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Two students die in unrelated cases

University releases little information; rectors inform halls during Sunday Masses

By KAREN LANGLEY and
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News Writers

Two Notre Dame students died this weekend in separate and unrelated incidents, University officials said Sunday evening.

One of the students, Connor McGrath, was a sophomore who moved to Siegfried Hall in January. He died Sunday morning or early afternoon, Siegfried rector Father John Conley told students gathered at the dorm's Mass Sunday night.

McGrath's death did not take place in Siegfried, Conley said. His address was the first official notice to Siegfried residents of McGrath's death.

Local news outlets reported that a student died in Dillon Hall Sunday. This was unconfirmed Sunday night by University officials, who also had not released McGrath's name.

A call reporting an unresponsive male at Dillon was placed to the South Bend Fire Department at 1:39 p.m. Sunday, a fire department spokeswoman said. The ambulance arrived at Dillon at 1:53

p.m. and did not make a transport, she said.

No name has been released in the second death, but a number of dorm rectors said the student was not an undergraduate.

University President Father John Jenkins expressed condolences to the families of the two students through a statement Sunday night.

"On behalf of the entire University, my deepest condolences go out to the families and friends of these two members of the Notre Dame family," Jenkins said. "Our prayers are with them during this diffi-

cult time."

The University will release further information once the immediate families of the two students have contacted other family members, University spokesman Dennis Brown said.

Local news outlets reported that Notre Dame Security/Police responded to the scene Sunday, but The Observer was unable to reach the NDSP spokesman Sunday night.

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Diversity in classrooms encouraged

Cole delivers closing keynote speech at DSLC

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

The only woman that has served as president of both of America's historically black colleges for women urged Saint Mary's and all schools to take steps to improve both diversity and the sense of inclusiveness on campus during the closing keynote address of the Diverse Students' Leadership Conference (DSLSC) Friday.

Johnnetta Cole — who has led Spelman and Bennett College — focused her address on issues of diversity and inclusion in higher education.

"It is not our differences. It is our silences about our differences that harm us," Cole said.

The first woman ever elected to the Board of Coca-Cola Enterprises, Cole said she decided to adopt a hands-on approach to deal with this problem, or what she calls the "Noah Principle."

"No more credit for pre-



Cole

Policy bans profs from teaching relatives

Provost hopes to avoid 'perception of bias' in the classroom; new rule to be enacted this fall

By DAVIS RHORER, JR.
News Writer

Besides major and class restrictions, students registering for classes this fall will also have to consider blood ties to the instructor, as a new policy prohibits students and professors who are related from being in the same classroom.

In a letter to University faculty and staff members, the Office of the Provost announced last month a policy that will go into effect beginning with the 2008-09 academic year prohibiting professors from teaching relatives.

"We think its better not to put faculty in that position," Vice President and Associate Provost Donald Pope-Davis

said last week.

Pope-Davis referred to the "perception of bias" that might come up among students in a classroom if they knew their professor was teaching a direct relative.

The new policy is part of the complete re-evaluation of academic policies the University's Academic Council conducts every 10 years. Pope-Davis referred to the review as a chance to "update with the times."

While he said no particular incident triggered the new policy, Pope-Davis referred to the change as "proactive," common among other universities and the product of a council of Notre Dame faculty members.

The new policy will affect several students. In one case

in the fall 2007 semester, entrepreneurship professor Gerald Frieling had his grandson, senior Grant Frieling, as a student in one of his classes.

"It was obviously different than a normal class," Grant Frieling said.

As an entrepreneurship major, Frieling was required to take his grandfather's course to get the degree. He said that before the semester began, he and his grandfather decided to keep a strictly professor-student rapport in class.

"I was more attentive," Grant Frieling said. "I didn't want to go through the motions."

Professor Martine DeRidder, who teaches an introductory public policy course, had to make a decision about how to

handle her relationship with her daughter, who is currently taking her class.

On the first day of school, DeRidder introduced her daughter to the rest of the class to avoid any misunderstandings.

"I thought that was important. I didn't want people to think I was playing favorites," DeRidder said.

She said that when she started working at Notre Dame, she asked about the University's policy regarding professors teaching their own children — a policy she said is good to have to avoid problems.

But it is also important schools remain flexible in certain cases, she said.

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Parents flock to bars, restaurants

JPW results in increased sales for local businesses

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

Married people over the age of 45 were the ones crowding the dance floor at The Backer this weekend, as Junior Parents Weekend brought waves of parents to campus — and to the bars, too.

"There were a lot more older people here this weekend," said Roxanne Szczechowski, a bartender at the Linebacker Lounge. "At least half our customers were parents. Usually we have none."

But most South Bend bars and restaurants were unfazed by the exceptionally large number of



From left, Scott Weber and juniors Matt Storey and Mark Weber share a laugh at Oyster Bar Saturday night.

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ND moves forward with green projects

Sustainability office looks into energy efficiency

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Notre Dame is giving its affinity for the color green a new meaning with plans for various sustainability and conservation efforts across campus.

The University recently established the Office of Sustainability and a \$2 million green loan fund, and "is evaluating plans for numerous projects and initiatives" for these new developments, Amy Coughlin, project management director, said in an e-mail.

Paul Kempf, director of utilities for the University

and part of the Energy and Environmental Issues committee, said some of these projects will focus on waste disposal, recycling, environmentally friendly landscaping and buildings and water and energy conservation.

He said about 25 buildings — or 40 percent of the gross square footage of campus — are currently being audited to identify potential conservation projects for the future, Kempf said. Some buildings being evaluated are the library tower, Flanner Hall, Notre Dame Stadium, the Snite Museum and the Hesburgh Center for

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INSIDE COLUMN

What's in a name?

"When dealing with people, let us remember we are not dealing with creatures of logic," writes Dale Carnegie in one of the first best-selling self help books, "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

Joey King

Viewpoint Editor

"We are dealing with creatures of emotion, creatures bristling with prejudices and motivated by pride and vanity."

The book explores various consequences of that principle, one of which is the importance of calling people by their first names. Only Carnegie puts it in grander terms, writing, "Remember that a person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language."

He gives plenty of examples. Most notably he chronicles how another Carnegie — Andrew, Steel King — applied the principal. When he wanted to sell rails to the Pennsylvania railroad, he built a steel mill in Pittsburgh called "Edgar Thompson Steel Works." The president of the Pennsylvania Railroad at the time was J. Edgar Thompson. Let's just say that when J. Edgar Thompson needed to buy rails, he didn't go to Bob's House-O-Steel.

Dale Carnegie lived out his lessons, having changed the spelling of his name from "Carnegey" at a time when unrelated Andrew Carnegie was a widely revered and recognized name.

One doesn't have to look far to see the principle in action today. DeBartolo, Jordan, Guglielmino, and others are recognized for financial donations. But Notre Dame also recognizes non-financial contributions. Examples include The Rockne Memorial Gymnasium, The Hesburgh Library, and even the name of the University itself.

I want to highlight this whole naming business because, elsewhere, the financial contribution is beginning to be a driver. I'm referring specifically to the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), scheduled for launch no earlier than June 2013.

It's not that I have anything against James E. Webb, NASA's second administrator. It's just that, previously, such projects were named for scientists — like its predecessor, the Hubble Telescope (named for astronomer Edwin Hubble). But now funding the sciences in general is becoming less and less of a priority in America (we're not competing with Iraq the way we competed with the USSR). Extra steps need to be taken. And naming an expensive telescope after an administrator makes it much easier for current administrators to sign the necessary checks.

The JWST is one of the most sophisticated machines our society has produced that wasn't designed to kill people, and this sort of naming nicely shouldn't have been necessary.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT JUNIOR PARENTS WEEKEND?



Meghan Corley

junior
off campus

"When my dad thanked me for teaching him the fine art of 'pong beer.'"



Nate Forte

junior
O'Neill

"The gala."



Stephanie Nienaber

junior
Walsh

"Making my parents endure the South Bend February weather."



LeAnne Parson

junior
Walsh

"Sister Janet's invocation at the Saturday night dinner."



Katie Rollins

junior
Walsh

"The gala."



WU YUE/The Observer

A bird rests on a South Quad tree Sunday, enjoying a short-lived break from snow showers. Notre Dame can expect snowfalls and very low temperatures in the next few days.

OFFBEAT

301 pennies auctioned off for \$10.7 million

LONG BEACH, Calif. — A penny saved is not necessarily just a penny earned: One man's collection of rare American cents has turned into a \$10.7 million auction windfall.

The collection of 301 cents featured some of the rarest and earliest examples of the American penny, including a cent that was minted for two weeks in 1793 but was abandoned because Congress thought Lady Liberty

looked frightened.

That coin and a 1794 cent with tiny stars added to prevent counterfeiters each raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to the Dallas-based auction house Heritage Auction Galleries, which held the sale in Long Beach on Friday night.

Blow-up doll stands in for groom

GROVE CITY, Ohio — If one bride felt lighter than air in her wedding gown, her groom certainly felt like air itself as 19 couples renewed their vows near Columbus.

Sheila Smith's husband, Bob, had to go away on business and couldn't make the Valentine's Day recommitment service at Grove City United Methodist Church. So friends brought a life-size inflatable doll to serve as a stand-in.

They dressed Blow-up Bob in dress pants, a shirt and tie, and taped on a head-shot photo of the real Bob Smith.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

As part of the Margaret Hill endowed lecture series, Emmy Award-winning actress and author Camryn Manheim will speak tonight in the Little Theater at Saint Mary's at 7:30. Manheim is most known for her work on "The Practice." Recently, her book, "Wake Up, I'm Fat," was named to the New York Times bestsellers list. Student tickets are \$5.

As part of the fireside chat series "Telling HERstory," theology professor Catherine Hilkert will speak Wednesday at noon in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge.

The men's basketball team will play against No. 22 Pittsburgh Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

As part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series, professor Karen Hunt Ahmed from the department of finance at DePaul University will speak at 10:40 a.m. Friday in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

There will be Stations of the Cross Friday at 7:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

The 50th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival will begin Friday at 7 p.m. with a concert featuring at least four different bands. The festival will conclude Saturday with an afternoon concert at 1 p.m. and an evening concert at 7 p.m. All events will be in Washington Hall.

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

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NDAA appeals to seniors

Class of 2008 can start establishing connections to alumni clubs online

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

As graduation nears, seniors can begin to take advantage of opportunities offered by the Notre Dame Alumni Association (NDAA), smoothing their transition into life after college.

Seniors can use the Alumni Association's online network, Irish Online, to begin establishing connections to Notre Dame alumni around the world.

"We would really like to encourage the Class of 2008 to register and login to Irish Online before they graduate," said Meeghan Mousaw, assistant director of Early Alumni Services. "It only takes a few minutes to register and after logging in they will be able to see all the things available."

Through Irish Online, seniors can look for an alumni mentor, search for a job, find a former classmate or alumnus, update their contact information and create a personal Web page.

Irish Online also allows seniors to sign up for e-mail forwarding.

"After you leave Notre

Dame, your nd.edu address will only be good until early July," Mousaw said. "E-mail forwarding is a free service available to all Notre Dame alumni that only requires users to obtain an e-mail address in the form, your-name@alumni.nd.edu."

Any e-mails sent to the student e-mail will automatically be forwarded to the user's new address. Mousaw said this is an important — and easy — way of staying connected to the University and other graduates.

Mousaw also said the Alumni Association will be giving out free gifts to all seniors who register with Irish Online and select their future alumni club. Students who do not know where they will be living next fall can select up to four clubs, in case they at least have a few possible locations in mind.

But no matter where students go after graduation, the Alumni Association is hoping to welcome them there — especially in larger cities — as clubs host "Young Alum Orientations" in August and September, Mousaw said.

The Notre Dame Club of

Chicago, for example, will be hosting an event called "Chicag-O" — spun off from "Frosh-O" — "so that the newest alums can be welcomed to their new city," Mousaw said.

Seniors who wish to participate in these events across the country must provide Irish Online with their personal information, Mousaw said, so they can be contacted by their respective alumni club, she said.

Seniors will receive in March a copy of "Onward to Victory," a newsletter that details each of these opportunities.

Also in March, voting will conclude for the 2008 Alumni Board of Directors elections, she said. Each member on the board serves a three-year term and represents all graduates on alumni issues. Seniors have until March 12 to cast their ballots.

The Alumni Association will be holding a Senior Open House on April 3 at the Eck Center where students can learn more about these opportunities.

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ND astronomer helps discover new planets

Special to The Observer

The simultaneous discovery of two exoplanets slightly smaller than Jupiter and Saturn by an international team of astronomers that includes David Bennett from Notre Dame gives astrophysicists an important clue that solar systems like ours might be quite common.

The report, to be published in the Feb. 15 issue of the journal Science, describes the series of observations that began March 28, 2006, when a collaboration known as Optical Gravitational Microlensing Equipment (OGLE) detected a signal, possibly due to a planet in microlensing event OGLE-2006-BLG-109, that the researchers had discovered and announced two days earlier.

After the OGLE group announced this possible detection of a planetary system via e-mail, other astronomers from the Microlensing Follow-Up Network (MicroFUN), Microlensing Observations in Astrophysics (MOA) and Probing Lensing Anomalies Network (PLANET) collaborations also began intensive, round-the-clock observations of this event. The combined data from these four groups revealed a series of brightness variations over the ensuing 11 days that indicated that two plan-

ets orbit a star half the mass of the sun located 5,000 light years from Earth. This star, called OGLE-2006-BLG-109L, and its planets were discovered using a technique known as gravitational microlensing.

Early calculations by the report's lead author, Scott Gaudi of Ohio State University, and the MicroFUN group indicated that most of the telltale brightness variations were due to a planet with a mass similar to that of Saturn, but that there was a brief additional brightening observed from Israel and Chile that could only be explained by an additional planet with nearly the mass of Jupiter. However, Gaudi's calculations did not provide a perfect fit to the data and involved several approximations.

Subsequently, Bennett performed more sophisticated calculations in his office at Notre Dame using his own advanced computer program that included an important additional feature: the orbital motion of the Saturn-mass planet.

"Even though we observed the microlensing effect of the Saturn for less than 0.3 percent of its orbit, the observations simply could not be explained without accounting for the orbit," said Bennett, a research associate professor of astrophysics.

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"Typically, these are older buildings that have constant volume air handling systems that could benefit from more efficient variable air volume handling systems. These buildings also have the potential for lighting upgrades and enhanced lighting controls," he said.

Before variable air volume handling system technology was available, ventilation systems used to be based on maximum occupancy, Kempf said. For example, if a building was meant to hold 200 people, air controls would be adjusted to accommodate 200 people — whether or not 200 people are actually in the building at a given time.

Adjustments to lighting can be made by replacing fixtures, re-ballasting and re-lamping existing fixtures, or in some cases just by re-lamping an existing fixture, according to Kempf.

The Facilities Building is already being used as a prototype for energy efficiency initiatives, he said.

To conduct the audits, Kempf said the University is working with the building automation firm Havel, who is also partnering with General Electric and its distributor Greybar Electric.

Another way to make the buildings more energy efficient would be to transition from incandescent bulbs to

compact fluorescent light bulbs.

"Compact fluorescent light bulbs, for example, have almost one-fifth energy input as incandescent light bulbs," Kempf said.

Students are taking their own steps to make lighting changes on campus. As part of the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Studies business plan competitions, seniors Erin Mulholland and Elijah Pearce developed a business model that is currently being used to find conservation potential on campus.

Their business model suggests the creation of a Web site called

"I think what's exciting and interesting is that we'll start to not look at things purely on a financial basis. ... We now have the benefit of trying to factor in the benefits of other things: emission reductions, energy savings."

Paul Kempf
director of utilities

"Green Counts" that will have both a calculator to determine the energy savings for switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs and the opportunity to purchase the bulbs directly from the site.

"Right now, you have a lot of sites that

can calculate energy savings with these light bulbs, and other sites [where] you can buy them. We're trying to link the two," Mulholland said.

The business plan reaches out to non-profits, community centers and schools, offering discounted bulbs to these organizations, Mulholland said.

"Our impact is helping community groups, the environment and also the educational component," Mulholland said.

The model also includes the establishment of Green Counts

taskforces. Mulholland, along with several other students, is heading one of these task forces in Lewis Hall, where a test case is currently underway to determine "how much of a financial savings [Lewis] would have by switching to these bulbs," she said.

Mulholland worked with other students to inventory all the light bulbs in Lewis, and is in the process of preparing a report for the dorm.

Mulholland and Pearce are in the semifinals of the competition, along with 14 other teams, and submitted a full business plan on Friday, she said. Six teams will move on to the final round in April.

