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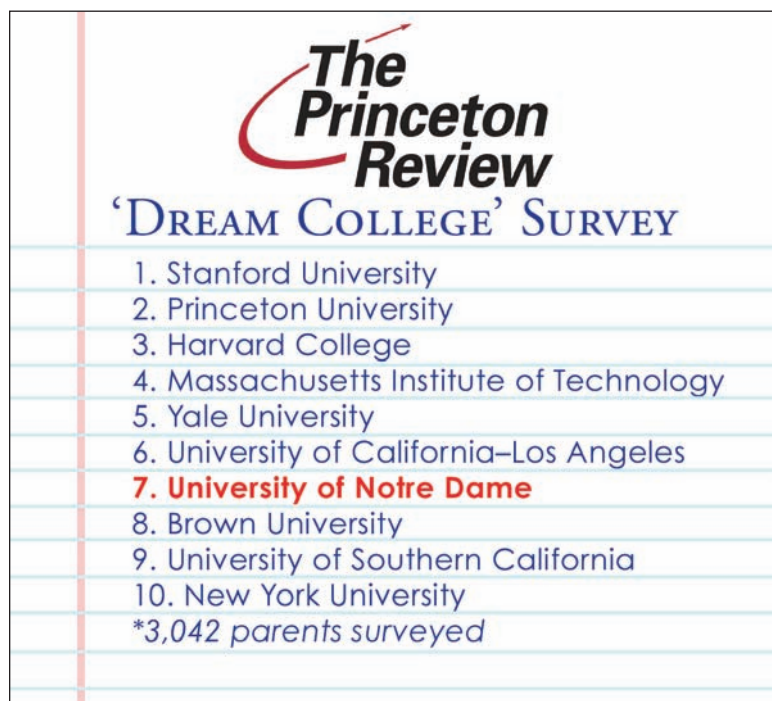
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Survey names ND a 'Dream College'



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By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Notre Dame is one of American parent's "Dream Schools," according to a recent survey conducted by the Princeton Review. The survey of 3,042 parents of college applicants ranked Notre Dame the No. 7 school where parents would want to send their child if acceptance and cost were not issues.

The Princeton Review has consistently ranked Notre

Dame since the survey's creation in 2003, and Director of Admissions Dan Saracino said the University's constant presence says a lot about the Notre Dame education.

"What it really means is that we're consistent," Saracino said. "We're not a 'hot' school or a 'trendy' school. We're a school that stands for the same values today as it did years ago."

Notre Dame was ranked behind institutions such as

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Dance Marathon raises \$77,000

Saint Mary's event holds fundraiser for Riley Hospital for Children

By MONICA MURPHY
News Writer

Saint Mary's and Notre Dame students gathered to "Dance for a Chance" at the fifth annual Dance Marathon at the College's Angela Athletic Facility Friday and Saturday.

The event, which was hosted by the College with the help of Notre Dame's Pre-Professional Society, raised \$77,328 and will donate \$72,000 to the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

"This year, we were focused on fundraising, making our presence known and trying to raise awareness," said Dance Marathon president Kelly Deranek, a senior at Saint Mary's.

Approximately 350 people attended this year's event, which ran from 8 p.m. Friday until 8 a.m. Saturday.

The night included live performances by the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Irish dance team and bands such as South Jordan. In addition, raffles, crafts and card games were among the many activities of the night.

Children from Riley attended the event, including Marty Manges, who said arm wrestling with a Notre Dame football player was one of the coolest things he had ever done. The Saint Mary's College Morale Committee also came to teach volunteers how to dance.

Steve Bariteau, a representative of Riley Hospital for



Photo courtesy of Meghan Casey

Saint Mary's volunteers at this weekend's Dance Marathon hold up the final amount of money raised for the Riley Hospital for Children.

Children, was in attendance and shared his thoughts on the positive impact the College has made on the hospital. He said Saint Mary's had raised over \$245,000 for the hospital since the inception of the Dance Marathon.

"Because of you, we have been able to serve over 8,000 patients from South Bend, a young girl from California was able to be treated and 66 percent of pediatricians are becoming more educated," Bariteau said.

