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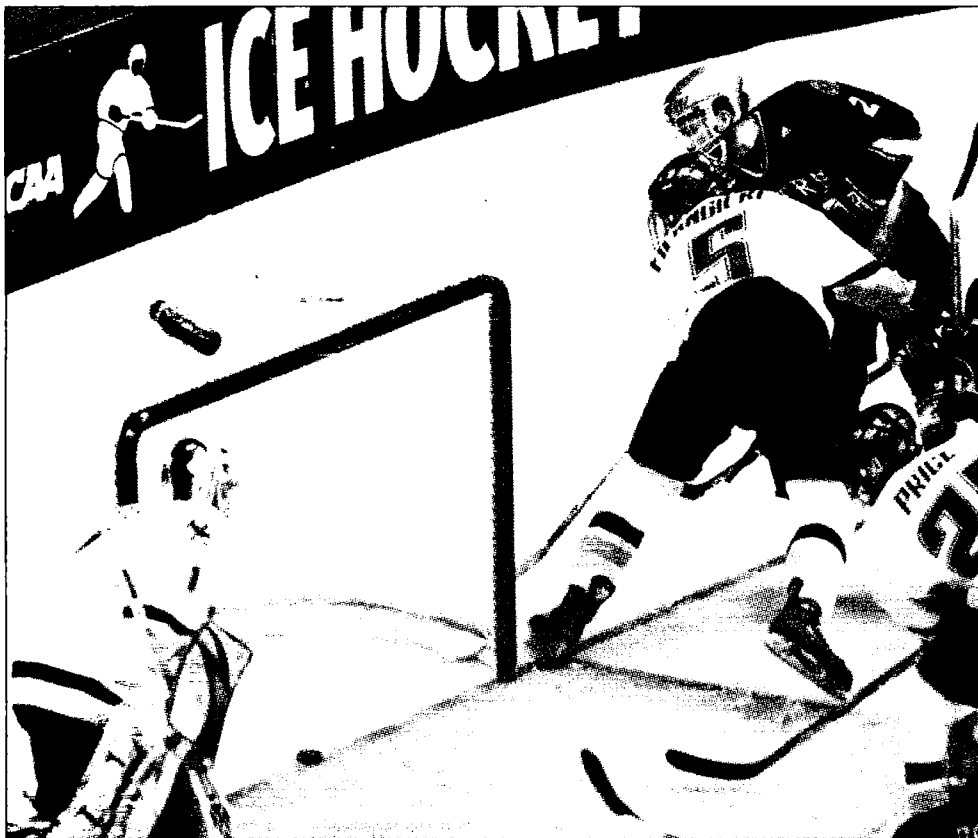
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Boston College defeats Notre Dame 4-1 in National Championship



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Left, Irish defenseman Kyle Lawson watches the puck cross the goal line five minutes into the third period. The goal was overturned upon review when the replay official ruled that Lawson kicked the puck into the net. Top, Boston College left wing Nathan Gerbe, behind the net, puts the Eagles up 2-0 early in the second period when he taps the puck in while diving head-first. Gerbe, a junior, had two goals and two assists in the national championship in Denver on Saturday.

ND alumna Thompson discusses alternative fuel sources

NBC News chief environmental correspondent criticizes current energy sources, sees hope in new technologies

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Chief environmental affairs correspondent for NBC News and Notre Dame graduate Anne Thompson discussed the importance of engineering environmental stability and criticized the current forms of alternative energy in a lecture in the

Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business Friday.

Thompson said the environment has recently become a hot issue with the American public.

"It was clear that this was an issue that was going to impact all our lives," she said. "The environment was no longer a 'fringe' issue. It was no longer the shaggy

domain of environmentalists who wore Birkenstocks and crunched granola."

Fueled by rising gas prices, the search for alternative fuels to replace coal — currently responsible for over half of the United States' energy — and oil has become more expansive.

"Even the coal producers concede that the ability to capture and store carbon

dioxide could be 20 years away, and certainly billions and billion of dollars away," Thompson said.

Thompson said one alternative source of fuel that is "gaining popularity" is wind energy, currently responsible for less than 1 percent of the country's energy. But Thompson said wind power is unfeasible because it produces very little energy, it is

unpredictable and there is no way to store the energy produced.

"The even bigger challenge with wind power is how do you get the energy those wind turbines create out of the plains of west Texas or along coast lines to the city and towns beneath them?" she said.

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SMC theater group puts on controversial play

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

"Stop Kiss," Saint Mary's spring theater production, was met with initial hesitation due to its controversial themes of homosexuality and violence but was eventually accepted by the audience.

When it was first announced that "Stop Kiss" would be performed on campus, several members of the Saint Mary's student body sent e-mails to the play's director, Katie Sullivan, expressing concerns over some of the play's content.

In an e-mail to the student body, Sullivan explained that the play was chosen to help

explore violence in the everyday world.

"The play spoke loudly to me in its plea for non-violence in our world, both in the larger global picture and in the small individual choices we each make everyday," Sullivan said in an interview.

Both during and after the performance, the audience did not seem to take offense to the issues addressed in the play.

"It broke some preconceived stereotypes I had about lesbians because the girls were two normal people who happened to fall in love like anybody else falls in love, without trying," Saint Mary's freshman Catie

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Cavanaugh wins RecycleMania

University participated in 10-week competition for first time

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Cavanaugh Hall captured first place in Notre Dame's inter-dorm recycling competition — part of the 10-week-long RecycleMania competition between 400 colleges and universities nationwide. This was the first time that Notre Dame participated in RecycleMania.

Cavanaugh won by collecting 81.36 pounds per capita of recyclables, according to Recyclin' Irish president and RecycleMania coordinator Ann Kelley. St. Edward's Hall came in second with 72.31 pounds per capita, and Walsh took third

with 65.73 pounds per capita.

As part of the competition, students took recyclables out of campus trash cans and from other dorms — a factor in Cavanaugh's win, according to the dorm's environmental commissioner Sarah Cline.

"I am so excited and so happy that we won because everyone in the dorm put so much work into it," she said. "We went on raids and really tried to get everybody involved. I know everyone here was really happy about it."

Cline said Cavanaugh generated a lot of awareness through emails and posters and created enthusiasm by

highlighting the competitive aspect of RecycleMania.

"We put posters everywhere and we sent out e-mails," she said. "We really promoted the competition side of it. There was the general consensus that we did not want to lose to Farley, so people were really excited about that."

In addition to the inter-dorm competition, Kelley said Notre Dame also participated in the Stephen K. Gatski Per Capita Classic Competition — the original RecycleMania competition in which schools compete to see who can collect the most acceptable recyclables

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INSIDE COLUMN

Dot com writing

I am not a writer. And I am not going to pretend that I am one. The problem is not a technical one — my AP English Language and English Literature scores will tell you that I have mastered the basics. After all, I am a good speller (read: I can identify and change the words underlined in little red squiggles), and I can usually do a decent job with grammar — I just read what I have written out loud, and if it sounds okay then I figure I am probably good to go.

Mary Jesse
Graphics Editor

Basically, the problem is getting started. The prompt. What do I write about, and how do I make it interesting? One of my worst nightmares is when teachers assign an open-ended paper topic, restricting it only to Show-That-You-Actually-Understood-the-Lectures-and-Readings-this-Semester-in-at-Least-Five-Pages-Double-Spaced. Oh, and be sure to use Times New Roman, 12 point.

Yes, I am certain that I am not alone in my struggle to fill a page with meaningful text. For anyone who has ever tested 12.5 point type or 1.3 inch margins, or even resorted to T. N. Roman's close (yet less space-efficient) cousins Big Caslon, (baskerville, Bookman, and Bell, you know what I mean).

Now, maybe you will get lucky, and your teacher's untrained eye just won't catch the type modifications that stretch that four-and-six-sevenths page paper to a full five-pager (note: spelling out numerals under one-hundred is correct standard formatting, and also happens to take up a lot of space. Same with spelling out contractions). It would be a bummer, though, if you had to e-mail the paper. Also, I would not recommend trying any tricks with the typography teachers in the Graphic Design department. Oh, wait, we don't write papers in design class. Never mind.

What I am trying to say is that even if 13 point Century with 1.476 inch margins will not do the trick, there is, thankfully, help for those of us struggling to complete writing assignments. For example, CreativeWritingPrompts.com and similar Web sites are out there waiting to get your fingers tapping and your carpal tunnel activated. (Let's be serious, nobody writes with pen and paper anymore. Then you would not be able to copy-paste your most recent research material into Wikipedia when you finished.)

Some of the 302 prompts on the site sounded interesting (thesauri are excellent for finding synonyms for overused words like "interesting"), so I narrowed it down to a few that I almost used to write this column. I have clearly chosen another direction (and have done a decent job of filling the box!), but I encourage you to choose and ponder one of these, or discuss it with a friend over some regulated-portion stir-fry. If it turns out to be interesting, you can e-mail it to me (in any font and point size), or just give me credit for writing such a great Inside Column.

#302 Write from the point of view of a spoon inside the dishwasher.

#263 Give eight good reasons it is ok for men to lie.

#231 List the seven worst things to say to a person who just got dumped.

#20 Write about the color of hunger.

#285 Write a fictional news story about an adoption agency selling shaved apes as babies.

#182 If an ATM could be custom created for you, what would it spew out instead of money?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW DO YOU PLAN ON CELEBRATING ANTOSTAL WEEK?



Kim Nanošic
junior
Welsh Family

"I'm participating in 'The World's Largest Spoon Train' — you should come too!"



Rob Plasschaert
junior
Alumni

"I'm going to sacrifice a small animal."



Ben Linskey
freshman
Dillon

"Pantless."



Matt Boutilier
freshman
Dillon

"I'm going to celebrate it with Achilles and Petroclus."



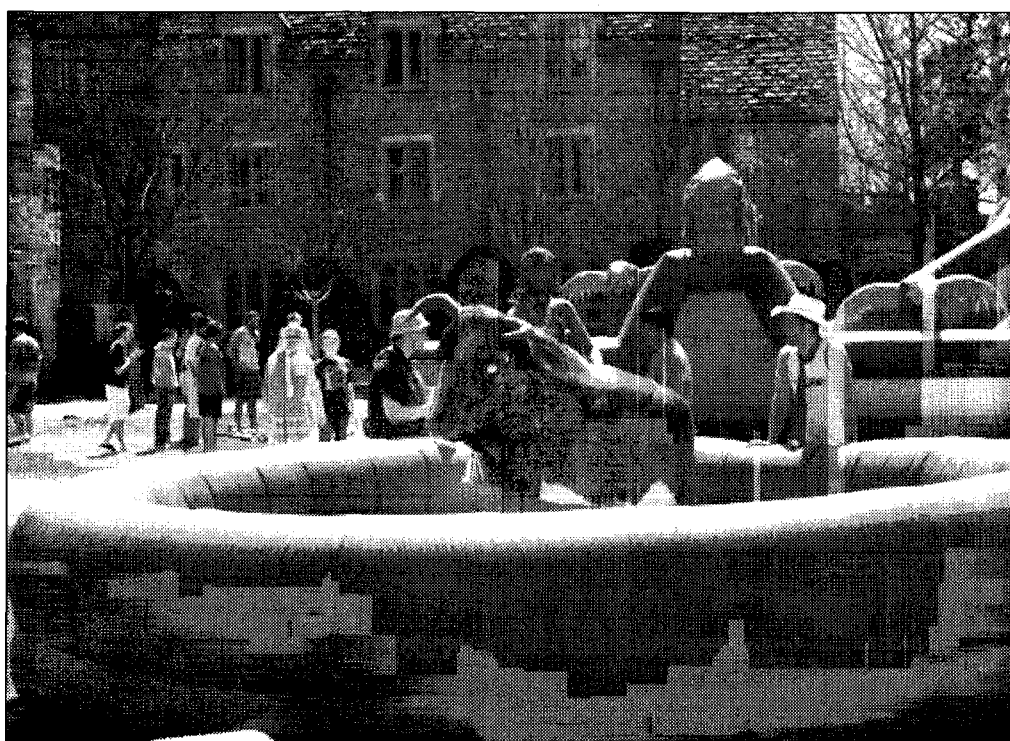
Spud Dupuis
junior
McGlenn

"Tie-dyeing shirts in warm weather!"



Danielle Rush
freshman
PE

"Not doing any homework!"



DUSTIN MENELLA/The Observer

Alumni Hall Dawgs spend time outside on South Quad Friday to celebrate the dorm's traditional Wake Week. The hall had inflatables and a mechanical bull as part of "The Calling" festivities.

OFFBEAT

Worker attempts to curse Yankees' new stadium

NEW YORK — So much for the curse. The New York Yankees have ended a construction worker's attempt to jinx their new stadium with a buried Boston Red Sox jersey.

Team officials watched Sunday as construction workers removed the jersey, with slugger David Ortiz's name on it, from 2 feet of concrete in a service corridor of the stadium that's under construction.

The team says a construction worker — who is a Red Sox fan — recently buried the jersey there while on the job.

Two other supervisors found the tattered shirt Saturday.

The Yankees plan to donate the jersey to charity, and may pursue a lawsuit against the construction worker.

Chicago resident becomes oyster eating champion

NEW ORLEANS — Patrick "Deep Dish" Bertoletti looked down at the litter of empty oyster shells in front of him and savored the sweet taste of victory. For Crazy Legs Conti, the bitter taste of defeat could be washed away only by beer.

The Acme World Oyster Eating championship belt —

leather, with a silver dish featuring an oyster on the half-shell — hung on Bertoletti's skinny hips. The 22-year-old Chicago resident took the title Saturday by slurping 35 dozen of the big bivalves in eight minutes.

"I could probably do a couple dozen more, especially if they were charbroiled," said Bertoletti, who holds the endurance oyster-eating record, having downed 53 1/2 dozen in 2007 before calling it quits. "Although they're great raw."

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The play "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus", a Christopher Marlowe play about a professor who sells his soul to the devil, will be performed April 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theater at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The African Student Association is hosting African Food Culture Night today at 6 p.m. in the Coleman-Morse Student Lounge. The event is part of Africa Week.

NBC Washington bureau chief and moderator of "Meet the Press" Tim Russert will deliver a lecture entitled "When Politicians Meet the Press" today at 8 p.m. in the Washington Hall.

The Notre Dame Baseball Team will play Toledo Tuesday at 6:05 p.m. at the Eck Baseball Stadium. Admission is free for students.

Archbishop Luis Augusto Castro Quiroga will deliver a lecture entitled "Colombia: The Church as Peacebuilder" Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Hesburg Center Auditorium.

"The Shirt" will be unveiled Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Co-host of Mike and Mike in the Morning Mike Golic will be the guest speaker. Festivities begin at 4:30 p.m. and "The Shirt" itself will be revealed at 6 p.m.

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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Knott honored as Hall of the Year

By STEVE SANTAY
News Writer

Knott Hall was awarded the honor of Hall of the Year by the Hall President's Council last Monday at the Student Leadership Recognition Banquet at Legends.

Keenan Hall was named Men's Hall of the Year, while Lewis won Women's Hall of the Year.

Cavanaugh received honorable mention — the first time ever that an "honorable mention" dorm was recognized.

Knott president Edward Barloh said Knott's success could be attributed to the wide variety of events the dorm hosted throughout the year, including charity events and discussion with professors.

"I believe the single-largest reason for Knott's success is that we organized an unprecedented amount of extremely successful events," Barloh said. "It was a lot of fun; I really

enjoyed working with all of the other great dorms on campus."

Keenan Hall president Mark Weber said although he was very proud of Keenan's success, his overall experience as dorm president was more rewarding.

"One of the coolest things about being a hall president was the chance to interact with leaders from other dorms," he said. "Awards aside, we're all trying to create an awesome campus atmosphere."

Although Lewis lost both of its assistant rectors, hall president Jessica Keppel said the hall council was still able to organize exciting events by enticing people with the promise of free food.

"The commissioners on our hall council really worked hard to get everyone excited," she said. "Offering free Papa John's breadsticks really works well if you want people to come to your events."

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Scientists test out sludge in poor areas

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Scientists using federal grants spread fertilizer made from human and industrial wastes on yards in poor, black neighborhoods to test whether it might protect children from lead poisoning in the soil. Families were assured the sludge was safe and were never told about any harmful ingredients.

Nine low-income families in Baltimore row houses agreed to let researchers till the sewage sludge into their yards and plant new grass. In exchange, they were given food coupons as well as the free lawns as part of a study published in 2005 and funded by the Housing and Urban Development Department.

The Associated Press reviewed grant documents obtained under the Freedom of Information Act and interviewed researchers. No one involved with the \$446,231 grant for the two-year study would identify the participants, citing privacy concerns. There is no evidence there was ever any medical follow-up.

Comparable research was conducted by the Agriculture Department and Environmental Protection Agency in a similarly poor, black neighborhood in East St. Louis, Ill.

The sludge, researchers said, put the children at less risk of brain or nerve damage from lead. A highly toxic element once widely used in gasoline and paint, lead has been shown to cause brain damage among children who ate lead-based paint that had flaked off their homes.

The researchers said the phosphate and iron in the sludge can bind to lead and other hazardous

metals in the soil, allowing the combination to pass safely through a child's body if eaten.

The idea that sludge — the left-over semisolid wastes filtered from water pollution at 16,500 treatment plants — can be turned into something harmless, even if swallowed, has been a tenet of federal policy for three decades.

In a 1978 memo, the EPA said sludge "contains nutrients and organic matter which have considerable benefit for land and crops" despite the presence of "low levels of toxic substances."

But in the late 1990s the government began underwriting studies

such as those in Baltimore and East St. Louis using poor neighborhoods as laboratories to make a case that sludge may also directly benefit human health.

Meanwhile, there has been a paucity of research into the possible harmful effects of heavy metals, pharmaceuticals, other chemicals and disease-causing microorganisms often found in sludge.

A series of reports by the EPA's inspector general and the National Academy of Sciences between 1996 and 2002 faulted the adequacy of the science behind the EPA's 1993 regulations on sludge.

The chairman of the 2002 academy panel, Thomas Burke, a professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, says epidemiological studies have never been done to show whether spreading sludge on land is safe.

"There are potential pathogens and chemicals that are not in the realm of safe," Burke told the AP. "What's needed are more studies on what's going on with the pathogens in sludge — are we actually removing them? The commitment to connecting the dots hasn't been there."

"There are potential pathogens and chemicals that aren't in the realm of safe."

Thomas Burke
Johns Hopkins professor

ITALY

Prodi's collapse brings early election

Polls may return conservative billionaire Silvio Berlusconi to power

Associated Press

ROME — Italians fed up with the governing class and a stagnant economy voted Sunday in early parliamentary elections that could return conservative billionaire Silvio Berlusconi to power.

The 71-year-old media mogul's main opponent is Walter Veltroni, a center-left former mayor of Rome who has promised deep reforms and an ideology-free approach to tackling the country's problems.

A sense of malaise hung over the elections, with Italians pessimistic that the ruling class — dominated for years by the same key figures — can offer much chance of change.

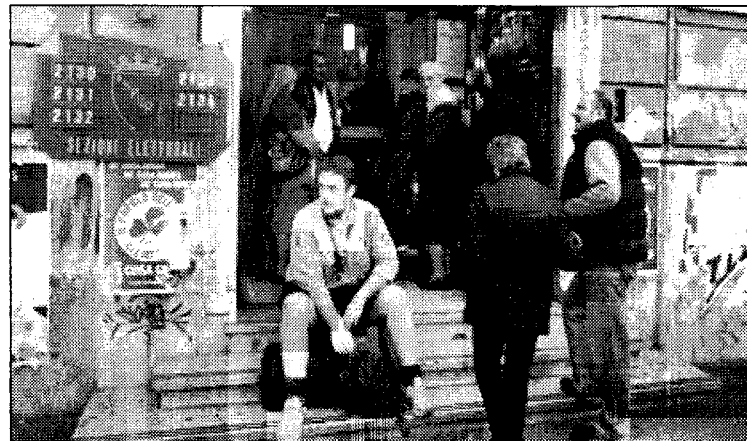
"I'm not sure if I am going to vote," said 47-year-old Carlo Brunetti in central Rome. "I have little faith this time."