Kempf said he is interested in seeing the report of the Lewis test case and in helping make lighting changes to other buildings on campus if the report shows that compact fluorescent lighting can make an impact in the dorm.

"Rather than make the hall take care of it, we'd find a way to take care of it for them," Kempf said.

If Lewis does decide to use compact fluorescent lights, it may be a model of conservation for other buildings on campus.

"The test case in Lewis Hall provides an excellent means for illustrating how a change as simple as that of a light bulb can result in energy savings and contribute to our campus conservation efforts," Coughlin said.

Inefficient lighting is not only a concern for Notre Dame, but has become a national issue as well. Congress' Clean Energy Act of 2007 includes an item to "prohibit the sale of certain inefficient light bulbs, and require the development of a plan for increasing the use of more efficient light bulbs by consumers and businesses."

Compact fluorescent light

bulbs can last up to 10,000 hours, while the average incandescent bulb lasts about 750 hours, according to Kempf. The extended lifespan of compact fluorescent light bulbs cuts down on how many times the bulbs must be replaced, and thus on labor costs for replacing bulbs.

"I think what's exciting and interesting is that we'll start to not look at things purely on a financial basis. ... We now have the benefit of trying to factor in the benefits of other things: emission reductions, energy savings," Kempf said.

Kempf said he expects these energy conservation projects to move forward more once the director of the Office of Sustainability is selected.

Trustees recently approved different positions for the Office of Sustainability, he said. The director "will build institutional learning capacities to support continuous improvement in building design and operations, landscaping, procurement, energy and water conservation, waste disposal and recycling and service provision," according to the summary report prepared for the Alumni Association.

The report also explains that the purpose of the green loan fund is "to provide capital for environmental improvements in both campus buildings and operations, illustrating a long-term commitment to sustainability efforts."

Kempf said any environmentally friendly projects can apply to receive money from the loan fund, and benefits and funds earned by those projects can be put back into the fund to make sure future initiatives can also be financed.

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Relatives

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"The policy shouldn't be you can't [teach relatives]," she said. "You should do it only if there is no other way."

While Pope-Davis emphasized the practice of rotating professors in and out of courses — in such a way that it wouldn't be difficult to maneuver around a relative — he said that under "extraordinary circumstances" a student could apply for an exception to the rule.

"The student must have a compelling set of reasons. He can't wait until senior year," Pope-Davis said, meaning that students should appropriately plan their schedules with enough time to avoid such conflicts.

But Grant Frieling said that rather than a conflict of interests, his experience in his grandfather's class was enjoyable.

"If you can learn a lot, I don't think it matters that it's a family member [teaching the course]," he said. "We're here to be educated and to learn so if we can get something out of a class, we should."

The new policy will apply to professors and teaching assistants alike.

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Diversity

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dicting rain. It is time to build an ark," Cole said. "It is time for me to offer at least a few planks."

She said minority enrollment at colleges is up — but that despite this significant gain, "students of color" still lag behind.

"There is absolutely no contradiction between excellence and diversity," Cole said. "But more black men are entangled in the criminal justice system than in the dormitories of our classrooms."

Even with decades of affirmative action programs in place, colleges across the country remain predominantly white. And monumental changes in minority faculty representation are necessary to correct that, she said.

"[Minority faculty members] fear bringing their whole self to their profession," Cole said. "We cannot sit around and wait for professors of color to teach experiences of color."

But the power to fix problems of underperformance among minority students also lies with the students. Students have to choose schools that are right for them to make sure they will be able to succeed there, she said.

"If she is a woman and wise, she can choose a small women's college," Cole said.

Spelman College has a student body of about 3,000, while Bennett serves fewer than 650 undergraduates.

Cole drew parallels between businesses that benefit by promoting diversity and reaching out to diverse customers, and colleges embracing students and professors from other races and backgrounds to improve the quality of education.

Without a diverse student body and faculty and an inclusive atmosphere, education will fall short, Cole said.

To improve that feeling of rounded inclusiveness at Saint Mary's, Cole said, the Office of Multicultural Affairs needs more support. In addition, she proposed visiting professorships and mini-residencies at the College.

Cole also spoke of the financial discrepancies at premier institutions that hinder diversity and inclusiveness.

She talked about the schools' moral obligation to address issues of racism and socioeconomic barriers.

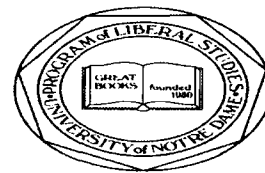
"Doing for others is the rent you pay for living on this Earth," she said. "Living a good life means learning to embrace those who are different from you."

Cole serves as the chair of the board of the Johnnetta B. Cole Global Diversity and Inclusion Institute at Bennett. She has received more than 50 honorary degrees.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

China concerned about spy satellite

BEIJING — China said Sunday it was concerned about U.S. military plans to shoot down a damaged spy satellite that is hurtling toward Earth with 1,000 pounds of toxic fuel.

The U.S. military has said it hopes to smash the satellite as soon as next week — just before it enters Earth's atmosphere — with a single missile fired from a Navy cruiser in the northern Pacific Ocean.

The official Xinhua News Agency quoted Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao as saying the Chinese government was monitoring the situation and has urged the U.S. to avoid causing damages to security in outer space and in other countries.

"Relevant departments of China are closely watching the situation and working out preventive measures," Liu said. Xinhua did not elaborate.

U.N. employee falls from 19th floor

UNITED NATIONS — A woman who worked for the United Nations died Sunday after falling from the 19th floor of the U.N.'s Secretariat Building, authorities said.

Police and U.N. security officers at the scene, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media, said the woman in her 40s had jumped from a window after showing up to work early in the morning.

"A U.N. employee staff member died after falling from the 19th floor of the U.N. Secretariat Building," U.N. deputy spokeswoman Marie Okabe said. "At this time there is no suspicion of foul play."

NATIONAL NEWS

Georgia refinery explosion kills 9

SAVANNAH — Dust that collected in a piece of safety equipment caused a small explosion at a sugar refinery weeks before the deadly blast that killed nine workers, a federal investigator said Sunday.

Stephen Selk, investigations manager for the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, had few details about the previous explosion at the Imperial Sugar refinery in Port Wentworth. He could not say whether the earlier blast contributed to the massive explosion Feb. 7.

"It is far too early to reach conclusions about the relationship between that event and this one," Selk said.

No one was injured in the earlier explosion, Selk said. He did not know the exact date, but said it happened "weeks ago."

The Chemical Safety Board investigates industrial accidents for the federal government and makes safety recommendations to industry and trade groups as well as federal regulators.

AFA to close hospital services

AIR FORCE ACADEMY — The military is shutting down the Air Force Academy's emergency room and its hospital's inpatient services.

Two nearby civilian hospitals have the capacity to take over its more than 100,000 patients, authorities said.

The academy will phase out the services starting April 1, The Gazette of Colorado Springs reported. Outpatient services will still be offered.

By the end of June the academy hospital will no longer admit patients, except for a few cadets, said Col. Alan Berg, commander of the 10th Medical Group.

LOCAL NEWS

Clergy adds marriage prerequisites

FORT WAYNE — Getting married just got more complicated for couples in the Fort Wayne area.

Clergy from 37 churches in the region signed an agreement Friday to require couples to undergo counseling and take other steps aimed at increasing the chances of lifelong marriages and stable families. The pact was developed by Healthy Marriages of Allen County.

Healthy Marriages of Allen County is part of the Indianapolis-based Indiana Healthy Marriage and Family Coalition Inc., which last year obtained a five-year, \$540,000 demonstration project grant from President Bush's faith-based marriage promotion initiative.

Thousands mourn NIU victims

Suburban Chicago churches hold religious services; residents wear Huskies' red, black

Associated Press

CICERO, Ill. — The middle-class Chicago suburbs that send their sons and daughters to Northern Illinois University struggled Sunday with the closeness of the country's latest massacre — this time the gunman grew up among them, in a community some consider "Mayberry."

Thousands mourned in church services across the region, including some in DeKalb, the university town where residents have taken to wearing the red and black of the NIU Huskies since five people were murdered in the middle of a science lecture Thursday.

Parishioners at Our Lady of the Mount Catholic Church in blue-collar Cicero, on Chicago's southern fringe, prepared for the funeral of Catalina Garcia, the youngest of four children of parents originally from Guadalajara, Mexico. They're longtime parishioners at Our Lady of the Mount, a tight-knit group of low and middle-income families, many of them young, with some older Czech and other immigrants.

"Their parents are making all sorts of sacrifices to make sure the kids get into colleges. They're selling things, they're taking out second mortgages on their homes," the Rev. Lawrence Collins said at the church.

Garcia, 20, followed a brother, Jaime, to NIU, choice of many working-class Chicago-area families. She was studying to be a teacher, and had talked about coming back to Cicero to teach first grade.

"It hits really close to home," Collins said.

The Garcias were the "typical Mexican-American family," working low-wage jobs to help put their children through school, Jaime Garcia said Sunday on the porch of the family's two-story red brick home.

"My parents came here to



Northern Illinois University lab supervisor Mary Wyzard offers comfort during a church service held at Cathedral of Praise Church in DeKalb, Ill., Sunday for shooting victims.

better their lives," he said. They worried more about their children getting caught in gang crossfire at home than away at college "in the cornfields" of DeKalb.

"It's like the all-American dream cut short," he said.

Investigators still haven't determined what set off 27-year-old shooter Steven Kazmierczak, who killed five students and injured more than a dozen other people with a shotgun and pistols and took his own life.

Kazmierczak grew up to the west, in Elk Grove Village, and played saxophone in the school band. He spent time in a mental health facility in his late teens, and police have said without elaboration that he

had stopped taking some kind of medication in the days or weeks before the shooting.

His family has moved away, but the shooting still echoed in the Elk Grove Village, near O'Hare International Airport. Resident Pat Egan, a heating and cooling repair man whose son goes to NIU, described the suburb as "Mayberry."

People there seemed to feel a sense of disbelief and confusion over the attack that thrust their community into the news, said the Rev. Hwa Young Chong at the Prince of Peace United Methodist Church.

"I couldn't believe coming from a place like Elk Grove he could do that," said Judy Glomski, who has

lived in Elk Grove Village for 39 years. "It's just a friendly town. I guess there are sick people everywhere."

Kazmierczak attended NIU, studying sociology. Three semesters back, he transferred across state to the more prestigious University of Illinois in Champaign. Most students and professors on both campuses remembered him as a promising student.

Yet he'd begun assembling an arsenal in August, buying a shotgun and three menacing handguns from a small Champaign gun shop. He added oversized ammunition clips in an Internet purchase from the same dealer that sold the Virginia Tech gunman a weapon.

Kosovo

Country declares independence from Serbia

Associated Press

PRISTINA — Revelers fired guns, waved red-and-black Albanian flags and set off fireworks over Kosovo Sunday after parliament proclaimed independence in defiance of Serbia and Russia, which condemned the declaration of the world's newest nation.

A decade after a bloody separatist war with Serbian forces that claimed 10,000 lives, lawmakers pronounced the territory the Republic of Kosovo and pledged to make it a "democratic, multiethnic state." Its leaders looked for swift recognition from the U.S. and key European powers — but also braced for a bitter showdown.

Serbia called the declaration illegal and its ally Russia denounced it, saying it threatened to touch off a new conflict in the Balkans. Russia called for an emergency session of the U.N. Security Council, which met later Sunday.

In the capital, Pristina, the mood was jubilant. Thousands of ethnic Albanians braved subfreezing temperatures to ride on the roofs of their cars, singing patriotic songs and chanting: "KLA! KLA!" the acronym for the now-disbanded rebel Kosovo Liberation Army. They waved American flags alongside the red Albanian banner imprinted with a black, double-headed eagle.

Many dressed in traditional cos-

tumes and played trumpets and drums, and an ethnic Albanian couple named their newborn daughter Pavarsie — Albanian for "independence."

"This is the happiest day in my life," said Mehdi Shehu, 68. "Now we're free and we can celebrate without fear."

By contrast, police in the Serbian capital Belgrade fired tear gas and rubber bullets in skirmishes with protesters who opposed the declaration. Groups of masked thugs ran through downtown Belgrade smashing windows and ransacking tobacco stands. At least 30 people were injured, about half of them police officers, hospital officials said.

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customers.

"We plan for Junior Parents Weekend," said Shawn Dickens of Tippecanoe Place. "We expect more people."

But that doesn't mean the popular restaurant — and others like it — was able to serve everybody in town this weekend.

"My mom called Bonefish Grill at least a week in advance to make dinner reservations," junior Catherine Twetten said. "They laughed and said they'd been booked for weeks, and that every restaurant in town was probably totally booked for Junior Parents Weekend."

Twetten and her parents ended up at T. G. I. Friday's instead.

But even though it was hard to get a table anywhere, junior Allison Lang said the weekend left her and her parents with wonderful memories.

"It was too short," Lang said. "What's really cool about Junior Parents Weekend is taking your parents to some of your favorite places on campus. It's not like Frosh-O where they bring you to campus and say 'Well, this is Notre Dame.' Now, two and a half years later, you're showing them, 'This is the Notre Dame I know, this is why Notre Dame is like my second home.'"

She said she saw many par-

ents impressed by how their children had adjusted to college life.

"You could definitely tell how proud everyone was of their kid making it this far," she said.

Many students took their parents to parties with their friends and the friends' parents.

"The parents really liked being able to re-visit their college experience," Lang said. "For a lot of juniors, this was our first time being able to go out and drink with our parents. You really get to see how cool your parents can be."

And many parents enjoyed the opportunity to cut loose with their kids.

"A lot of parents were acting like college kids, just drinking and having fun," Szczechowski said.

That also led to bigger profits for bars and restaurants.

"The parents are definitely bigger spenders, especially when it comes to alcohol, because most students aren't over 21," Dickens said.

"We had a gross profit of about \$10,000 each night on Friday and Saturday."

Dickens said that Tippecanoe had "about seven times our usual number of customers. It added up to about 700 more customers over the weekend than usual."

The Bonefish Grill also said it saw its number of customers skyrocket during the weekend.

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Roxanne Szczechowski
bartender
Linebacker Lounge

DA orders frozen beef recall

California slaughterhouse subject of animal abuse investigation

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Sunday ordered the recall of 143 million pounds of frozen beef from a California slaughterhouse, the subject of an animal-abuse investigation, that provided meat to school lunch programs.

Officials said it was the largest beef recall in the United States, surpassing a 1999 ban of 35 million pounds of ready-to-eat meats. No illnesses have been linked to the newly recalled meat, and officials said the health threat was likely small.

The recall will affect beef products dating to Feb. 1, 2006, that came from Chino-based Westland/Hallmark Meat Co., the federal agency said.

Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer said his department has evidence that Westland did not routinely contact its veterinarian when cattle became non-ambulatory after passing inspection, violating health regulations.

"Because the cattle did not receive complete and proper inspection, Food Safety and Inspection Service has determined them to be unfit for human food and the company is conducting a recall," Schafer said in a statement.

A phone message left for Westland president Steve Mendell was not immediately returned.

Federal officials suspended operations at Westland/Hallmark after an undercover video from the

Humane Society of the United States surfaced showing crippled and sick animals being shoved with forklifts.

Two former employees were charged Friday. Five felony counts of animal cruelty and three misdemeanors were filed against a pen manager. Three misdemeanor counts — illegal movement of a non-ambulatory animal — were filed against an employee who worked under that manager. Both were fired.

Authorities said the video showed workers kicking, shocking and otherwise abusing "downer" animals that were apparently too sick or injured to walk into the slaughterhouse. Some animals had water forced down their throats, San Bernardino County prosecutor Michael Ramos said.

No charges have been filed against Westland, but an investigation by federal authorities continues.

Officials estimate that about 37 million pounds of the recalled beef went to school programs, but they believe most of the meat probably has already been eaten.

"We don't know how much product is out there right now. We don't think there is a health hazard, but we do have to take this action," said Dr. Dick Raymond, USDA Undersecretary for Food Safety.

Most of the beef was sent to distribution centers in bulk packages. The USDA said it will work with distributors to determine how much meat remains.

Federal regulations call for keeping downed cattle out of the food supply because they may pose a higher risk of contamination from E. coli, salmonella or mad cow disease because they typically wallow in feces and their immune systems are often weak.

About 150 school districts around the nation have stopped using ground beef from Hallmark Meat Packing Co., which is associated with Westland. Two fast-food chains, Jack-In-the-Box and In-N-Out, said they would not use beef from Westland/Hallmark.

Jack in the Box, a San Diego-based company with restaurants in 18 states, told its meat suppliers not to use Hallmark until further notice, but it was unclear whether it had used any Hallmark meat. In-N-Out, an Irvine-based chain, also halted use of the Westland/Hallmark beef. Other chains such as McDonald's and Burger King said they do not buy beef from Westland.