Guest speakers made

appearances throughout the night, including Sheila Fraser, a current Marian High School student, who was diagnosed with cancer two years ago.

The doctors later determined Fraser suffered from osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer. Fraser was named a Riley Champion from 2008-09.

Fraser shares her story through public speaking engagements at events such as Dance Marathon throughout the state to raise awareness

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Lecture discusses turmoil in Congo

Conference speaker advocates comprehensive consumer campaign

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

The 18th annual Student Peace Conference, sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, kicked off its weekend events Friday with a talk by keynote speaker John Prendergast, founder of the Enough Project, which aims to end genocide and crimes against humanity.

Prendergast's organization also works to inform Americans how they might, as consumers, indirectly be perpetuating torture and genocide in developing nations like the Congo.

Naunihal Singh, assistant

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

John Prendergast, founder of the Enough Project, speaks during the Peace Conference Friday at the Hesburgh Center.

Summit connects students, community

By MEGHAN MANNING
News Writer

The fourth annual Notre Dame Community Summit introduced new staff and student leaders Friday afternoon and updated the progress in relations between the community and the University before student government turnover occurs on April 1.

"It was a great chance for the new leaders to meet with the members of the community that we've established relations with, and that we've created really successful events and programs with," senior Denise Baron, a member of student government's

Committee on Community Relations, said. "It's done at this time so we can ease the transition and help connect new leaders to the community members we have been working with."

One development highlighted was the creation of the Crime Safety and Prevention Task Force, started this fall in response to the growing concerns of crime targeted at students in the greater South Bend area. Student body president Grant Schmidt said the task force has made significant improvements in this area.

Summit participants later broke into small groups to indi-

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INSIDE COLUMN

My 8 reasons to love N.J.

I'm from New Jersey, and I'm proud of it. First of all, let me tell you that we do not live on one big slab of Turnpike, the air is safe to breathe and we actually do know how to pump gas (well, some of us).

The typical response to me telling someone where I'm from is: "Oh, you're from New Jersey. Do you know any guidos?" New Jersey, however, has much more to offer than gelled hair, highways and densely populated cities. New Jersey has a rich history that has contributed to the landscape of modern day America.

New Jersey gets a bad rap, and I have 400 words to disprove it.

1. Let me start off with a brief history. New Jersey was one of the original 13 colonies that fought in the Revolutionary War. In fact, it is referred to as the "Crossroads of the Revolution" because more battles were fought in New Jersey than in any other colony. (Shut up, Indiana. You didn't even exist.)

2. The Jersey Shore. No, not the Jersey Shore you're thinking of. I'm talking about the majestic Atlantic Ocean that borders the entire eastern coast of my state.

3. There are over 600 diners in New Jersey, more than in any other place in the world. There's nothing better than eating eggs and a milkshake at 4 a.m. while your guy friends enjoy an assortment of buffalo chicken wings, cinnamon rolls and chili fries.

4. Malls. New Jersey also has more shopping malls than any other place in the world. Within a five-mile radius of my house I have a choice of four different malls. Girls, don't tell me you wouldn't appreciate that.

5. Sports buffs: the first baseball game ever was played in Hoboken, N.J., and the first college football game was played in New Brunswick between Rutgers and Princeton.

6. New Jersey is the birthplace of the drive-in movie, the boardwalk, the postcard, the zipper, the cultivated blueberry, the seedless watermelon, the light bulb and the FM radio.

7. Frank Sinatra, Thomas Edison, Bruce Springsteen, Meryl Streep and Jon Bon Jovi — you guessed correctly. They are all Jersey born and raised.

8. The air I breathe may be less than clean and my politicians may sometimes be corrupt. However, I also live in a place of rolling farmlands and mountains, a place with New York City to the east and Philadelphia to the south.

So if you ever get the chance, take a drive along the Garden State Parkway, stop at a diner, fill up on gas (with the luxury of staying in your car) and enjoy the scenic beauty that is my home state.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: If you could live in another time period, when would you choose?