The election comes three years early due to the premature collapse of Romano Prodi's left-wing government. Italy has a history of political instability, with more than 60 governments since World War II.

Whoever wins will face Italy's perpetual dilemma — improving the economy, the world's seventh largest. It has underperformed the rest of the euro zone for years and the International Monetary Fund forecasts growth of 0.3 percent this year, compared with a 1.4 percent average growth for the 15-country euro area.

Italian governments on both sides have failed to make the structural reforms that economists say are needed — either for lack of political will or consensus.

On the household level, Italians are pressured by rising prices though salaries are



People gather outside a polling station in Rome, Italy, Sunday to vote in general election.

among the lowest in Western Europe.

Signs of decline abound, from piles of trash in Naples, to a buffalo mozzarella heath scare that has hurt exports and hit one of the country's culinary treasures, to the faltering sale of the state airline Alitalia.

Italians increasingly blame the governing class — not just one political force or another — for the failure to solve the nation's problems.

There are 945 parliamentary seats up for grabs in the vote, which was scheduled to last until 10 p.m. Sunday and then resume Monday morning until early afternoon.

Turnout was running at 64 percent late Sunday, slightly behind the 66 percent at the same time during the last vote in 2006.

Berlusconi, who has been prime minister twice before, led elections polls two weeks ago, but more recent polls showed Veltroni making a

comeback. Whether Veltroni can prevail could depend on undecided voters, a significant portion of the nation's 47 million voters, analysts say.

Berlusconi appeared to have a clearer lead in the lower house, while the vote for the Senate was expected to be more of a contest.

Veltroni, at 52 nearly 20 years Berlusconi's junior, has pledged to lead generational change, while at the same time saying the left-wing he represents differs from Prodi's — which found itself hostage to small parties on the more extreme left that hampered his reform plans.

To avoid the same problems, Veltroni has spurned the far-left.

Berlusconi, vying for his third stint as premier in the last 14 years, has blamed the outgoing center-left government for the country's problems.

Prodi, whose last government lasted only 20 months, is not running.

"I have little faith this time."

Carlo Brunetti
Italian voter

INDIA

Sex-selective abortions continue

By 2001, researchers reported from 20 to 40 million "missing" girls

Associated Press

SINGHPURA, India — Standing in front of his small brick home, in a courtyard where the dirt has been packed down by generations of barefoot children, the middle-aged mustard farmer doesn't bother to hide his exhaustion.

"Only someone who has been through something like this can understand the size of my catastrophe," said Sukhpal Singh Tomar. For years, he has struggled to find some reason for his suffering, but has come up with little. He shrugged: "It must be my karma."

The catastrophe? His daughters — all eight — so many he sometimes stumbles over their names. But his wife, Shanti, never forgets, and the words spill from her like a breathless prayer: "Anu-Jyoti-Poonam-Roshni-Sheetal-Bindu-Chandni-Shezal."

They have been born in a country leaping headfirst into the globalized world but still holding tight to a preference for boys, enlarg-

ing an ever-widening gender imbalance in the second most populous nation on earth.

Tomar, 50, said his wife had also had three abortions. Asked if the intent had been to abort female fetuses, he looked silently at the ground.

"It would have been easier to have a son. Even just one," said Shanti, 38, whose stringy hair and worn skin make her look 20 years older. She's holding their youngest girl, 3-month-old Shezal.

Much has changed in this village since the Tomars' first daughter was born 19 years ago. Electricity arrived, and later the first cell phones. The number of tractors has quadrupled. Today, the village's girls attend the local primary school just like its boys.

"There's more money here now, and more education. But it's still

in the back of everyone's mind: 'I must have a male child,'" said Madhur Gurham, the obstetrician who runs the public hospital's maternity ward in

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Madhur Gurham
Morena obstetrician

Morena, the largest nearby city. "The money doesn't change that."

It has long been clear that India has a deep-seated preference for boys. By 2001, researchers estimated the country had anywhere from 20 million to 40 million "missing" girls from sex-selective abortions made available through the spread of ultrasound technology.

But as India modernizes — as places like Singhpura become small towns, as towns become cities and as India's once-overwhelming poverty is slowly supplanted by an increasingly educated middle class that wants fewer children — researchers say the problem is only getting worse.

Play

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Salyer said.

The play is set in modern New York City, and primarily a New York apartment. It is the story of native New Yorker Callie, played by Caroline Walker, a senior theater and biology major, who helps Sarah, played by Ayslinn McGovern, a senior theater major, to become acquainted with the city after the latter's move there. They both are initially heterosexual, but as they form a bond with one another over the course of a few months, they begin to realize their feelings are stronger than they originally thought.

One night, after leaving a nightclub, they walk through a park on the West Side and sit on a bench. They begin talking and then suddenly kiss. A man sees them and comes up to

them and beats Sarah. He beats her so severely that she enters a coma.

The house was nearly full during the evening performances and about three-quarters full for the matinee on Sunday afternoon. Both during and after the performance, the audience did not seem to take offense to the issues addressed in the play.

Audience members said they were not offended but intrigued by the story line.

"I think that it was very emotionally engaging and it gave the audience a lot to think about."

Leanna Perez
Saint Mary's freshman

"I think that it was very emotionally engaging and it gave the audience a lot to think about. There was also an image of self-sacrifice and the attempt to understand ourselves through the eyes of

another," Saint Mary's freshman Leanna Perez said.

"Stop Kiss" is a contemporary piece written by Diana Son and was performed in Saint Mary's Little Theater.

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Candidates discuss God and religion

Clinton and Obama answer questions about personal faith at forum

Associated Press

GRANTHAM, Pa. — Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday that the potential for life begins at conception as she and presidential rival Sen. Barack Obama answered questions about faith and religion in both their personal lives and the public discourse.

In a forum devoted to an issue rare on the campaign trail, the two White House hopefuls talked about the presence of God in their lives and how often they read the Bible as well as divisive issues such as abortion, abstinence and human rights within the context of faith.

The two are reaching out to people of faith in Pennsylvania, which holds its primary on April 22. GOP nominee-in-waiting John McCain did not participate.

Clinton was asked whether life begins at conception — which opponents of abortion contend is a reality that makes any termination of a pregnancy the ending of a life.

"I believe the potential for life begins at conception," Clinton said. "For me, it is also not only about a potential life. It is about the other lives involved. ... I have concluded, after great, you know, concern and searching my own mind and heart over many years, ... that individuals must be entrusted to make this profound decision,

because the alternative would be such an intrusion of government authority that it would be very difficult to sustain in our kind of open society."

The New York senator added that abortion should remain legal, safe and rare.

The two candidates appeared separately at Messiah College near Harrisburg, Pa., and briefly met as Clinton left the stage and Obama took her place. The moment of pleasantries and handshakes belied days of angry accusations between the two over Obama's comments about bitter voters in small towns.

Asked whether life begins at conception, Obama said he didn't know the answer.

"This is something that I have not, I think, come to a firm resolution on. I think it's very hard to know what that means, when life begins. Is it when a cell separates? Is it when the soul stirs? ... What I know, as I've said before, is that there is something extraordinarily powerful about potential life and that that has a moral weight to it that we take into consideration when we're having these debates."

Clinton is a Methodist. Obama is a member of Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago, where the retired pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, touched off a furor with sermons criticizing the United States.

The words of Obama's pastor

have dogged the campaign, and the candidate reiterated his condemnation of Wright's remarks but stood by his church.

"Pastors are imperfect. Certainly, the membership is imperfect. I, as somebody who is sitting in the pews as a sinner, is imperfect," he said. "And, you know, that doesn't detract from, I think, what the church is supposed to be about, which is to worship God and proclaim the good news."

Clinton said she has felt the gift of God in her life and said she makes decisions on tough moral issues such as abortion and the treatment of alleged terrorists after prayer, contemplation and study.

"I don't pretend to even believe that I know the answers to a lot of these questions," Clinton said. "I don't."

One of the toughest questions she faced was why God allows innocent people to suffer. Clinton said that has been the subject of much debate for generations, and added: "I don't know. I can't wait to ask him."

When asked if she thought God wanted her to be president, Clinton quipped, "I could be glib and say, well, we'll find out."

She said she doesn't presume anything about God and she thought Abraham Lincoln was right to not act as if God is on our side. "In fact, our mission should be on God's side," Clinton said.

A Festival of Our Own Women Writers at Notre Dame



Alice McDermott



Katherine Vaz



Lily Hoang

April 15 & 16, 2008
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Tuesday April 15, 2008

7:00 p.m. Evening reading with Alice McDermott.
McKenna Hall Auditorium.
Question & answer session to follow.

Wednesday April 16, 2008

2:00 p.m. Panel discussion with Lily Hoang,
Alice McDermott, Katherine Vaz.
100 McKenna Hall.

7:30 p.m. Reading with Lily Hoang
and Katherine Vaz.
McKenna Hall
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Atrium.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraqi government sacks deserters

BAGHDAD — Iraq's government moved Sunday to restore discipline within the ranks of the security forces, sacking more than 1,300 soldiers and policemen who deserted during recent fighting against Shiite militias in Basra.

At the same time, Iraq's Cabinet ratcheted up the pressure on anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr by approving draft legislation barring political parties with militias from participating in upcoming provincial elections.

Al-Sadr, who heads the country's biggest militia, the Mahdi Army, has been under intense pressure from Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, also a Shiite, to disband the Mahdi Army or face political isolation.

Al-Sadr's followers are eager to take part in the local elections because they believe they can take power away from rival Shiite parties in the vast, oil-rich Shiite heartland of southern Iraq.

President's rival to be prime minister

NAIROBI — President Mwai Kibaki named opposition leader Raila Odinga as prime minister Sunday, implementing a long-awaited power-sharing deal aimed at resolving a political crisis that left more than 1,000 people dead.

The deal — signed more than a month ago — marks the first time Kenya will have both a president and prime minister. But the working relationship between Kibaki and Odinga, which has been frosty in the past, will determine how long the coalition lasts.

NATIONAL NEWS

Officials confiscate witnesses' phones

SAN ANGELO, Texas — State officials on Sunday enforced a judge's order and confiscated the cell phones of the women and children removed from a polygamist sect's private ranch in West Texas.

Attorneys ad litem for 18 girls from the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints who are in the legal custody of the state had sought the order, said Marissa Gonzalez, a spokeswoman for Texas Child Protective Services.

The attorneys reasoned that cutting off communications would "prevent the possible tampering of witnesses," Gonzalez said, reading from the court document.

It was unclear how many phones were taken Sunday. Gonzalez did not know if the document could be released.

Rowling to testify in copyright case

NEW YORK — Author J.K. Rowling is eager to tell a judge this week that one of her biggest fans is in fantasyland if he believes a "Harry Potter" encyclopedia he plans to publish does not violate her copyrights.

The showdown between Rowling and Steven Vander Ark is scheduled to last most of the week in U.S. District Court in Manhattan.

Rowling is scheduled to testify Monday in a trial that is sure to generate huge interest among Harry Potter fans and the public.

LOCAL NEWS

Obama apologizes for comments

MUNCIE, Ind. — Democrat Barack Obama on Saturday conceded that comments he made about bitter working class voters who "cling to guns or religion" were ill chosen, as he tried to stem a burst of complaints that he is condescending.

"I didn't say it as well as I should have," he said at Ball State University.

As he tried to quell the furor, presidential rival Hillary Rodham Clinton hit Obama with one of her lengthiest and most pointed criticisms to date.

"Senator Obama's remarks were elitist and out of touch," she said, campaigning about an hour away in Indianapolis. "They are not reflective of the values and beliefs of Americans."

At issue are comments Obama made privately at a fundraiser in San Francisco last Sunday. He explained his troubles winning over working class voters, saying they have become frustrated with economic conditions:

Pope to arrive at White House

Papal visit with President Bush to be second in history; crowd of 12,000 expected

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The leader of the world's Roman Catholics has been to the White House only once in history. That changes this week, and President Bush is pulling out all the stops: driving out to a suburban military base to meet Pope Benedict XVI's plane, bringing a giant audience to the South Lawn and hosting a fancy East Room dinner.

These are all firsts.

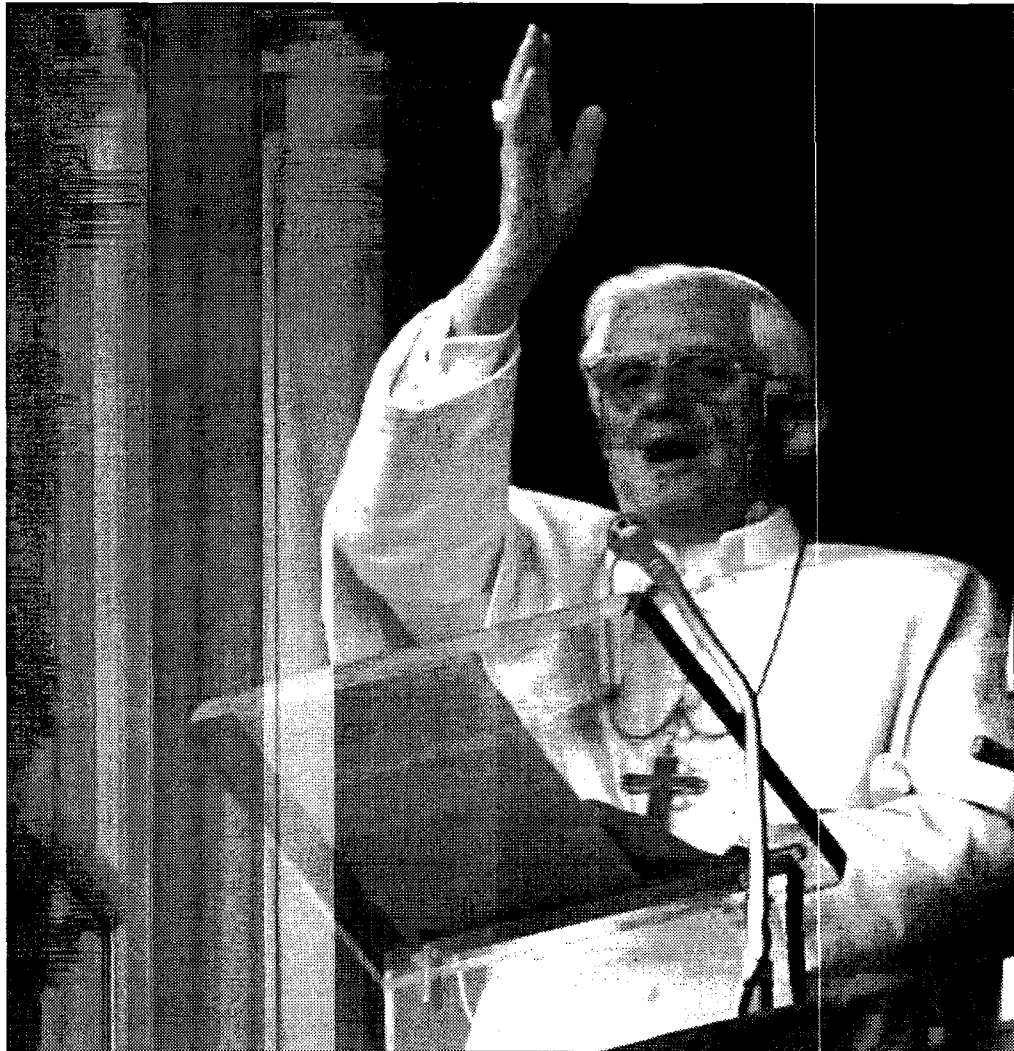
Bush has never before given a visiting leader the honor of picking him up at the airport. In fact, no president has done so at Andrews Air Force Base, the typical landing spot for modern leaders.

A crowd of up to 12,000 is due at the White House on Wednesday morning for the pope's official, pomp-filled arrival ceremony. It will feature the U.S. and Holy See anthems, a 21-gun salute, and the U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps. Both men will make remarks before their Oval Office meeting and a send-off for his popemobile down Pennsylvania Avenue.

The White House crowd will be the largest of Bush's presidency. It even beats the audience last spring for Queen Elizabeth II, which numbered about 7,000.

The evening festivities will mark the first time the Bushes have put on a high-profile meal in honor of someone who isn't even a guest. Wednesday is the pontiff's 81st birthday, and the menu celebrates his German heritage with Bavarian-style food.

But Benedict's prayer service that evening with U.S. bishops at a famed Washington basilica preclude him from coming to the dinner, according to the White House. Catholic



AP

Pope Benedict XVI blesses pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sunday, asking them to pray for a successful visit to the United States.

leaders will be there instead.

The president explained the special treatment — particularly the airport greeting.

"One, he speaks for millions. Two, he doesn't come as a politician; he comes as a man of faith," Bush told the EWTN Global Catholic Network in an interview aired Friday. He added that he wanted to honor Benedict's conviction that "there's right and wrong in life, that moral relativism has a danger of undermining the capacity to have more hopeful and free societies."

The Bush-Benedict get-together will be the 25th

meeting between a pope and a sitting president.

The first did not come until shortly after the end of World War I, when Woodrow Wilson was received at the Vatican by Pope Benedict XV in 1919. The next wasn't for 40 more years, when President Eisenhower saw Pope John XXIII in Rome. President Carter hosted the first White House visit by a pope, when John Paul II came on Oct. 6, 1979.

Since then, such audiences have become a must-do. Every president has met with the pope at least once, often more. This week makes Bush the record-holder, with a

total of five meetings with two popes.

There are more than 64 million reasons for this. Catholics number nearly one-quarter of the U.S. population, making them a desirable constituency for politicians to court. Worldwide, there are now an estimated 1 billion Roman Catholics.

"The pope represents not just the Catholic church but the possibility of moral argument in world affairs and it is very important for American presidents to rub up against that from time to time," said George Weigel, a Catholic theologian and biographer of Pope John Paul II.

ISRAEL

Leaders shun Carter over Hamas meeting

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Former President Jimmy Carter brokered the first Israeli-Arab peace deal, but he's getting a cool reception in Israel during his latest visit to the Mideast.

Israeli leaders are shunning the globe-trotting peacemaker for planning to meet with Khaled Mashaal, the head of Israel's archenemy Hamas, and comparing the Jewish state's policies to apartheid.

A schedule released by the Atlanta-based Carter Center showed no plans for the former president to meet any of Israel's key players: Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni or Defense Minister Ehud Barak during this

week's visit, which began Sunday.

The only high-ranking official on Carter's schedule was Israel's ceremonial head of state, President Shimon Peres. The 83-year-old former U.S. leader held a closed meeting with Peres shortly after arriving Sunday.

A senior Israeli official said "scheduling problems" was the official reason given for the high-profile snub — even though Olmert recently took time to chat with "Prison Break" star Wentworth Miller.

But the real reason for the cold shoulder is Carter's plan to meet with Mashaal when his Carter Center delegation travels later this week to Damascus, Syria, the Israel official said.

Israel's leader are not publicly criticizing Carter out of respect for his former position as U.S. president, the official added. He spoke on condition of anonymity because his explanation went beyond the official position.

Ahead of his Mideast trip, Carter defended his reasons for wanting to engage Hamas and said he feels "quiet at ease" about meeting with Hamas militants.

"I think there's no doubt in anyone's mind that if Israel is ever going to find peace with justice concerning the relationship with their next-door neighbors, the Palestinians, that Hamas will have to be included in the process," Carter told ABC News "This Week" in a broadcast aired Sunday.

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Solar power is another popular suggestion as a source of alternative energy. According to Thompson, a new solar power plant recently opened in Boulder, California. It covers 300 football fields of area and powers only 14,000 homes.

"Again, it faces many of the same problems that wind does," she said.

One form of energy that seems more promising is wave energy, which harvests energy from ocean tides. Thompson said researchers are having difficulties finding the technology to convert energy from the ocean into usable fuel.

"There are all kinds of experiments going on around the world on wave energy," she said.

Thompson was also critical of bio-fuels such as ethanol, saying they are costly as well as difficult to mass-produce.

"Forests do nature's work of capturing carbon dioxide, they are nature's best defense of carbon dioxide along with oceans," she said. "But when you clear those forests to grow crops for the bio-fuel, you are actually destroying that defense system."