Raymond countered a claim leveled by Humane Society President and CEO Wayne Pacelle, who said a USDA inspector was at the Westland plant for about two hours each day. USDA inspectors are there at slaughterhouses "continuously," Raymond said.

Federal lawmakers on Thursday had called for the Government Accountability Office to investigate the safety of meat in the National School Lunch Program.

Wildfire victims still awaiting FEMA homes

Associated Press

RAMONA, Calif. — Patty Reedy is still waiting for someone at the Federal Emergency Management Agency to send her the mobile home she was promised before Christmas.

In December, agency inspectors said she wouldn't get a government house to replace the one she lost during last year's wildfires because it would be too difficult to haul the 60-foot, three-bedroom prefabricated home up a winding road to her remote mountain-top property.

Reedy isn't alone. FEMA brought dozens of mobile homes to Southern California after the fires, only to find their own guidelines prevented them from putting them on many properties in rough terrain. San Diego County officials say dozens of applicants were denied homes because their properties were inaccessible to trucks, didn't have connections into the electrical grid or were on hillsides deemed at mudslide risk.

"They don't have any familiarity with these areas so they can't conceive of the needs being different," said Deena Raver, a contractor who was hired by San Diego County to help fire victims. "You're talk-

ing about one area with sewage and water and other places that are very rural."

The mobile home delay is another blemish on a beleaguered agency.

When the fires broke out in five Southern California counties, forcing half a million people to flee, many thought FEMA — still bruised from its performance after Hurricane Katrina — had a golden opportunity to repair its image.

But the fires blackened about 800 square miles and destroyed nearly 2,200 homes, a fraction of the 90,000 square miles and roughly 500,000 homes ravaged by the hurricane, and left roads, power lines and sewage systems largely intact.

"FEMA wasn't really tested here," said Paul Light, a professor of public service at New York University. "It really wasn't a dry run for sustained response and recovery."

FEMA spokesman James McIntyre said the agency applied lessons it learned in Katrina to streamline its operations in Southern California — like the need to respond quickly. Two days before President Bush declared a federal disaster, FEMA crews were moving into fire-stricken zones and setting up at San Diego's Qualcomm Stadium.

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IN BRIEF

Oprah offers free e-book download

NEW YORK — The Oprah touch doesn't just work for traditional books.

More than 1 million copies of Suze Orman's "Women & Money" were downloaded after the announcement last week on Winfrey's television show that the e-book edition would be available for free on her Web site, www.oprah.com, for a period of 33 hours.

"I believe 'Women & Money' is the most important book I've ever written," Orman said in a statement released Saturday by Winfrey. "So this was not about getting people to buy the book, but getting them to read it, and that was the intention behind this offer."

The download offer "has built excitement for Suze's book across all formats," Julie Grau, the book's publisher, said in a statement.

According to Saturday's statement from Winfrey, more than 1.1 million copies of Orman's financial advice book were downloaded in English, and another 19,000 in Spanish. The demand compares to such free online sensations as "The 9-11 Commission Report," which the federal government made available for downloads, and Stephen King's e-novella, "Riding the Bullet."

EPA refuses to reduce mercury

WASHINGTON — While arguing in court that states are free to enact tougher mercury controls from power plants, the Bush administration pressured dozens of states to accept a scheme that would let some plants evade cleaning up their pollution, government documents show.

A week ago, a federal appeals court struck down that industry-friendly approach for mercury reduction. It allowed plants with excessive smokestack emissions to buy pollution rights from other plants that foul the air less.

Internal Environmental Protection Agency documents and e-mails, obtained by the advocacy group Environmental Defense, show attempts over the past two years to blunt state efforts to make their plants drastically reduce mercury pollution instead of trading for credits that would let them continue it.

An EPA official said the agency's job "is not to pressure states."

Economic confidence declines

Fears of recession, high prices of gas weigh over American consumers

Associated Press

Even when experts were declaring the economy healthy, many Americans voiced a vague, but persistent dissatisfaction.

True, jobs were relatively plentiful over the last few years. It was easy to borrow and very cheap. The sharp rise in the value of homes and plentiful credit cards encouraged a nation of consumers to get out and buy. But to many people, something didn't feel right, even if they couldn't quite explain why.

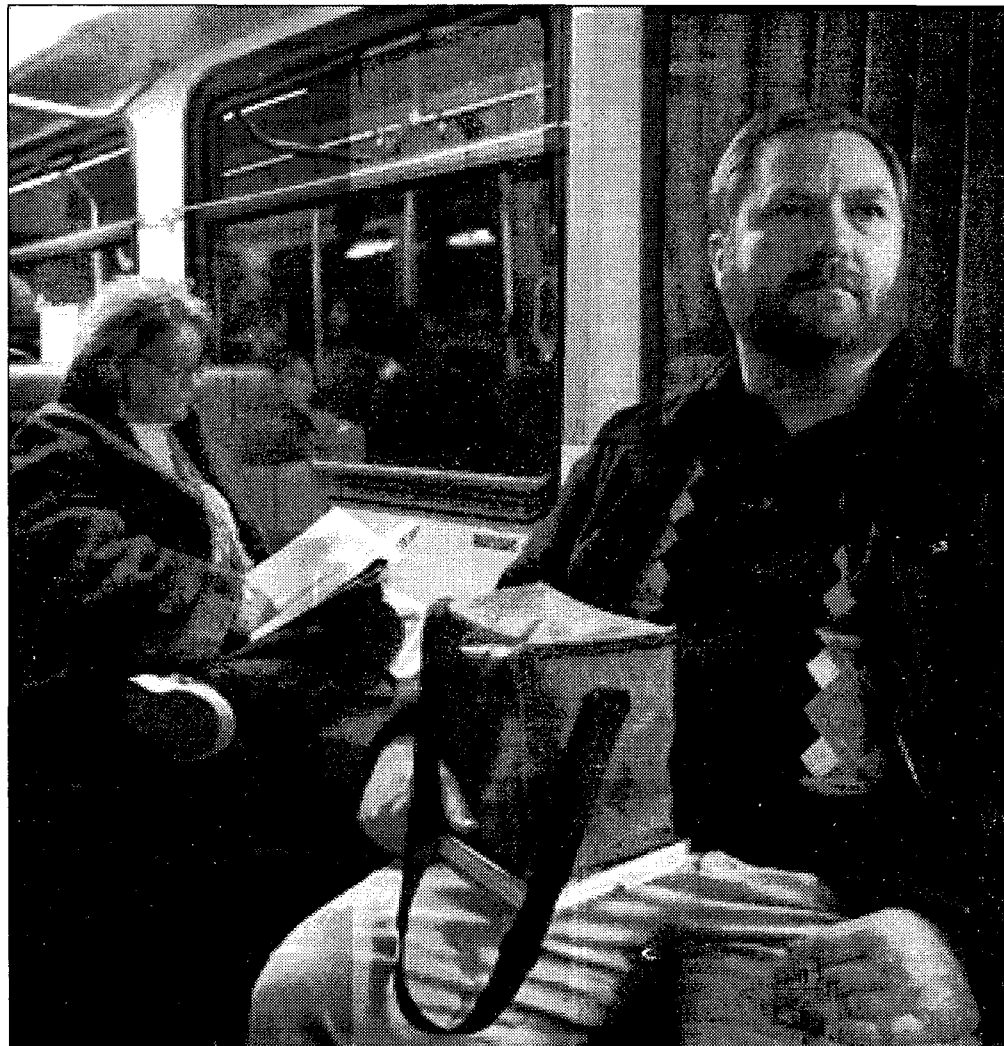
Now the economic tide is receding, and the undertow that was there all along is getting stronger.

Take away the easy credit and consumers are left with paychecks that, for most, haven't nearly kept pace with their need and propensity to spend.

The frustration of \$3 gas and \$4 milk, the worries about health care costs that have risen four times the rate of pay, become much more real. The retirement security that is only as good as the increasingly volatile stock market seems much less certain.

Americans' declining confidence in their economy is triggered by a storm of very recent pressures, including plunging home prices, tightening credit, and heavy debt. But it is compounded by anxiety that was there all along, the result of a long, slow drip of worries and vulnerabilities.

"The economy is currently in recession or arguably close to recession and that's certainly weighing on the collective psyche," says Mark Zandi, chief economist of forecaster Moody's Economy.com. "But ... I do think there is an increasing level of angst that is more fundamental and is not going



Programmer Rennie Sawade takes the bus home to Woodinville, Wash., from his job in Seattle Wednesday in order to save money.

to go away even when the economy improves."

Much of that anxiety is the uncomfortable, but expected jolt of the economic roller coaster. During a downturn, people become less confident about keeping their jobs or being able to find new ones, meeting household expenses and about the prospects for the future.

But there may be more to it than just cyclical ups and downs.

What does the economic future hold? Many Americans feel increasingly unable to answer that ques-

tion with assurance, and they appraise it with a sense that they are less in control of the outcome.

In Westminster, Colo., a Denver suburb, George Apodaca hears that uncertainty from the maintenance workers, drivers and others enrolled in the home budgeting class he teaches. Most have steady jobs, but are just getting by. They talk about challenges like the rising cost of getting to work or medical bills, not as new problems but as a continuing struggle.

"People in my class, they don't know what a recession

means or what a boom means," says Apodaca, a counselor for Colorado Housing Enterprises. "They're worried about buying the groceries, buying the gas."

A year ago — months before economic alarms went off — nearly two of three Americans polled by The Rockefeller Foundation said that they felt somewhat or a lot less economically secure than they did a decade ago. Half said they expected their children to face an economy even more shaky.

Homeless live in foreclosed properties

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The nation's foreclosure crisis has led to a painful irony for homeless people: On any given night they are outnumbered in some cities by vacant houses. Some street people are taking advantage of the opportunity by becoming squatters.

Foreclosed homes often have an advantage over boarded-up and dilapidated houses abandoned because of rundown conditions: Sometimes the heat, lights and water are still working.

"That's what you call convenient," said James Bertan, 41, an ex-convict and self-described "bando," or someone who lives in abandoned houses.

While no one keeps numbers of below-the-radar homeless finding shelter in properties left vacant by foreclosure, homeless advocates agree the locations — even with utilities cut off — would be inviting to some. There are risks for squatters, includ-

ing fires from using candles and confrontations with drug dealers, prostitutes, copper thieves or police.

"Many homeless people see the foreclosure crisis as an opportunity to find low-cost housing (FREE!) with some privacy," Brian Davis, director of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless, said in the summary of the latest census of homeless sleeping outside in downtown Cleveland.

The census had dropped from 40 to 17 people. Davis, a board member of the National Coalition for the Homeless, cited factors including the availability of shelter in foreclosed homes, aggressive sidewalk and street cleaning and the relocation of a homeless feeding site. He said there are an average 4,000 homeless in Cleveland on any given night. There are an estimated 15,000 single-family homes vacant due to foreclosure in Cleveland and suburban Cuyahoga County.

In Texas, Larry James, president and chief executive officer of Central Dallas Ministries, said he wasn't sur-

prised that homeless might be taking advantage of vacant homes in residential neighborhoods beyond the reach of his downtown agency.

"There are some campgrounds and creek beds and such where people would be tempted to walk across the street or climb out of the creek bed and sneak into a vacant house," he said.

Bertan, who doesn't like shelters because of the rules, said he has been homeless or in prison for drugs and other charges for the past nine years. He has noticed the increased availability of boarded-up homes amid the foreclosure crisis.

He said a "fresh building" — recently foreclosed — offered the best prospects to squatters.

"You can be pretty comfortable for a little bit until it gets burned out," he said as he made the rounds of the annual "stand down" where homeless in Cleveland were offered medical checkups, haircuts, a hot meal and self-help information.

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'Monologues' discussion important

First of all, I would like to express my appreciation for the courage that Rob O'Brien ("Monologues" promote non-violence," Feb. 12) and Christina Holmstrom ("Monologues encourage mistreatment of women," Feb. 11) showed in writing articles on the "Vagina Monologues" and sharing their experiences. This is clearly an issue that fosters differing opinions on our campus, and this creation of discussion is the purpose of it being on campus this year in an academic setting. I am certain that the majority, if not all of the people at Notre Dame, believe that violence against women is wrong, but perhaps disagree about the methods that can be used to stop it. My personal experience with the "Vagina Monologues" has been a very important one in the shaping of my college years, and the person who I have become.

My freshman year, I was raped. For a number of months, I denied that it had happened and placed it out of my mind. A few months later, I joined the cast of the "Vagina Monologues," something that would come to have a monumental impact on my life. It was only then that I began down the long road of recovery and healing. I cannot stress enough how important my friends, my family and other support systems were at that time. But the "Vagina Monologues" was a different and very powerful kind of support. As a cast member, I was surrounded every day by these issues, and was forced to face my own healing. It was comforting to know that I was not alone, that many women all over the

world had experienced violence and were living through it. It was important for me to be a part of something that gave such support to those women and to have a support system myself in the women of the 2005 cast and crew. They taught me that when I was ready, I could share my story, but that it was mine and my healing was a process that could go at my own pace. They gave me back the power and dignity that the rape had taken away. Those women, and that experience, turned my life around and brought an entirely new perspective to my then broken spirit. I can say with all certainty, that without that experience, without that support, I would not still be at this university.

This is my experience with healing, and it's not over. Of course, for every person, this healing process is different. For many people, the "Vagina Monologues" does aid in the healing process after sexual trauma. For some people it doesn't. And for those people, I sincerely hope that they find their own particular path to healing. But for those people that it does help to heal, I hope it always finds a home here. In my experience, it was what ultimately got me through. To be in a community of women, who were working to end violence against women, and who were supportive of me, whether or not they had experienced similar violence, was incredibly empowering and healing.

The most important aspect of all this is the discussion. This is the very reason the organizers wanted to bring the play back to campus. We believe that everyone is entitled to their position on the issue of the "Vagina Monologues."

To quote Evelyn Beatrice Hall, paraphrasing the attitudes of Voltaire, "I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it." Promoting this discussion in an academic setting and in the context of the University's Catholic character, and studying the play in social, anthropological and psychological contexts is extremely important. It gets to the core of what being a university is about. Each person's experience and opinion is different, but all should be welcomed in the discussion of the significance of the Vagina Monologues and the issues surrounding it.

This is simply my experience with healing and my opinion on the issues. My hope is that in seeing the "Vagina Monologues," if you choose to do so, you will listen, form your own opinions and share them. This discussion only further raises awareness about violence against women and teaches us all invaluable lessons about respecting other people's opinions and discussing works of art or literature in an academic setting.

So thank you for your discussion and debate; this is the very reason why this play is so important. And thank you to all those brave women and men who are survivors and supporters; to those who are struggling or have struggled. You have given me courage and a voice.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Yatarola should check fascism facts

Most of the time, I am more than happy to be taking on the loans that are paying for my Notre Dame tuition. Sometimes, though, I wish I had settled for "two-fifty in late fees" at the local library. Reading Greg Yatarola's Feb. 12 column ("Are you fascist?") provoked such a response in me.

To be clear, I am not writing to defend liberal values or criticize conservative ones, but rather to decry the fact that a 30-year-old man and graduate of Notre Dame could pen a piece so stunningly devoid of critical thinking. Yatarola's column was flawed from the start. One of the keys to good argument is credible sources and his choice of Jonah Goldberg and George Will — two hyper-conservative partisans — to asperse modern liberalism leaves much to be desired. This bias clearly affects the editorial when, like a child mimicking the arguments he heard his parents make, Yatarola unquestioningly accepts Will's "ferocity gap" claim that liberals are "meaner" than conservatives. Yet aren't liberals the ones branded as "hating our troops" and "baby-killers"? And was it not Ann Coulter who labeled a Democratic Presidential candidate a "faggot"? Liberals are not much, if any, better, but to claim there is some sort of large discrepancy between the groups is ignorance, whether willed or inadvertent. (Neither would surprise me.)

Also, in making his argument, Yatarola does not examine modern conservatism very closely and dismisses any connection to fascism out of hand — showing his lack of understanding of the "conservatives as fascist" argument. He argues that since conservatism was based on small government ideals, it cannot be akin to fascism. Yet, liberals do not make the fascism claim when talking about Barry Goldwater

and Ron Paul, but rather the current president and some of his congressional supporters who clearly do not base their philosophy on small government. Right or wrong, these conservatives want to determine who people can marry and what they can put in their bodies. They want a government so limited, in fact, that they wanted to pass legislation to tell a man he could not take his wife off a ventilator. Further, the PATRIOT act and its propagandist naming has caused even Republican Presidential candidate Ron Paul to use the label "totalitarianism" and draw similarities to Orwell's "1984."