					
Rafta Rivera <i>freshman Alumni</i>	Caitlan Greubel <i>sophomore McGlinn</i>	Nick Michalak <i>freshman Fisher</i>	John Juarez <i>sophomore O'Neill</i>	Jack Cooley <i>freshman O'Neill</i>	Rob Schaus <i>sophomore O'Neill</i>
<i>"The Roman time because there was a lot of fighting ... it's cool."</i>	<i>"I would live in the 40s with Frank Sinatra."</i>	<i>"When Jesus lived. It'd be cool to see him."</i>	<i>"I'd live with the dinosaurs."</i>	<i>"The medieval times because I want to be the king of the castle!"</i>	<i>"Being a Spartan would be kind of cool."</i>

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



Sophomore Jordan Matulis gets dunked during Howard Hall's Dunk-A-Duck event Friday. The event was held by the residence hall as a fundraiser for earthquake victims in Chile and Haiti.

OFFBEAT

Drunken driver reports herself to authorities
EAST LANSING, Mich. — Police in Michigan have released a copy of a 911 call where a suspected drunken driver chats with an emergency dispatcher for about 20 minutes before she is pulled over and arrested.

In the first moments of the March 13 call, the dispatcher asks: "Are you intoxicated?" and the woman replies: "Absolutely." The dispatcher pleads with the woman to pull over and she tells him she "shouldn't be driving."

The dispatcher helped officers find the driver in East Lansing.

Police say the 27-year-old Charlotte resident placed the call at 5:40 a.m. The woman was issued a citation for operating while intoxicated and faces up to 90 days in jail. Her name hasn't been released.

Suspected robber duct tapes shoes as cover-up
MANISTEE TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Maybe duct tape doesn't work for everything. Police said an 18-year-old Cadillac man who fastened duct tape to the bottom of his shoes in an attempt to conceal the robbery of a northern Michigan business has been arrested.

Manistee County sheriff officials said the man admitted robbing All Star Pay Day Loans in Manistee Township, about 210 miles northwest of Detroit. He was arrested about 3:35 a.m. Thursday after being spotted by deputies.

Police told the Ludington Daily News and WWMT-TV the man was wearing dark clothing and carrying about \$1,200 in cash.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Creative Writing Program will host a conference titled "The Open Light: A Celebration of Notre Dame Poets," beginning at 3 p.m. today in 100-104 McKenna Hall.

The Institute for Latino Studies will sponsor a lecture titled "On the Sociology of Exile and Identity: The Creation and Maintenance of the Cuban Exile Ideology," starting at 4 p.m. today in 210-214 McKenna Hall.

A screening of the film "MONSEÑOR (Monseñor, the Last Journey of Oscar Romero)" will be held tonight at 6:45 p.m. in the Montgomery Auditorium of LaFortune.

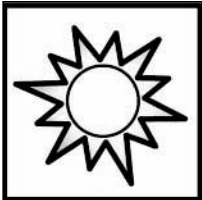





An exhibit titled "Yin Yu Tang: A Chinese Home" will take place Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Scholz Family Works on Paper Gallery at the Snite Museum of Art. Admission is free.

A campus-wide procession of the Stations of the Cross will depart from the Grotto at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

A lecture titled "The New Northern Ireland: Immigration, Identity and Belonging" will take place Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in C103 of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Admission is free.

The Notre Dame women's softball team will face Rutgers at 6 p.m. Thursday in Melissa Cook Stadium.

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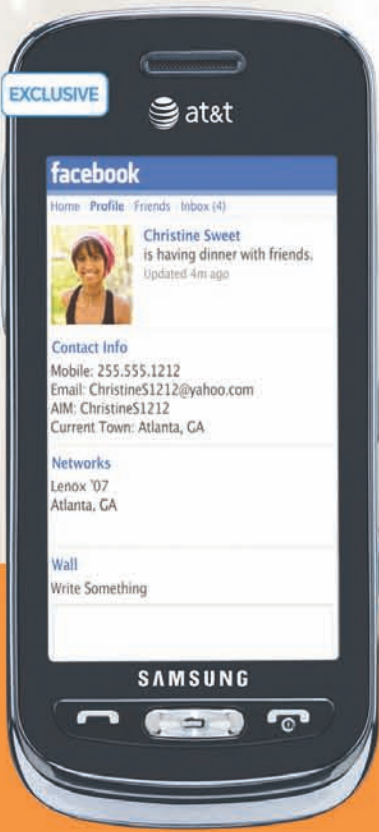
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ROTC sponsors fundraising event

By COURTENAY DEVLIN
News Writer

Notre Dame's Tri-Military Command hosted its first annual March Madness 10k Run Saturday and far surpassed its fundraising goal of \$3,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP).