While Thompson said all of these alternatives to coal power have potential to be efficient energy

sources, the question of cost often comes up. According to Thompson, the cost of transportation is often one of the biggest problems alternative fuels face.

To illustrate the severity of the environmental problem, Thompson cited the United Nations' predictions for the world in 2020.

According to Thompson, by the year 2020, Africa will have 75-250 million people who struggle to find water. This makes the rapidly changing climate an international security issue as countries fight over resources, Thompson said.

Thompson said she believes

"green" lifestyles can stay popular and that people want change. She cited her experience in Costa Rica where she visited Earth University, a school that educates students on how they can promote environmentally safe practices, as an example.

"Green, for the imaginative, will not be a burden, but it will be a launching pad for ideas, business plans, and forward thinking industries," Thompson said.

Thompson's lecture entitled "Green is the 'new black,' but will it stay in style?" was part of the lecture series "Ten Years Hence Speaker Series."

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"Forests do nature's work of capturing carbon dioxide, they are nature's best defense of carbon dioxide along with the oceans."

Anne Thompson
NBC correspondent

Jenkins names McGreevy new dean

History professor succeeds Roche as head of College of Arts and Letters

Special to The Observer

John T. McGreevy, departmental chair and professor of history at Notre Dame, has been appointed I.A. O'Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters by University president Fr. John Jenkins effective July 1. He succeeds Mark Roche, who is stepping down after 11 years as dean.

"Since returning to his alma mater a decade ago, John has been a valued voice on our campus, throughout higher education and in the Church," Jenkins said. "He is held in the highest regard as a scholar and colleague here at Notre Dame and in the academy, and I am delighted that he has accepted our offer to lead Notre Dame's largest and oldest college."

McGreevy joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997 after serving at Harvard University as the Dunwalke Associate Professor of American History and History and Literature. He has been chair of the Department of History at Notre Dame since 2002.

"John McGreevy is a talented and recognized scholar, gifted and award-winning teacher, and proven leader," University Provost Thomas G. Burish said. "He has an exceptional understanding of and commitment to achieving even greater academic excellence while also strengthening the distinctive Catholic identity and character of Notre Dame, and he is able to articulate this dual mission in clear and compelling terms. We are grateful and fortunate that he has agreed to serve as the next dean of the College of Arts and Letters."

"I'm delighted to accept the position of dean of the College of Arts and Letters," McGreevy said. "Notre Dame's effort to at once

become a preeminent research university, enhance an already strong reputation in undergraduate education and nurture a distinct religious identity is one of the most important experiments in American higher education, and I look forward to assisting this project from a new vantage point. I know firsthand that I'll be working with a remarkable group of scholars and administrators in the college and across the University, and I'm eager to begin collaborating with them on projects that advance our common efforts."

McGreevy earned his master's and doctoral degrees in history from Stanford University after graduating magna cum laude from Notre Dame in 1986 with a bachelor's degree in history. After his appointment to the Harvard faculty, he received a Lilly Foundation postdoctoral fellowship in humanities to teach at Valparaiso University in the 1992-93 academic year.

McGreevy is the author of two books. His first, "Parish Boundaries: The Catholic Encounter with Race in the Twentieth Century Urban North," was published in 1996 by University of Chicago Press and was awarded the John Gilmary Shea Prize for best book on Catholic history from the American Catholic Historical Association.

The second, titled "Catholicism and American Freedom: A History," was published by W.W. Norton in 2003. It examines tensions and overlap between an American liberal tradition focused on individual autonomy and a more communal Catholicism. Washington Post syndicated columnist E.J. Dionne praised "Catholicism and

American Freedom" as a "masterpiece that will be read eagerly not only for its insights into Catholic history but also for its rich understanding of American history." The New York Times wrote that it is a "brilliant book, which brings historical analysis of religion in American culture to a new level of insight and importance."

Don't watch Carla and other Latin hotties model at OLA's fashion show



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Recycle

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per person.

Kelley said Notre Dame collected 31 pounds per person of recyclables over the 10-week period according to RecycleMania's Web site.

While she admitted that doing well in the competition was important, Kelley said she was more focused on informing the student body about Notre Dame's new single stream recycling program.

"Just this past year, [Notre Dame] switched over," Kelley said. "You don't need to sort your recyclables anymore. Anywhere on campus at Notre Dame, you can

throw all of your recyclables into one bin."

Kelley said she hopes participation in RecycleMania becomes a tradition at Notre Dame.

"We're hoping that this will continue on every year. It will be a tradition, and maybe we can start branching out to other buildings on campus and even, if we ever bring composting to Notre Dame... we could integrate that and see how much food waste we could compost because other schools do that," Kelley said.

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IN BRIEF

Am. Airlines returns jets to service

DALLAS — American Airlines on Saturday received clearance from federal aviation officials to return all of its 300 grounded jets to service, an airline spokesman said.

After 200 cancellations Saturday morning, Fort Worth-based American was running a full schedule by the afternoon with no cancellations, said spokesman Charley Wilson.

Starting Tuesday, the nation's largest airline canceled nearly 3,300 flights, as it grounded 300 MD-80 jets to wrap wiring bundles to meet federal safety standards and prevent fires.

The cancellations stranded hundreds of thousands of people during the week.

American said 226 of its MD-80s were back in service by Friday morning. By noon on Saturday, the airline had received clearance to return all the remaining grounded jets to service, Wilson said.

The groundings had come as a surprise.

American officials said they thought they had the needed repair work completed two weeks ago when it scrubbed more than 400 flights, but the Federal Aviation Administration said the wiring still was not secured and stowed properly in wheel wells.

Founders fight for control over club

VIRGINIA CITY — For the ultra-rich, the Yellowstone Club is a private retreat like no other. It boasts its own ski resort, security provided by ex-Secret Service agents and a deep-pocketed membership that includes Bill Gates and former Vice President Dan Quayle.

However, a bitter divorce fight between the club's billionaire founders as well as a lawsuit by a group of investors led by cycling legend Greg LeMond have revealed all is not well behind the tony club's gated entrance in southwestern Montana's Gallatin Mountains, according to recent court testimony and documents reviewed by The Associated Press.

Since the recent collapse of a bid to sell the club for a reported \$455 million, founders Tim and Edra Blixseth are feuding over who gets control of the enterprise. She asked a judge last week to strip her husband of control of the club and reinstate her as chief operating officer. A

World Bank addresses food prices

Zoellick urges governments to give U.N. World Food Program \$500 million by May

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The president of the World Bank on Sunday urged immediate action to deal with mounting food prices that have caused hunger and deadly violence in several countries.

Robert Zoellick said the international community has "to put our money where our mouth is" and act now to help hungry people. "It is as stark as that."

He called on governments to rapidly carry out commitments to provide the U.N. World Food Program with \$500 million in emergency aid it needs by May 1.

"It is critical that governments confirm their commitments as soon as possible and others begin to commit," Zoellick said. Prices have only risen further since the WFP issued that appeal, so it is urgent that governments step up, he said.

After a meeting of the bank's policy-setting committee, Zoellick said that the fall of the government in Haiti over the weekend after a wave of deadly rioting and looting over food prices underscores the importance of quick international action. A U.N. police officer was killed Saturday in Haiti's capital.

Zoellick said that international finance meetings are "often about talk," but he noted a "greater sense of intensity and focus" among ministers; now, he said, they have to "translate it into greater action."

He said the bank is granting an additional \$10 million to Haiti for feeding programs, "and I



World Bank President Robert Zoellick, right, and Development Committee Chairman Agustín Carstens speak at an international finance meeting Sunday in Washington, D.C.

understand others are looking to help."

Zoellick said the bank was responding to needs in a number of other countries with conditional cash transfer programs, providing food in workplaces and seeds for planting in the new season.

He said a rough analysis the bank estimates that a doubling of food prices over the last three years could potentially push people in low income countries deeper into poverty.

"This is not just a question of short term needs, as important as they are," Zoellick said. "This is about ensuring that future generations don't pay a price too."

Zoellick spoke as the bank and its sister institution, the International Monetary Fund, wound up two days of meetings that dealt with the financial crises roiling global markets and rising food and energy prices.

The head of the IMF also sounded the alarm on food prices, warning

that if they remain high there will be dire consequences for people in many developing countries, especially in Africa.

Dominique Strauss-Kahn said progress in recent years on development can be destroyed by rising food prices, which can lead to starvation and shake the stability of governments, even if they have nothing to do with the increase in food cost. "We are facing a huge problem," he said.

Delta and Northwest discuss merger

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Delta and Northwest could announce a combination as early as Tuesday that would create the world's biggest airline, but pilot contract issues still loomed and there was no guarantee the deal would move ahead, three people familiar with the talks said Sunday.

The people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the situation, said officials were mobilizing for an announcement provided the boards of the two companies give final approval to a deal.

The boards of both companies have been having ongoing merger-related conversations. They could meet Monday to discuss moving ahead with a deal, a person familiar with the talks said.

It was increasingly likely the two airlines would proceed without a prearranged seniority integration

agreement between their pilots unions, so the main issue that remained was whether Delta pilots were willing to make changes to their contract to give Delta more flexibility after a combination, one of the people said.

Delta may be willing to give incentives to Delta pilots to make changes to their contract, another person familiar with the talks said.

The changes being sought are related to the scope section in the Delta pilot contract, which in part spells out what planes pilots fly and what routes they fly, people familiar with the talks said.

Any changes to the contract, including financial incentives, would apply to only Delta pilots since their contract only governs that airline's pilots. Northwest pilots have a separate contract.

A memo sent Friday from Delta's pilots union to its members said union leaders were meeting in spe-

cial session in Atlanta. It didn't say what they were discussing. That meeting continued Sunday, people familiar with the talks said.

Northwest pilot union leaders were meeting separately Sunday in Minnesota. Their meeting was described mainly as informational.

The usual approach in airline combinations has been to have pilots work out a joint union contract after a deal is announced. Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines Inc. and Eagan, Minn.-based Northwest Airlines Corp. took a different approach in their talks for months, figuring that if they could obtain full pilot agreements in advance they would reap the benefit of a combined airline much sooner.

With that in mind, pilots were in line to get raises and equity in the combined company. But the two groups couldn't agree on seniority, which determines who flies more desirable aircraft and routes.

MEXICO

Security, railroads impact immigration

Associated Press

ARRIAGA, Mexico — For thousands of illegal immigrants from Central America, the long journey to the U.S. starts here, on the groaning back of a freight train they call The Beast. But these days many don't get too far.

Central Americans without documents now face increased security within Mexico, including checks on the train for stowaways. It's also harder for them to head north once they cross into Mexico because of hurricane damage to the train tracks.

The result: The number of non-Mexican migrants stopped by the U.S. Border Patrol has dropped almost 60 percent from 2005, despite increased detention efforts. About 68,000 non-Mexican migrants — mostly Central Americans — were detained last year, compared to 165,000 in 2005. Non-Mexicans make up about 10 percent of all migrants caught by Border Patrol officers.

Mexico itself is also seeing fewer illegal immigrants — 120,000 were arrested last year, a 50 percent drop from 2005, when Hurricane Stan hit and destroyed the railroad, according to the National Immigration Institute. Since President Felipe Calderon took office two years ago, Mexico has added more soldiers and federal police on its border with Guatemala and more immigration and military checkpoints throughout the south.

Despite its efforts to secure its own southern border, Mexico does not try to stop its own citizens from crossing north illegally into the United States, beyond pursuing drug and people smugglers. By law, Mexican notes, Mexicans can go wherever they want within the country, including the border. They don't break any laws until they are on U.S. soil.

Many Mexicans are also sympathetic to illegal immigrants from Central America, but the issue still causes some tensions that echo the U.S. debate. Isaac Castillo, owner of the Hotel La Posada in Arriaga, argues that Central American immigrants often end up working in Mexico, where wages can be double the few dollars a day they might earn at home.

"The problem isn't just in the U.S., but in Mexico, because a lot of Central Americans want to stay here and compete with Mexicans for jobs," he said.

The crackdown on Central American migrants has left them searching for new routes. Some pay smugglers \$7,000 to go by boat into southern Mexico, then hide in tractor-trailers heading north.

These boats and trucks try to evade highway checkpoints set up every few miles alongside most of Mexico's southern roadways. But migrants have been crushed to death when false

floors collapsed under the weight of freight, and 22 Salvadoran migrants drowned in an October shipwreck off the coast of southern Oaxaca state.

For those Central American migrants unable or unwilling to risk the sea, a cargo train — The Beast — remains the only option for the 2,000-mile trip to the U.S.

The long trek begins at the Suchiate river, on the border with Guatemala, where for \$1 they cross on makeshift rafts into sweltering jungles.

Then they hike along the destroyed, sun-scorched train tracks to Arriaga for up to nine days. Arriaga, 200 miles from the Guatemalan border, is the closest place to hop a train since Hurricane Stan destroyed the Chiapas-Mayab line.

As they head north, they pay off thieves, immigration officials, police and railroad employees.

Juan Gabriel Ramos, a Guatemalan 17-year-old trying to join his mother in California, said he bribed a Mexican federal police officer and an immigration agent before even making it to Arriaga.

"The mistreatment of migrants here is brutal, and no one does anything about it because everyone sees them as booty."

Heyman Vasquez
Roman Catholic priest

"They both told me that if I didn't give them money they would send me back to Guatemala," Ramos said.

When they're caught, migrants say they're often abused by Mexican authorities. In one notorious case last year in the northern city of

Saltillo, migrants complained to the National Human Rights Commission of rectal exams done by immigration officials who said they were checking for cholera.

"The mistreatment of migrants here is brutal, and no one does anything about it because everyone sees them as booty," said Heyman Vasquez, a Roman Catholic priest. He estimated 80 percent of migrants are robbed before they arrive at his two-room shelter in Arriaga.

The slowdown in immigrant traffic is notable in Arriaga, a town of corn and sorghum farmers. Only a few clusters of Central American men and women linger around the mostly abandoned, graffiti-covered train station, where they wait for the first train they can grab. Many stay at a local migrant shelter, watching television or sharing stories of abuse.

Sitting on a cracked sidewalk outside the shelter, one Nicaraguan man told of the time he saw a group of criminals gang-rape a woman and shoot her boyfriend. A Honduran couple talked of fleeing their country after gang members killed their teenage daughter, and leaving their seven children, ages 18 to 1, in hiding.

It doesn't get any easier once immigrants hop a train. They must often bribe private guards and police stationed along the tracks. Many stowaways are too tired to hold on to the train and fall, losing limbs.

Soldiers, citizens use alcohol detectors

767 on Army training post have personal devices in cars, on key chains

Associated Press

FORT JACKSON, S.C. — Hoping to save a life when an Army buddy's had too much to drink, 767 soldiers and civilians on the Army's largest training post now carry personal alcohol detectors in their cars or on their key chains.

Fort Jackson's safety director Sean O'Brian has been handing out the four-inch devices since the first of the year.

"It's a good way to not get into a confrontation with a buddy, in case they've been drinking," said Master Sgt. James Smith. "It's impartial. It lets you say, 'Hey, let's let this be our guide.'"

While there hasn't been a big problem with drunken driving on the base — there were 10 alcohol-related accidents in a recent 12-month span — that's still too many in O'Brian's opinion.

Fort Jackson is one of eight Army installations that have begun using the pocket-sized detectors, base spokesman Pat Jones said.

Staff Sgt. Tenesia Vann at Fort Benning, Ga., said she grabbed half of dozen of the tiny breathalyzers when she first arrived at the base in January.

"If I go to a gathering where people are drinking, I want to be able to hand them out. I think they could be a deciding factor in convincing people not to get behind the wheel," said the 35-year-old administrative assistant. "I keep them at home in case I have people over for a cookout."

Fort Benning, home to multiple infantry units and the ser-

vice's Airborne and Ranger training schools, got 155,000 of the devices last May. Officials have handed out 100,000 of them in nearly a year's time.

Yvonne Wilbanks, alcohol and drug control officer for the post, has worked for 25 years trying to convince soldiers not to drink and drive. Handing out the devices has been "one of the better things that we've done," she said. All Army bases mandate safety lectures for soldiers, while others try to emphasize the message through posters or offering no-questions-asked rides home should someone have one too many.

The Army, with more than 524,000 men and women on active duty, is the nation's largest military service. Besides Benning and Jackson, other installations trying out the detectors include Fort Lee, Va.; Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.; Fort Greely, Alaska; Fort Sam Houston and Corpus Christie Army Depot in Texas, and Fort Dix, N.J.

In South Carolina, the detectors come amid a state legislator's proposal that would allow members of the armed forces younger than 21 the right to buy alcohol even though it's in contrast to the military's efforts to diminish underage drinking and related accidents.

Five years ago, there were 23 alcohol-related accidents at Fort Jackson, where 55,000 to

65,000 soldiers pass through the gates annually. Luckily, none of the accidents has been fatal, O'Brian said.

Smith, 41, who has been in the Army for 23 years, said he wished he had the device earlier in his career. At Fort Jackson, he is in charge of a dozen drill sergeants and their 240 basic training recruits.

"I think it's an excellent idea to 'police up' yourself and your buddies."

James Smith
Master Sgt.

"I think it's an excellent idea to 'police up' yourself and your buddies. I keep it in my car," Smith said.

The detectors are not a self-diagnostic tool. They require a buddy's help.

Known as "Breathscan" tubes, they're carried inside the yellow plastic key fob designed for military use, said Patrice McMorro, marketing director for Akers Biosciences Inc. in Thorofare, N.J., which produces the devices. They aren't marketed directly to the public, she said, although some might be found for sale online.

O'Brian, who is in charge of giving safety lectures to all new soldiers and the 4,400 civilian workers who come to Fort Jackson, got 2,500 of the devices to hand out along with information designed to puncture myths about drinking and driving.

For example, he said, "Coffee doesn't make you sober. It just wakes you up. Another myth is that you know when you're too drunk to drive. You don't."

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HAITI

Nutritional crisis threatens stability

Anger over rising food prices leads to protests, ousting of politician

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Aid organizations said Sunday they feared the nutritional crisis could deepen in impoverished Haiti, where skyrocketing food prices have already led to deadly protests and the ouster of the nation's No. 2 politician.

With anger over food prices threatening the stability of this Caribbean nation already haunted by chronic hunger, the U.N. World Food Program appealed for donations to meet its US\$96 million (61 million) aid goal for Haiti. It has collected less than 15 percent of the annual budget goal.

On Saturday, President Rene Preval announced subsidies to lower the price of rice and Haitian lawmakers fired Prime Minister Jacques Edouard Alexis for failing to boost food production.

But aid workers said the measures might not be enough to ease popular anger if hunger continues to rise.

Mamadou Mbaye, who heads the U.N. World Food Program's office in Haiti, said fixing Haiti's systemic problems like unemployment and dependence on imported food cannot be accomplished immediately, and that means unrest could continue.

"Some measures will generate results in the long term ... but whether people will be willing to

wait for that is another issue," he said.

Mbaye said the violence is hampering his agency's efforts to feed people. Children who used to depend on school-lunch programs and adults who participate in work-for-food programs have been forced to stay home, burdening families, he said.

Haiti imports almost all its food and global food prices have risen 40 percent since mid-2007. Locally, the prices of rice and pasta have doubled in parts of the capital of Haiti, a country where 2.4 million people already cannot afford the minimum daily calories recommended by the World Health Organization.

On Saturday, Preval announced that international aid and local importers would work together to lower rice prices by 15 percent.

A week of hunger-provoked protests and looting have already left six people dead, including a Nigerian officer with the 9,000-member U.N. police force who was pulled from a car and killed Saturday afternoon. Three Sri Lankan peacekeepers on patrol were injured by gunfire earlier in the week.

Preval is mulling over candidates to replace Alexis as prime minister, while some Haitians speculate lawmakers could go after the president next. Sen. Youri Latortue told reporters that legislators would be prepared to consider a new prime minister on

Monday.

A lull in violence Sunday allowed residents to shop in markets and attend church in the Haitian capital. U.N. peacekeepers reported no new violence or widespread protests.

But aid workers said that volatile protests were likely to continue because of sustained high food prices in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

As prices increase, desperation is spreading from the slums to Haiti's working poor, part of the impetus for this week's demonstrations, said Bill Canny of Catholic Relief Services.