Lastly, Yatarola also forgets two tenets of fascism — a strong nationalism and a thirst for military glory. Yet, liberals often derided for "hating" America are labeled as "peaceniks" for their opposition to war while conservatives tend to display a gung-ho version of patriotism and display a glorified "bring it on" (as President Bush said) approach to military encounters. I have touched on a lot of issues, but my argument is not that conservatives are wrong or liberals are right on any of these subjects. I simply wished to point out that Yatarola's column, which amusingly laments "gross misunderstanding," displays an ignorance of fact and, more importantly, a lack of comprehension of fascism and how liberals apply it to conservatives (ironically, the very thing against which he is purportedly arguing).

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Question with boldness even the existence of a God; because, if there be one, he must more approve of the homage of reason, than that of blind-folded fear."

Thomas Jefferson
American president

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Since when is exercise bad?

In the Feb. 14 Inside Column, Mary Kate Malone ("Be your valentine") encouraged everyone to love their bodies by not working out. It's obviously important to love who you are whether we're talking about body image or who you are as a person, but that doesn't mean it's impossible to love yourself and still strive to be better. I hope that no one who wanted to go for a run but then read Malone's article decided that it would be wrong for them to workout. Working out is great for you as long as it's done for the right reasons.

Everyone knows that exercise gives you endorphins and endorphins make you happy. If someone wants to lose a couple of pounds because it will make them feel better about themselves or because they get winded playing Wii Tennis, then there is nothing wrong with going for a jog or not having frozen yogurt after every meal. Along those same lines, if someone who loves their desserts is happy with their body image, then they shouldn't feel pressured into working out just because of what others think.

My main message here is that everyone, including most of us at Notre Dame, needs to stop worrying so much about what others think. Whether you spend all

night in the library because of some quiz that is only worth five percent of your grade, you climb the StairMaster for four straight hours at Rolfs trying to look like a model so that other people will think you're hot or if you get super upset because you get called out on the fact that your liberal views are borderline fascist, everyone needs to stop taking every little detail so seriously. Ronald Reagan didn't save America from communism for everyone to live their lives in fear of being judged for being themselves. Reagan fought to sustain a nation where people are free to be unique and to only care about how they look if they want to care about how they look. I think Peter La Fleur summed it up pretty well when he said: "You're perfect just the way you are. But if you feel like losing a few pounds, getting healthier and making some good friends in the process, then Joe's is the place for you."

Tom Martin
senior
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Feb. 14

Respect bishops' wishes, move 'Monologues'

Something is wrong here. The University is planning on hosting the "Vagina Monologues" on campus at the expense of a visit from our esteemed Catholic bishops. Last year our own Bishop John D'Arcy said no to the "Monologues" and the recent actions of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) to move their theological seminar off campus reiterate what our Church has been telling us all along. The "Monologues," despite its good intentions, "violates the truth about women, the truth about sexuality, the truth about male and female and the truth about the human body" (D'Arcy, 2005).

We hear a lot about "discussion," but do we even stop to consider the statements of our own bishop or the actions of the USCCB? By avoiding the misconceptions and vulgarities contained in the "Monologues," our bishops are not trying to censor

but lead us into an authentic search for truth. Sam Cahill said it best in his Feb. 13 Letter to the Editor ("Monologues' promote discussion"): "We are at Notre Dame to find the truth: Let's seek it with courage and charity, trusting that God will not mislead us." I, for one, wholeheartedly trust that God will not mislead us. Therefore, we must put our search for truth on the shoulders of God's Word, not Eve Ensler's "Monologues." As such, we must find a uniquely Catholic way to end violence against women and empower men and women to live in the fullness of their sexuality. For example, the Edith Stein Project is one way that the Notre Dame community already discusses issues of human sexuality in a respectful and fruitful way. Saying no to the "Monologues" does not imply that we are saying no to women's issues. Instead, we respect the dignity of women so much that we must deny any material

that attempts to empower women through sin.

This is a wake up call, Notre Dame. If our own Church officials refuse to even step foot on our campus, something has got to be wrong. Our bishops sincerely said no to the "Monologues" because they see something that no one else apparently sees: encouraging promiscuity is not the way to end violence against women. The "Monologues" should be moved back off campus so there is no confusion on where we stand. Let's come to our senses, listen to our bishops and help end violence against women through embracing our Catholicity, not shunning it.

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Yatarola oversimplifies complex political ideas

In his column "Are you a fascist?" (Feb 12), Greg Yatarola claims that liberals are more similar to fascists than conservatives are. Not only is this a gross oversimplification of a complex set of ideas into a single, number-line-style concept, but it also represents a fundamental misunderstanding of what that spectrum represents.

Yatarola clearly takes offense at the fact that conservatism is placed closer to the fascist end of the scale of ideologies. This scale, however, is not meant to condemn conservatism as fascism; there is nothing wrong with conservatism being "two steps away from fascism" so long as it does not cross the line. Likewise, there is no problem with liberalism sitting close to socialism on the scale. The two extremes are both bad. Positions with some of their attributes are not. Yatarola uses only one issue — gun control — as an example of "liberal fascism." He fails to realize that, on many issues, both parties advocate regulating and not regulating things. For example, liberals tend to desire regulation of guns, various industries and actions that involve environmental harm, while conservatives tend to desire more regulation on issues such as flag burning, abortion and marriage. The regulation of things such as these may be seen as important, unimportant, stupid or brilliant to different people, but none of these regulations make one group inherently "fascist." If they did, then this country would certainly be run by a fascist government no matter which party was in charge.

Before trying to turn generally accepted political concepts upside down, Yatarola should carefully check his facts and make sure that he truly understands the issue he is trying to deal with.

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Feb. 13

Climate change a 'very real' problem

I was disappointed — but not surprised — to read Matt Gore's Letter to the Editor ("Stop the climate change propaganda," Feb. 7). Like many in the dwindling group of people who continue to resist mounting evidence of the negative global impacts of climate change, he has chosen to downplay the severity of a very real problem.

As any discerning reader should, Gore questions the validity of the claim that climate change could cause mass extinction. He mentions a study by Chris D. Thomas that found that only the Costa Rican Golden Toad has gone extinct due to "global climatic shifts." Being the climate change believer that I am, I double-checked this citation. To my surprise, however, in the first line of Thomas's report "Extinction Risk from Climate Change" (Nature, 2004, Vol. 427, p. 145), the author concedes that indeed, climate change has caused the extinction of only one species over the last three decades. But alas! All is not well for Gore, for later on the same page of the same report, Thomas states that even in the minimum expected climate change scenarios (read: inevitable), between nine and 31 percent of species are predicted to go extinct, depending on their dispersal abilities. While I grant that nine to 31 percent of species is not most or all of the global species community, the climate change-induced extinction of such a significant portion of global biodiversity would be a large blood stain on the hands of humanity.

Gore also argues against the claim that climate change will threaten the existence of life on Earth. He is right to point out that species have persisted through more intense climate changes than are expected in the next few centuries. I agree — just look at cockroaches. The larger point at hand, however, is not how life in general will fare, but individuals. Although the majority of species, including Homo sapiens, could likely persist through expected climate change scenarios, individuals of those species

may not emerge unscathed. As Professor Darcia Narvaez hinted in her Feb. 5 letter ("A call to conserve"), there is widespread acceptance among the scientific community that climate change will severely and adversely affect many human communities.

Admittedly, most reports acknowledge that certain areas of the world could benefit: Some economies may boom as agriculture yields increase with warmer weather and reduced precipitation in some areas may limit transmission of diseases like malaria. The cost for other communities, however, will be profound. As we all have heard from various media sources, people around the world are at risk for reduced water supply in already water-stressed areas, loss of arable land due to increased temperatures, and massive flooding due to sea-level rise. (For a detailed summary, read the executive summaries of reports by the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.) The potential consequences of climate change, even if only potential, are not to be taken lightly. While I appreciate Gore's ultimate agreement that we should take steps to conserve energy, I worry that his resistance to the potential consequences of climate change is indicative of a mindset that denies sans reason the gravity of our situation. By labeling people who voice concern as "fear mongers" and by exaggerating their claims, naysayers in the discussion prevent others from working to curb human-induced climate change. If we are going to make a positive difference, however, we all must work together. It is true that no one knows the future and the exact impacts of climate change, or how severe they will be. Personally, however, I choose to err on the side of caution.

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Spice Girls tour storm

CONCERT BRINGS CHILDHOOD NOSTALGIA BACK TO FANS

On Friday night my fifth grade dreams came true at the Spice Girls concert in Chicago. When I found out that my favorite girl group of the 90s was reuniting for a world tour, I was desperate to get tickets. I missed the boat the first time around and I wasn't going to let it happen again.

Cassie Belek

Scene & Heard

Judging from the sold-out concert, I wasn't the only one who refused to let this opportunity pass by. I have an odd feeling that this is the last and only Spice Girls reunion tour we're going to see. For some reason I can't picture Scary, Sporty, Ginger, Posh and Baby wailing "Wannabe" and rocking about "girl power" at ages 45 or 50.

The crowd was overwhelmingly lacking children and boys. Ten years ago, the United Center would have been packed with junior high girls wearing platform shoes and glitter. All those tweens were now grown up and buying beer at the concession stands. (Interesting side note: A 20-year-old offered me \$20 to buy her an \$8 beer before the concert began. I refused not only because I didn't feel like breaking the law that night, but more importantly, I wanted to teach her a lesson not to buy \$8 beers).

But let's not forget to mention the merchandise frenzy. People were dropping \$50 for concert T-shirts like it was nobody's business. I ended up with an adorable mug, a program and a poster I was suckered into buying after the concert was over (it was only \$10). I wonder how many of those people buying T-shirts are actually going to wear them in public. As proud as I am to be a Spice Girls fan, I don't think I would ever dare to go that far to show my support.

The concert started about 30 minutes late, but that's to be expected. The anticipation was almost too much for me: I had been waiting 11 years to see my girls on stage and I was getting a little emotional and was scaring my friend. Judging by my reaction to when the Spice Girls finally appeared, there's no way that I'll ever be able to go to a Mariah Carey concert and come out completely healthy.

The girls started with "Spice Up Your Life" and followed that with "Stop." It was comforting being in an arena full of people who knew as many of the words to the songs as I did. We were sitting in the 300 level, which gave us a bird's eye view of the stage and the opportunity to look out over the entire crowd and see

how much fun everyone was having. Some people were more into it than others, especially two guys sitting near us who wore home-made Spice Girls T-shirts and Union Jack bandanas.

The show was spectacle. There was singing, dancing, glitter and Robert Cavalli-designed costumes. The Spice Girls know how to put on a lively performance, but they also knew how to go slow. During "Mama," they brought their children on stage and sang to them and the crowd with photos of their mothers in a slideshow in the background. It was a tender moment, but I was more concerned with the fact that I just saw Eddie Murphy's baby and the Beckham boys.

I appreciated that they never tried to gloss over a pivotal part of their history: Ginger's early departure from the group. At the end of "Viva Forever," Ginger (who even dawned her Union Jack sparkling leotard at one point in the evening), descended through a trap door, leaving Scary, Sporty, Posh and Baby — the four who worked on a third album together — to perform "Make You Holler," a single from that album.

Ginger (Geri Halliwell) wasn't gone for long, though. She emerged solo in the next number to sing her remake of "It's Raining Men" from her second solo album, which appeared on the "Bridget Jones's Diary" soundtrack. Sporty (Mel C) came out next and performed two of her solo hits before the five Spice Girls reunited on the stage once again. The Spice Girls were smart to recognize their solo careers and to not ignore their, at times, tumultuous history.

Of course the song everyone was waiting to hear — "Wannabe" — did not come until the encore, but once it did come, I was completely taken back to my childhood. I found myself thinking of all the times I had listened to that first CD as a child. I remembered getting the CD for my birthday to go with my new boom box. I remembered sitting in my room and listening to the songs over and over again so I could learn the lyrics. I remembered taking part in that Spice Girls-bashing phase, but then I remembered finally embracing my love and fandom for them. Admitting that I was a fan finally led me to their concert Friday.

I proved my girl power, fulfilled a dream and sang my heart out like a fifth grader.

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Spice Girls Reunion in Chicago

MATT HUDSON | Observer Graphic

RISQUÉ SHOW 'SPICES' UP UNITED CENTER

Walking into Chicago's United Center for the Spice Girls concert Friday night was, I can only imagine, very similar to going to a Cher concert. There were almost as many men in teeny-tiny outfits and heels as there were women in the same attire.

Among the many drag queens in attendance were four dressed as the Spice Girls, something I expected of the girls in attendance, not the boys. There was also a man dressed up as Wonder Woman, which may or may not have been a tribute to "Spice World" the movie, in which one of the girls dresses up as Wonder Woman for a photo shoot.

Not every male in attendance was dressed in drag; there were, surprisingly, several groups of guys scattered throughout the arena dressed perfectly normally. These were definitely the minority, though.

By the time the five Spice Girls rose to the stage and began the concert with "Spice Up Your Life," I had already seen more sequins, leopard print, pigtails, and crimped hair, on girls and guys, than I ever wanted to.

For their part, the Spice Girls themselves seemed more than aware that their fan base had grown up. The show featured quite a bit more risqué implications than would've been expected of the girls when they were catering to the 12-year-old audience of the 1990s.

Though not every act featured it, the girls demonstrated the sexual nature of their songs. During "Two Become One," the girls danced on platforms with candy-striped stripper poles while dancers used feathered wings for accompaniment.

In Scary Spice Melanie Brown's solo act, an unsuspecting man was strapped to her "machine," a giant metallic "A" shaped stand. "He has no idea what I'm going to do," she said while she danced around the stage in her signature leopard print with a whip singing "Are You

Gonna Go My Way" by Lenny Kravitz. The song concluded with Brown running up to her prisoner and mimicking oral sex before the lights went down.

During the song "Holla" which was released after Ginger Spice (Geri Halliwell) left the group, the four Spice Girls got extremely touchy-feely with the dancers. At one point they walked down the "catwalk" portion of the stage with the four male dancers crawling in front of them on leashes.

Despite being in their 30s, all five sported the same type of skimpy outfits they wore during the 90s. In the opening few songs, the girls all wore metallic-inspired outfits that mimicked their signature styles.

For "Lady is a Vamp," the Spice Girls sported 1940s lounge inspired outfits which included Halliwell wearing what appeared to be a man's dress coat. They also sported classic outfits such as Posh Spice (Victoria Beckham) wearing her usual tight little dresses and Halliwell wearing her well-known Union Jack dress.

Baby Spice (Emma Bunton) was probably the most mature looking with dresses that reached mid-thigh as opposed to just above the butt. The Spice Girl who changed the least, Sporty Spice (Melanie Chisholm), still seemed content to wear studded track suits or, if she absolutely had to, some form of pants suit.

Then, they decided to throw a curve ball at fans. During the song "Mama" the four Spice Girls who are now mothers brought their children on stage to demonstrate that they are grown up now, even if their wardrobes don't demonstrate as much.

All in all, the Spice Girls lived up to their name, bringing fans the type of show they might've expected during the height of their popularity, with a few twists and turns.

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Scene & Heard

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NHL

Red Wings' woes continue in 1-0 loss to Dallas

Blackhawks win third straight against Colorado; Rangers get back in playoff hunt with crucial victory over Sharks

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas Stars goaltender Marty Turco savored a rare win over the Detroit Red Wings.

Turco made 28 saves for his 32nd career shutout and second victory in 16 tries against Detroit, and Niklas Hagman scored as the Stars handed the Red Wings their season-high sixth straight loss, 1-0 on Sunday.

"That team's had my number so it was satisfying to beat them," said Turco after registering his 201st victory. "Now I'm focused on evening things up against them."

Turco nudged his record to 2-9-5 against the Red Wings, helping the Stars improve to 9-1 in their last 10 games overall.

"It's not like he's not trying, he's trying his tail off," Dallas coach Dave Tippett said. "But it was good to see him get results. He had saves at the right time. This has to help him get momentum against this team."

Turco preserved his shutout against the Red Wings with 48.8 seconds left, falling on his back to make a sliding stop on Detroit's Brett Lebda. Turco also denied Johan Franzen with 34.8 seconds remaining.

"I'm running out of words to describe how Marty is playing," Hagman said. "At the start, middle and definitely the end they had good chances. I don't know how he managed to get some of those saves. We've always had a tough time against Detroit. It was a huge win."

Hagman scored at 3:13 of the

third period, notching his career-best 21st of the season and eighth game-winner from a sharp angle to the left of Detroit's third-string goaltender Jimmy Howard.

