hate conservatives, they really [expletive] hate liberals." "South Park" is possibly the only U.S. television show where one can hardly call Parker and Stone's outrageous humor "conserv­

ative." Then there are the members of the highly successful Blue Collar Comedy Tour — certainly some of the favorite comedians of the American South. Unfortunately, there few men are only at their best when they are either fall-down drunk (Ron White) or making fun of themselves for being hicks (Jeff Foxworthy and the Get 'R Done Guy). One could also point to the so-called "American Conservative Comedian" Brad Stine as a beacon of humor for the new millennium. Unfortunately, a quick scan of YouTube proved that Brad Stine's rant's on the difference between middle-class and lower-class names were about as comically inspir­
ing as Ben Stein's deadpan teaching of "Ferris Bueller's Day Off." Simply put, there is no truly funny comedy that can top the performers who ripped into the left wing like Stewart, Colbert, and Sacha Baron Cohen (Borat) rip a new one into the political world.

Then along came the programming genius at the Fox News Network, Bill O'Reilly. Back in 2003, he had made a public effort to tap into the market for political comedy exposed by Stewart and Colbert, Fox News launched a new, ostensibly conservative version of "The Daily Show" last night, "The Half-Hour News Hour." Unfortunately, that title was really only clever the first time it was used — in a 1983 MTV show featuring Victoria Jackson titled "The Half-Hour Comedy Show" on Fox News.

The new show is the brainchild of Joel Surnow, the co-creator of the most patriotic show in the history of the world, "24." Surnow, who actually called himself "a right-wing televangelist" and then decided that a conservative comedy news program was necessary because "the other side hasn't been skewered in a fair and balanced way." To fur­
ther clarify this point, he said that "the longest running news show leading up to his premiere announcement that it might offer "the left, the left, anyone standing to the left, gay lawyers, the ACLU, anyone with the ACLU in their name, etc." Clearly, skewering in a "fair-and-balanced" way meant attacking both liberals and conservative gayEyecons who like dudes. Strike two, Fox News.

When portions of "The Half-Hour News Hour" were finally released to the public in the past few days, one would have expected a truly rolling zinger to introduce the show to the world. Instead, co-anchor Kurt Long led with the following: "Illinois Sen. Barack Obama admits that after growing up as a teenager he sometimes used cocaine. But, in a related story, Sen. Obama has just been endorsed for president by the far left of the Democratic Party, "But, in a related story, Sen. Obama has just been endorsed for president by the far left of the Democratic Party," even the prerecorded laugh track had a tough time giggling after this one. Strike three, Fox News.

Clearly, conservative Americans are faced with a serious dilemma. Without any truly great comedians or remotely funny political satire to tickle their funny bone, it is no surprise that approval ratings among Democrats plummeting to an all-time low of 99.9 percent. A laugh track could not help us when we were hung up in the awkward situation when we were not stuck in a practical joke when we were stuck in the middle of a Practical joke. The other side hasn't been skewered in a fair and balanced way. They just haven't had anything to laugh at in awhile.

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There's no exaggerating the impact a teacher can have on the life of a young mind. I have also come to realize that the importance of the preparation needed to become a highly effective teacher is something that must be the best possible teacher I could be, but that it continues to get better each year.

There's also great need in our Catholic schools today. Our Church is in a position to continue, as it has historically, to serve immigrant and inner-city families by pro­
viding them with quality schooling and formation in faith and character. But this is only possible if people like you, me, our time and energy to the mission. ACE teachers today have a unique and crucial role to play in the future of our Church and country. Last July, the U.S. Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, speak­
ing at the ACE Commencement Exercises, praised Catholic schools as "national treasures" that must be preserved. In particular, she cited their heroic work to educate the poor and marginalized, whether the students are Catholic or not.

So if you seek to change the world one day, take a time to think about what, like was, to give to give back something of what you've been given here under the Dome, ACE. ACE news and improving for a truly credible cause. I have pro­

found gratitude for my challenging, awe­

ome, transformative experience of my life.