Dumas Antenor, a 54-year-old father of 14, said just one can of rice costs a fifth of the US\$4 (2.50) he earns on a good day loading group taxis in the hills above Port-au-Prince.

"I hope that one day I'll see rice go back down at least 10 gourdes (26 cents; 16 euro cents) and I will be able to feed my kids at least two meals a day," he said.

Canny said Catholic Relief Services continues to distribute food to tens of thousands of vulnerable children, pregnant women and the sick. But the program will need more donations if hunger spreads to poor people with slightly higher incomes.

"The international community has to work with the government to come together" to ease the hunger crisis, he said.

AUSTRIA

Official cancels meeting with IAEA

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — A top Iranian official on Sunday abruptly canceled a meeting with the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, dealing a blow to the U.N. monitor's efforts to investigate allegations that Iran tried to make nuclear arms, an agency official said.

The IAEA official, confirming Iranian media reports that Monday's planned meeting was off, told The Associated Press that no reason had been given.

But a senior diplomat had told the AP that IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei likely planned to use the meeting with Gholam Reza Aghazadeh, the head of Iran's nuclear program, to renew a request for more information on allegations Tehran had tried to make atomic arms.

Both the official and the diplomat demanded anonymity because they were not authorized to comment by name on the Iranian nuclear issue.

Iran's official news agency, IRNA, reported Sunday that the talks between Aghazadeh and the U.N. nuclear watchdog were postponed. There was no immediate explanation for the discrepancy.

The diplomat, who follows IAEA attempts to clear up suspicions about Iran's nuclear activities, said the meeting also was likely to have focused on Iran's latest show of defiance of U.N. Security Council demands to suspend uranium enrichment.

Last week, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced that his nation was installing thousands of new uranium-enriching centrifuges and testing a much faster version of the device.

Ahmadinejad said scientists were putting 6,000 new centrifuges into place, about twice the current number, and testing a new type that works five times faster. That would represent a major expansion of uranium enrichment — a process that can produce either fuel for a nuclear reactor or material for a warhead.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, however, cautioned the claim could not be immediately substantiated, and diplomats close to the IAEA said Iran has exaggerated its progress and experienced problems operating the 3,000 centrifuges already in place.



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The value of college

We should all feel lucky to be in college. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, just under 30 percent of the adult American population holds a bachelor's degree or more. Yet that elite 30 percent earns, on average, at least twice as much as those with a high school diploma, and those with advanced degrees, four times as much. The Institute for Higher Education Policy, meanwhile, reported that college graduates enjoy higher levels of saving, increased personal and professional mobility, improved quality of life for their offspring, better consumer decision making and more leisure time. Economically speaking, a college degree is a good thing.

But there is something odd about reducing a bachelor's degree to mere numbers. Are such statistics supposed to reassure those studying toward degrees that they (or their parents) made the right choice or are they supposed to be an incentive for those who are thinking of not going to college at all? And what does it say that these institutions are describing the whole of college experience in terms of future salaries? After all, according to these two institutions, the university is nothing more than a means to a vocational end — a monetary leg up and nothing else. And because the university apparently has to justify itself in terms of the market, it suggests that a bachelor's degree has no intrinsic worth outside of its economic value.

Maybe it doesn't. It's hard to break

the liberal arts curriculum down into something as punchy as a cost/benefit analysis. Of course, the liberal arts are supposed to impart critical thinking skills, general knowledge, aesthetic sensibilities and the like, to create a "complete" person. All of these things sound good but are hard to measure or define. More importantly, all of these things are becoming less and less valuable in the real world, or at least in the working world, which for the most part values compliance, punctuality and efficiency as much as (if not over) creativity and critical thought. If you need some critical thinking, you can turn to the glut of analysts and commentators, who can reduce even the most complicated ideas or events into a sound byte or, even better, a smug one-liner. And where are you going to use your general knowledge except at, say, trivia night at your local bar?

In one of J.D. Salinger's short stories, a character complains, "You never even hear any hints dropped on a campus that wisdom is supposed to be the goal of knowledge. You hardly ever even hear the word 'wisdom' mentioned!" And in a sense, that's true. No matter what goes on the curriculum, universities are, for the most part, designed to impart knowledge. Even the most advanced classes, whether in the sciences or the humanities, teach you mostly knowledge: facts, theories, arguments and so on. Wisdom, on the other hand, is purely internal. Maybe it results from broadening your intellectual capacity through intense study of everything from history to physics to music or

maybe you can get it just from reading Plato, Augustine or Nietzsche. What the liberal arts curriculum ultimately does, I think, is place you in contact with so many products of the human experience that you are as likely as not to find some small thing that makes you think. But most importantly, wisdom is something that can't really be taught. It's something wholly personal and that makes it something immeasurable, unalienable from the individual; something that can't, in short, be measured in dollars, leisure time or quite possibly by any rubric at all.

And that is both the achievement and the drawback of a liberal arts education. It can make you start along the path to wisdom, but it can't explain how, or why, or even guarantee that it will happen. After college you'll probably never be in such an intellectually rich environment again and you may very well be working in a place where knowledge, wisdom and much else of what you learn in college is secondary to pure productivity. Any further personal growth is entirely up to you.

So in the end, because we are at a university where the liberal arts are still an integral part of the curriculum, we are indeed lucky — and maybe not just for our future paychecks.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Ode to Notre Dame Hockey

I love Notre Dame hockey like I love Notre Dame football. Maybe it's because it was only at Notre Dame that I started loving and following the sport. Maybe it's because, as part of the fencing team, I shared that half of the JACC with them for practices and home events. Whatever the reason, as soon as I found out that they were playing down in Colorado Springs for the West Regional, I had to take advantage of my first opportunity to watch some Notre Dame hockey in two years.

The Michigan State game was amazing. My eyes welled up with pride having watched this team earn their first-ever trip to the Frozen Four. The tickets to the Frozen Four I finally found were the best 25th birthday present ever. And what surprised me Thursday afternoon on my way to the Pepsi Center from my apartment in south Denver was how nervous I was about the semifinal game. I could only imagine what they felt. The Michigan game was one of the best games (in any sport) I have ever watched. I was absolutely thrilled about seeing our team in the championship game. They were the Cinderella story of the Frozen Four.

I walked into the Pepsi Center Saturday and as the game started, I could feel how nervous the Notre Dame team felt. I knew that it was probably too much to ask to see them win the championship in their first trip to the Frozen Four but I would not give up hope. Even when the second period score was 3-0 in Boston College's favor. Even when they called back that goal in the third period, a call that

probably cost Notre Dame their fighting chance at the title.

It was a heartbreaker, but there was also something in that game that made the trip all the more outstanding: North Dakota. Having lost in a blowout Thursday night, many of the faithful returned Saturday night to watch the championship game. But even more, the Fighting Sioux threw all of their cheering power and support behind their fellow bearers of Notre Dame. It was incredible to see the Sioux, directly across from the Irish starting a "Let's go Irish!" cheer in the middle of the second period and to see them start another, yelling "GO!" from their side, with the "IRISH!" returning from the Notre Dame contingent. They, along with the Notre Dame band, rallied the spirits of the Notre Dame faithful time and time again. It was a beautiful thing.

I walked away with three feelings this weekend: heartbreak, undying pride in all the Irish hockey team has accomplished since a five-win season my senior year and a new fondness for the people of North Dakota. Thanks to the Sioux for their support and congratulations to the Irish on this phenomenal, historical accomplishment. I can't wait to see them return to the Frozen Four next year!

Rebecca Chimahusky
alum
class of 2005
Apr. 13

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"No soul is desolate as long as there is a human being for whom it can feel trust and reverence."

George Eliot
novelist

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A person's a person no matter how small or great the disability

During my time as a student at Notre Dame I worked at Logan Center with many severely disabled adults like Terri Schindler-Schiavo and Lauren Marie Richardson. These extraordinary human beings had more life and love in them than many other non-disabled human beings I have met. There was one client I assisted at Logan, for example, who could neither walk nor talk — although he could make noises. He could not see much but he could hear. His name was Royce and he adored me. He knew my voice, he would squeeze my fingers so tight I couldn't move them when I would give him my hand, he would get this huge smile on his face when the other caretakers told him "Laura is coming today" — he knew my

name. He would also sing (in his own way of course) the Notre Dame Fight Song when we would tell him to.

The problem is not the disabilities of those with severe disabilities like Terri Schindler-Schiavo or Lauren Marie Richardson. The real "disability" is the fact that by continuing to advocate a "quality of life" mentality society improperly puts a value on the lives of people with disabilities as being nothing based on what they cannot do. As a person with a disability myself, I cannot imagine someone deciding my life is not valuable because I cannot do something or that I have to do something differently. I am a person, not my disability. We must use our voices to advocate for

all people with disabilities, especially those who are unable to advocate for themselves due to their disabilities. We must remember Terri Schindler-Schiavo and the inhumane treatment she suffered as a person with a severe disability to the point of death. We must support the life of Lauren Marie Richardson so that another disabled person is not the victim of the "disability" of the "quality of life" mentality. A person is a person no matter how small or great the disability.

Laura Hoffman
alum
Class of 2004
Apr. 9

Re-thinking alcohol consumption

Don't get me wrong. I love Notre Dame with every fiber of my being but the pretentiousness and sanctimony being spewed by some Notre Dame students with regards to alcohol consumption make me sad to call them my peers. I don't care if you drink alcohol. Maybe you just don't like the taste or you happen to dislike the post-drinking side effects. But just because you do not drink does not give you any acceptable reason to thumb your nose at those who do or look down at us beer drinkers from your imaginary pedestal.

I have met some extraordinary people here at this university and a lot of them drink something other than soda or Cabernets. And maybe some of these outstanding people I've encountered consume too many cold beverages on the weekend but you know what; it's called being a 19-year-old and being in college. This is the last four years (make that two) of my life to occasionally make questionable decisions and just be ridiculous.

Now don't get me wrong, I abhor those drinkers who let alcohol lead them to being violent, abusive, and non-responsive but that's why you surround yourself with friends who will look out for you even when you're stumbling down Notre Dame Ave. after a house party.

I'm sure I speak for a large group of people when I say that most students at this university have encircled themselves within a group of friends that genuinely care not only about each other, but more importantly, each other's well-being. Alcohol consumption is only a problem when you either drink by yourself (and in that case have serious problems) or hang out with a group of people who are terrible human beings and have no regard for your personal safety. I'm going to make a bold prediction that the majority fall into the first group.

So Daniel Cerrone, Ryan Slaney and all you other condescending Notre Dame students, I am not asking you to become pro-drinking. Instead, I am asking you to realize that not only are you not more intellectual and moral for not consuming alcohol but that you also need to lighten up and allow others to enjoy their college years. But seriously guys (and girls), go grab a Keystone Light and enjoy the nectar of the Gods.

Tim Lang
sophomore
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Apr. 8

Prohibition: Enemy of fun

In response to Ryan Slaney's Apr. 10 letter regarding alcohol ("Alcohol: Enemy of academic and moral development"): Lighten up. This is college. You'll have plenty of time to complain about young people having fun when you're older.

Brad Monroe
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Apr. 10

Sponsor an alcohol practicum

I would like to add to Bill Nolan's Apr. 11 response ("Alcohol in the 'Real World'") to Ryan Slaney ("Alcohol: Enemy of academic and moral development," Apr. 10) concerning Notre Dame alcohol policy. I agree that outlawing alcohol on campus would be a serious mistake for students to develop as balanced, responsible human beings. The University should take an active role in making sure its students can swim socially after they leave. My main concern comes from outside the bubble.

At a recent medical school interview, I sat through a 10-minute rant about how Notre Dame students do not understand the real world when they get into it because they "live in a fantasy land." My interviewer firmly believes that Notre Dame students are not immediately ready for reality after graduation because they have not experienced it in at least four years. The fact is that there is alcohol in the real world and it is a scary proposition that Notre Dame students might have to figure out alcohol moderation once they leave.

A better suggestion than outlawing alcohol: Notre Dame should sponsor a series of student-run events that focus on alcohol culture for its other ingredients. Wine-tastings. A history of beer with free samples. What is in a martini? What are acceptable drinks in the business world? What message do I send my boss when I order a "sex on the beach?" Those experienced in these areas can show us how to be social in the real world and be realistic. Alcohol is a social force in our culture and it would be a shame if Notre Dame did not acknowledge graduates' inevitable interaction with, you know, everybody else.

Tim Luebbert
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Why stop at alcohol?

I commend Ryan Slaney (Alcohol: Enemy of academic and moral development," Apr. 10) for his insightful and well-researched indictment of the dangers of alcohol consumption. I would, however, like to expand upon his vision, which I feel to be sadly restricted. The physical and spiritual harm alcohol brings to our student community is obvious but there lurks a more insidious threat to our personal and moral integrity. It lurks within every residence hall, perhaps even your own dorm room and its usage is completely unrestricted by Our Lady's University. Yes, I am talking about television. According to some motivational poster I saw at my old high school, sitting on the couch and watching television day after day not only makes you really, really boring, but also affects your health by impairing your vision and encouraging weight gain. You would be much better off going outside for a jog, or at the very least a brisk walk about the block to meet the neighbors whose dinner party you blew off last week so you could watch "30 Rock" and "The Office."

What's more, long-term addiction to primetime television shows can negatively impact a person's intellectual life. I have seen this happening at Notre Dame since I was a freshman — walking down my hallway at 8 p.m. of a Thursday night, my ears were assailed with the inanity of "California" coming from all directions. Today, I know people who skip homework, put off papers and ditch group project meetings just so they can catch all of their week-night line-up. I find it deplorable that the administration has exacerbated this problem by granting dorm-wide cable access. Do they want students to fail?

There are some who may try to argue that watching television is a purely personal choice, or that its impact is not nearly as detrimental as I'm making it out to be. To them I say that the effects of television, like those of other drugs, can only worsen with increased exposure, and never stay limited to the user. Countless silent victims have their stud-

ies interrupted when their neighbors gather next door for a session of collective IQ-lowering with America's Next Top Model at full blast. Innocent bystanders and their property become compromised when someone's attempt at publicly replicating a Jacka** stunt inevitably goes awry. The Catholic character of this university is itself under constant assault from the day-to-day influx of television programs promoting sexually promiscuous attitudes, the objectification and degradation of women and the gay agenda.

Let us not also forget that television watching frequently goes hand-in-hand with that other vehicle of both mental and moral impairment: alcohol. A group of students gathered in a dorm room watching SportsCenter are far more likely to be engaged in irresponsible drinking (which, as we all know, is the only kind of drinking) than a group of students occupying their time with wholesome and enriching Bible study.

Now, I'm not denying that television can have its proper place and time. I myself was responsibly introduced to television by my grandmother when I reached an appropriate age and spent many summers at grandma's house enjoying the chaste pleasures of Mother Angelica's Eternal Word Television Network. I only wish that other students had been so fortunate as to have the support and guidance of loving family members during their first experiences with television. However, it is obvious to me that the student body lacks both the maturity and the moral fiber to resist television's many sultry temptations. It is therefore the duty of the administration to give our Notre Dame Family proper guidance by prohibiting the use of television.

Nikki Huiras
senior
Badin Hall
Apr. 10

FROZEN FOUR



The Irish captains, from left to right, Mark Van Guilder, Dan VeNard, Erik Condra and Brock Sheahan laugh in front of the crowd that gathered at Main Circle around 4 p.m. on Sunday to welcome back the hockey team from Denver.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson, center, and the rest of the Irish wait for the repl



Irish goalie Jordan Pearce makes a save against Boston College. Pearce allowed 12 goals in his four NCAA Tournament games this season.

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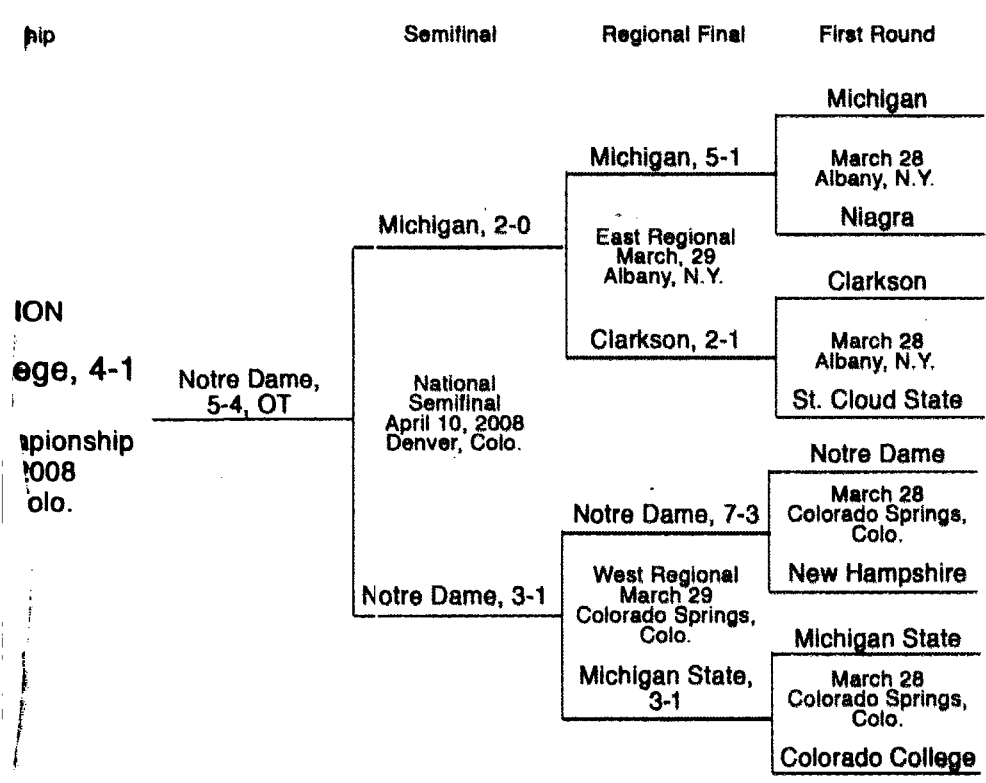


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Notre Dame head coach Paul Pooley, right, assistant coach Andy Slaggert, left, look on as players celebrate a goal during the game.



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Notre Dame defenseman Brock Sheahan looks for the puck in front of Boston College goaltender John Muse, while an Eagles defenseman kicks up some ice spray.

2008 Frozen Four Tournament



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Irish left wing Calle Ridderwall takes a shot against Boston College. Ridderwall had two goals, including the game-winner, Thursday against Michigan.

MLB

White Sox take advantage of Tigers' struggles

Cubs defeat error-prone Phillies in extra innings; Lee pitches two-hitter in Indians' win over Athletics

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Add Joe Crede, Paul Konerko and the rest of the Chicago White Sox to the long list of things that are making life miserable for Detroit manager Jim Leyland.

Crede and Paul Konerko each hit grand slams to back Javier Vazquez's strong start, and the red-hot White Sox pounded the struggling Tigers 11-0 on Sunday.

Konerko's homer came in the third off Kenny Rogers and Crede's grand slam, his second this season, came in the fifth against Zach Miner as the White Sox won for the fifth time in six games over Detroit, the preseason favorite to win the AL Central.

"We got Detroit at the right time," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said. "Those guys are going to wake up sooner or later. They have unbelievable talent."

Chicago already has a 57-game lead in the division over the Tigers, who have the worst record in the majors at 2-10. The White Sox have outscored Detroit 46-12 this season, despite the Tigers adding slugging third baseman Miguel Cabrera to an already loaded lineup.

"Where we're at makes sense because that's the way we've played," Leyland said. "It's not surprising that we're 2-10. We've been shut out four times. ... I didn't think we'd get shut out four times all year, to be honest with you."

After the game, Leyland was heard screaming in the clubhouse before reporters were allowed inside. He wouldn't comment on the rant, but the

crusty manager said it wasn't just about the loss.

"There was one thing that sticks out to me right now that's going on, and that was the straw that broke the camel's back," Leyland said, without revealing the issue.

"We're just in a funk," he added. "Can I get them out of the funk? No, I don't think so. They have to get themselves out of it."