Howard failed to control the rebound of Jere Lehtinen's shot, and Hagman lifted the puck over the sprawling Howard, making his first start of the season.

"Lehtinen drove it toward the net and they forgot about me on the back door," Hagman said. "I got a good bounce and it was easy for me to put in."

Howard stopped 30 shots, playing in his seventh career game and getting his fourth career start in place of Detroit No. 1 goalie Chris Osgood.

"We missed by a couple of inches on some of our shots, and Marty played really well," Howard said.

Coach Mike Babcock gave Howard the assignment after Osgood lost his four previous starts and had been replaced by Howard in the previous two games. Backup Dominik Hasek is out with a hip injury.

Howard was fighting the puck early, but the Stars were unable to capitalize.

"The first couple of shots came off him like crazy, but that's just a kid being nervous," Babcock said.

Babcock also switched up his lines in an attempt to spark his struggling team, but the Red Wings fell to 0-5-1 in their last six games.

"We had lots of chances," Detroit's Tomas Holmstrom said.

"A loss is a loss. Howard gave us a chance to win but we came up short. It's terrible, what can you say. We have to find a way to get out of this slump."

Blackhawks 2, Avalanche 1

Blackhawks coach Denis Savard just wants his team to continue playing the way it's been playing.

Patrick Lalime stopped 21 shots and defenseman James Wisniewski had two assists in Chicago's win over the Colorado Avalanche on Sunday.

Martin Havlat and Dustin Byfuglien scored for the Blackhawks, who won their third straight game and are 4-0-1 in their last five.

Chicago, with 60 points, is six points behind eighth-place Vancouver — and the final playoff spot — in the Western Conference.

"Hopefully we'll continue to play that way all down the stretch," Savard said. "We're gelling. Whether we get in [the playoffs] or not, we're going to pay the price every night."

Several injured Chicago players, including rookie forward Jonathan Toews, have come back to help spark the Blackhawks, who have missed the playoffs in eight of the last nine seasons.

Lalime lost a bid for his first shutout this season when Jaroslav Hlinka scored with 2:25 left in the third. Chicago's top goalie, Nikolai Khabibulin, is day to day with a right knee sprain.

"It's our hard work and dedication," Lalime said. "We're battling right now. A lot of it is buying into the system; finally we're playing as a team."

Jose Theodore made 25 saves for Colorado, which lost its third straight and failed to convert any of its six power plays.

The Avalanche have 65 points and are in ninth place in the conference.

Rangers 3, Sharks 1

A week off did wonders for the New York Rangers and their playoff hopes.

During a five-day break from games between last weekend and this one, the Rangers could only watch as teams pushed them below the postseason cutoff.

With a pair of home wins, New York is right back in the thick of the hunt.



Rangers center Blair Betts attempts to hit a puck past San Jose goalie Evgeni Nabokov during New York's 3-1 over the Sharks Sunday.

Ryan Callahan scored twice and Chris Drury added a power-play goal and an assist Sunday for the Rangers, who finally beat a Western Conference team with a solid effort against the San Jose Sharks.

That came on the heels of a relatively easy 5-1 rout over Buffalo at home Saturday. New York is back in the mix after dropping to ninth.

"It was definitely a tough game, the second of back-to-backers, especially playing against a big, physical, talented team," forward Brendan Shanahan said. "It was a real good test for us and we really responded well."

Henrik Lundqvist made 29 saves for the Rangers, who beat a Western team in their last chance after going 0-7-2 in the first nine.

Drury helped set up Callahan's first-period goal to tie it before sending the Rangers on their way to another win with a goal in the second. Callahan added an empty-netter with 1.6 seconds left.

Callahan has four goals in five games after going 25 without one following a score on opening

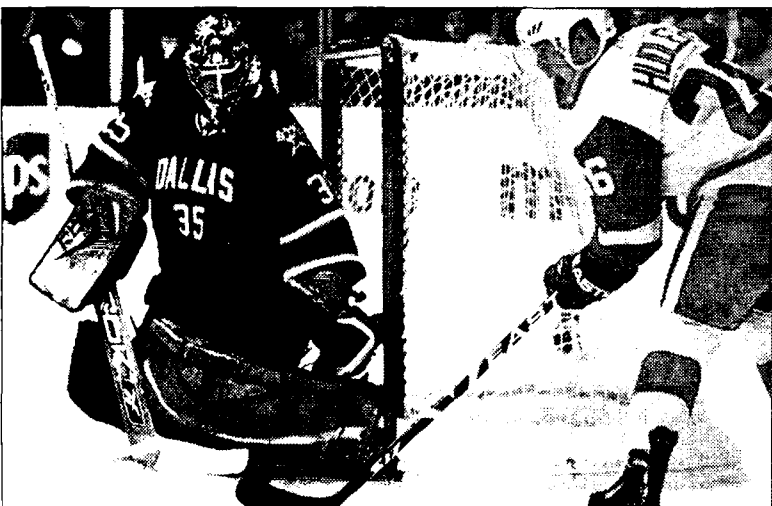
night. "These are two big wins to build on," he said. "We have a long road ahead of us, but we can move forward and go from here. We have a lot of character in this room from top to bottom. You have to follow your leaders and go from there."

Lundqvist, who also stopped 29 Saturday, is 2-0 since signing a six-year contract extension with New York.

Jonathan Cheechoo had the lone goal for the Sharks, who have the fewest road losses in the NHL (17-6-3). San Jose is 4-18-3-0 against New York and hasn't beaten the Rangers since Oct. 22, 2001.

Evgeni Nabokov stopped 30 shots in starting for the 57th time in San Jose's 58 games this season. The Sharks are 3-3-1 in their past seven.

"When you lose a game you always want to say it wasn't enough. I know we're trying hard, but it wasn't enough," Nabokov said. "Defensively I think we played well. They were forechecking, and it was surprising a little bit how hard they played."



Dallas goaltender Marty Turco stops Detroit right wing Jiri Hudler in the second period of Dallas' 1-0 Sunday.

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Contenders on the first whistle, Gladiators on the second whistle, got it?

All the things that I used to say All the words that got in the way All the things that I used to know Have gone out the window

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As I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I take a look at my life and realize there's nothing left Cause I've been blastin and laughin so long that Even my mama thinks that my mind is gone

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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	GB	last ten
Boston	41-9	.820	-	8-2
Toronto	28-23	.549	13.5	6-4
New Jersey	23-30	.434	19.5	5-5
Philadelphia	23-30	.434	19.5	7-3
New York	15-37	.288	27	1-9

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB	last ten
Detroit	39-13	.750	-	10-0
Cleveland	29-23	.558	10	6-4
Chicago	21-31	.404	18	4-6
Indiana	21-32	.396	18.5	2-8
Milwaukee	19-34	.358	20.5	2-8

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB	last ten
Orlando	33-21	.60	-	6-4
Washington	25-27	.59	7	2-8
Atlanta	21-28	.58	9.5	3-7
Charlotte	19-34	.57	13.5	2-8
Miami	9-42	.54	22.5	1-9

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB	last ten
Utah	34-19	.87	-	9-1
Denver	32-20	.66	1.5	6-4
Portland	28-24	.61	5.5	3-7
Seattle	13-38	.58	20	4-6
Minnesota	10-41	.54	23	3-7

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB	last ten
Phoenix	37-16	.698	-	7-3
LA Lakers	35-17	.673	1.5	8-2
Golden State	32-20	.615	4.5	7-3
Sacramento	23-28	.451	13	5-5
LA Clippers	17-33	.340	18.5	4-6

Western Conference, Southwest

team	record	pct.	GB	last ten
New Orleans	36-15	.706	-	7-3
San Antonio	34-17	.667	2	6-4
Dallas	35-18	.660	2	5-5
Houston	32-20	.615	4.5	9-1
Memphis	14-38	.269	22.5	2-8

MIAA Women's Basketball Conference Standings

rank	team	conference	overall
1	Hope	14-0	22-0
2	Albion	12-3	19-4
3	Calvin	10-5	14-8
4	Adrian	6-8	8-14
5	Alma	6-8	9-12
6	Olivet	6-8	8-14
7	SAINT MARY'S	6-8	10-12
8	Tri-State	3-11	6-16
9	Kalamazoo	1-13	4-18

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MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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Texas A&M at Texas

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Purdue at Ohio State

7 p.m., ESPN2

NASCAR



Penske driver Ryan Newman celebrates after winning the Daytona 500 Sunday at Daytona International Speedway. The victory ended Newman's 81-race winless streak and was owner Roger Penske's first victory at the event.

Penske scores big with Newman's 500 win

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Ryan Newman snapped an 81-race winless streak Sunday, using a huge push from teammate Kurt Busch to give car owner Roger Penske his first Daytona 500 victory.

Penske, the most successful owner in open-wheel history with 14 wins in the prestigious Indianapolis 500, now has a victory in NASCAR's showcase event.

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It came in the historic 50th running of The Great American Race, and it came in thrilling fashion.

"We did something very special for the Captain tonight," runner-up Kurt Busch said.

The Penske cars were quiet for 199 of the 200 laps, letting Joe Gibbs Racing stars Tony Stewart and Kyle Busch race each other in a battle of Toyotas. With one lap to go, it appeared Stewart finally would get a Daytona 500 win in his 10th try.

Running out front in the high line, he held off the two Penske cars as they circled the famed speedway. With a pair of teammates closing in on him, Stewart didn't feel safe running out alone with no

allies.

So at the last second, he dropped low on the track to line up in front of Kyle Busch. The JGR teams had talked about using teamwork all week, and Stewart thought he'd need Busch to make it to the checkered flag.

But the decision backfired when the two Penske cars flew past him on the top, and Newman pulled away for his first win since New Hampshire in September 2005.

"I just made the wrong decision on the backstretch," a dejected Stewart said. "My intention was to get in front of Kyle and pull Kyle along

with us. It's hard to explain. It's probably one of the most disappointing moments in my racing career."

And for Joe Gibbs Racing and the entire Toyota camp.

Toyota seemed destined to win its first points race in NASCAR's top series behind the strength of JGR, which joined the manufacturer this season and gave it instant credibility. After a strong month of testing and a Denny Hamlin win in one of Thursday's qualifying races, the JGR cars seemed poised to battle mighty Hendrick Motorsports for the win.

IN BRIEF

Swimmer Hoff sets second American record in 2 days

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Katie Hoff set her second American record in as many days Sunday when she and six-time Olympic gold medalist Michael Phelps each cruised to a pair of victories at the Missouri Grand Prix.

Both easily won their respective 200-meter freestyle and 400 individual medley races on the second day of the meet.

Hoff set an American record in the 200, finishing in 1 minute, 56.08 seconds to defeat five-time Olympic medalist Natalie Coughlin for the second time in two days. Coughlin set the previous mark.

On Saturday, Hoff broke the oldest American record on the books in the 400 freestyle.

In Sunday's medley, Hoff beat Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe, who a day earlier set a world record in the 200 backstroke.

IU president in spotlight with Sampson scandal

INDIANAPOLIS — College presidents aren't athletic directors, but sports can be a big part of their job — as Indiana University President Michael McRobbie is finding out.

McRobbie says the school will conduct a new investigation into NCAA accusations that men's basketball coach Kelvin Sampson committed five major rules violations. The announcement Friday came amid mounting calls to fire Sampson.

That puts pressure on McRobbie, who took office as IU president seven months ago, but it also creates opportunity, said Louisiana State University system President John V. Lombardi.

"Everybody is unhappy now — boosters, alumni, the athletic department," Lombardi, who has taught a course on the history of college sports, told The Indianapolis Star for a Sunday story. "This is a moment where he can go in and take charge."

Tigers' Rogers starts strong at spring training

LAKE LAND, Fla. — Kenny Rogers threw a pitch and pivoted to get back on the mound to throw another one.

Detroit Tigers pitching coach Chuck Hernandez stepped between Rogers and the bullpen catcher, ending the session on Sunday.

"Get out of here!" Hernandez shouted.

Rogers reluctantly walked away, with sweat on his brow and grass stains on his knees.

"I just keep going until Chuck stops me," Rogers said with a smile.

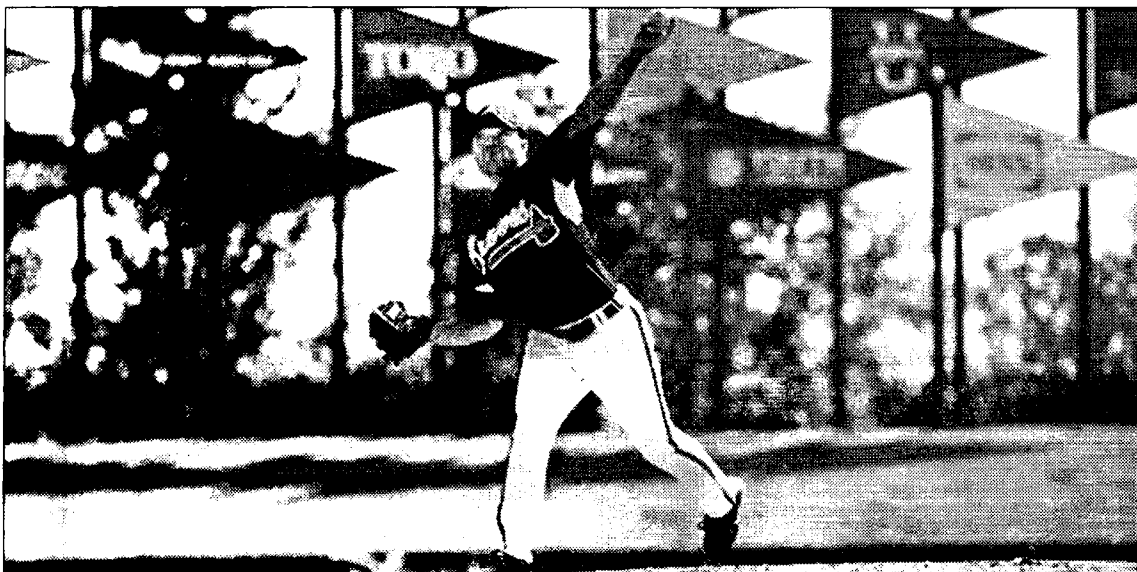
Rogers has spent three-plus years of his life at spring training — a fact he said was "scary," — and still enjoys rolling around on the infield like a kid during pitchers' fielding practice.

In fact, Rogers said that's his favorite part.

MLB

Hampton tries comeback

Veteran pitcher readies for last attempt after missing 2 seasons



Atlanta pitcher Mike Hampton pitches during the Braves' spring training workout on Friday. Hampton is attempting to pitch this year after undergoing Tommy John surgery in 2006.

Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Mike Hampton rubs down the ball, stares toward home plate and delivers a pitch that sweeps across the outside corner. Mark Kotsay never gets the bat off his shoulder.

The outfielder nods approvingly toward the mound. "That's better," Kotsay says.

Brayan Pena is even more enthusiastic. "That-a boy!" the catcher barks, giving a slight pump of the fist.

For Hampton, it's another baby step in one of baseball's longest-running comebacks.

"My pitches are starting to come around," he said a few minutes later, standing by his locker in the Atlanta Braves' clubhouse. "My arm's been feeling pretty sound. I'm happy where I'm at right now."

Remember Mike Hampton? Left-handed pitcher. Former 20-game winner. Perhaps best known for getting one of the richest contracts in baseball history.

Well, he's still around, though no one could be blamed for thinking he retired or took up coaching or settled for a job overseas. Hampton hasn't made it through a full year since 2004. Heck, he hasn't pitched at all over the last two seasons.

"Put yourself in his shoes," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "You like to play, you like to pitch, you like the competition — then, all of a sudden, it's taken away from you. It hurts."

But, now, entering the final year of that infamous eight-year, \$121 million deal he signed with Colorado in 2001, the 35-year-old Hampton is back on the mound, trying to show in the early days of spring training that he's still got a little something left in that scarred-up pitching arm.

"I've been preparing for this day since the day after the surgery," Hampton said. "I'm excited."

For the record, he's referring to last year's operation on his balky left elbow, the one that cut short Hampton Comeback, Version 2007. At that time, he was coming off Tommy John surgery, which replaced the ligament in his elbow and cost him the '06 season. When the pain returned, he went back under the knife for a torn flexor tendon.

Another season gone.

From all outward appearances, Hampton never let two major operations dampen his enthusiasm for the game or his determination to get back on the mound. During two full years of rehab, he often strolled through the Turner Field

clubhouse cracking jokes or ribbing teammates.

"When you feel sorry for yourself and at the end of the day you're still feeling sorry for yourself, well, your mind is messed up and your arm still hurts. It doesn't really help anything," Hampton said. "I decided to keep a positive mindset, get it taken care of and look forward to the day when I could compete again."