Steve Camilleri

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DVD Reviews

New 'Dogs' DVD has bite to match bark

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Has it really been 15 years since "Reservoir Dogs" came along and introduced the world to the mad genius of writer/director Quentin Tarantino? The cooler-than-cool dialogue, the matching suits, the car-jacking on acid, the constant cultural references made Tarantino a hot commodity in Hollywood. Those elements laid the groundwork for his next picture, "Pulp Fiction." Yet "Reservoir Dogs" remains a great film on its own merits, an involving and fast-paced heist movie with a freewheeling energy and desultory sense of detached cool.

The basic plot revolves around a diamond heist organized by Joe Cabot (Lawrence Tierney), the rookie Mr. Orange (Tim Roth) and the consummate professional Mr. Pink (Steve Buscemi). After the robbery—which is never shown on screen—goes awry and Mr. Orange ends up with a bullet in his gut, the thieves assemble at the meeting point and try to determine which one of them is the rat.

"Reservoir Dogs" didn't quite have the massive cultural impact of "Pulp Fiction," but it is probably best known for its iconic opening scene, though accusations that it ripped off the Hong Kong film "City on Fire" slightly hampered its reception. Still, Tarantino's sense of dialogue (much of which has little to do with the plot) and pacing drive "Reservoir Dogs" and are the main reasons it doesn't feel outdated.

Artisan released a special edition to commemorate the 15th anniversary, and five years later, Lions Gate has released a 15th anniversary edition. This is something the studio can keep milking, with a new release of "Reservoir Dogs" every five years—fans will surely appreciate the extra money for bigger and better packaging.

Actually, however, in this case there is ample reason to upgrade. The picture quality is one of my pet peeves with widescreen points on Artisan’s release, with faded, washed-out colors. The image has been remastered on Lions Gate’s version and the difference is immediately noticeable. The colors are much more vibrant and the image looks much sharper.

The audio is improved as well, with a full DTS-ES track (a 5.1 Dolby Digital Surround ES mix), which doesn’t sound a whole lot different than Artisan’s 5.1 DTS track—still, it’s an immersive mix that uses quite a bit of surround. "Reservoir Dogs" is a dialogue-heavy film, and the dialogue is clear and upfront.

The film itself is a mix of some new special features, which include a documentary about the impact "Reservoir Dogs" has had, and some interesting featurettes on the characters. The commentary tracks are the same as on the 10-year anniversary edition, which means it’s snippets of Tarantino, and not an actual track he recorded specifically for the film.

"Reservoir Dogs" is released in some of the funkiest packaging to come around in a while. It comes in a tin case shaped like a gasoline barrel, with the DVDs themselves housed in a giant cardboard matchbox. Unfortunately, there’s no booklet to accompany the set, but the packaging is definitely unique.

It’s usually difficult to recommend upgrades on films, especially since it encourages studios to release multiple versions. In the case of "Reservoir Dogs," however, the remastered picture and audio are enough to make this a worthwhile release of a ground-breaking picture.

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Reservoir Dogs
15th Anniversary Edition
Lions Gate Entertainment

Anniversary of ‘The Doors’ breaks on through

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Olive Stone’s biopic "The Doors" is much like the band itself—sometimes brilliant, maddeningly inconsistent, yet ultimately endearing. It was released to mixed reaction to the film. There were two-discs, but the 15th anniversary edition, which means it’s a special edition has received a picture and audio upgrade. The 6.1 DTS track sounds surround. "Reservoir Dogs" is a dialogue-heavy film, and the dialogue is clear and upfront.

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The Doors
15th Anniversary Edition
Lions Gate

with girlfriend Pam Courson (Meg Ryan) and rock journalist Patricia Kennealy (Kathleen Quinlan) form the bulk of the picture.

Kilmer’s performance may be the best thing about "The Doors." He effortlessly embodies the spirit and quirks of Morrison, drawing the audience into the character. Stone, however, makes the charismatic front man almost impenetrable, which means that "The Doors" isn’t as insightful as it could (and should) be. The Doors’ music, which forms most of the soundtrack, is great, with many of the band’s biggest hits and best known tracks ("Light My Fire," "Break On Through," "Riders on the Storm") making appearances.