It was the third time the White Sox have hit two grand slams in one game. The last time Chicago did it was May 19, 1996, when Darren Lewis and Robin Ventura homered at Detroit. The first time was Sept. 4, 1995, when Ventura hit two grand slams in a game at Texas.

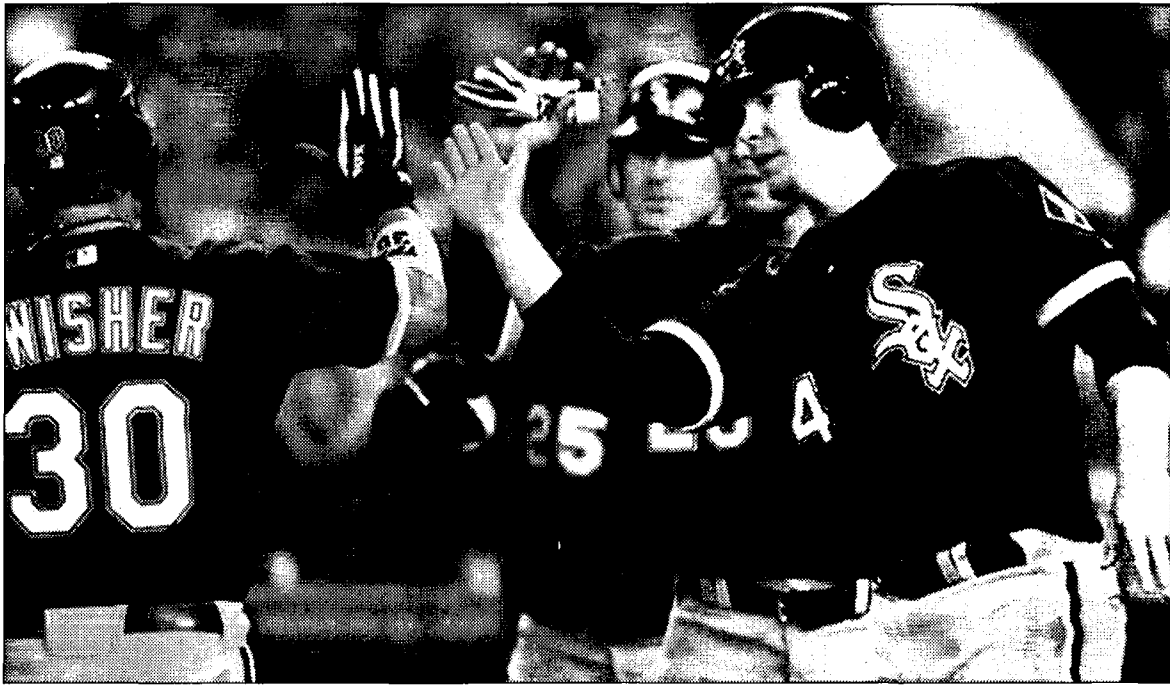
"It was kind of wild," Konerko said. "You don't see many grand slams, and especially with the weather. The weather was kind of brutal out there."

On a cold and windy day, Rogers (0-3) gave up seven runs on seven hits and four walks in four-plus innings. He once again pitched with no run support; the Tigers haven't scored a run in his three starts this season. Not that he helped much.

"We're not a very good team right now," Rogers said. "We're as bad a team as there is right now in every facet, myself as much as anyone. I'm supposed to be consistent and I was very uncomfortable out there and inconsistent."

Cubs 6, Phillies 5

Carlos Zambrano's hustle — not his pitching or bat — paid off in a rare appearance off the bench.



White Sox outfielder Nick Swisher celebrates after scoring on an Orlando Cabrera double in Chicago's 11-0 win Sunday.

Second baseman Chase Utley's throwing error on Zambrano's grounder allowed Ronny Cedeño to score the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the Chicago Cubs beat the Philadelphia Phillies Sunday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Jayson Werth and Eric Bruntlett hit solo homers for the Phillies. Mark DeRosa had a disputed solo shot for the Cubs.

Cedeño walked leading off the 10th against Rudy Seanez (0-1) and Geovany Soto walked after Ryan Theriot's sacrifice. Zambrano, a career .215 hitter with 12 homers, was called on to pinch-hit because the Cubs were out of position players.

The left-handed hitting Zambrano bounced a grounder to shortstop Bruntlett that should've been an inning-ending double play. However, first baseman Ryan Howard couldn't scoop Utley's poor throw to first and Cedeño scored.

The Phillies have committed 15 errors, second only to Pittsburgh.

Utley, who has four of the errors, may have rushed his throw because Zambrano busted it down the line.

"Z put the ball in play and he hustled," DeRosa said. "That shows the character of this team."

Zambrano, an 18-game winner last year, took the loss in the series opener on Friday.

Kerry Wood (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings and Bob Howry finished for his first save.

Utley doubled with two outs in the 10th. After Howard was intentionally walked, So Taguchi grounded out to end it.

Playing without shortstop Jimmy Rollins and center fielder Shane Victorino, the defending NL East champions missed a chance to go above .500 for the first time this season.

Indians 7, Athletics 1

Cliff Lee had an easy time shutting down the Oakland Athletics.

Pitching quickly and efficiently in the wind and cold, Lee helped the Cleveland Indians end the A's five-game winning streak with a victory Sunday.

"It was miserable, wasn't fun, and as cold as its ever been for me playing ball," Oakland second baseman Mark Ellis said. "The hardest part was when the wind kicked up. You didn't want to be on defense too long."

Two-run doubles by Grady Sizemore and David Dellucci in the eighth helped the Indians win for only the third time in 10 games and avoid their first three-game sweep at home to the Athletics since September 1989.

After a 48-minute delay at the start, Lee (2-0) repeatedly got his teammates out of the cold — 38 degrees with a 28-degree wind chill at gametime — and back into Cleveland's warm dugout, allowing only one run and two hits over eight innings. The left-hander struck out eight without a walk, working in an intermittent wind-whipped mix of snow and rain.

"It didn't bother me, but I definitely wouldn't want to be a hitter today," Lee said. "I just tried to throw a strike and hopefully they'd try to hit a home run. It wasn't going out

in that wind."

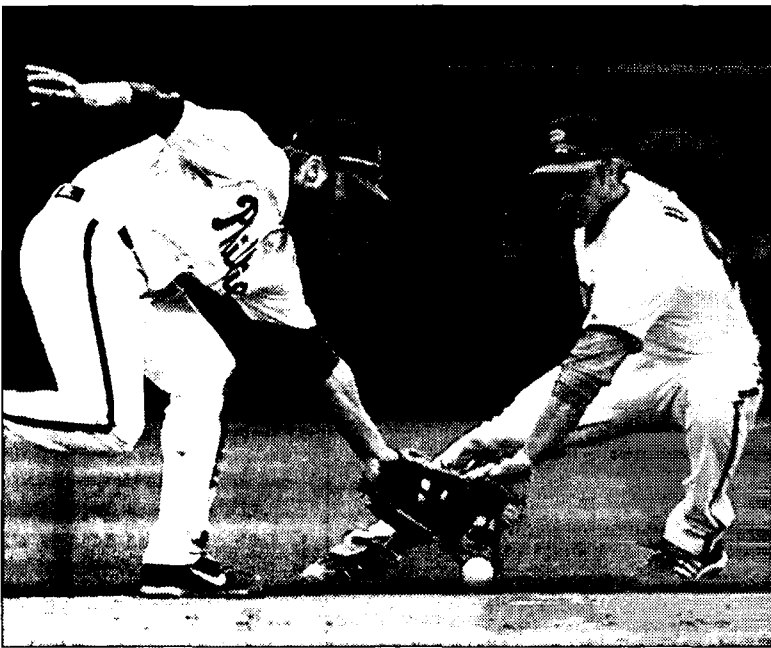
Indians manager Eric Wedge explained the delay, even though it didn't rain, was due to a foreboding forecast.

"We really lucked out," Wedge said. "It was swirling all around, supposed to hit at 11:30 (a.m.), then a little later. We didn't want both starting pitchers to warm up, then have to sit. We finally just decided to go out and try it."

Lee didn't mind waiting to make his second straight strong start against the A's. On April 6 in Oakland, he yielded four hits and an unearned run over 6 2-3 innings in a 2-1 victory. That win was his first since July 1 — during a season in which the former 18-game winner started on the disabled list with an abdominal strain, then went only 5-8 with a 6.29 ERA. He even was sent back to the minors to try and regain the form that had won 44 games over the previous three seasons.

"I had a bad year and I've been anxious to get back and give my team a chance to win games," Lee said. "Facing them twice in a row, I knew what it took to be successful. Then again, they had a fresh scouting report on me, too. At the start, I said, 'Let's attack them the same way.' And it worked."

Lee retired the first nine Oakland batters before Travis Buck tripled between first baseman Ryan Garko and the foul line to open the fourth. Buck scored on a weak ground single by Ellis. Shortstop Jhonny Peralta tried to make a bare-handed scoop and throw, but couldn't handle the ball.



Philadelphia's Eric Bruntley, left, and Chase Utley reach for a ball in the seventh inning of Chicago's 6-5 win Sunday.

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MLB

American League, East Division

team	record	perc.	RF	RA
Toronto	7-5	.583	62	45
Baltimore	7-5	.583	55	53
Tampa Bay	6-6	.500	63	49
NY Yankees	6-6	.500	38	44
Boston	6-6	.500	47	54

American League, Central Division

team	record	perc.	RF	RA
Chicago Sox	7-4	.636	70	49
Kansas City	7-5	.583	38	32
Minnesota	6-6	.500	43	44
Cleveland	5-7	.417	54	60
Detroit	2-10	.167	33	78

American League, West Division

team	record	perc.	RF	RA
Oakland	8-5	.615	59	50
LA Angels	7-6	.538	65	64
Seattle	6-7	.462	61	60
Texas	5-7	.417	49	55

National League, East Division

team	record	perc.	RF	RA
Florida	7-5	.583	56	70
Philadelphia	6-7	.462	59	62
NY Mets	5-6	.455	58	47
Atlanta	5-7	.417	67	52
Washington	4-9	.308	51	70

National League, Central Division

team	record	perc.	RF	RA
St. Louis	9-4	.692	60	46
Milwaukee	8-4	.667	64	51
Chicago Cubs	7-5	.583	59	60
Pittsburgh	6-6	.500	63	65
Cincinnati	6-7	.462	52	51
Houston	5-8	.385	53	55

National League, West Division

team	record	perc.	RF	RA
Arizona	9-2	.818	72	32
San Diego	7-6	.538	41	47
LA Dodgers	5-7	.417	47	43
San Francisco	5-8	.385	41	65
Colorado	4-7	.364	33	60

Golfweek Men's Golf Rankings

team	record	events
1 Georgia	98-19	8
2 Alabama	106-11-1	9
3 UCLA	76-13	7
4 Charlotte	85-14-1	7
5 Southern California	94-17-1	8
6 Oklahoma State	100-24	9
7 Florida	89-39-1	9
8 Georgia Tech	83-35-2	8
9 Tennessee	99-32-3	9
10 Florida State	90-32-1	9
11 Stanford	71-27	8
12 Chattanooga	130-30-4	11
13 UNLV	113-32-2	10
14 South Carolina	101-39-2	9
15 Duke	75-35-3	9
16 Auburn	90-36-2	9
17 Texas A&M	86-51-1	10
18 Clemson	87-39-1	9
19 UCF	79-45-3	9
20 Arizona State	65-47-2	8
21 Louisville	103-48-3	11
22 East Tennessee	72-57-2	9
23 Michigan State	75-33-2	10
24 Indiana	100-33-2	10
25 Wake Forest	84-44-5	10

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NHL

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NFL



Adam "Pacman" Jones would like to be reinstated to the NFL Tuesday after being suspended for the 2007 season. The Dallas Cowboys have expressed interest in acquiring Jones.

Pacman Jones asks for reinstatement

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Suspended Tennessee Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones will again ask NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to reinstate him, with his agent planning to send in his latest request on Tuesday.

Jones had planned to ask to be reinstated before the NFL draft on April 26-27. His agent, Manny Arora, said that being able to work out for teams would increase Jones' appeal to those in the market for a cornerback.

"We were hoping some-

thing would get worked out with the Titans or another team to work out a trade, but the trade talks, the way I read, aren't progressing as well as we hoped," Arora said on Saturday. "If the commissioner reinstates or grants permission to work out at a team's facility, that should ease the risk factor for a team interested in picking him up."

The NFL sent Jones a letter in late February telling him he could not work out at the Titan's facility. The Titans have given Jones permission to talk to other teams about a trade, and the Dallas Cowboys have shown the

most interest. But the talks reportedly have bogged down over compensation.

Arora said they still hope Jones will be traded before the draft, and they are ready to rework his contract.

Arora also said that if they can't get Jones reinstated they hope to at least ease the terms of his suspension, now going on more than a year, to make him more attractive.

Jones was the first defensive player drafted in 2005 with the sixth pick overall out of West Virginia, and he was Tennessee's best defender

in 2005 and 2006.

Goodell suspended him on April 10, 2007, for his off-field conduct, which now includes six arrests since being drafted.

Jones settled the last of his criminal charges on Feb. 14 by entering an Alford plea to obstruction of a police officer in Georgia, which left him with a felony conviction. Under an Alford plea, a defendant acknowledges there is enough evidence for a conviction without admitting guilt.

The commissioner has said he'll consider reinstating the cornerback before training camps open in July.

IN BRIEF

U.S. Women's soccer team qualifies to Beijing Olympics

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Nicole Barnhart made a diving save on Brittany Timko's penalty kick to give the United States a 6-5 shootout victory over Canada on Saturday night in the CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying final.

The United States won the shootout after the teams finished regulation play tied 0-0, and 30 extra minutes tied 1-1.

Barnhart stopped Timko after Heather O'Reilly gave the United States the lead. Carli Lloyd, Leslie Osborne, Abby Wambach, Angela Hucles and Christie Rampone also scored for the Americans in the tiebreaker. Kara Lang, Rhian Wilkinson, Christine Sinclair and Melissa Tancredi and Clare Rustad scored for Canada in the shootout.

Lloyd opened the scoring for the United States on a free kick in the 110th minute, but Tancredi tied it on a header in the 118th minute.

Olympic torch makes one and only trip to Africa

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania — About 1,000 people cheered and marched with a team of 80 athletes and a Cabinet minister participating Sunday in the Tanzania leg of the Olympic torch relay, the flame's only stop in Africa.

Officials have said that they do not expect any of the disruptions that have hit other torch runs in the world. Kenyan Nobel Peace laureate Wangari Maathai, however, pulled out of the relay in Tanzania to protest China's human rights record.

Vice President Ali Mohamed Shein lit the Olympic torch, passing it on to Cabinet minister Mohamed Seif Khatib, who led the relay team from the city's main train station the main stadium, about three miles away.

The crowd that marched behind the relay team waved miniature Olympic flags and chanted in the national language Kiswahili, "We are happy the torch came to Tanzania," and "We are glad to receive it."

Antonio Tarver wins light heavyweight title bout

TAMPA, Fla. — Antonio Tarver climbed into the ring with one light heavyweight title Saturday night. He departed with two championship belts and a roaring crowd behind him. Tarver handily defeated Clinton Woods with a unanimous 12-round decision to retain his lightly regarded IBO crown and seize the IBF title from his British foe.

Tarver (27-4, 19 KOs) thrilled his hometown fans by rocking Woods with a solid left jab to the head in the 11th round. The Tampa resident carried the momentum into the final round, then thrust his hands upward at the final bell as Woods dropped his head and returned to his corner.

Judge Howard Foster scored the bout 119-109 for Tarver. John Rupert had it 117-111, and Steve Marshall called it 116-112.

Tarver immediately turned his attention to the future.

MEN'S TRACK

Irish excel at two invites over weekend

By EUGENIA ALFONZO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame sent athletes to two events this weekend but had enough strong marks in the Spartan and Ole Miss Invitationals to make it seem like a full Irish squad competed in each.

Freshman Alex Gannon started things off at the Spartan Invitational Saturday with a seventh-place time of 11.93 seconds in the 100-meter dash. Freshman Justin Schneider followed in the men's 200-meter dash with an 11th place finish of 23.09. Schneider, one of the top decathlon runners of the Big East, also earned top marks in the 110-meter hurdles and long jump. He finished in fifth place in the hurdle event and fourth in the long jump.

Freshman Ryan Gamboa also scored some points for the Irish in the middle distance race. He placed fourth with a time of 1:56.39 after a close finish at the end of the race — Gamboa finished .02 ahead of Central Michigan's Nick Agosti.

The Irish placed three competitors in the top 10 in the pole vault competition. Sophomore Matt Schipper finished first with a height of 4.90-meters, while sophomore Jim Merchun finished in a three-way tie for fourth with a height of 4.60-meters.

"So far it has been [a good] season, and I have already qualified for outdoor regionals, but now I need to prepare for a good finish at Regionals," Schipper said.

Junior Brian Mahon followed close behind Schipper and Mercun with another three-way tie for seventh place with a height of 4.45-meters.

In the Ole Miss Invitational, freshman Miklos Szebeny finished in seventh place in the 100-dash with a time of 10.82 seconds. In another sprint event, the 400-hurdles, senior Austin Wechter finished eighth with a time of 54.39 seconds.

"I was not too happy with my performance this past week-

end, I know I can do better," Wechter said. "I would definitely like to improve on my personal best, that's my major goal."

Junior Kevin McFadden and freshman Spencer Carter kept up the team's strong showing, finishing fifth and tenth respectively in the 1500-meter run.

The Irish also did well in the field events. Junior Blair Majcina dominated his competition by four inches in the high jump, finishing first and not far from an NCAA regional qualification. Majcina comes into the outdoor season after recovering from an injury in the fall.

"The outdoor season has just started. I have given a couple of mediocre performances, but it has given me a chance to make some much needed adjustments to my approach and jumping form" Majcina said. "It is a work in progress because I am coming back from a torn patella tendon in the fall."

Sophomore Eric Quick kept up the momentum from his double NCAA regional qualifications in the long and triple jump, placing third in the triple jump.

Brandon Denon narrowly qualified for the NCAA Regional meet in May by throwing the discus 52.37 meters. Denon's effort was good for second place, a full two meters better than the third-place finisher.

The freshman trio of Denes Veres, John Belcher and Greg Davis placed fourth, seventh, and 14th respectively in the shot put. Belcher also placed in the discus throw, earning seventh place with a throw of 47.14 meters. Davis and Veres also participated in the hammer throw, throwing 50.68 meters and 47.83 for sixth and tenth place respectively.

The next meets for the Irish are next weekend at the Central Collegiate Championships and the Mount SAC Relays.

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SMC GOLF

Saint Mary's takes second at Vassar

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Behind a second place individual performance by Freshman Rosie O'Connor, Saint Mary's captured second place in the Vassar College Invitational this weekend in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

O'Connor fired an opening-round best 81 to go with her final round 80.

O'Connor's strong performance led the Belles to a second-place finish just six strokes behind Williams College. The Belles were down 14 strokes after the first day but shot a

final-round best to finish close behind the leader.

Senior Katie O'Brien and freshman Emily Gore had strong showings for the Belles as the pair finished in a tie for 16th place with total scores of 174. Junior Perri Hamma finished in 27th place with a total of 182 and Michelle Hird shot 194 for the tournament, finishing in 39th.

Next weekend, the Belles will head to Springfield, Ill., to compete in their last exhibition tournament of the year, the Illinois Wesleyan Spring Fling.

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SMC TENNIS

Doubles improves in win

Struggling squad gains confidence in win over conference team

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's recorded its second MIAA win Saturday with an 8-1 victory over Tri-State, improving the Belles' record to 6-9 overall and 2-3 in MIAA play. The Thunder fell to 3-9 overall and 0-6 in the MIAA.

"We played pretty well overall," Saint Mary's coach Chuck Rubino said. "Tri-State was a pretty decent squad, better than I expected them to be. We showed a strong team effort."