A cynic might find it hard to muster a whole lot of sympathy for Hampton. After all, those big paychecks kept on coming, and he's due to make \$15 million this season, no matter how much he pitches (or doesn't pitch).

Then again, it wasn't his fault that Colorado doled out such a foolish contract, or that Hampton's sinker-heavy repertoire just wasn't cut out for the Mile High City. He can even laugh about his experience with the Rockies.

"When I was in Colorado, I forgot how to throw everything," Hampton joked. "I was like, 'What in the hell are you doing?' I was throwing a sinker down here" — he drops his arm below his waist — "and my four-seamer from up here" — his arm rising above his head. "I went straight brain dead. Now, I'm pretty comfortable."

That's just what the Braves want to hear.

While they're not counting on Hampton as much as they did a year ago, they know he could make a stronger rotation look downright formidable. The Braves already have John Smoltz, Tim Hudson and Tom Glavine. A healthy Hampton would give them four top-line starters, the sort of rotation that could help Atlanta challenge the free-spending New York Mets and defending champion Philadelphia Phillies in the NL East.

"Everything we get from him is a bonus," Smoltz said. "There's no other way to put it."

Hampton had hoped to start his comeback in the Mexican winter league, but that plan lasted all of three outs. Yes, he hurt himself again, pulling his right hamstring in the first inning of his very first start.

He had to take another month off, and still feels a bit of tightness in the back of his leg when he throws. He's had to re-examine his workout routine, giving more attention to his legs and making sure he shows up early enough to do plenty of stretching.

Cox doesn't really care how Hampton throws in spring training, as long as he makes it to open-

ing day without getting hurt again.

"I'm sure he'll be rusty a little bit," Cox said. "But we're not looking for that. We're looking for health."

Actually, the aborted stint in Mexico boosted Hampton's confidence. His arm didn't hurt, and when he watched a video of the inning that popped up on YouTube, he was relieved to see that his mechanics looked basically the same as they did before all the injuries.

"It's like Smoltz told me, 'Dude, you don't forget how to pitch,'" Hampton said. "It's like a bicycle. You don't forget how. You might need a refresher course, but you don't forget how. When I saw that video, I was like, 'Dude, you look just like you did before.' I'm fine."

SMC SWIMMING

Belles swim to fifth in MIAA Championships

Calvin takes top spot, Hope earns second

By PETE REISENAUER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's ended its season with a disappointing fifth-place finish in the MIAA Championships this weekend in Holland, Mich.

Calvin won the meet with a score of 660. Hope was the only close challenger at 556. Saint Mary's finished with a score of 182.

Going into the weekend, the Belles had high hopes after posting top times in many events during the season. They felt that they were primed to make a push toward the top of the pack.

The Belles had finished the year with a four-meet losing streak but believed that the two weeks between their last meet and the championship would provide them vital time to rest and prepare for the event this weekend. They were not able to put in a strong enough effort to capture the crown.

Despite the loss, Melissa Gerbeth defended her 1,650-yard freestyle crown with a

time of 17:47.50, beating her closest competitor by more than 10 seconds. She also reached the final in the 500 freestyle — where she eventually finished sixth — and the 400 freestyle, where she finished fourth.

Maggie Williams also helped her team with a fifth-place finish in the 100 backstroke. She also finished 10th in the 200 backstroke.

Meanwhile, freshman Caroline Arness had her best showing in the 200 backstroke with a time of 2:18.62, and fellow freshman Casey Niezer clocked in at 2:13.77 for a sixth place finish. Niezer also finished in 11th in the 100 backstroke.

Sophomore Lindsey Nelis put up a strong showing in the 1,650 freestyle with a time of 18:38.40.

The strongest relay for the Belles was the 400 freestyle team, which finished third, only one-tenth of a second behind Kalamazoo for second.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Saint Mary's blasts Kalamazoo

Kessler scores 22 as Belles ride 34-8 run to blowout victory

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's was actually down four to Kalamazoo at one point in its 71-39 win Saturday.

Then, five and a half minutes into the game, the Belles (10-12, 6-8 MIAA) decided it was time to start playing.

With 14:37 left in the first half and the score tied at 8-8, Saint Mary's senior guard Alison Kessler scored two of her game-high 22 on a layup. It was the last time Kalamazoo (4-18, 1-13 MIAA) sniffed the lead.

That's because Kessler's layup began a 34-8 Saint Mary's run that sent the Belles into the locker room with a 42-15 lead.

Sophomore forward Anna

Kammrath, who pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds to go along with her six points, said the Belles' success in the first half was a result of the team's laid-back style.

"We were definitely more relaxed [than in previous games], which is easier to do when everyone was clicking," Kammrath said.

In the second half, the Belles continued their dominance. The Hornets never got within 26 points, and many of Saint Mary's reserves saw the court for the latter portion of the game.

The blowout victory was a big change for the Belles, who have an average margin of victory of 6.6 points in their MIAA wins this season.

Belles junior guard Katie

Rashid finished with 13 points, and classmate Erin Newsom netted 11 to go along with seven rebounds. The Belles also got a solid performance from freshman guard Liz Wade, who scored seven points, grabbed seven rebounds and had seven assists off the bench.

Kammrath said after the game that the win was a big one for the Belles, especially with the end of the MIAA season coming closer.

"[Getting this win] means we are for sure playing on Tuesday once [the] conference [tournament] starts next week," Kammrath said. "It also helps team morale, a win like this."

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish battle to 2-2 split in Arizona

Game against No. 1 Wildcats rained out

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

In a rare rainy weekend in Tempe, Ariz., Notre Dame came up even in Arizona State's Kajikawa Classic, defeating Utah and Cal but losing to Western Kentucky and No. 3 Texas A&M to start the 2008 season.

Officials cancelled Friday's game against top-ranked Arizona because of the rain.

"I like how the girls came out," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "They really showed a lot of fight, and I think it was a great learning experience."

The Irish jumped all over previously undefeated Utah

(7-1) to snag a 6-2 win in the opener on Friday.

"It was important to get our feet wet," Gumpf said. "It was a good chance to see where our problems are in a real game situation."

Junior Brittney Bargar got the win, allowing three hits and two earned runs in seven innings. Bargar fanned six and surrendered two solo homeruns for Utah's only scores of the game.

The offense slugged 10 hits off the Utes and opened the game with a four-run first inning. Freshman Brianna Jorgensborg ripped a three-run double down the right-field line in the first at-bat of her college career. Fellow freshman Sadie Pitzenberger went 3-for-5 and stole three bases.

Western Kentucky beat Notre Dame 6-5 and scored the final run after an Irish throwing error in the seventh inning.

"We lost due to some things that are really controllable," Gumpf said. "We have some growing pains that we need to work on."

The Irish jumped out to a 3-1 lead off a Pitzenberger double and a sophomore Christine Lux sacrifice fly, but the lead would not stand.

Western Kentucky's Rebecca Horesky hit a grand slam off of freshman Jody Valdivia to give the Hilltoppers a 5-3 advantage.

Sophomore Heather Johnson tied the game at 5-5 in the seventh with a two-run homer, but the Hilltoppers responded for the win.

The Irish lost 4-1 to the fearsome Aggies.

Bargar kept Texas A&M scoreless through four innings, before allowing three earned runs in the final three frames. Bargar also struck-out nine.

"Brittney really gave us a chance to win both games," Gumpf said. "It was just three or four pitches that went wrong for her."

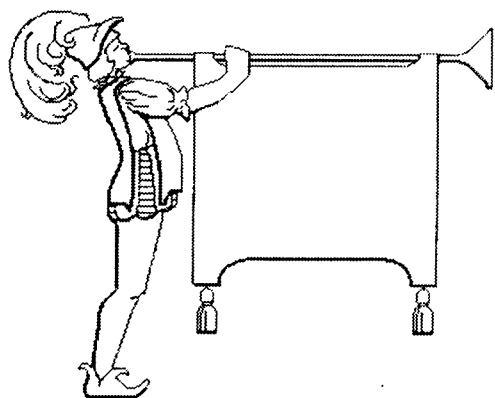
The final game on Sunday against Cal was a chance for the Irish to make up for the previous day's mistakes, and they took full advantage. Senior second baseman Katie Laing went 2-for-4 and had RBIs, including a two-run homer in the third inning to propel the Irish to a 4-3 comeback win.

In the bottom of the seventh, Laing showed her poise in the clutch, knocking the first pitch she saw into right-center field to plate freshman Katie Fleury.

"Katie really led this team all weekend," Gumpf said. "She single-handedly scored three runs for us in the last game and led the team to victory."

The Irish will spend the week working on the little things before traveling to Gainesville, Fla., next weekend to participate in the Aquafina Invitational.

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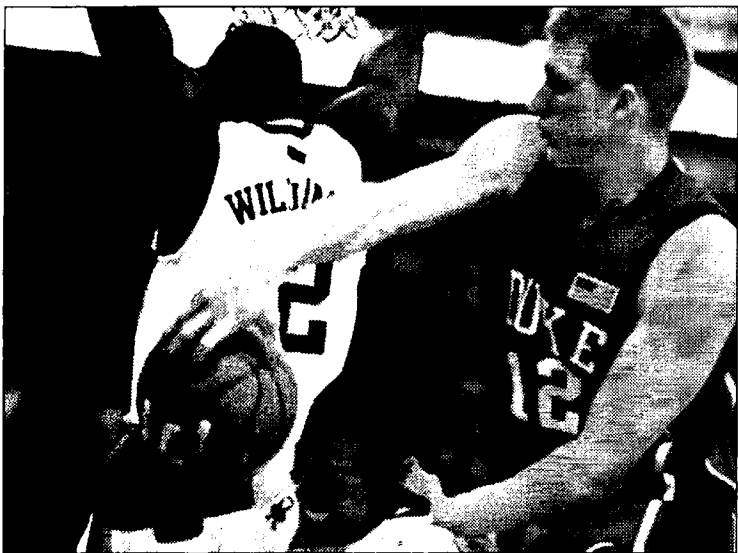
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wake Forest upends second-ranked Duke

Freshman Teague scores 26 for Deacons



Duke's Kyle Singler blocks Wake Forest's James Johnson in the first half of the Deamon Deacons' 86-73 win.

Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Freshmen Jeff Teague and James Johnson showed no fear of Duke. Instead, they helped coach Dino Gaudio claim a victory that surely would have made his late best friend proud.

Teague scored 26 points and the Demon Deacons shocked the No. 2 Blue Devils 86-73 on Sunday night, snapping the Blue Devils' 12-game winning streak and giving the first-year coach his signature victory as the heir of the late Skip Prosser's program.

"I watched them on TV (and) I dreamed about (North) Carolina and Duke," Teague said, adding that he and Johnson "talked about that when we first got here, 'Playing Duke, they're going to pressure you.'"

"That's why I want to play. I'm not an All-American or nothing, but I want to go out and try to beat one."

Johnson added 24 points and a personal-best 16 rebounds for the Demon Deacons (16-8, 6-5 Atlantic Coast Conference), who claimed their first victory against a top-five team since Chris Paul's sophomore season in 2004-05. This time, the tie-dye-clad "Screamers" Demons' student section poured onto the court to celebrate the program's biggest win since they knocked off the then-No. 4 Blue Devils on Feb. 2, 2005.

The Demon Deacons' third straight victory improved them to 14-1 on their home court and snapped a five-game losing streak in the series. They did it on the strength of a 17-2 run midway through the second half and some smothering defense, forcing Duke into a season-high 22 turnovers.

"(Teague) did a great job on defense, but I think it was just us not being as aggressive as we've been all year, taking the right shots, and just passing up a lot of shots that we should have taken, and second-guessing ourselves early," freshman Nolan Smith said. "Lackadaisical turnovers, out of bounds, that's what happens."

The Blue Devils (22-2, 10-1) entered this one only a one-point overtime loss to Pittsburgh away from a perfect record, and had won their previous 12 games by an average of 14.3 points.

But this time, the Demon

Deacons held Mike Krzyzewski's team without a field goal for more than 7 minutes in building the first double-figure lead of the game for either team, with Teague's three-point play with 4:58 left making it 72-62.

After Kyle Singler's layup at the 11:20 mark gave the Blue Devils their largest lead of the half at 60-55, they missed 11 consecutive shots before Paulus ended the drought with a 3 with just over 4 minutes left. They didn't get closer than six points the rest of the way.

"Tonight, we played like we've already done something, and the team that had to win won," Krzyzewski said. "We have to always play like we have to win. That's the sign of a champion. That's a part of learning. We have some young guys who haven't been champions before, and they're trying to learn how to be that. Sometimes the best lessons are ones that are taught in defeat."

Smith, a freshman, scored a season-high 21 points, DeMarcus Nelson had 18 points and Singler finished with 17 for the Blue Devils, who had all five starters foul out in the closing moments in losing for the fourth time in five visits to Winston-Salem.

"The foul trouble caught up with us, and they continued to play hard and well," Krzyzewski said. "The team that fought harder and had more energy won. ... I don't think it meant that we just laid down and died. Our kids fought. At this time of the year, you have to match or be better than the other team."

In a way, the Demon Deacons beat the Blue Devils at their own game, spreading things out on the offensive end of the court and turning up the pressure on defense. Singler, who entered having made 15-of-28 attempts from 3-point range in his previous four games, was just 2-of-6 from beyond the arc.

"We can go (with) four guards, just like those guys have, and we have big ... that can move out there," point guard Ishmael Smith said. "So what we tried to do is switch on ball screens and contest their shots."

Jamie Skeen added 10 points for Wake Forest, which came out determined to honor Prosser's memory and give Gaudio a signature win, rocking the Joel Coliseum like it hadn't been in years.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish earn two-game sweep

Wins over Wisconsin, South Florida put ND back on track

By LORENZO REYES and DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writers

For now, at least, No. 14 Notre Dame is back on track.

After struggling to a pair of losses last week, the Irish swept Wisconsin and No. 31 South Florida at home this weekend. With the defeat of its Big East rival, Notre Dame (6-4) is now riding a three-game winning streak.

Irish head coach Jay Louderback thinks his team is swinging on all cylinders.

"I feel like we've gotten better every match," he said. "We've become tougher and tougher as the matches go on. We played some solid competition this weekend and we're looking to build on our momentum."

Notre Dame 7, Wisconsin 0

Despite playing without senior captain Brook Buck, the Irish cruised to victory Friday, sweeping No. 74 Wisconsin, 7-0.

With Buck injured, the Irish lineup shifted around and offered opportunities for the players to contribute in different slots.

Sophomore Kali Krisik moved up to No. 1 doubles with junior Kelcy Tefft, and the pair started the Irish dominance with an 8-3 victory. Sophomore pair Cosmina Ciobanu and Colleen Rielley moved up to No. 2 doubles and secured the doubles point with a swift 8-2 win.

The Notre Dame singles attack won each match handily. Despite the lineup changes, the Irish won all six matches in straight sets with no Wisconsin player winning more than three games in a set.

Junior Katie Potts started singles play with a 6-2, 6-0 victory, and Ciobanu and Rielley followed suit with convincing wins to clinch the match for Notre Dame.

Having won the match, there was no pressure as freshman Kristin Rafael, who primarily plays No. 2 or 3 doubles, made her singles debut in the No. 6 slot. Rafael took advantage of the opportunity and easily disposed of her opponent 6-1, 6-2.

The second half of singles play also included wins from Krisik and Tefft.

Tefft played No. 1 singles for the second straight day and is now 2-0 from that slot for the dual season and a perfect 9-0 in singles overall. Her 6-3, 6-0 win finished the 7-0 sweep for the Irish, and five loyal fans celebrated the win for Tefft and the Irish with traditional student section push-ups.

It was Notre Dame's second straight 7-0 victory over Wisconsin. The Irish improved to 3-0 at home and broke the .500 mark for the first time since a season-opening win over Louisville.

Notre Dame 6, South Florida 1

Looking to complete the weekend sweep, the only thing left for the Irish to take care of was South Florida.

With a victory against the Bulls, the Irish remained undefeated in Big East play, and improved their overall record to 6-4.

Louderback said doubles play was key in the victory.

"We're feeling really good about our doubles play," Louderback said. "We played really well. We won all but one match all weekend. I'm especially impressed with our No. 2 and 3 spots really

stepped it up. Brook and Kelcy have been playing well all year, so it was good to see our other pairs playing well."

Buck returned to action and paired up with Tefft to comprise the No. 3 team in the nation, defeating sophomore pair Allynn Mueller and Jessica Zok 8-0.

Krisik and Rafael sealed the doubles point with an 8-2 win over Janette Bejkova and Natalia Guevara.