Some remains an energetic and powerful director, and there are scenes of great power and beauty. The strangeness of the film often matches the strangeness of the band, which is why many of the sequences feel oddly appropriate, despite their seemingly unfocused nature. The concert scenes in particular are often fantastic, and the film version of the band does a great job of imitating the strangeness of The Doors’ stage show.

Unfortunately, the film often gets bogged down in psycho-teenage fantasy, much of which does little to advance the plot. This would be forgivable if "The Doors" made much effort to give psychological insight into the mind of Morrison, but it instead chooses scenes to celebrate his legend. The film includes plenty of familiar folklore about The Lizard King, such as his claim that the spirit of a dying Indian entered his body when he was a child. "The Doors" was already released on a special edition DVD, now usurped by this new 15th anniversary edition. Both versions were two-discs, but the 15th anniversary edition has received a picture and audio upgrade. The 6.1 DTS track sounds fantastic, with The Doors’ music popping out of the speakers. Most of the special features, which are housed on the second disc, focus on the band rather than the film.

Sadly, the DVD does not contain an audio commentary from director Oliver Stone, which would have been welcome, especially considering Stone’s outspokenness and the mixed reaction to the film.

As a document of its time and a straightforward examination of the band, the impact of "The Doors" is negligible. It’s not quite a great picture, but it’s not nearly as bad as its reputation, either. The new 15th anniversary edition is a welcome upgrade, especially for those who have never seen the film—it’s a strange and sometimes powerful ode to one of the 1960s most revered rock gods.

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Normally I'm a fairly sure-footed fellow, save for those occasional exceptions when my internal inner-ear mechanism seems to be out of whack. So every night Thursdays, Fridays or Saturdays on my way to and from St. Mary's, I imagine my South Park character to protect against the cold, when I slipped on some ice and bit it. Hard. I felt like Kenny as he suffers one of his many ignominious deaths.

As I lay there, dazed, random passer-by's looked at me in derision, laughter written all over their faces. (Oh, and by the way, thanks to random South Quad guy for stepping over my prone form. What a Good Samaritan you are.)

I recalled a news story I read once about how a pair of hikers trapped in a snowstorm built an igloo and weathered the frozen tempest. So I started to gather snow about me in the hopes of insulating myself against the cold. Unfortunately, all I succeeded in doing was creating a sort of sloppy snow angel out of the muddy slush around me finally.

I was able to roll over and pick myself up off the ground, wet and cold with a bruised knee and a battered ego. So, if you find yourself in that position, perched precariously at the tipping point between keeping your footing and finding yourself splashed out on some black ice, here are a few tips:

- Try to increase the coefficient of friction on your shoe soles by wrapping chains around your sneaker soles. Who says snow tires are just for cars?
- Or you could try to build a protective igloo or pass off your wiping out as an impromptu snow angel-making session. Regardless of what you decide to go with, remember to keep a smile on your face as you traverse the treacherous crosswalks on campus. Whoever thought that walking could become an extreme sport.

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The dangers of walking in a winter wonderland

By SEAN SWEANY 
Assistant Scene Editor

Fear of the uncertain is one of the most alarming and terrifying feelings. Not knowing where one is, how one got there or — worst of all — who one is can instill a terror so profound that one resorts to desperate measures to find the answers to these simple questions.

This is the dilemma facing five men who awake to find themselves injured and locked inside a warehouse in the movie "Unknown." Confused as to who they are and why they are injured, the men learn from a discarded newspaper they are all connected with a kidnapping plot — and that two were kidnapped while the other three were kidnappers.

A phone call alerts them that the ring-leader of the kidnapping will return to the warehouse in seven hours to "sort out" the situation. What follows is a race against time for the men to piece together their collective memories and escape the warehouse before the other kidnappers arrive.

With much of campus still covered in snow, simply walking to and from class can be a hazard. There are, however, ways to avoid embarrassment if you slip and fall.