Saint Mary's had been struggling in doubles competition this season, but it didn't show on Saturday. The Belles won two out of the three doubles matches behind the leadership of the No. 1 doubles duo of sophomore co-captain Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley. Gebert and Hurley defeated Tri-State's Amanda Waidely and Dana Dunham 8-1 for their seventh win of the season, moving their record to 7-8.

The Belles No. 2 doubles pair of sophomore co-captain Lisa Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed was defeated by Kara Kauffman and Amanda Steiner 8-5, putting the Belles duo at 5-8 for the season. Freshmen Franca Peluso and Jessica

Kosinski won 8-5 over Stephanie Steiner and Jen Wall to help win the doubles portion for Saint Mary's.

The Belles momentum from doubles carried over to the singles as they swept that part of the match. In the No. 1 slot, Gebert defeated Stephanie Steiner 6-1, 6-1 for her seventh win, putting her at 7-8. Hurley continued her successful season at No. 2 singles with her 13th win of the season. Hurley beat Tri-State's Waidely 6-0, 6-2, moving her to 13-2.

At No. 3, Reed continued Saint Mary's dominance with her defeat over Amanda Steiner 5-7, 6-0, 1-0 (10-4), followed by Kosinski's 6-1, 6-2 defeat over Kara Kauffman in No. 4 singles. Rubino beat the Thunder's Dunham 6-4, 6-1 in the No. 5 match, and Peluso finished the Belles sweep with a 6-0, 6-0 win over Wall.

"It was a good win that we needed," Rubino said. "We needed a confidence-builder. It came at the right time, and I think it will propel us in the next few

matches."

Up next for Saint Mary's is a week full of matches, including three at home. Tuesday the Belles will host Bethel for a cross town rivalry match at 4 p.m. Saint Mary's will play against conference rivals Adrian on Thursday, and Kalamazoo on Saturday.

The Belles will finish off the week Sunday at Alma for another MIAA match.

"All the girls played pretty well on Saturday," Rubino said. "We showed some consistency, but this win wasn't like beating Kalamazoo or Albion, which are stronger teams in the conference."

A win over Tri-State may not be as important as a win over other MIAA teams, but another win for Saint Mary's certainly can't hurt.

"This win means we got a little momentum," Rubino said. "I hope this momentum keeps going, and I hope we take it into our next matches. I really think we're capable of winning these next few matches."

Chuck Rubino
Belles coach

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WOMEN'S TRACK

Runners unable to qualify for regionals

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame achieved mild success this weekend in the Spartan and Mississippi Invationals, but failed to capitalize on the good weather by not setting an NCAA regional qualifying mark in any event.

Freshmen Natalie Johnson and Kelly Langhans led the way for the Irish at the very competitive Mississippi Invitational in Oxford, Miss. The duo took first and second, respectively, in the 800-meter run, but fell short of a regional qualifying mark by about four seconds.

Sophomore Joanna Schultz and Senior Brienne Davis ran well in the 200, taking fourth and fifth, respectively. Davis also continued her string of good finishes in the 100 dash, taking third place in the event and missing an NCAA qualifying mark by less than a quarter of a second.

In the field events, the Irish sent only two athletes to compete and both came away with excellent finishes.

Sophomore Elise Knutzen took third place in the javelin while Junior Alyssa Hasan grabbed sixth in the high jump.

At Michigan State's Spartan Invitational, the Irish logged a number of quality finishes.

In the 5000-distance race, junior Heidi Rocha took first place for the Irish with senior Amy Kohlmeier finishing right behind her in second. Senior

Ann Mazur and sophomore Beth Tacl took fifth and sixth, respectively, to round out a strong Irish performance in the event.

In the 3000-meter steeplechase, sophomore Lindsey Ferguson and junior Becca Bauman ran away from the competition, easily taking first and second, respectively.

Sophomore Jaime Minor had a standout meet for Irish, placing well in a variety of events. Minor took second in the triple jump to go along with two seventh-place finishes in the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

In the field events, junior Anna Weber continued her dominance of the throwing events while several other Irish athletes posted solid results.

Weber blew away the competition as she took first in the shot put by almost a meter and finished a close second in the hammer throw.

Freshman jumper Jessica Sullivan tied for second place in the pole vault and Jasmine Williams finished fourth in the long jump, rounding out a dominant Irish performance in the field events.

Next weekend, Notre Dame will send athletes to the Central Collegiate Championships in West Lafayette, Ind., and the Mount SAC relays in Walnut, Calif., both of which are three-day meets.

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PGA

Immelman wins Masters

28-year old wins first major tournament four months after surgery

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Trevor Immelman has never felt better.

Four months after he had a tumor removed from his back, Immelman handled the wind and pressure of Augusta National far better than anyone chasing him Sunday to win the Masters, the first South African in a green jacket in 30 years.

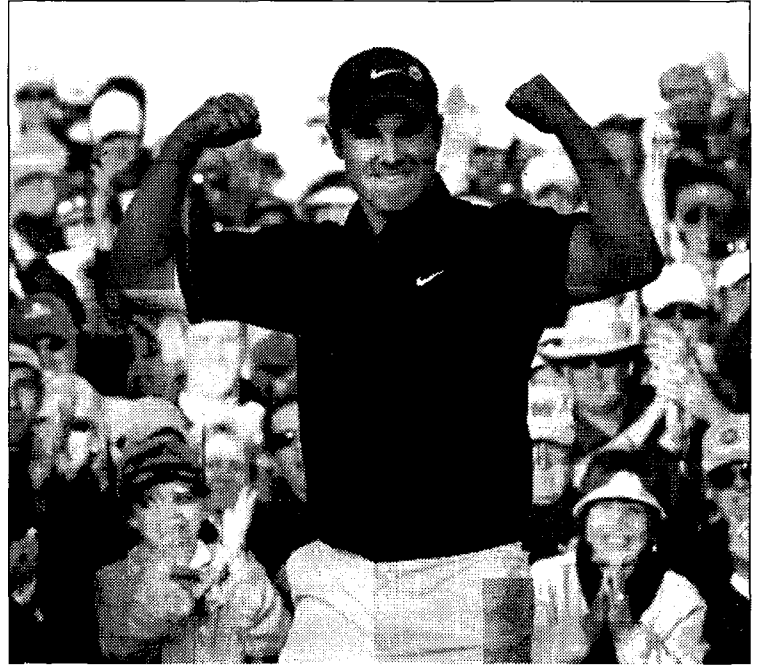
Immelman held it together around Amen Corner and stretched his lead to as many as six shots on the back nine, taking the life out of a Masters that began with so much hype.

A two-putt par on the final hole gave him a 3-over 75, matching the highest final round by a Masters champion. Even so, it was good enough for a three-shot victory over Tiger Woods, whose hopes for a calendar Grand Slam ended with a thud.

Woods never got within five shots of the lead when he was on the course, twice missed birdie putts inside 8 feet and had to settle for a 72 and his second consecutive runner-up finish in the Masters.

"I learned my lesson there with the press," Woods said with a smile. He was the one who started the talk about a Grand Slam by stating three months ago that winning all four majors in the same year was "easily within reason."

The only slam possibilities now belong to Immelman, a 28-year-old with a polished swing, who finally realized



Trevor Immelman celebrates on the 18th hole after winning the Masters Tournament Sunday.

his potential in the wicked wind of Augusta and a final round that yielded only four rounds under par.

Immelman, who finished at 8-under 280, started the week by playing a practice round with his boyhood idol, Gary Player, who won his third Masters in 1978 and set a record by playing for the 51st time.

Player told Immelman he was good enough to win the green jacket, and he left him a voicemail Saturday night that Immelman played on his speaker phone for his family to hear. The message: "I know you're going to win."

"He's been on me all week, telling me to believe in myself," Immelman said. "He also told me to keep my head still on putts. It's really a special moment, and I'm glad I pulled it through for him."

Reached by telephone in Abu Dhabi, Player told his assistant: "I am so proud of Trevor. What a thrill it was to see him come back from major surgery and beat Tiger. I can't wait to see him and shake his hand personally."

Immelman's wife, Carminita, and their 1-year-old son were waiting for him behind the green. Jacob took hold of the 18th flag, fussing when he couldn't go into the scoring shack to be with his father.

Immelman's parents also were there to greet him with hugs. His father, Johan, is the former commissioner of the Sunshine Tour in South Africa.

"It's his moment, not mine," said the father, who waved away a reporter.

No one doubted he was capable of winning a major, but maybe not this one. Only four months ago, doctors discovered a tumor in his diaphragm that required surgery through his back to remove it. The tumor was benign and the recovery was quick, even though it took him two months to get his game back in shape.

The recovery hit warp speed this week at Augusta, where Immelman had only broken par once in his five previous Masters.

"This has been the ultimate roller-coaster ride, and I hate roller coasters," Immelman

said. "I win the Nedbank Challenge in South Africa, and a week later I'm having an operation to remove a tumor. ... I felt like I had to start from zero again. Here I am after missing the cut last week."

"Masters champion — it's the craziest thing I've ever heard of."

Immelman built a two-shot lead with three rounds in the 60s, and held it together during a few nervy moments.

He made a 10-foot par save from the bunker at No. 9 to keep a two-shot cushion, but continued to look shaky. Immelman missed the 11th green well to the right when his chip didn't quite reach and he was left with a 20-foot putt that was slick and dangerous.

Ahead of him, Woods was gaining momentum.

Woods holed a 70-foot birdie putt on the 11th, made an acrobatic escape from the trees on the 13th and spun a wedge down the slope on the par-5 13th that left him 5 feet away for birdie.

Immelman holed his par putt. Woods missed, just as he has done the last two years on the back nine of a major he once dominated. Brandt Snedeker and Steve Flesch, the last two players with any hope, folded quickly.

Woods closed with a 72 and has finished 3-2-2 in his last three Masters. It also was his fifth runner-up in a major.

Immelman earned \$1.35 million for his second PGA Tour victory, with Woods also finishing second behind him two years ago in the Western Open.

"I was trying to be tough out there," Immelman said. "There's a disaster around every corner."

Emotions were running wild for all the contenders, none more than Snedeker, who tied for third with Stewart Cink. The 27-year-old American with Huck Finn looks and a constant smile made only six pars in his round of 77, tying for the lead with an eagle on the second hole but stumbling badly the rest of the way.

"I went from extreme highs to extreme lows, and that's what you don't want to do around here," Snedeker said.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Squad loses at Ann Arbor, wins at home

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

For the second consecutive weekend, No. 33 Notre Dame split its two matches, falling to Michigan 6-1, but downing Louisville 4-3.

On Saturday, the Irish traveled to Ann Arbor, Mich., to take on No. 15 Michigan. Notre Dame could not upset the Wolverines, falling 6-1 on Michigan's Senior Day.

The Wolverines jumped on the Irish early, winning all three doubles matches to earn the point.

But the Irish rebounded and evened the match when freshman Dan Stahl won the first singles point over Wolverine sophomore George Navas in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5.

Unfortunately for the Irish, Stahl's singles performance proved to be the lone bright spot, and Michigan won the next five matches. Michigan sophomore Mike Sroczynski put the Wolverines ahead for good with a straight sets victory over Irish senior Andrew Roth, 6-3, 7-5. The Wolverines followed up with another straight sets victory from junior Andrew Mazlin, who defeated Irish freshman Stephen Havens 7-5, 6-4.

Although the Irish lost the next three matches, they took all of them to three sets. Irish senior Sheeva Parbhu and freshman David Anderson both won the first set in their respective matches before falling in three sets. In the final singles match, junior Brett Helgeson recovered from an early deficit to tie the match at a set apiece before falling 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 to Wolverine senior Matko Maravic.

Despite the setback at Ann

Arbor, the Irish recovered with a 4-3 win over No. 37 Louisville Sunday in their final match before the Big East tournament.

The Irish reversed their fortunes from Saturday in the doubles point as they swept all three matches.

With momentum on their side, the Irish jumped out to a 3-0 lead behind straight sets singles wins from Helgeson and Parbhu. Nationally-ranked No. 42 Helgeson earned a 6-2, 6-2 win over No. 39 Cardinal freshman Austen Childs. In his final home match, Parbhu defeated Louisville sophomore David Simon 7-5, 6-1.

Louisville freshman Viktor Maksimuk kept the Cardinals alive with a 6-1, 2-6, 6-3 victory over Havens. In the next match, Stahl came from behind to seal the Irish victory with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 triumph over Louisville junior Robert Rotaru.

Louisville won the next two matches to make the score 4-3. Roth and Anderson both found themselves on the wrong side of hard-fought three set matches. Roth was defeated in his final home singles match by Louisville freshman Simon Childs. After winning the first set, Roth dropped the next two sets in tie-breakers. Cardinal freshman Alejandro Calligari earned Louisville's final point with a come from behind victory over Anderson with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-0 win.

With the weekend split, the Irish head into the Big East tournament with a 12-10 record. The Irish will learn their Big East draw later this week.

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ROWING

Irish win all six races at Indianapolis event

Observer Staff Report

After a one-day rain delay, Notre Dame won all six races it entered in the Indiana Invite in Indianapolis this weekend. The weather for the competition was less than ideal but the Irish still dominated the field.

The No. 16 Irish varsity eight boat finished in a time of 6:25, six seconds ahead of

runner-up Indiana.

The Irish entered two boats in the second varsity eight race, taking first and fourth place in the event.

Notre Dame also entered two boats in the varsity four race and this time swept the top two spots.

The Irish also came out on top in the second varsity four, novice eight and second novice eight races.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team downs Demons, Eagles

By DAN MASTERTON and
LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

If there's an ideal way that a team wants to head into its conference tournament, No. 16 Notre Dame is following the right formula. After dropping a tight match to top-ranked Northwestern last week — their first loss in nine matches — the Irish regained their momentum and swept a pair of Big East rivals in DePaul and Marquette.

Notre Dame 7, DePaul 0

Notre Dame (18-7) continued to dominate conference opponents, improving to 4-0 in Big East play and handing DePaul (16-5) its first conference loss.

Notre Dame sophomores Cosmina Ciobanu and Colleen Rielley were the first ones off the court in doubles play, but for just the second time of the dual season, the sophomore pair was on the losing side.

DePaul's No. 2 pair, junior Dunja Antunovic and sophomore Kirsten Gambrell took the match 8-3. The Blue Demon pair improved to 12-1 on the season, but that was the lone bright spot for DePaul.

Irish sophomore Kali Krisik and freshman Kristen Rafael stole the momentum back for Notre Dame. Their 8-2 win evened doubles play and left the showdown between each team's No. 1 duo to decide the point.

As usual, the No. 1 pair in the country, senior Brook Buck and Kelcy Tefft, delivered a victory. Their 8-4 win over senior Beatrix Csordas and freshman Selma Salkovic gave the doubles point to the Irish for the eleventh straight match.

The Irish carried that momentum to a convincing sweep of all the sin-

gles matches, dropping just one set along the way.

No. 122 Ciobanu downed Salkovic 6-3, 6-0 to open singles play. After junior Katie Potts took care of Gambrell 6-2, 6-1, No. 42 Tefft won the match for Notre Dame with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Antunovic.

Buck was next off the court. Her 6-2, 6-2 win over senior Gergana Ganeva was the eighth time Buck has won in her last nine completed matches.

Rielley followed with a triumph over freshman Katarina Milinkovic 6-3, 6-3. Since losing in straight sets at North Carolina, Rielley is 8-3, including a win over Georgia Tech's No. 76 Christy Striplin.

Krisik wrapped up the sweep with a three-set win over Csordas, 1-6, 6-3, 10-5.

Including the contest with DePaul, the Irish have dropped just 12 points in their last 11 matches. They are 10-1 over that stretch.

Notre Dame 7, Marquette 0

The Irish closed out the regular season with a 7-0 sweep of the Golden Eagles, heading into the Big East tournament having won 11 of their past 12 matches.

Typical of its play all season, Notre Dame controlled the doubles point, as they took the important opening score over Marquette, marking the 11th straight time it had done so.

Buck and Tefft continued their impressive play, shutting out the Marquette pair of senior Shannon Brown and junior Lauren Little. The top-ranked duo improved to 32-5 on the season with its dominating performance.

Rielley and Ciobanu bounced back from their defeat against the Blue Demons, winning 8-3 over senior Maria Calbeto and freshman Christina Ruiz.

Krisik and Rafael took care of senior Erin Watkins and freshman Rachel Hush, 8-4 to improve to 8-6 overall in the season.

More importantly, the Irish started off the contest ahead 1-0 and continued their solid play in singles competition.

Tefft displayed dominance in her straight set 6-0, 6-0 win over Watkins, improving to 20-5 in dual match play.

Things looked to be clicking for the Irish, and Ciobanu kept the Golden Eagles at bay with her 6-1, 6-1 straight set victory over Ruiz. With Notre Dame holding a 3-0 lead, Marquette couldn't muster any substantial answer for the Irish play.


Buck closed out her regular-season career at Notre Dame with a 6-1, 6-1 defeat of Calbeto, winning her eighth singles match in nine tries. The straight set win clinched the match for the Irish who won their eighteenth match of the season.

Rielley ousted Hush 7-5, 6-3 at the No. 4 spot, while Krisik upended junior Robin Metzler in the penultimate match, 6-0, 6-2. The sophomore clinched her team-high 31st singles win with the match.

Potts completed the Irish sweep with a quick 6-0, 6-0 victory over sophomore Maggie Wilson, improving her mark to 20-9 on the season.

Notre Dame returns to action in the Big East tournament beginning Apr. 18 in Tampa, Fla. With the Irish ranked highest of all conference teams, and boasting an undefeated league record, the squad will most likely take the top seed in the tournament and face the winner of Thursday's match between the eight- and nine- seeds.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Laxers notch first victory at G'town

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

No. 8 Notre Dame bounced back from a 16-2 blowout loss at Northwestern last Wednesday to tally its first-ever win at No. 6 Georgetown Saturday with a 10-8 road victory.

Freshman Shaylyn Blaney scored three goals and junior goalie Erin Goodman recorded a career-high 15 saves to lead the Irish (10-4, 3-1 Big East) to their second win over a ranked opponent this season.

Notre Dame dominated the first half, scoring the first two goals before taking a 5-1 advantage into the break. After junior Jillian Byers and senior Caitlin McKinney scored to open the second half and give

the Irish a 7-1 advantage, the Hoyas (9-4, 2-2) outscored Notre Dame 7-3 over the final 20 minutes.

Senior Heather Ferguson and junior Jane Stoeckert each scored twice for the Irish, while sophomore Gina Scioscia, Byers and McKinney each put home single goals in the victory.

The Irish scored seven unassisted goals in the victory despite being out-shot 32-22, including 21-9 in the second half. They turned the ball over 17 times while managing 13 takeaways.

Notre Dame returns home Wednesday for a non-conference contest with Vanderbilt at 4:30 p.m. at the Loftus Center.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Cross hired to coach Toledo

Irish assistant of two years takes first head coaching gig

Observer Staff Report

Former Notre Dame assistant coach Gene Cross was named Toledo's new head coach Friday.

The last two seasons, Cross

was an assistant under Irish head coach Mike Brey, who said Cross was an instrumental part of the team's success over that span.

"He has done a fabulous job here for us at Notre Dame," Brey said in a press release. "... The Notre Dame basketball family is going to miss Gene and we wish him nothing but the best as he embarks on this exceptional

opportunity."

Cross came to Notre Dame after spending six seasons at Illinois-Chicago, three seasons at DePaul, and one season at Virginia.

"I'm excited about joining the tradition of Toledo basketball," Cross told sportsnetwork.com. "I look forward to building on that tradition and taking the program to the next step."