"I'm impressed with the play of our freshman, Kristen Rafael," Louderback said. "She played real well all weekend. I think she gained a little confidence winning her singles match against Wisconsin, and that carried over into the rest of the week."

Ciobanu and Rielley upended junior Ieri Rai and senior Liz Cruz 8-5 in the final doubles match.

No. 62 Ciobanu beat Mueller 6-1, 6-2, and No. 64 Buck dropped the first two games of the first set but turned her play around against Zok for a 6-2, 6-0 victory.

No. 82 Potts secured the third win of the weekend with her 6-3, 6-3 defeat of Rai.

Notre Dame will travel to Durham, N.C. to face a surging Duke team Thursday. The Blue Devils topped No. 6 Florida earlier in the week, and Louderback is not taking them lightly.

"Duke is going to be a tough, tough matchup," he said. "... They're really under ranked. With their talent, they are definitely a top five team, so we have a tough test ahead of ourselves."

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish lose twice in ITA tourney

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Facing some of the toughest competition in the country, Notre Dame split its first two matches in the ITA National Team Indoor Championships this weekend in Seattle and earned a spot in the consolation final before falling to No. 12 North Carolina Sunday.

On Friday, the Irish faced off against No. 8 UCLA in the first round and lost a tough one to the Bruins, 4-0.

The Irish began the match by losing the doubles point despite a strong showing from senior Sheeva Parbhu and junior Brett Helgeson, who beat UCLA senior Harel Sruog and freshman Nick Meister 8-2.

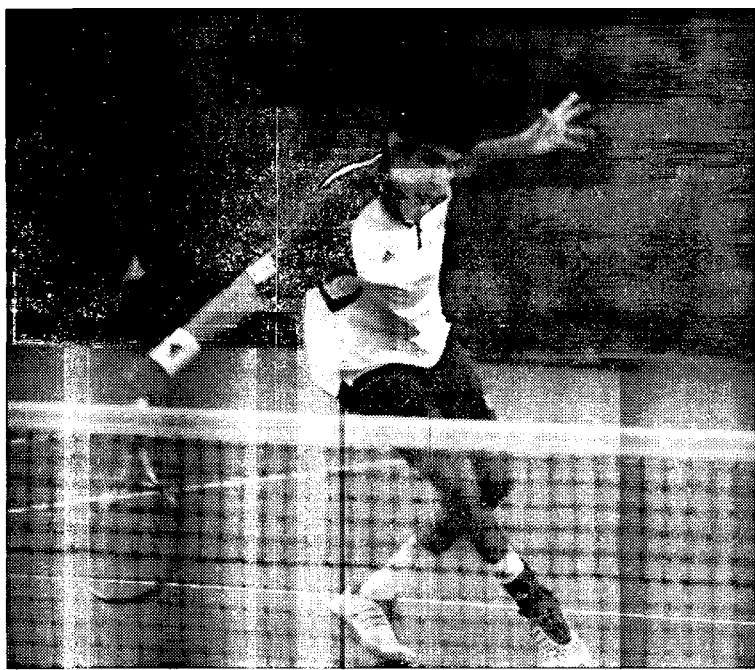
Notre Dame senior Andrew Roth and freshman Stephen Havens lost a close match to Bruins senior Mathieu Dehaine and freshman Holden Seguso by a score of 8-6.

The final Irish pair of freshman Tyler Davis and junior Santiago Montoya came up short against UCLA junior Mike Look and senior Jeremy Dean by a score of 8-4.

The Bruins took the momentum from their doubles win into the singles and won their first three matches to secure the 4-0 win.

The Irish loss to UCLA set up a Saturday match in the second round of the consolation bracket against No. 16 Penn State, whom the Irish defeated on Jan. 20. The Irish were able to rebound from the tough loss to UCLA on Friday to pick up a 4-2 win.

The Irish started slowly and lost the doubles point. Parbhu



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish senior Sheeva Parbhu returns a volley during Notre Dame's 4-3 win over SMU on Feb. 10.

and Helgeson lost to Penn State junior Adam Slagter and freshman Eddie Bouchier, 8-5. The second Irish doubles pair of Davis and Montoya dropped the second match 8-4 to Nittany Lions senior Michael James and junior Brendan Lynch.

Despite the slow start in doubles, the Irish came back strong in singles play to surge ahead of the Nittany Lions. The Irish picked up their first two singles wins from Havens and fellow freshman Dan Stahl.

Havens earned the first Irish win after Bouchier withdrew from the match. Stahl then defeated Penn State freshman Jake Toole in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

The Irish dominance in singles continued with No. 11 Helgeson, defeating No. 51

James in straight sets, 6-1, 6-4, which gave the Irish a 3-1 lead. Penn State took the next point as Lynch defeated Roth, 6-2, 6-3.

Notre Dame earned its fourth point when Parbhu defeated Slagter in three sets, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, to clinch the Irish victory.

The Irish could not keep their momentum from the Penn State win going against North Carolina and were shut out 5-0 Sunday against the Tar Heels.

Parbhu and Helgeson won the No. 1 doubles point 8-5 against North Carolina's David Stone and Lenny Gullan. But the Tar Heels dominated the rest of the match, taking every other point in both doubles and singles.

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goals in her first collegiate game, and senior Heather Ferguson scored twice.

Notre Dame came out strong and looked to bury the Griffins early, notching the first six goals of the game and racing out to the big advantage. Canisius fought back and tallied the next four goals, closing the gap to 6-4. Canisius held close until a Byers goal with three seconds left in the first half gave the Irish a 10-5 lead and momentum heading into the break.

After Canisius cut the Notre

Dame lead to 12-9, the Irish needed to regroup.

With Notre Dame hanging onto its slim lead, the Irish made the necessary adjustments. Notre Dame rattled off 10 consecutive goals, pushing the lead to 22-9. The rally included three goals from Byers and two from McKinney.

Ashley Gray led the Griffins with three goals, and Whitney Card and Chelsea Martinez scored twice each.

Notre Dame topped the Dukes 16-4 behind six goals from Irish attack Jill Byers. All 100 wins have been under Coyne.

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while picking up the victory.

"My performance was pretty good," Kemp said. "I give credit to my defense."

Koppens and junior attack Jake Wilcox led Loyola offensively. Koppens finished the game with one goal and three assists while Wilcox added two scores and one assist. Freshman attack Matt Langan and sophomore attack Cooper MacDonnell each netted one goal to aid the effort. In net, Hagelin finished with 11 stops.

The Irish play next on Sunday,

beginning their home slate against Penn State at 1 p.m. in the Loftus Center.

Notes:

◆Loyola held an advantage on total shots over Notre Dame with a final tally of 34-32. The Irish were slightly better in face-offs, however. They won nine of 17 attempts.

◆Notre Dame has now won six straight season openers, a school record. The Irish have also beaten the Greyhounds in two straight openers. Last year, Notre Dame won in Loftus, 9-7.

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NBA ALL-STAR GAME

LeBron named MVP in close East victory

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — In a proud city still restoring its unique beauty, the Eastern Conference repaired its own image.

Ray Allen scored 28 points, making three straight 3-pointers in the final 3:15, and LeBron James added 27 as the East, widely considered the NBA's weaker half, beat the Western Conference 134-128 in Sunday night's All-Star Game.

Last year, the West humiliated the East in a 153-132 rout in Las Vegas when Kobe Bryant and Co. rewrote the event's record books. However, this time led by Allen's 14 fourth-quarter points and a stunning dunk by James with 55 seconds left, the East salvaged some pride and can return to the season's second half with bragging rights.

James, who added nine assists and eight rebounds, was the MVP for the second time in three years. He also won the honor in 2006.

"We didn't want to come out here and get beat up on again," James said.

Amare Stoudemire, Brandon Roy and Carmelo Anthony scored 18 points apiece to lead the West, which trailed by 13 entering the fourth quarter and rallied behind New Orleans' Chris Paul. The guard's seventh assist of the final period set up Roy's layup to give the West a 122-119 lead.

But Boston's Allen, the final player added to either roster, knocked down his second 3-pointer in 48 seconds to tie it before Paul answered with a 3

of his own, sending the hometown crowd into a frenzy.

Allen finally missed and James poked away the ball, and then came up with the night's most stirring moment.

Slashing through the lane, Cleveland's megastar rose and dunked over several West defenders, much like he did in Game 5 of last year's Eastern Conference finals in Detroit when he scored the Cavaliers' final 25 points.

Paul was called for an offensive foul on the West's next trip. Dwyane Wade hit a layup and Allen scored to make it 131-125. Roy's 3-pointer with 8.7 seconds brought the West within three, but Allen made three free throws to close it out.

The weekend in New Orleans was about much more than spectacular dunks, a game featuring marginal defense or collecting strings of beads while strolling down boozy Bourbon Street. The NBA came to the Big Easy hoping to help this special city continue its comeback from Hurricane Katrina, the effects of which are still being felt 27 years since she blasted through.

On Friday, the world's biggest basketball names as well as hundreds of volunteers fanned out to all sides of the city to help refurbish playgrounds, paint houses and lend a hand with whatever they could on a day devoted to community service.

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Rutgers

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end, but the ball ricocheted out of bounds off three Scarlet Knights.

On the ensuing Notre Dame possession, junior guard Kyle McAlarney drained two free throws. Scarlet Knight Corey Chandler missed a desperation 3, and the Irish left Piscataway with the win.

Jackson was a bright spot on an otherwise ugly day for Notre Dame (19-5, 9-3 Big East). The sophomore point guard had 17 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds — two boards shy of his first triple-double.

"My opportunities came and I knocked down some shots," Jackson said by phone after the game.

Jackson's biggest play came with less than a minute remaining and the Irish clinging to a 67-66 lead. He nearly lost the ball between a double-team but recovered enough to get it to senior forward Rob Kurz, who knocked down a wide-open jumper for a three-point lead.

"I was driving and the guy reached in and knocked it away," Jackson said. "They thought it was going to be a steal. ... It went through my legs and nobody grabbed it, so I tipped it up and bounced passed it to Rob."

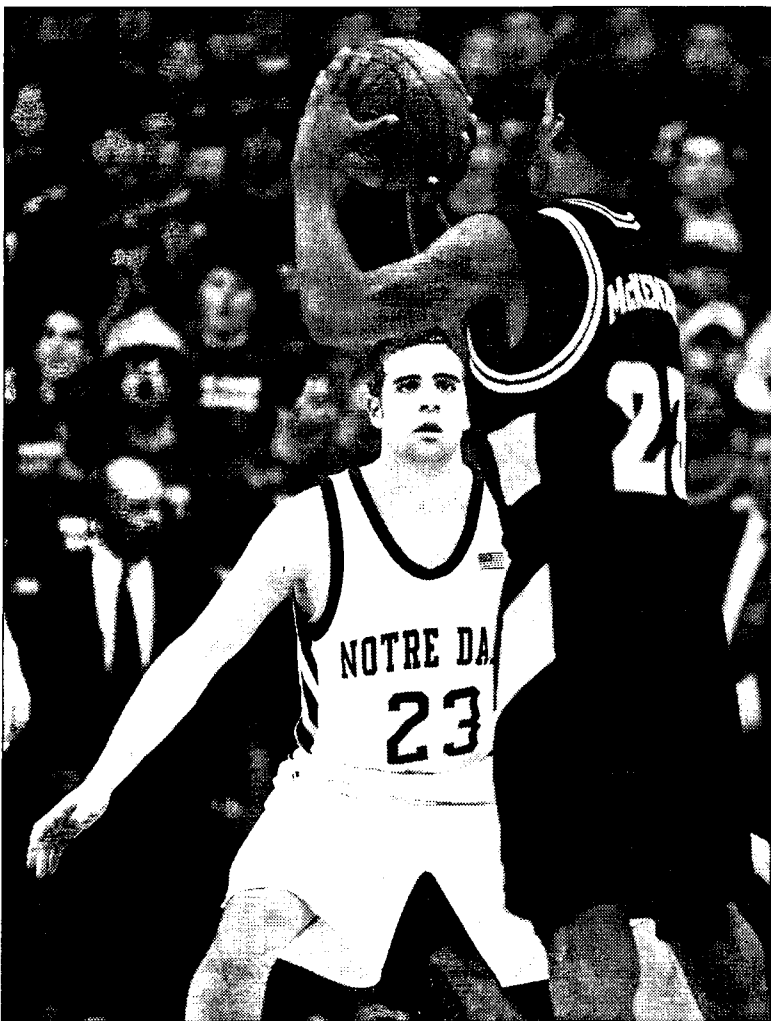
Kurz, who battled the flu last week, finished the game with 11 points and 14 rebounds.

"He knocked down some big shots," Jackson said of Kurz. "That's what he does on a daily basis."

Notre Dame started slow but used a 12-3 run midway through the first half to open up a 10-point lead at 34-24. The Irish led by eight, 42-34, at halftime.

In the second half, the Piscataway crowd came alive as their team went on a 14-2 run to take a five-point lead at 55-50 with 11:11 remaining.

The Scarlet Knights held the advantage for five minutes until a tip-in by Harangody and back-to-back 3-pointers by Kurz and McAlarney put the Irish ahead 65-57 with six minutes to play.



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Irish guard Kyle McAlarney defends Friars guard Brian McKenzie during Notre Dame's 81-74 overtime win over Providence on Jan. 31.

After Kurz's jumper, two free throws by Rutgers guard Anthony Farmer brought the Notre Dame lead back to one at 69-68.

Farmer, who scored 16 points, and forward J.R. Inman, who scored 14, led Rutgers (10-17, 2-12 Big East).

Notre Dame will put its 34-game Joyce Center winning streak on the line Thursday against Pittsburgh.

Notes:

◆The win moved the Irish into a tie for third place in the Big East with Connecticut. At 9-3, the Irish and Huskies are a half-game back of conference co-leaders Georgetown and Louisville.

Like Notre Dame, Connecticut

struggled with a Big East bottom-feeder this weekend, defeating lowly South Florida 74-73 in overtime Saturday.

◆The Irish wore their blue road uniforms Sunday. Notre Dame is just 2-4 in blue this season — with wins over Monmouth and Rutgers and losses to Marquette, Georgetown, Baylor, and Georgia Tech.

By contrast, Notre Dame is 2-1 wearing its alternate road black uniforms, with wins over Villanova and Seton Hall and a loss to Connecticut.

The Irish are 15-0 wearing white this season, with 14 home wins and a victory over Kansas State in Madison Square Garden.

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Orange

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and passed the Orange (19-5, 7-4) to move into fourth place in the conference.

Notre Dame has won at least 20 games in 14 of the past 15 seasons, and in 18 of Muffet McGraw's 21 seasons as head coach.

"I think it's great for this group that we got (20 wins) early," McGraw said. "We've always used that as a barometer for getting into the NCAA Tournament."

The Irish took over in the paint on both ends of the floor and had 14 more rebounds than the Orange — who have averaged an advantage of 9.5 boards per game this season. They kept their rebounding totals balanced as well — they had 20 on offense and 25 on defense.

"That was critical," McGraw said. "We really needed that, especially at the end after being tied, we had a couple of great stops. We did some nice things on the boards."

"[Allen] was aggressive, she was looking for her shot, and she took care of the ball. She was wire to wire the best player on the floor."

Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

Charel Allen led the Irish with 22 points and 12 rebounds. It was the first time an Irish player had had at least 20 points and 10 rebounds since Allen did it last season, on Feb. 11 against DePaul.

"This was the best game of her Big East season," McGraw said. "She was aggressive, she was looking for her shot, and she took care of the ball. She was wire to wire the best player on the floor."

Sophomore center Erica Williamson hit eight of her 12 free throws and had 14 points and 11 rebounds. Notre Dame hadn't had two players manage double-doubles since Jan. 26, 2005, against St. John's.

Junior guard Lindsay Schrader had 12 points, and freshman guard Brittany Mallory hit three 3-pointers for nine points.

"[Mallory's] been shooting the ball well lately at practice," McGraw said.

Freshman guard Erica Morrow led the Orange, hitting all nine of her foul shots and scoring 19 points.

Sophomore forward Nicole Michael scored 14 points, and senior center Vaida Sipaviciute added 12.

McGraw said Morrow hurt the Irish early, but switching to the box-and-one style of defense limited Morrow's effectiveness.

Notre Dame had previously used a box-and-one against Marquette to shut down Golden Eagles guard Krystal Ellis.

Notre Dame led 58-51 with 8:50 remaining but committed three turnovers and allowed Syracuse to come back. The Orange went on a 10-3 run and made the score 61-60 with 5:13 left in the game.