DVD REVIEW

Taut, tight thriller 'Unknown' arrives on DVD

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

The greatest strength of "Unknown" is its script, penned by Notre Dame grad Matthew Waynee, the smart writing drops hints and creates mystery at just the right moments. Cerebral explorations of good and evil take place at the same time as character development and even brief flashes of humor, demonstrating Waynee's skill in his first screenplay.

The narrative is quick-paced and complex, using flashbacks to gradually reveal the truth to the audience slightly before the characters themselves realize it. One man (Jim Caviezel, "The Passion of the Christ") seems most integral to the plot and quickly becomes the story's protagonist.

Caviezels's fellow actors include Greg Kinnear ("Little Miss Sunshine"), Barry Pepper ("Saving Private Ryan"), Jeremy Sisto ("Six Feet Under"), and Bridget Moynahan ("I, Robot"), two deep characters that add much to the film.

The excellent script and acting overcome what is mediocre directing and camera work, especially since the unchanging set-pieces are redundant cinematography becomes more evident towards the end of the film, which is also when the whole ship starts to sink.

In any film of this genre, like "Reservoir Dogs," one expects plot twists, and they do in "Unknown." As the plot twists begin to pile up like the dead bodies in the film, however, the plausibility becomes questionable.

Ultimately, the good traits of the first thrilling hour of the movie become negated by unrealistic events and connection viewers are asked to believe in the last five minutes. This is not to say that the movie is not worthwhile — the acting is superb, and the first five minutes alone should be enough to hook anyone. However, it is hard to imagine what "Unknown" could have been had its ending kept pace with the rest of the movie.

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NHL

Stars close gap in Pacific with win over Sharks

Malkin's bad-angle goal helps Penguins top Capitals, extend Pittsburgh's streak of games with at least 1 point to 16

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars closed the gap in the Pacific Division.

Mike Ribeiro and Jere Lehtinen each scored two goals, Darryl Sydor added three assists and Marty Turco made 38 saves as the Stars beat the San Jose Sharks 5-2 on Sunday.

The Sharks have 72 points, one behind the Stars in the Pacific before the Ducks' game against the Los Angeles Kings on Sunday night.

On Jan. 15, the defending Pacific champion Stars trailed the Ducks by 15 points and the Sharks by seven.

"We're confident we can keep moving up," Ribeiro said. "We know where we stand. This was a four-point game for us."

Stu Barnes added a goal and Sergei Zubov had two assists for the Stars.

Lehtinen capped the scoring with 1:35 left in an empty-netter to help Dallas improve to 9-3-1 in its past 13 games, including a 6-1-1 run at home.

"(The Sharks) are a good team so we knew we had to come out and play hard," Sydor said. "We know what the standings look like. For us, this game meant a one-point deficit or a five-point deficit (behind San Jose)."

After consecutive shutouts, the Sharks ended their team-record scoreless streak at 190 minutes, 22 seconds on Mark Bell's power-play deflection at 3:52 of the third period. San Jose's previous record was 165 minutes, 38 seconds from Jan. 21-Feb. 1, 1999.

Mike Grier also scored and Evgeni Nabokov stopped 16 shots for the Sharks, who have lost their past three and were beginning the second half of a season-long eight-game road trip.

"It's a little late in the season for moral victories," Grier said. "We're not getting it done, not playing well enough to win games.

Turco was returning as Dallas' starter after backup Mike Smith played in the previous four games. Smith had started two of the previous four games and came on in relief of Turco in the other two, but coach Dave Tippett says there is no goalie controversy, that he was merely giving Turco a rest.

"It's looked good the last couple of days in practice," Tippett said. "You can tell he was fresh and rejuvenated out there."

Penguins, Capitals 3

Alexander Ovechkin didn't do much offensive, a common-place event lately. Instead, it was a winner-up Russian who created a goal out of nothing, keeping the Pittsburgh Penguins' most successful stretch in 14 years going.

Evgeni Malkin scored a bad-angle goal to give Pittsburgh the lead in another tightly played game against Washington and the streaking Penguins won their sixth in a row, beating the Capitals Sunday.