ND SOFTBALL

Team opens new field by going 1-1

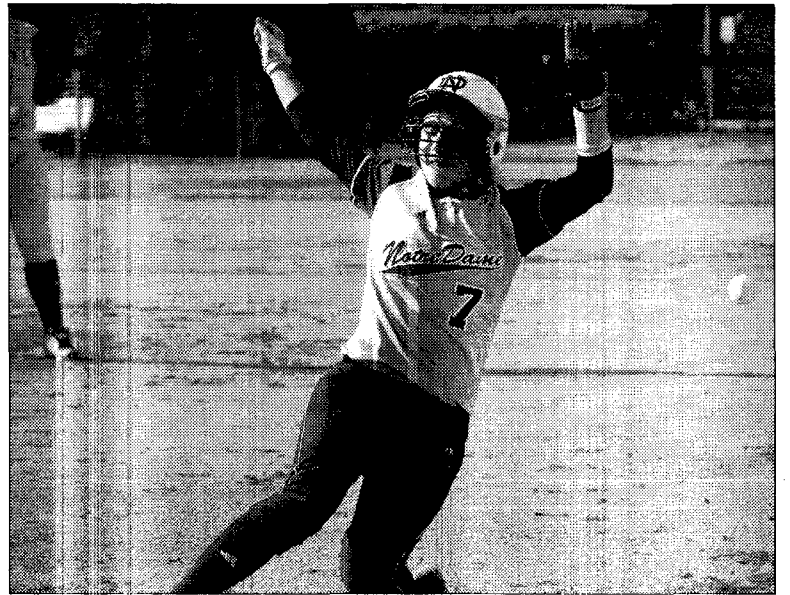
By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish earned a split to open up newly constructed Melissa Cook Stadium in this weekend's double-header against Villanova. The Irish lost the first game 4-1 and winning the second 10-5.

The win was Notre Dame's 200th all-time regular season victory in the Big East conference, bringing its record to 200-32 in Big East play.

Saturday's intended stadium-opener double-header against Rutgers was cancelled due to rain. Those games have been rescheduled for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today at Melissa Cook Stadium.

Opening ceremonies were conducted on Saturday despite the pouring rain and featured remarks from athletic director Dr. Kevin White, coach Deanna Gumpf,



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Freshman catcher Sadie Pitzenberger slides during Notre Dame's 2-1 win over Toledo on Apr. 2.

senior captain Katie Laing, Lisa Hoffman, and Paul and Lisa Demo, the parents of Melissa Cook. The site was officially blessed and dedicated by University president Fr. John Jenkins.

"The ceremonies were perfect," Gumpf said. "It was exciting and we truly appreciated it."

However, the celebration ended quickly for the Irish (25-11, 6-2 Big East), who were out-played in all facets of the game Gumpf said in their 4-1 loss to the Wildcats (15-17-1, 4-8 Big East).

"They out-pitched us and the out-hit us," Gumpf said. "When you get out-played like that, you cannot really expect to have a chance to win the game."

The Wildcats jumped on the Irish early, putting three runs on the board in the second inning against junior Brittney Bargar (18-7). Bargar was charged with the loss, giving up four runs on eight hits and striking out seven.

The Irish bats were also cold in the first game, with their only run coming in the bottom of the first. Laing notched the first hit in the new stadium with her RBI single to knock in freshman Katie Fleury.

"[Villanova] pitcher [junior Laura Determan] did a great job for them today," Gumpf said. "She was in a lot of pressure situations and she was able to work out of it."

The second game saw a turnaround for the Irish, who finally saw their bats come alive after falling behind by two runs in the first inning.

With the bases loaded, junior third baseman Linda Kohan knocked a ball to the

fence, bringing in three runs. "That was our first really hard hit ground ball of the day," Gumpf said. "Kohan came up with a big hit when we needed it and that lifted us up a little bit."

Notre Dame added more in the fourth, with six runners crossing the plate for the Irish. The team batted around, with freshman Erin Marrone getting a clutch two-out hit.

"They walked [Kohan] to get to Marrone and she did exactly what we needed her to do," Gumpf said. "That was the biggest hit of the day."

The Irish added an insurance run in the sixth on a Villanova error that scored sophomore utility player Christine Lux from third.

Freshman Jody Valdivia started the second game but was pulled after 1-and-1/3 innings after giving up six hits and four earned runs in favor of Bargar. Bargar stepped up and allowed only one more run for the remainder of the game.

"Bargar and Valdivia have been picking each other up all year," Gumpf said. "They both know that the other will keep on fighting and rebound from bad outings."

The Irish have a full docket of games this week, starting with the makeup double-header against Rutgers today at 11 a.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium before traveling to Evanston, Illinois, to take on Northwestern Tuesday. The Irish will then come back home on Wednesday for a game against Wisconsin at 4 p.m.

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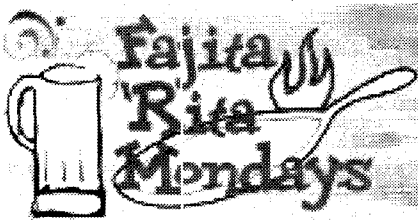
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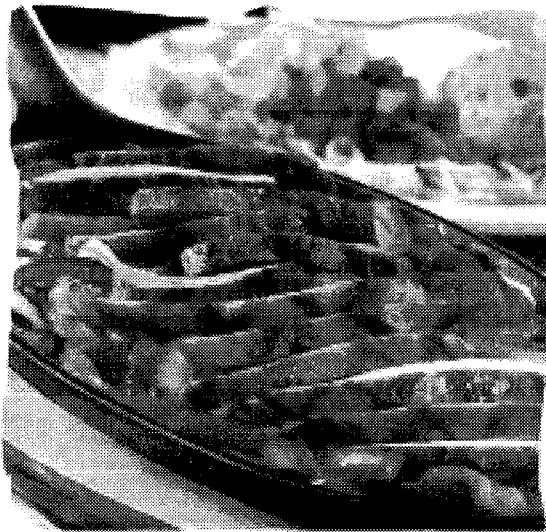
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Eagles

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the puck," Irish defenseman Kyle Lawson said. "That's kind of our bread and butter and when they neutralized that and got it into an up-tempo game, that's when their speed took over."

Gerbe, a 5-foot-5 junior, proved an unstoppable force, generating four points on the night and 11 points in the Tournament (7 goals, 4 assists). Gerbe scored Boston College's first two goals of the night and assisted on his team's final, back-breaking two goals.

Boston College was the national runner-up each of the last two seasons. Last year it lost 3-1 to Michigan State and fell 2-1 to Wisconsin in 2006.

It was Notre Dame's first trip to the Frozen Four, let alone the title game. The Irish earned a shot at the title by defeating top-seeded Michigan 5-4 in overtime two days earlier.

"I thought [Boston College] had us on our heels early on with their speed and I was a little bit surprised that our team played a little too cautious," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "[I was a] little disappointed in the fact that I thought our team could have made some plays, and we didn't. First time being in this event, I think the advantage was theirs as far as the experience factor because our guys responded to that situation."

After Boston College built a 3-0 lead — all in the second period — Notre Dame staged a comeback. Irish center Kevin Deeth placed the puck over Muse's glove side off a pass from Lawson through the slot to the left side at 9:07 of the second.

The Irish appeared to cut the score to 3-2 at the 4:56 mark of the third period when Lawson caught defenseman Ian Cole's crossover pass in his skates and the puck slowly slid across the goal line as Lawson sought unsuccessfully to tap it with his stick. The play was reviewed in the booth and the goal was recalled by video replay official Greg Shepherd.

"The puck was kicked in the net by the Notre Dame player's right skate. The skate was moving toward the goal line," Shepherd said. "There were sticks in the crease, and we needed to make sure there wasn't a deflection off the sticks or the defender's skates after it was kicked."

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said the disallowed goal was the turning point in the game.

"I thought we had something going at that time and I thought we were doing a much better job with the puck," he said. "I talked to our guys about showing some poise with the puck because I sensed a level of panic at times with the puck."

Both teams had a tightly-matched first period, resulting in the fourth scoreless opening in a title game in NCAA history.

The Irish had three power play opportunities during the period, but couldn't capitalize on the opportunities. Notre Dame had eight power play chances throughout the game, but couldn't score, a problem that plagued the Irish for extended periods of time throughout the season.

"I think we had a couple of good looks, but you have to give credit to their penalty killers and their goalie made some big saves on the penalty kill," senior captain Mark Van Guilder said. "I think that was the key to the

game, their power play was effective and ours weren't."

The Eagles, however, were much more effective against Notre Dame's penalty-kill unit, the second best in the nation. Boston College went 2-for-4 on power plays.

Gerbe broke the offensive silence in the second period with a goal at 2:23, beginning a 3-0 Eagles run.

From behind the Irish net, freshman center Brian Gibbons sent a backhand pass to Gerbe in the left circle, who shot the puck over junior goaltender Jordan Pearce's left shoulder.

Gerbe struck again a little more than three minutes later after an interference penalty was called on Irish left wing Ryan Thang. Eagles right wing Ben Smith sent a crossover pass toward the goal. Ricocheting off the net, Gerbe crashed the rebound and scored, tapping the puck inside the near post and giving Boston College a 2-0 lead.

"I just try and do it with my grit and speed," Gerbe said about how he makes up for his size. "You've got to use your

strengths and not your weaknesses. Obviously I'm not big, so I'm not going to go plowing someone over, but I still finish checks and bug people out there."

At the 8:11 of the second and working with a 4-on-3 man advantage, Gerbe sent a crossing pass to freshman forward Joe Whitney high in the slot, whose slap shot deflected off an Irish defenseman and past Pearce's left side, giving the Eagles the 3-0 lead.

After Lawson's goal in the third was overturned, Boston College answered with a goal less than a minute later.

Gerbe sent a blind pass to Smith inside the right circle, whose shot deflected off Irish defenseman Brock Sheahan and into the net for the 4-1 lead at 5:31 of the third.

"Gerbe and Ben Smith are just so good," linemate Brian Gibbons said. "I'm so lucky to play with those guys as good as they are. I just try to stay out of their way."

Despite several more offensive attacks, the Irish were unable to

score for the remainder of the game.

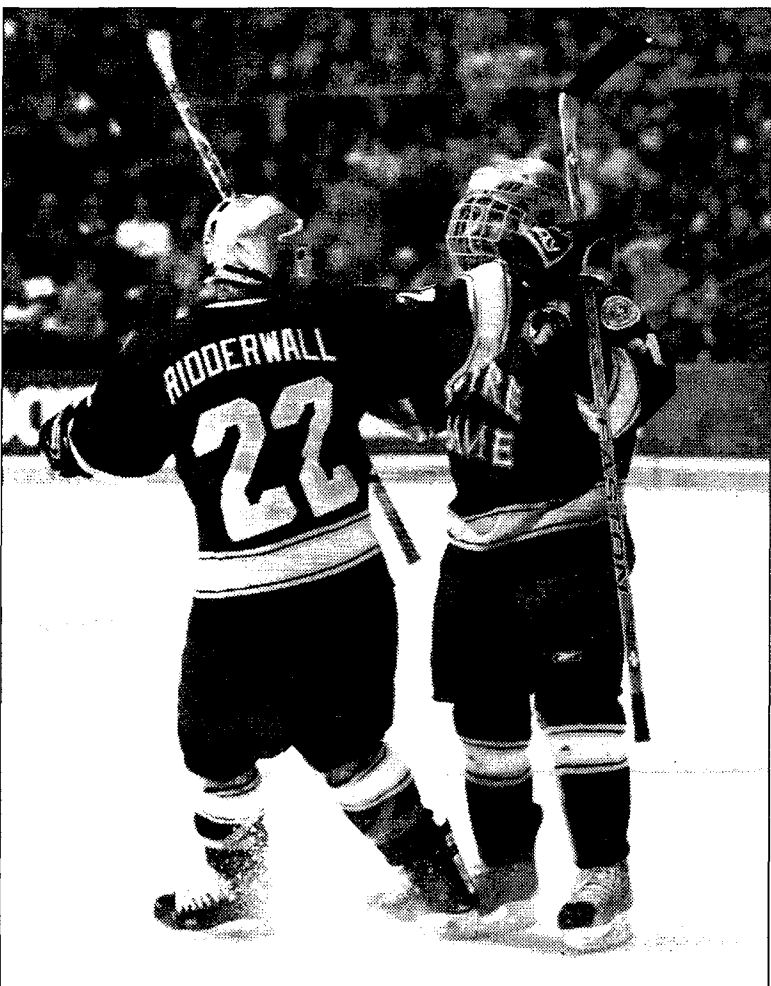
Pearce made 19 save for the Irish, while Muse stopped 20 for the Eagles. Muse, a freshman who started every game for Boston College this season, allowed only two goals in the two games of the Frozen Four.

"[Muse] was awesome tonight. It's pretty special for a freshman to do something like that," Van Guilder said. "His team played awesome in front of him, and he made some big saves."

The Irish will lose five seniors after this year — Van Guilder, Sheahan, Evan Rankin, Dan VeNard and Brian D'Arcy — who were the last class to play a season not under Jackson, when they played for former coach Dave Poulin as freshmen.

"Bottom line is that these kids gave us everything they could in the last couple weeks and I'm proud of them," Jackson said.

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Irish left wing Calle Ridderwall celebrates with Kevin Deeth, right, after Deeth's goal in the second period cut BC's lead to 3-1.

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1984, Boston College 2001, 2008).

"Notre Dame and Jeff Jackson remind me a lot of our team in 1998. We were just starting to pick up the pieces and all of a sudden we're in the Frozen Four playing the University of Michigan," York said.

"That got us over the hump and back at the national level. Notre Dame is at that point now; they've reached the national championship game. They're going to be one of those brand name schools in hockey."

The Frozen Four introduced Notre Dame fans that had rarely looked beyond the football stadium or basketball court to Irish hockey. Notre Dame clubs around the coun-

try organized game watches and the keyboards of national sports writers tapped out the names of Mark Van Guilder, Jordan Pearce, Ryan Thang and more, continuously.

Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis took a day away during spring football practice to watch the title game in Denver, rooting on his friend Jeff Jackson.

Irish hockey had earned the respect of the world beyond college hockey.

Outside the locker room Saturday after the loss, University president Fr. John Jenkins stood quietly for a long time, his head down, eyes closed and fingers pinching the bridge of his nose. Members of the athletic department milled around, stunned, no one breaking the silence.

It was etched on everyone's face, Notre Dame couldn't have lost. The team had come too far, worked too hard, got-

ten people too excited to have lost when the NCAA trophy was right there, 100 yards down the arena corridor but now wearing an Eagles hat.

But in that sadness was the beauty of what Notre Dame hockey has become. It's a winner.

A loss is devastating, not the expected end to every season anymore; a national title now no longer the crazy dream of the Irish players and coaches who set about inventing three years ago what "The Gold Standard" of Notre Dame hockey meant.

One inch could have changed a lot Saturday night, but Notre Dame has already come so many thousands more.

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Irish right wing Evan Rankin battles along the boards with Eagles left wing Kyle Kucharski.

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Notre Dame and Boston College stand along the blue lines for the national anthem just before the start of Saturday's national championship game at the Pepsi Center in Denver.

Gerbe

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Eagles' first goal, when he found just enough room near the left circle to fire a wrist shot over Irish goalie Jordan Pearce's glove.

His second goal was a classic.

After a Ben Smith shot rebounded into the crease, Gerbe crashed the net and lunged headfirst to push the puck past Pearce.

Lawson said Gerbe's second goal "epitomizes what he is — sprawling out, diving and putting it away."

Even when Gerbe wasn't scoring, he was doing the dirty work to set teammates up in position to get chances. On the Eagles' fourth goal, which all but sealed the victory, Gerbe fought to control the puck behind the net and sent a no-look, between-the-legs pass to Smith in the low slot. Smith lifted the puck over Pearce's stick-side shoulder to extend the Eagle lead to three goals.

Although he was named the Tournament's Most Outstanding Player, Gerbe lost out on the Hobey Baker award on Friday night, given annually to college hockey's best player. The Hobey went instead to Michigan's Kevin Porter, which was decided before Gerbe's five-goal Frozen Four performance.

"If they had named the Hobey Baker after this weekend they may have changed their mind," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said.

Either way, Gerbe was unaffected, mugging for the cameras next to captain Mike Brennan and the NCAA championship trophy during the post-game press conference.

"I'd way rather hold this than the Hobey," Gerbe said, pointing to the trophy.

Both Jackson and Boston College coach Jerry York said

Gerbe reminds them of another pint-sized Eagle who lost the Hobey but took home the national championship — Brian Gionta. Gionta, now playing in the National Hockey League for the New Jersey Devils, is listed as 5-foot-7 and led Boston College to the 2001 Frozen Four title.

York said Gerbe and Gionta have a good relationship and talk regularly.

"I thought after [Gerbe's] freshman year, we had another Brian Gionta, and he's progressed just that way," York said. "[Gerbe's] going to be a terrific player, hopefully for us next year."

Gerbe was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres in the fifth round of the 2005 NHL entry draft, but said he hasn't decided yet if he'll jump to the professional ranks after this season.

"I haven't thought about it at all," he said. "I try not to think about the future."

For now, Gerbe can celebrate the good times with a trip to the White House and a chance to throw the opening pitch at Fenway Park.

"It's definitely tough to take," Lawson said of the loss. "But it's good to see a kid who works so hard succeed in a moment like this."

Jackson echoed his defenseman in praising Gerbe.

"He's a heck of a player," Jackson said. "He's dynamic and God bless the small guy, because he plays fearless."

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BASEBALL

Notre Dame sweeps another weekend series

By FRAN TOLAN
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The Irish again showed their witch-like penchant for the broomstick with a sweep of Villanova this weekend.

Notre Dame has now swept three of the four Big East foes it has faced while running its conference record to 10-2. The Irish won after trailing Villanova on both Friday and Saturday before blowing the Wildcats out in the series' finale Sunday.

"I thought our team played really, really well this weekend," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "We did a little bit of everything, coming from behind the first two games then playing really well again [Sunday] ... It was a good weekend for us."

Notre Dame 2, Villanova 1

The Irish scored a run in both the eighth and ninth innings and that was enough for ace David Phelps, who struck out eight batters and surrendered just five hits in 8 2/3 innings of work.

"Phelps had a lot more teeth on his fastball [than earlier in the season] and I think he just really dominated the game," Schrage said.

Irish closer Kyle Weiland got the save after he relieved Phelps and recorded the last out in the ninth frame.

The Notre Dame offense threatened several times before finally breaking through in the

eighth to tie the game. With one out, Irish first baseman Evan Sharples smoked a one-out double into right field. Sophomore Ryne Intlekofer entered as a pinch-runner for Sharples and the switch paid off as Intlekofer raced around to score on Irish second baseman Jeremy Barnes' single.

Phelps held the Wildcats scoreless in their half of the eighth and the right-hander's squad finally gave him a lead in the ninth frame. Irish right fielder Billy Boockford drew a lead-off walk then moved into scoring position on a sacrifice bunt by third baseman Greg Sherry. Designated hitter David Mills eventually pushed an RBI single through the infield that proved to be the difference in the game.

"[Mills] came through with a big two-out single after Barnes did the same thing in the eighth," Schrage said.

Villanova almost drew even in the ninth, chasing Phelps from the game with a single and walk.

But after throwing a wild pitch to put the runners on second and third, Weiland struck out Villanova catcher Wesley Borden to end the contest.

Notre Dame 8, Villanova 5

The Irish offense was cold for the first six innings Saturday as the team fell behind 3-1, but Notre Dame put together a five-run rally in the seventh frame to take the lead for good.

The Irish loaded the bases off

Villanova starter Brian Streilein in the seventh before Barnes tied the game with a two-run single into center field.

"Jeremy Barnes had a couple real clutch hits for us [this weekend]," Schrage said. "His hit to knock in two runs [Saturday] was huge."

Irish left fielder Ross Brezovsky then provided another big blow, crushing a home run well over the right-center field fence. Brezovsky's blast was the highlight of his 3-for-5 day and gave the Irish a 6-3 lead.

Villanova climbed back into the game with two runs in the eighth inning but Notre Dame shut the door on the comeback with a pair of runs of its own in the ninth. Boockford and Sherry each knocked in an insurance run for Weiland, who worked the bottom of the ninth to pick up his fifth save of the season.