Mallory's 3-pointer with 2:12 left in the half put the Irish up 28-21, but four free throws and a layup from Michael again closed the gap to one point.

Senior guard Tulyah Gaines had eight assists — four more than her season average — and two steals in the game.

McGraw said despite reaching the 20-win mark, she and her team aren't caught up in records or rankings.

"We're playing really good basketball right now," she said. "We're not thinking about numbers."

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Alaska

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totaled 32 saves in the contest. The score would remain tied until Thang's winner.

The Irish kept the momentum up Saturday night, ripping off a season-high 20 shots in the first period. None of them got past Rogers, though, and the senior finished with 40 saves.

While Notre Dame was busy shooting, the Nanooks were busy scoring in the first period Saturday. After an apparent Adam Lee goal at 6:22 of the period was wiped off due to interference on Pearce, Alaska made its next chance count.

On a power play, defenseman Tyler Eckford found freshman Landon Novotney alone in the slot, and Novotney unleashed a backhand that beat Pearce between the legs at 8:24 of the period.

Rogers' stellar net-minding ensured that the score

remained 1-0 until 9:55 into the third period, when senior Mark Van Guilder tied the game on Notre Dame's seventh power-play chance of the night. Van Guilder carried the puck down the left boards and fired a shot from the left circle that deflected off an Alaska defenseman and past Rogers.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson was traveling back from Fairbanks, Alaska, and could not be reached for comment.

The three points give the Irish 31 on the season, only four points behind second-place Miami (Ohio) and Michigan State with four games remaining in the season. Notre Dame only needs two points next weekend in two games against Ohio State to secure a top-four seed and first-round bye in the CCHA playoffs. The Irish take on the Buckeyes at 7:35 on Friday night and 7:05 on Saturday night at the JACC.

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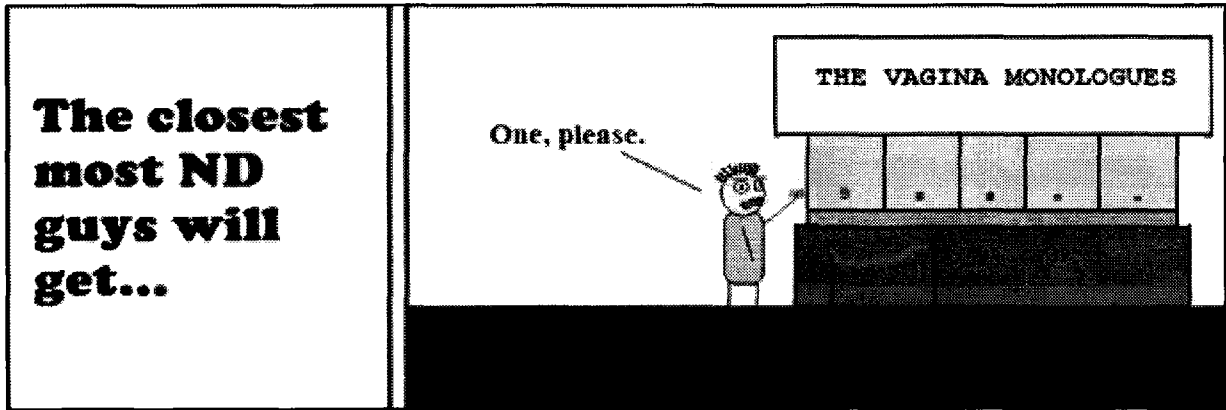
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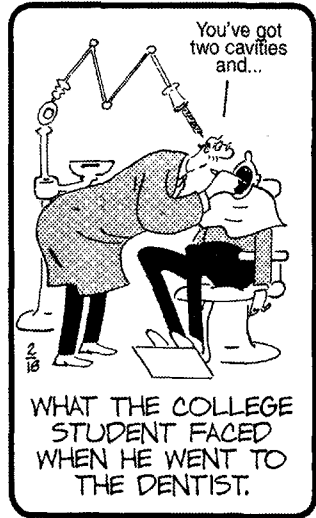
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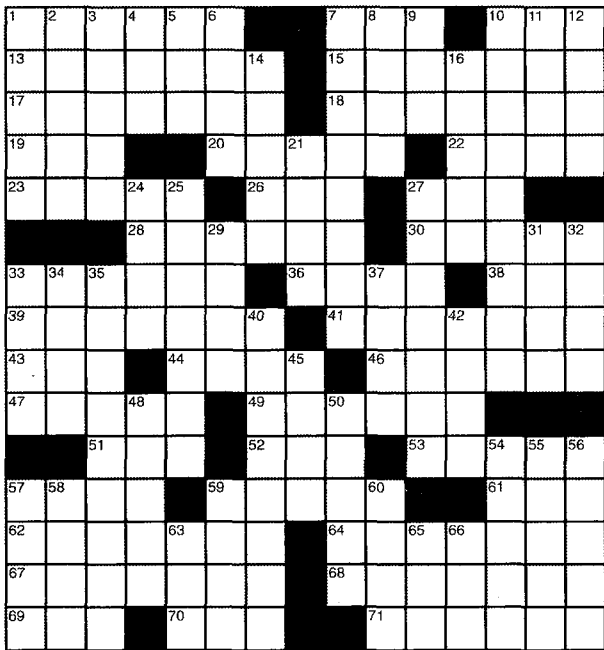
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- Across
- 1 Peeling knives
 - 7 "See ya"
 - 10 Katie Couric's network
 - 13 Kansas city where Dwight Eisenhower grew up
 - 15 Symbol of sturdiness
 - 17 High hit behind the catcher, say
 - 18 Do surgery (on)
 - 19 End of a school Web address
 - 20 Salves
 - 22 "My life ____ open book"
 - 23 Ward off
 - 26 Safety item for a tightrope walker
 - 27 Pep rally shout
 - 28 Refused
 - 30 Tallied up
 - 33 Neurologist or orthopedist
- Down
- 36 Graceful swimmer
 - 38 Nuptial agreement
 - 39 Spotty
 - 41 Tidy savings
 - 43 Miss. neighbor
 - 44 ____ of Man
 - 46 Paths from here to there
 - 47 Stretchy fabric
 - 49 Self-assurance
 - 51 Family
 - 52 Vegetable that rolls
 - 53 Looks to be
 - 57 Treble's counterpart
 - 59 Thorny parts of roses
 - 61 III + IV
 - 62 Miss terribly
 - 64 Theory of the universe, or a hint to the starts of 17-Across and 7-, 10-, 35- and 40-Down
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- 1 Post or Trib
 - 2 Residence
 - 3 Shred
 - 4 Aide to Santa
 - 5 Old auto inits.
 - 6 Rebuff
 - 7 Prosperous place
 - 8 Kennel cries
 - 9 ____ out (barely make)
 - 10 Extreme effort at weight loss
 - 11 Alpha, ____ gamma ...
 - 12 Glimpsed
 - 14 Twisty-horned antelope
 - 16 Musical chord
 - 21 Eye part
 - 24 "Cómo ____ usted?"
 - 25 Vientiane native
 - 27 Abductors' demands
 - 29 Eye part
 - 31 Periphery
 - 32 Lady and the Tramp, e.g.
 - 33 Start a card game



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- 35 Skilled marksman
- 37 Aviation-related prefix
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- 42 Inside of a paper towel roll
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- 48 One heeding the alarm clock
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- 54 Dodge
- 55 Petty
- 56 + and -
- 57 Ordered
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotional matters will surface if you aren't careful what you say at home. Take the day to pamper yourself and play with friends. Working on something that will benefit you professionally will help occupy your mind. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The more receptive you are to what others say and do, the further ahead you will get. A project or hobby that interests you can be taken a step closer to where you see it going. A serious look at a relationship you are in or considering will lead to a decision. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Attend a conference or trade show or engage in conversation with someone who has great ideas or similar interests. Don't let an older individual discourage you from pursuing your dreams. Follow your heart. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Change is in the works and, like it or not, you must carry on and follow through. Once you have put things behind you, you will benefit from the alterations made. You will learn something new about yourself and your habits. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A risk is evident so protect your interests if you want to come out unscathed. Don't be fooled by someone's boasting. Take a wait-and-see attitude about putting your own money or reputation on the line. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Set the standard and speak of your findings, ideas and intentions. It won't be long before someone joins your fight to make reforms or to get things done. You will have an open invitation that you should act upon quickly. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let your emotions get the better of you. Stick to your beliefs without making a big deal out of what you want to do. As soon as you are too open or accommodating, others will take advantage of you. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Follow your heart, your dreams and your desires and refuse to let any negative influences take hold. Now is not the time to give in. You have too much to lose and so much to gain. 5 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be able to fool most people but someone will be on to what you are doing. Be careful not to stretch the truth or to take advantage of someone who is in a vulnerable position. Act fairly and honestly. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll be pulled in different directions. Your emotions will cause you to waffle; give in to someone who wants your undivided attention. Think about your relationships with others and which are worth keeping. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You must take action, set the stage and be the one to make the plans and follow through. You will get what you want and make a lasting impression with your friends, colleagues and loved ones. 3 stars

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Orange crushed

Allen, Williamson get double-doubles in win

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

It just hadn't been Melissa Lechlitner's night.

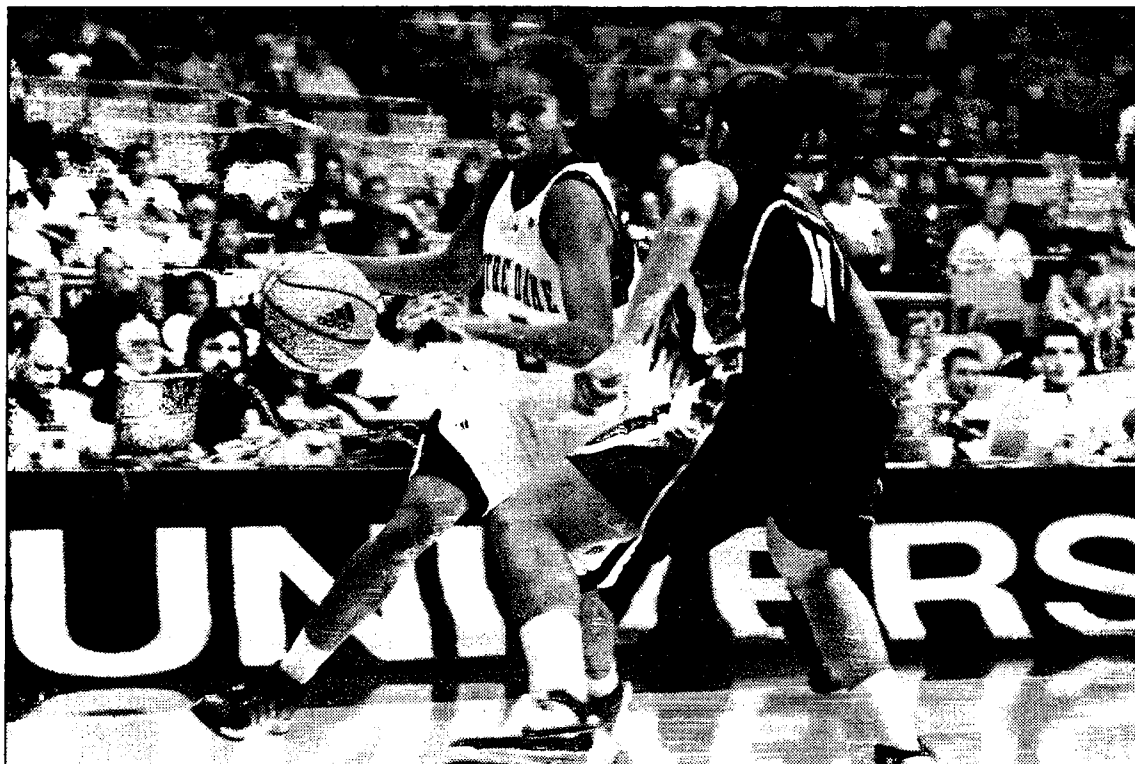
The sophomore guard was 0-for-5 from the floor, and her only two points came on free throws. But moments after coming off the bench late in the second half, two quick jump shots salvaged her game.

Lechlitner hit a jumper with 2:52 remaining and another with 2:17 left to spark No. 16 Notre Dame's offense on a 15-3 run en route to a 79-67 win over No. 21 Syracuse Saturday at the Carrier Dome.

The Irish hit 11 foul shots in the final 1:20 to widen the gap.

Notre Dame improved to 20-5 (8-3 Big East) on the season

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Irish guard Charel Allen drives past Huskies guard Ketia Swanier during Notre Dame's 81-64 loss to Connecticut on Jan. 27. Notre Dame beat Syracuse 79-67 Saturday in the Carrier Dome.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish avoid upset in Piscataway

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Luke Harangody struggled mightily, but sophomore Tory Jackson's big game and a key blunder by Rutgers allowed No. 18 Notre Dame to escape Piscataway, N.J., with a 71-68 road win Sunday.

The sophomore, who was averaging more than 20 points a game, was stymied by the Scarlet Knight defense all day. He finished the game with only 10 points on 5-for-16 shooting.

Harangody even had a chance to redeem his day with 15 seconds remaining. The Irish led 69-68, and the forward stepped to the free-throw line for a one-and-one and a chance to put the lead at three points.

Harangody missed on the front

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HOCKEY

Team gets three goals from 71 shots in weekend series

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame got in its shots against Alaska this weekend. Unfortunately, only a few of them managed to get in the net.

The Irish (21-10-3, 14-7-3

CCHA) unleashed a combined total of 71 shots, including a whopping 41 Saturday night, in two games against the Nanooks (8-17-5, 8-14-5 CCHA), but netted only three goals in a 2-1 win and 1-1 tie.

Notre Dame scored late goals in both games, including a Ryan Thang game-winner

with 5:11 left in the third period Friday night. Thang received a backhand pass in the slot from defenseman Kyle Lawson and launched a one-timer past Alaska goalie Wylie Rogers, who made 28 saves on the night.

Garrett Regan got the Irish on the board first Friday

night, notching his seventh goal of the season on the power play at 15:19 of the first period. Forward Evan Rankin fed the puck to Regan, who was positioned at the bottom of the left circle. Regan fired a low shot that beat Rogers just inside the far post.

Notre Dame goalie Jordan Pearce managed to keep the Nanooks scoreless until 10:19 of the third period, when Alaska forward Nathan Lawrence tied the score at 1-1. Lawrence pushed a rebound past Pearce, who

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame notches 100th victory

By ANDY ZICCARELLI
Sports Writer

Notre Dame got off to a fast — and record-setting — start this weekend.

The Irish tied a school record for goals in a 22-10 win over Canisius on Friday, and then registered the program's 100th win on Sunday against Duquesne. Both games were played at the Loftus Center.

Ten different players scored for Notre Dame in its season-opening win over Canisius.

"Generally, we like an up-tempo, aggressive-on-defense type of team," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said before the Canisius game. "I guess we'll find out tonight what our style's going to be."

If Friday was any indication, the Irish look like they will be pushing the tempo all season. Midfielder Caitlin McKinney and Byers led the team with five goals apiece. Freshman Shaylyn Blaney added four



WU YUE/The Observer

Irish attack Jill Byers shoots during Notre Dame's 22-10 win over Canisius on Friday.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

ND has 7 scorers in win over Loyola

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Senior attack Alex Wharton sealed a 7-6 victory for the Irish over No. 17 Loyola (Md.) Saturday in Baltimore by scoring with 3:33 remaining in the season-opener for both squads.

The Irish used a variety of weapons offensively, finishing with a different player scoring each of the seven goals.

No. 10 Notre Dame started the first quarter strong, netting three scores before the Greyhounds tallied any. Loyola ended its scoring drought with an early second-quarter score courtesy of sophomore attack Collin Finnerty. After trading a few more goals, Notre Dame found itself ahead of Loyola 5-2 at the half.

The third quarter, however, was all Loyola's. The Greyhound attack scored three times to tie the game at five with one quarter remain-

ing.

The Irish stopped the bleeding when freshman midfielder Zach Brenneman put one past Loyola freshman goaltender Jake Hagelin for a 6-5 Notre Dame advantage. Senior attack Shane Koppens fired right back and tied the game at six with fewer than seven minutes left in regulation.

"It was a good win," Irish senior goaltender Joey Kemp said. "[Loyola] is top-20. They will beat a lot of teams [this season]. It's a win, and it's a learning experience."

Junior midfielder Dan Gibson, sophomore attack Colin Igoe, junior attack Duncan Swezey and Wharton all recorded one goal and one assist for the Irish. Junior attack Ryan Hoff also netted a goal while sophomore attack Neal Hicks added an assist.

On the defensive side, Kemp made 13 stops for Notre Dame

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