On Jan. 15, the defending NHL scoring leader Sidney Crosby, who has 91 points, is Pittsburgh's first playoff run since the 2001-02 season.

The Penguins have gained at least a point in 16 consecutive games, going 14-7-1 since they won a league-record 17 in a row and tied one to end the 1992-93 season. The surprise is that NHL scoring leader Sidney Crosby, who has 91 points, is struggling with only one goal in 10 games.

Malkin has keyed the Penguins' first playoff run since 2001 with 10 goals and 16 assists in 17 games. His teammates are convinced that Malkin, the No. 2 pick in the 2004 NHL draft to Ovechkin, is more than a little motivated any time he goes against his Russian rival. It was the first and only time two Russians were picked 1-2.

"They're very competitive, good hockey players and good friends so there's definitely a little bit of something with him," Mark Recchi said.

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- **West Virginia** (8-5) defeated **Miami** (5-5) in a close conference game.
- **Boston College** (5-7) and **Boston University** (6-6) also had interesting conference games.

**West dominates All-Star Game**

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- **Kobe Bryant** had 31 points and 6 assists, but offense wasn't the problem — the East allowed a record 69 field goals.
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**Howell defeats Mickelson in playoff to win Nissan Open**

- Phil Mickelson had finally ended that nasty habit of finishing second, making three clutch pars in a playoff that delivered a dramatic victory over Phil Mickelson in the Nissan Open on Sunday.
- Howell closed with a 6-under 66 and got into a playoff when Mickelson bogeyed the 18th hole. Howell put away the two-time Masters champion with his third straight par save, holing a 3-foot putt on the 18th hole and raising his head to the sky in utter relief.
- "I said a prayer before I hit the putt," Howell said, his voice cracking. "I said, 'It's time. Go in.'"

**Harvick edges Martin for win in rough Daytona 500**

- Kevin Harvick nosed out Mark Martin in a frantic wreck-filled finish to win Sunday's Daytona 500.
- Martin, making his 323rd attempt at a 500 win, seemed to have victory in hand when a hard-charging Harvick barreled into the lead, but he had reason to be tired after hosting events Thursday and Friday night.
- Those were two of the many functions that kept the players out until all hours of the night.
- Still, the game was secondary to the show in this most unusual of All-Star games — and it was quite a show.

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- Charles Howell defeated Michael Collins in a playoff to win the Nissan Open at the Desert Classic in the Palm Desert, Calif., again to get the NBA here full-time with a new arena to play in.

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Irish win twice in last-at-bats in opening tourney

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Freshman Heather Johnson was not at the meeting when her presence was mentioned at Notre Dame.

In her debut this weekend, the rookie racked up eight hits, four RBIs and a walk-off home run as the Irish won 2-1 and 4-3.

Ohio State breezed to an 85-67 win over Auburn at Jane B. Moore field last Sunday.

In the second game, the Buckeyes won 57-54.

The No. 1 ranking is up for grabs Sunday.

NCAA Men's Basketball

Buckeyes eye top ranking

Ohio State may jump up in the polls after taking down Gophers

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The last time the Ohio State Buckeyes played the AP men's basketball poll, John Havlicek, Jerry Lucas and Bob Knight were leading the Buckeyes to the NCAA championship game. That was 45 years ago, but after Greg Oden and No. 2 Ohio State spoiled an 85-67 victory over Minnesota on Sunday, Hondo and the General might finally have company.

Oden had 10 points, nine rebounds and two blocks, Ron Lewis scored 15 points and Mike Conley Jr. poured in 17 points as the Buckeyes beat the Gophers 84-76.

"We're trying to get better as a team and hopefully make a run," Conley said.

"It felt good to contribute to our team, Loyola is a very tough team," Brian Hubbschmann said.

Hubbschmann notches hat trick to come back against the Greyhounds

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Trailing 7-5 in the third quarter, Notre Dame outscored Loyola (Md.) 4-0 down the stretch and came from behind to beat the Greyhounds 9-7 Saturday at the Loftus Center.

Senior attacker Brian Hubbschmann led all scorers with three goals and an assist in the victory.