The three clubs — ATLAS (army ROTC), Arnold Air Society and Trident Naval Society — will donate the more than \$3,700 it raised directly to the WWP, said Matt Zak, president of the Trident Naval Society. WWP has a stated mission "to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women, to help severely injured service members aid and assist each other and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of severely injured service members," according to the organization's Web site.

According to the Web site, over 500,000 troops have been wounded in battle, and many have suffered traumatic brain injuries,

amputations, severe burns and post-traumatic stress disorder.

The race began at Clarke Memorial Fountain and wound around campus and the lakes on a cool, partly cloudy Saturday.

"It was an enjoyable race despite the cold conditions, and I was happy to run for a good cause," said senior Matthew Bartindale, who won the event by completing the 6.2-mile track in less than 36 minutes.

More than 150 people participated in the event.

"I believe in supporting our troops and I admire what they do to protect our country," freshman Consuela Garcia said. "I enjoyed running the race for them."

Zak said he thought the event was a great success.

"We put in a lot of hard work over the last three months and I have received nothing but positive comments," Zak said. "Our goal was \$3,000 and we almost made \$4,000. I hope it will continue in the future."

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Students share immigration stories

La Fuerza hosts Immigration Monologues as part of Action Week

By BRITTANY VANSNEPSON
News Writer

La Fuerza, the Saint Mary's club that represents Latina culture, hosted Immigration Monologues Thursday as a part of Action Week. Club president Cristina Posadas began the lecture by addressing six myths commonly associated with immigrants.

She said the myths are that immigrants do not want to learn English, do not pay taxes, increase crime rates, take jobs away from Americans, drain the economy and are a burden on the health care system.

Posadas said she hopes by promoting the Development, Relief and Education of Alien Minors (DREAM) Act, people will become more aware of the potential of undocumented immigrants.

"This would provide a pass to legal status so they can go to college, get careers and contribute to society," Posadas said.

A group of students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's, Holy Cross and Indiana University South Bend (IUSB) helped make

up the panel that addressed the issues of immigrations they personally faced.

Panel member Felix Marquez, an IUSB student, shared his own story of how he was forced to leave El Salvador after he was recruited by the military at age 16.

"[The military] said they were going to make me into a man and I'd go represent my country," Marquez said.

Marquez said his mother had other ideas and sent him to the United States

where he would not be forced into a war she did not support. Upon his arrival in the United States in 1990, Marquez said he has learned English and was the first of his family members to attain a high school degree.

Notre Dame freshman Luis Huerta was born a citizen of the United States to illegal immigrant parents. As result,

Huerta's family was forced to move multiple times and suffer in poverty.

At age 5, Huerta said he remembers his teacher saying he would amount to nothing because of his parents' social standing in life. He said that moment would inspire him to denying his cultural heritage for many years.

"It wasn't until high school that I was finally able to be proud of my heritage," Huerta said.

Huerta is currently pursuing

a degree from Notre Dame alongside his mother, who is hoping to earn a degree in management.

"I just want people to know that anything is possible here in the United States, it just takes time," Huerta said.

Cristina Posadas
president
La Fuerza

"This would provide a pass to legal status so they can go to college, get careers and contribute to society."

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N.Y. archbishop defends pope against sex abuse furor

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Archbishop Timothy Dolan was greeted with applause after finishing Palm Sunday Mass by defending Pope Benedict XVI against suggestions he aided cover-ups of reports of child abuse.

The standing-room-only crowd at St. Patrick's Cathedral applauded for 20 seconds after Dolan read a statement calling the pope the "leader in purification, reform and renewal that the church so very much needs."

Still, Dolan said reports of abuse of minors by some priests in Ireland and Germany and the retelling of the abuse of children by a priest in Wisconsin had "knocked us to our knees once again" and intensified the somberness of Holy Week, the most sacred time on the Christian calendar.