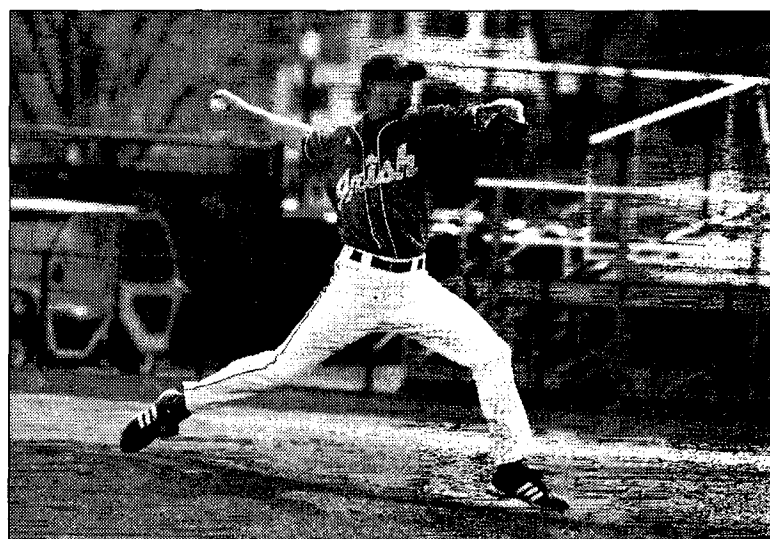
Irish senior southpaw Wade Korpi picked up the win, allowing three runs on seven hits over six innings of work. Korpi ran his record to 5-1 with his fifth straight victory.

Senior Tony Langford relieved Korpi and worked a scoreless inning before Weiland took care of the Wildcats in the final two frames.

Notre Dame 13, Villanova 0

Eight Notre Dame hitters picked up at least two hits as the Irish capped off the weekend by clobbering the Wildcats.

"The great thing right now



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Irish sophomore pitcher Eric Maust pushes off the mound during Notre Dame's 11-2 win over Rutgers on Apr. 6.

about our lineup is everybody's contributing, from the bottom of our order up, all nine guys," Schrage said. "To get 20 hits in a ballgame is a real team effort. It's great to see."

Sophomore right-hander Eric Maust got the win for Notre Dame, throwing seven shutout innings despite tying a season high by walking four batters.

"Maust probably didn't have his best stuff but he made pitches when he needed to and we played good defense behind him," Schrage said. "... I'm sure if you asked Maust, he probably would take back the four walks but other than that he was superb."

Irish sophomore centerfielder A.J. Pollock, the reigning Big

East player of the week, went 3-for-3 with three RBIs and three runs scored to lead the offensive charge for Notre Dame.

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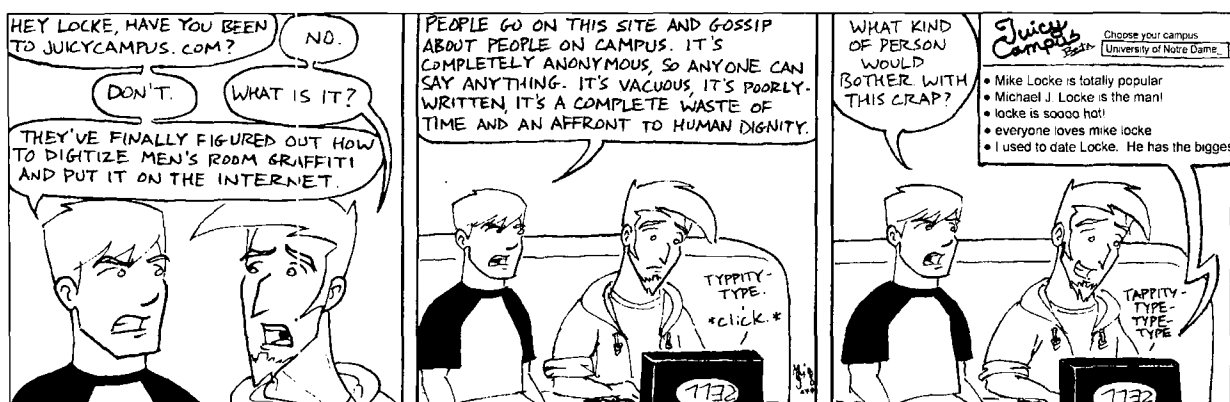
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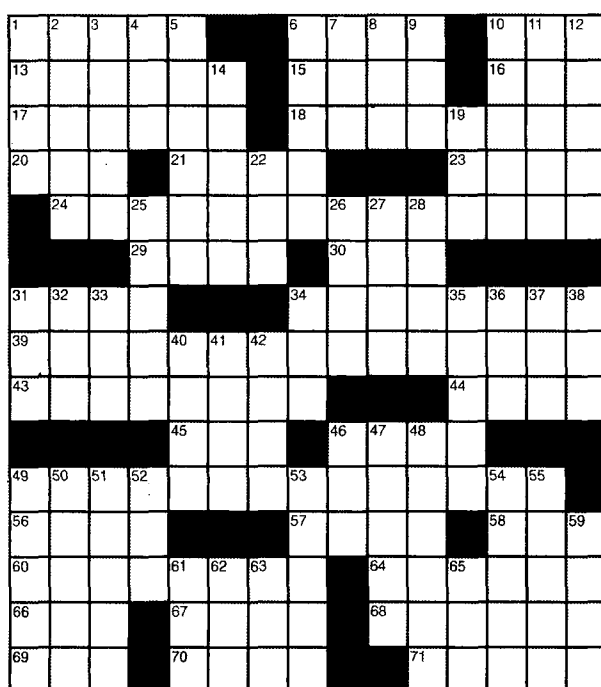
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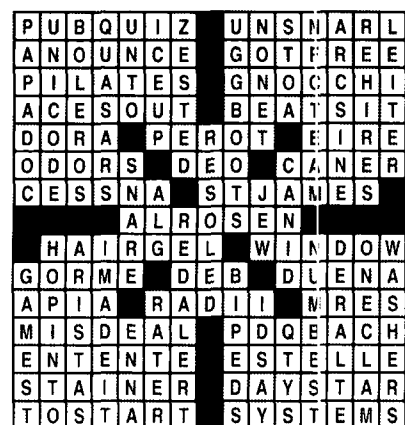
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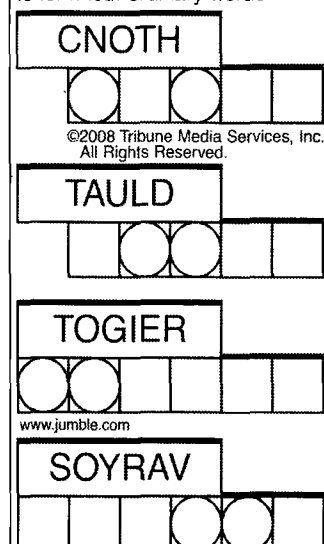


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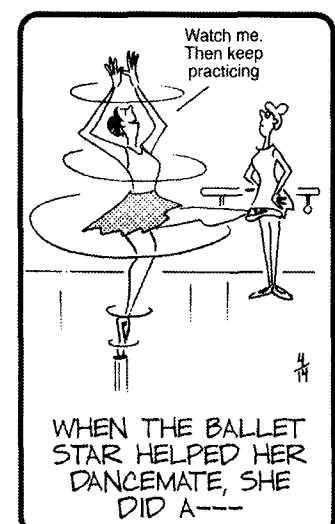
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Happy Birthday: You have love and romance heading your way. Let everyone do his or her own thing so you are free and clear to do the same. This year isn't about control but rather about finding your own way. You have so much to gain if you are open and receptive. Your numbers are 8, 19, 26, 30, 43, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Socializing with friends or enjoying the children in your life will work well as long as you don't go overboard. A little love and romance scheduled in for the evening hours will round out your day perfectly. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Keep busy doing things that will improve your surroundings but don't let emotional issues cloud your vision or stand in the way of your accomplishments. Open your doors to friends and family and you will get helpful suggestions and hands-on assistance. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You should attend a seminar or surf the Internet for any information about a project you want to pursue or a job you think you'd enjoy. Getting involved with other people to make reforms or help a cause will put you in a key position regarding future prospects. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It may not be one of your regular work days but you mustn't let that slow you down when it comes to professional gains. Work on whatever will help you get ahead. Now is the perfect time to utilize your skills to gain ground. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your love life should bring you lots of opportunities and passionate encounters today if you are affectionate and forthright about your true feelings. Travel will lead to interesting options but may end up costing too much, so be careful. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Working within a personal partnership to try to build assets will turn out in your favor. Buying a place with someone you care deeply about or investing in something you can develop in partnership will lead to interesting times ahead. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Work alongside, not against, others. If you are difficult or the people you have to deal with are, nothing will work out. Compromise and calm discussions will be your best bet. 4 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Someone will probably play devil's advocate, trying to make you understand what you are up against. Don't let this daunt you. Realize that the concern being shown is out of love and respect, not jealousy. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): There is money to be made and people and places to see. Love and romance are in the stars, so be sure to include someone you love in your plans. Stick to what works and don't skip a beat. Take action. 5 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take things nice and slow for a change and let everyone else show his or her position before divulging yours. An emotional let-down will surprise you but, if you have kept your thoughts to yourself, you will not need to do much damage control. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't sell yourself short by giving in to what everyone else wants. Time is on your side and, if you are mature in your response, you will come out on top. Let whoever you are dealing with wait until you are ready. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on love, creativity and the younger people in your life. Take a time out for good behavior and do things that make you happy for a change. Let the world bend to you. 3 stars

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2008 MEN'S DIVISION I HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Irish drive to national title ended by Eagles, small but explosive winger

5-foot-5 inch, 165-pound Gerbe unloads four points on ND, Irish offense sputters in final game

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

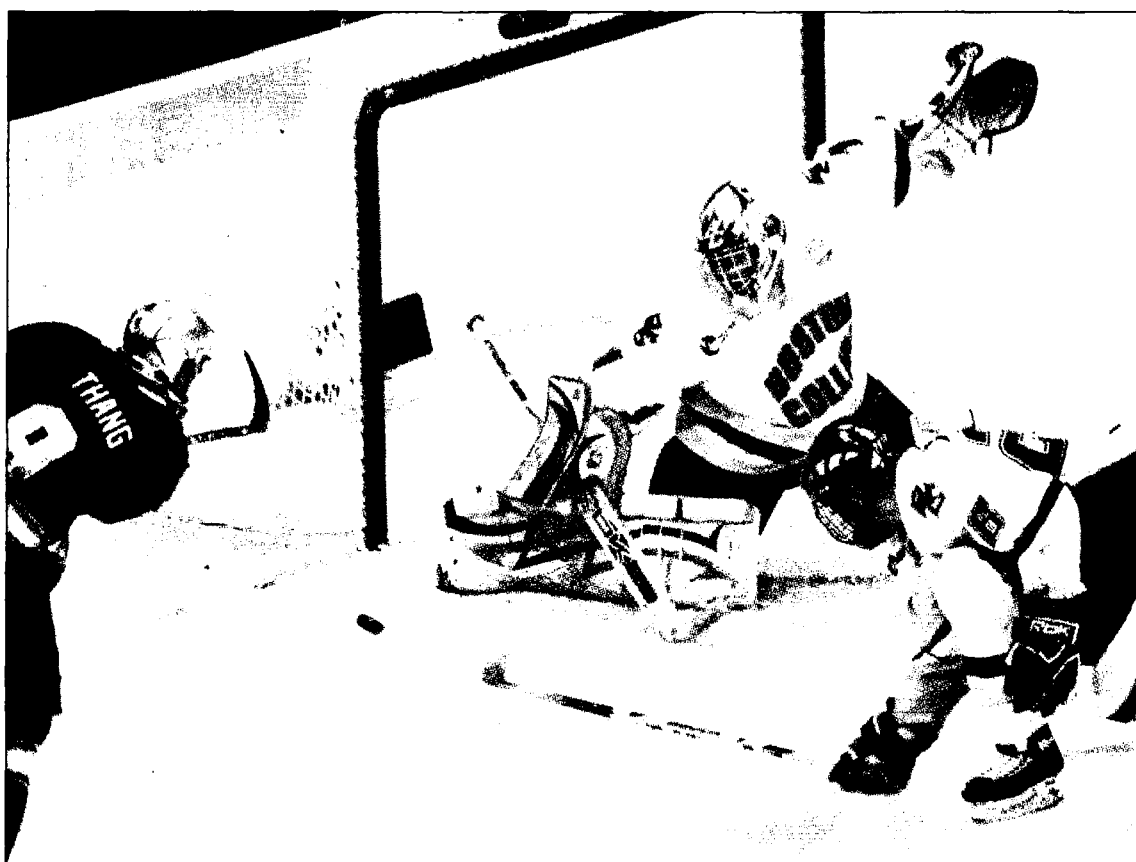
DENVER — After sitting in the losing locker room of the national championship game two years in a row, Boston College left wing Nathan Gerbe finally hoisted the trophy Saturday night when the Eagles beat Notre Dame 4-1 in the title game.

The fourth-seeded Irish (27-16-4) were unable to generate offense in their first-ever appearance in the national championship and gave up two power-play goals in front of 18,632 at the Pepsi Center. After going down 3-0 in the second period, Notre Dame cut the lead to 3-2 five minutes into the third period, only to have the second goal disallowed after video review.

The Irish, momentum lost, were unable to put anything else past Eagles freshman goalie John Muse (20 saves).

"[Boston College] did such a great job of keeping us from our cycle game and possessing

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Notre Dame left wing Ryan Thang takes a shot on Boston College goaltender John Muse that was saved in the first period of the Eagles' 4-1 victory Saturday to win the national championship.

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Gerbe's wheels power BC's offense

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

DENVER — Boston College forward Nathan Gerbe danced on the ice while Kool and the Gang's "Celebration" played over the

speakers after the Eagles' 4-1 national championship victory over Notre Dame.

Gerbe had good reason to dance at the Pepsi Center on Saturday night — he had almost single-handedly powered Boston College to its third national cham-

pionship.

The junior tied the record for goals in an NCAA Tournament with seven and tallied 11 total points in the Eagles' four Tournament games. In Boston College's two Frozen Four games against North Dakota and Notre

Dame, Gerbe scored a combined five goals — two of which were game-winners — and three assists.

His five goals are the most by one player in a Frozen Four since Boston University's Dave Silk netted the same number in 1977. The Tournament was the icing on a terrific season during which Gerbe led the nation in points (68), goals (35) and points per game (1.58).

"It's just numbers to me," Gerbe said of his record-breaking stats. "The biggest thing is this trophy right next to us."

Listed as a diminutive 5-foot-5, Gerbe doesn't physically intimidate any opponents, but anything he lacks in size he makes up for with a motor that doesn't stop.

"Obviously I'm not big, so I'm not going to go plowing someone over," Gerbe said. "But I still finish checks and bug people out there."

Gerbe's grit was on full display Saturday night against the Irish. He scored two of Boston College's goals and set up the other two.

"I don't know if there's a kid in the country that works harder than him, and he was finally rewarded tonight," Notre Dame defenseman Kyle Lawson said. "He stepped up in the big moments."

The Irish had no answer for Gerbe. The Oxford, Mich., native never stopped skating and looking for open space to create offense. His effort paid off on the

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Hockey: New nat'l power

DENVER — One inch could have changed the game.

If Kyle Lawson's stick had tapped the puck just slightly on its slow trip from his skate into the net, it all could have been different.

If the replay official interpreted the puck's deflection and the motion of

Lawson's skate differently, the disallowed goal five minutes into the third period could have stood.

If the goal stands, Notre Dame cuts Boston College's lead to 3-2 and the game's momentum swings toward the Irish. Who knows what would have happened from there?

But all the what-ifs in the world can't alter the outcome of Saturday's 4-1 national championship loss to the Eagles. The Irish aren't the 2008 national champions and that will never change.

What has changed is Notre Dame's standing among the college hockey powers. The Irish are now one of them.

Notre Dame's profile has rocketed from the doldrums to the marquee faster than the Roadrunner-like wheels of Boston College forward Nathan Gerbe, who torched the Irish for two goals and two assists on Saturday.

During the 2004-05 season, Notre Dame limped to five wins; three years later they played in front of nearly 19,000 people in an NHL arena for a national title.

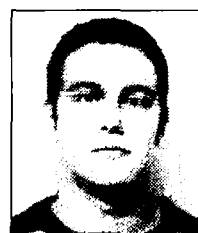
Two years ago, the Irish won 13 games under first-year coach Jeff Jackson but lost in the first round of the CCHA tournament to Alaska; the past two seasons the Irish earned byes past the first round.

Last season, Notre Dame set a program record for wins, won its first league title and was the No. 1 team in the country for the second half of the season, but it lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to eventual-champion Michigan State.

This year, well, the Irish upset top-ranked Michigan in overtime in the national semifinals, after romping over New Hampshire and the Spartans in the regional.

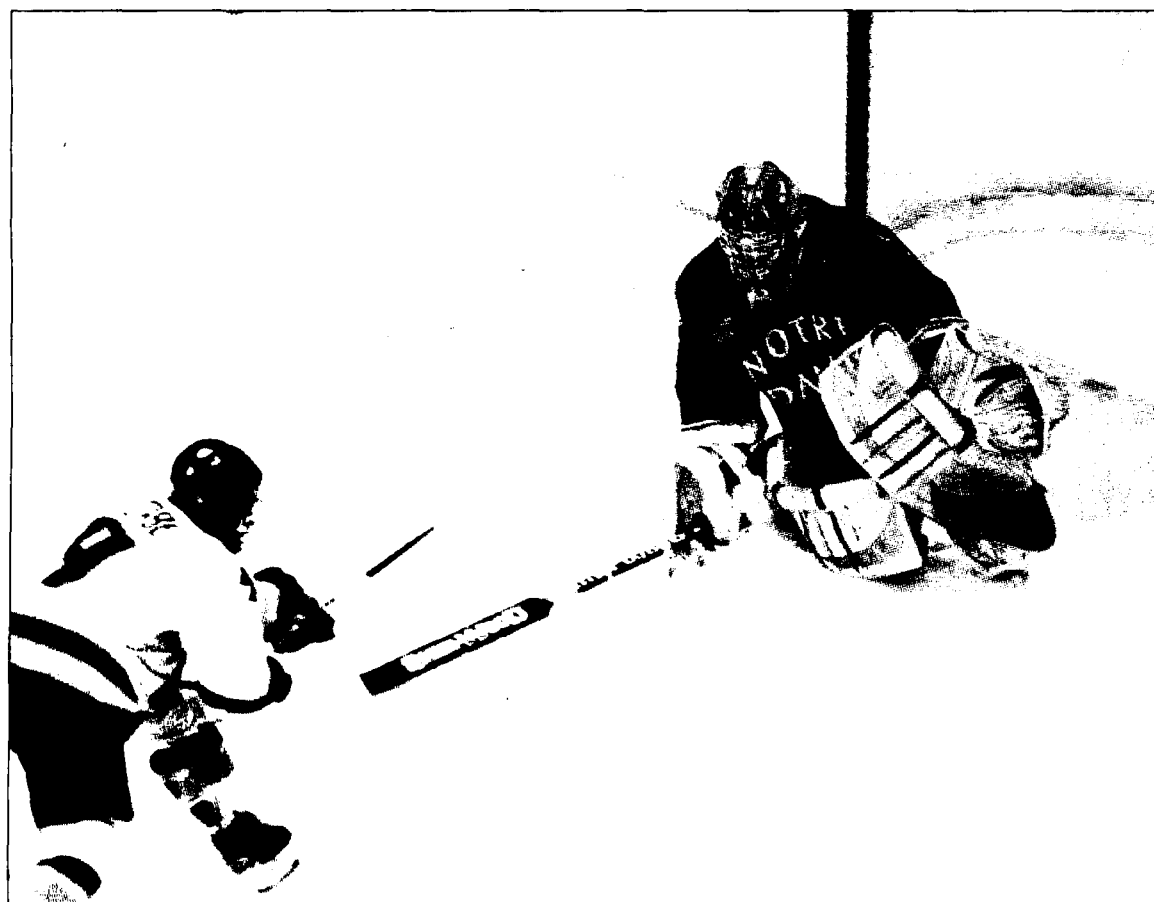
That caught the attention of the czars of the college game, if nothing else did. Among those recent believers was Boston College coach Jerry York, who has now won three national championships with two teams (Bowling Green

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Kyle Cassily

Senior Sports
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Boston College left wing Nathan Gerbe stuffs a shot in Irish goalie Jordan Pearce's pads on a breakaway. Gerbe scored two goals and assisted on two others against Notre Dame.

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