Loyola held a 4-0 advantage in the first quarter, but the Irish tied the game at 4-4 with 2:29 left in the period.

"It was a great win for us," Kemp said. "We were down in the beginning, but this tells us a lot about our team. We had a lot of questions about our midfield, but they played well on both offense and defense. I was slow in the first half," Kemp added. "But I bounced back in the second half. I made saves that I normally would not have made."

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Junior Sheeva Parbhu faltered at Monday, February 19, 2007 match after dropping the doubles win, losing 4-2 on the road. The Irish fell behind 1-0 early in the ITA National Indoors match after dropping the doubles point. Senior Ryan Keckley and junior Sheeva Parbhu faltered at No. 1 doubles, losing 8-4 to Omar Almassi and Richard Johnson. Pepperdine clinched the doubles point when Andre Begemann and Mahmoud Kamel defeated Barry King and Brett Helgeson 8-6. Number four singles played out in similar fashion as Keckley took the first set 6-1 from Bassam Beidas but could not do the same in the second and third set. Beidas defeated Keckley 6-6, 6-6 to give the Waves the go-ahead point.

No. 6 singles marked the third match in which the Irish would take the first set but drop the match. Andrew Roth battled to a 7-5 win in the first set but ultimately fell 7-5, 3-6, 5-7 to Mahmoud Kamel to give Pepperdine the winning point.

"Some of our veterans didn't quite come through," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "It is uncharacteristic of our team but that's where we faltered.

Notre Dame averted its loss to Pepperdine with a 2-1 win.

"We can't worry too much about the immediate results," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "It is uncharacteristic of our team but that's where we faltered.

Notre Dame again took the doubles point to jump ahead 1-0. Parbhu followed with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Milan Mihalovic at No. 2 singles. Steve Lies's only glimmer of hope came at No. 3 singles when Helgeson dropped the match 6-4, 6-4 to Dimiter Kutrovsky, but then brought the Irish closer to victory with a 6-2, 7-6 win over Miguel Reyes Varela at No. 4 singles.

King battled sickness to take the win for the Irish. King — who had been suffering from a fever and sore throat — took the first set 6-3 from Josh Zavala. It looked like King might succumb to his fever in the second set but he rallied to win the tiebreaker 7-6 (4).

The Irish fell out in front early and won the first set and you could see his strength of kind wane as the gut broke back," Bayliss said. "He got down in the tiebreaker and really hit some. The match was very aggressively.

The Irish will return to South Bend to prepare for Michigan Friday. Bayliss said the team will spend an improvement day and put the loss to Pepperdine behind them.

"There is a lot of tennis to be played," he said. "We can't worry too much about the immediate results. We have to worry about making our way through week to week and showing improvement so that we can play our best at the end of the year, that's the goal."
**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

No. 2 Irish make case for top spot

**By CHRIS HINE**
Sport Writer

No. 2 Notre Dame made its case this weekend for a No. 1 ranking, knocking off two more top-20 teams with a 5-2 win over No. 7 North Carolina Friday and a 7-0 win Sunday over No. 20 Wake Forest.

Against the Tar Heels, the Irish stumbled out of the gate, losing the doubles point for only the second time this season. Both doubles pairings of Christian and Catrina Thompson and Brooke Buck and Kelsey Teffy dropped their matches, giving the Tar Heels an early 1-0 lead.

"I was a little nervous after that," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "Our doubles bounced back and then we won the next two points. Austin Smith played really well to stay in the match, and I was impressed with the way she played," Louderback said.

Freshman Calleen Ciobanu outlasted her four-match losing streak with a 6-4, 6-2, defeat of Tar Heels senior Sara Amundson to make the score 3-2.

Then, in a match that drew the attention of the crowd gathered at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, Ciobanu fought back from a 4-1 first-set deficit and a 4-2 second-set deficit to knock off North Carolina freshman Sanaz Marand 6-4, 7-5. Ciobanu’s victory clinched the match for the Irish.