He urged the Manhattan congregation to pray for the pope, saying he was suffering some of the same unjust accusations once faced by Jesus.

"Anytime this horror, this

vicious sin, this nauseating crime is reported, as it needs to be, victims and their families are wounded again, the vast majority of faithful priests bow their heads in shame anew and sincere Catholics like you experience another dose of shock, sorrow and even anger," Dolan said.

He added: "What deepens the sadness now is the unrelenting insinuations against the Holy Father himself, as certain sources seem almost frenzied to implicate the man."

In Vatican City, the pope in his Palm Sunday homily made no direct mention of the abuse scandal, which has drawn fresh attention to the church's handling of cases of pedophile

priests.

Dolan in his homily also didn't mention the scandal, but a church spokesman alerted reporters in the crowd that he would make a statement at the end of the Mass, which lasted more than an hour.

Dolan credited the pope for making possible the progress the Catholic Church has made in the United States against "this sickening sin and crime," saying changes "could never have happened without the insistence and support of the very man now being daily crowned with thorns by groundless innuendo."

He asked whether the church and the pope "need intense scrutiny and just criticism for tragic horrors long

past?"

"Yes! Yes!" he said, answering his question. "He himself has asked for it, encouraging complete honesty, at the same time eloquently expressing contrition and urging a thorough cleansing."

"All we ask is that it be fair and that the Catholic Church not be singled out for a horror that has cursed every culture, religion, organization, institution, school, agency and family in the world," he said.

Palm Sunday, the Sunday before Easter, marks Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the laying of palm fronds before him. Outside the cathedral Sunday, worshippers emerging from the service with palm fronds were largely supportive

of Dolan's remarks.

"I thought it was very well put," said Inga Yungwirth, of Hagerstown, Md. "It doesn't shake my faith."

Earlier, several protesters had gathered outside the Gothic-style cathedral, which sits on Fifth Avenue opposite Rockefeller Center.

"Honk if Pope should resign," said one sign, which attracted only an occasional toot from drivers.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Commision to investigate abuse

VIENNA — Austrian Cardinal Christoph Schoenborn has announced the creation of a commission to investigate recent abuse claims against the country's Catholic Church.

Schoenborn says the body will be church-funded but independent and free of clergy. He says it is not meant to replace a possible state-run investigative commission.

Waltraud Klasnic, a former governor of the Alpine republic's southern province of Styria, will head the commission. Schoenborn is slated to meet with her Thursday to discuss details.

Austria is among several European countries that have been hit by a string of church abuse allegations in recent weeks.

Iraqi Prime Minister challenges vote

CAIRO — The challenge by Iraq's Shiite prime minister to election results that showed him coming in a close second to his chief rival — Sunni-backed Ayad Allawi — is a risky tactic.

If Nouri al-Maliki succeeds in his attempt to block the secular Shiite Allawi from forming a coalition government, it would leave the minority Sunni Arabs seething. That could undermine the credibility of Iraq's nascent democracy and unleash a new bout of sectarian violence just as the U.S. is preparing to pull all its troops out of the country.

Final results of the March 7 election released Friday showed Allawi's Iraqiya coalition winning 91 parliamentary seats thanks to heavy support by Sunnis and al-Maliki's Shiite-led bloc with 89.

NATIONAL NEWS

NYC to search for Sept. 11 remains

NEW YORK — New York City officials are planning to search through material excavated from around the World Trade Center site for any remains of Sept. 11 victims.

The three-month endeavor is scheduled to start Friday at the Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island. The material being searched was taken from the area around ground zero in the last two years.

If there are any possible remains found, the material will undergo testing at the city medical examiner's office.

The search is expected to cost \$1.4 million.

FBI agents conduct raids

ADRIAN, Mich. — The FBI said Sunday that agents conducted weekend raids in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio and arrested at least three people, and a militia leader in Michigan said the target of at least one of the raids was a Christian militia group.

Federal warrants were sealed, but FBI spokeswoman Sandra Berchtold said there had been activity in two southwest Michigan counties near the Ohio state line. She wouldn't say whether they were tied to the raids in the other states.