"That match was very tiring," Ciobanu said. "I think the difference was the momentum shifts. The first set, she played unbelievable, and then I had a good game at 4-1 and started playing better." Teffy added the fifth point after dropping the first set to North Carolina’s Caitlin Collins 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.

On Sunday, the Irish made quick work of Wake Forest. The Irish grabbed all three doubles points, and Christian Thompson and Rielley won first-set tiebreakers to boost the Irish to victory.

"I just thought we played really well all weekend," Louderback said. "Our doubles bounced back [Sunday]." Ciobanu preserved her perfect 10-0 dual match record and clinched the match again for the Irish.

Notre Dame has a couple of top-20 teams with a 5-2 win over North Carolina.

**ND tops No. 7 UNC, No. 20 Wake Forest to stay unbeaten this year**

Irish freshman Cosmina Ciobanu delivers a backhand during her match-clinching win Sunday afternoon against Wake Forest.

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**SMC BASKETBALL**

**Belles fall just short of upset**

*By DAN COOPER*

The Flying Dutchmen displayed a balanced offensive attack, outscoring the Belles 65-57 to win the Seventh-Annual Central District Classic.

"We proved on Saturday that we can compete with the top teams in the country," Belles coach Jennifer Henley said.

Despite the loss, the Belles were able to knock the Flying Dutchmen out of the top ten in the Central Region.

The Irish face some stiff competition, including the No. 1 team in the country, so they'll need to be victorious this weekend to stay competitive.

**ND WOMEN'S GOLF**

**ND to tee off on season in Florida**

*By LORENZO REYES*

The Fighting Irish women's golf team will begin their season at the Florida State Invitational, which takes place from February 1-3.

Freshman Annie Brophy, who missed last season due to injury, is looking to make a strong impression.

"I think they really know where their game stands right now. We were able to knock the rust off and that felt really good," Holt said.

The Irish return to action on February 15 at the Florida State Invitational, where they hope to continue their strong play.

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ND WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish win opener in sudden death

McKinney scores in final seconds to send game to extra period

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

A clutch performance by No. 5 Notre Dame gave the Irish a 10-9 overtime victory on the road against No. 12 James Madison in the first game of the regular season.

With 16 seconds remaining in sudden-death, senior Lena Zentgraf assisted sophomore Jill Byers for the game-winning goal, the sixth of the game for Byers.

The Irish trailed most of the game and were just 19 seconds from defeat when junior Caitlin McKinney netted an unassisted goal to tie the game at the end of regulation. The Dukes took a 9-7 lead in the opening half of the six-minute overtime period, after two goals by senior Kelly Berger.

Notre Dame responded quickly in the second half of overtime with an early goal by sophomore Jillian Byers. Then, with just nine seconds left in overtime, McKinney scored another clutch goal to tie the game at 9-9 and advance to sudden-death.

Both teams played strong defense in the sudden-death overtime, and once again the Irish showed their flair for the dramatic in sudden death.

Notre Dame was led by Byers’ six goals and McKinney’s two clutch goals.

Senior Meghan Murphy also added two goals in the winning effort.

Berger led the Dukes with five goals, and junior Natasha Fuchs contributed a strong performance with two goals.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said the team was confident it could pull through despite the late deficit.

“We have total confidence in our preparation, mental training and fitness,” Coyne said. “Even in tight games we feel like we win because of our experience and training.”

The opening game for both teams was moved from James Madison’s home field in Harrisonburg, Va., to the University of Virginia’s field in Charlottesville, Va., after a winter storm created unpleasant conditions at the Dukes’ facility.

“I think this game gave us a lot of momentum,” Coyne said. “To win a close one like that against a worthy opponent, in that kind of adversity just shows what our team is made of.”

The Irish posted a 25-25 advantage on shots over the Dukes. Notre Dame sophomore goalkeeper Erin Goodman recorded four saves, and James Madison goalie Kelly Wetzel finished with seventeen.

Notre Dame will next face No. 16 Stanford in its home opener Saturday. The Cardinal are 1-1 after dropping their opener to Oregon and defeating St. Louis Saturday. The Cardinal are 1-1 after dropping their opener to Oregon and defeating St. Louis Saturday.

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POPS ON TOP

Irish captain T.J. Jindra skates up ice on a breakout during a 4-2 win over Nebraska-Omaha Feb. 9 at the Joyce Center.

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Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2007 annual competition 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.

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Focus

After the 15-run outburst against Prairie View, the Irish were shut down by Texas State pitchers Mike Hart and Kyle Gembler, scoring just one run in two games. Notre Dame scored the first run of Saturday's game on Hart, going up 1-0 on a sacrifice fly by centerfielder Danny Dressman that drove in Wright. But the Bobcats bounced back with a run in the fifth and another in the eighth inning. Notre Dame got two men on in the bottom of the eighth, but couldn't drive the runners in. The Irish stranded 10 runners Saturday. "Hart did a great job," Schrage said. "He threw about seventy-five percent of his sliders for strikes." On Sunday, Notre Dame managed just two hits for the game and was unable to score.

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and 400 IM. Carroll was also part of the victorious 200 and 400-meter-freestyle relay teams. With those victories, she brought her career Big East championship total to 15, and she was also named the Big East Most Outstanding Swimmer for the second time in her career.

Nixon gushed with praise while describing her captain. "Irreplaceable is probably the word I would use to describe Katie Carroll. Nixon said, "She's taken us to a whole new level. She's been a leader and a competitor from the day she walked in, and I hope the younger girls learn a lot from her." One underclassman already learning from Carroll is freshman Ashley Edgell. On Friday night, Edgell touched the wall first in the 200-meter IM with an NCAA "B" cut time of 2:08.98, and she also earned All-Big East honors in the 400-meter IM.

"It was a nice change of the guard," Nixon said. "Ashley, she's a great job, and winning an event as a freshman is a special accomplishment. She really wanted to win two out of three."

Next week, the Irish travel to Myrtle Beach, S.C., to face UNC-Wilmington, TCU and Coastal Carolina in Baseball at the Beach.

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While the Big East title was one goal for the Irish, the team now has larger tasks ahead. With the NCAA Championships only three weeks away, Notre Dame will resume training in preparation for the biggest meet of the year. "It's the culmination of your career to get to (the NCAA Championships), and it's very important to perform well there," Carrie Nixon said. "It's going to be important for our recruiting, for our confidence, and it will give us a chance to break onto the scene nationally." With Carroll, Claire Hutchison, Julia Quinn and the members of the 800-meter freestyle relay team as virtual seniors, "Having more girls going is the big difference between this year's team and last year's," Nixon said. "The more girls you have, the more emphasis you place on the NCAAs and the more confidence it gives you."

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en route to a No. 1 ranking and a national championship. From that height, it was a long way down for the Irish. 

But after trailing, 2-0, the Irish roared back to tie the game at 2-2. Then, in overtime, and with goalie Wylie Rogers in net, the Irish got their third win in a row and sixth straight game in which they outscored their opponents by one goal. 

"That's the way we want to win," said senior forward Luke Hanarody, who had a goal in the game. "That's the way our coach tells us to win."

Records
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Irish forward Lake Harangody, right, fights for a rebound with DePaul center Keith Butler during Notre Dame's 67-66 loss to the Blue Demons Feb. 8.

The victory lifted Notre Dame to a four-way tie for fourth place in the Big East with Marquette, West Virginia and Syracuse. The Irish own tiebreakers over the Orange and the Mountaineers, and face Marquette next Saturday at home.

Notre Dame returns Tuesday to the Joyce Center to take on DePaul. The Blue Demons bested the Irish 67-66 in Chicago Feb. 8.

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"It's a great accomplishment. There have been a lot of great shooters in Notre Dame's past," Falls said. "I've had a lot of great point guards that have gotten me the ball in positions where I could make a lot of shots."

Sophomore forward Ryan Ayers, who saw significant playing time in place of injured guard Russell Carter, shot 4-of-4 from beyond the arc to finish with a career-high 12 points.

"That's something we've been waiting on him to do," Irish forward Zach Hillesland said. "We