FBI spokesman Scott Wilson in Cleveland said agents arrested two people Saturday after raids in two towns in Ohio. A third arrest was made in northeast Illinois on Sunday, a day after a raid took place just over the border in northwest Indiana.

FBI agents in Ohio made arrests in Huron and Sandusky on Saturday night, Wilson said. No further information would be released until after they appeared in court Monday.

LOCAL NEWS

New law limits traffic court fines

INDIANAPOLIS — Traffic scofflaws could find their violations a little easier on the wallet under a new state law that takes effect July 1.

The law sets maximum fines for moving violations that are Class C infractions, including speeding and failing to stop at stop signs or traffic lights.

Under the new law, fines can range from \$35.50 to \$500, plus an additional \$114.50 in court fees. The higher penalties will be paid by those who contest the violation and lose and have previously contested violations unsuccessfully.

Obama slips into Afghanistan

President hopes to voice American resolve in his first visit to Asian country

Associated Press

KABUL — Under elaborate secrecy, President Barack Obama slipped into Afghanistan on Sunday near the front lines of the increasingly bloody 8-year-old war he is expanding and affirmed America's commitment to destroying al-Qaida and its extremist allies in the land where the 9-11 plot was hatched.

Obama's six-hour visit was conducted entirely under the shroud of night-fall, after Air Force One's unannounced flight from the U.S. Obama defended his decision to escalate the fight, telling troops whose numbers he is tripling that their victory is imperative to America's safety.

His bid to shore up faith in the struggle was aimed both at the troops who cheered him and Americans back home. And, he demanded accountability from Afghan authorities to make good on repeated promises to improve living conditions, rein in corruption and enforce the rule of law to prevent people from joining the insurgency.

"Your services are absolutely necessary, absolutely essential to America's safety and security," the president told a lively crowd of about 2,500 troops and civilians at Bagram Air Field north of Kabul. "Those folks back home are relying on you. We can't forget why we're here."

It was Obama's first trip as president to Afghanistan, where the number of U.S. troops killed has roughly doubled in the first three months of 2010 compared with the same period last year as Washington has added tens of thousands of additional soldiers to reverse the Taliban's momentum.

"We did not choose this war," Obama reminded



President Barack Obama rallies American troops at the Bagram Air Base during his visit to Afghanistan on Sunday.

the troops, recalling the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and warning that al-Qaida was still using the region to plan terrorist strikes against the U.S. and its allies. "We are going to disrupt and dismantle, defeat and destroy al-Qaida and its extremist allies."

Obama had gone Friday afternoon to the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md., from which unnoticed departures are easier because of its secluded mountain location. The small contingent of White House aides and media brought on the trip were sworn to secrecy. Obama arrived in Kabul just two days after a threatening new audio message from al-Qaida leader Osama bin

Laden, believed to be hiding along the ungoverned border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

"If this region slides backwards," Obama told the troops, "if the Taliban retakes this country, al-Qaida can operate with impunity, then more American lives will be at stake, the Afghan people will lose their opportunity for progress and prosperity and the world will be significantly less secure. As long as I'm your commander in chief, I'm not going to let that happen."

That resolve was meant just as surely for stateside citizens as for the people who heard it face to face. Polls find that Americans are divided on the war if, more recently, favorable

to Obama's handling of it.

Obama's dark suit was soiled with dust when he stepped off his helicopter at the presidential palace in Kabul. White House officials said Obama, in private talks, wanted to drive home the point that Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his Cabinet must do more to battle corruption and cronyism in government.

Karzai "needs to be seized with how important that is," said Jim Jones, Obama's national security adviser. Karzai has raised eyebrows in Washington with recent trips to Iran, China and Pakistan and his welcoming Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to Kabul this month.

ISRAEL

Prime Minister downplays U.S. tensions

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's leader tried to play down tensions with the U.S. on Sunday after a rocky meeting at the White House last week, saying that relations with Washington remain solid.

In his first public comments on the matter, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his Cabinet that Israel and the U.S. can work out their differences.

"The relationship between Israel and the U.S. is one between allies and friends, and it's a relationship based on years of tradition," Netanyahu said. "Even if there are disagreements, these

are disagreements between friends, and that's how they will stay."

The U.S. has criticized Israeli construction in east Jerusalem — the section of the holy city claimed by the Palestinians. It has asked Israel for gestures toward the Palestinians to help relaunch peace talks, which were about to start earlier this month when the latest spat over settlements broke out.

The planned negotiations were thrown into doubt after Israel announced plans to build 1,600 new apartments for Jews in east Jerusalem. Israel made the announcement while Vice President Joe Biden was visiting, drawing sharp condemnations from

Washington and calls to cancel the construction plans.

Netanyahu, who has consistently rejected calls for any halt to building in Jerusalem, got a chilly reception at the White House last week. He gave no sign of giving in to the U.S. demand or resolving the dispute by the time he left.

Ties between Israel and the U.S. are more tense than they have been in years.

Netanyahu discussed the matter with his Cabinet ministers at their weekly meeting Sunday, and told reporters before the meeting that he had taken "certain steps in order to narrow the gaps."

Dream

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Stanford University, Princeton University and Harvard University. Saracino said Notre Dame is “confident” in its mission and is continuing to try and further the education experience for Notre Dame students by following that mission.

“We’re not trying to be Harvard; we’re trying to be a better Notre Dame,” he said.

Saracino said Notre Dame’s mission has helped make the University “one of the top schools in terms of dream schools,” even though Notre Dame was ranked No. 4 last year in the same survey.

“I don’t see anything disturbing about a drop from fourth to seventh,” he said. “Over the years, Notre Dame is always listed in various surveys as being in the top five or top 10 by parents, students and high school counselors. We’re always going to be one of those schools.”

Freshman Mario Earnest said he thinks the drop in rankings could be in part the result of the University’s public position.

“Recent events that have happened in relation to the University were handled very publicly and there were some mixed reactions,” he said. “But that goes along with

being a dream school. We’re in the spotlight so what we say matters.”

Of the 10 schools listed in the survey, Notre Dame is the only college with a religious affiliation.

Notre Dame is the only top-10 institution with a religious affiliation, and Saracino said he believes Notre Dame’s Catholic presence on this survey is a very “positive” indicator.

“Notre Dame is recognized as being one of the schools that is clearly dedicated to nurturing the mind, heart and soul,” he said.

Freshman Natalie Baumann said she is happy religion is still considered an important factor when it comes to selecting an institution of higher learning.

“Being the sole Catholic school on that list shows that faith is still important for some people, which is a good thing,” she said.

Freshman Kelly Sullivan said certain aspects of Notre Dame matter more than others to students.

“Rankings on substantial matter, such as Mendoza [College of Business] being

“Notre Dame is recognized as being one of the schools that is clearly dedicated to nurturing the mind, heart and soul.”

Dan Saracino
director
Office of Admissions

the best business school in the country, are what really matter to students,” Sullivan said.

Sophomore Eileen Gillespie, who agreed with Sullivan said, “students don’t really care about lists like this.”

While Baumann said Notre Dame’s consistent ranking was a good thing, she said parents’ opinions of the University shouldn’t be of major concern to students.

“Who cares if someone else thinks it’s a dream school,” she said. “It only matters what I think of the school.”

Whether or not students care about these rankings, Saracino said the University has been receiving more undergraduate applications each year and that “the quality of the student body is stronger than it has ever been.”

“Notre Dame is always going to be a top school in the eyes of students, parents and the public because in their minds, Notre Dame is what an ideal college should be like,” Saracino said.

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for Riley. Fraser said she lives by one simple motto: “Never give up because there is so much hope.”

Fraser presented a check for \$12,758.49 to the Saint Mary’s College Dance Marathon from her fundraising at Marian High School

over the past two years.

Riley Hospital for Children is considered among the best children’s hospitals in the country because it strives for excellence in caring for young patients.

Five-year-old Abbie Gorski, who suffers from a heart defect, said Dance Marathon is the best part of her year.

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Summit

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vidually discuss specific divisions of community-University relations. They addressed transportation, cultural collaboration, good-neighbor relations and forms of engagement.

“Each group had about five students and five community members, so it was a nice mix of viewpoints on these topics,” Baron said.

The sub-groups later presented their ideas to the entire Summit, when they were able to receive feedback on specific ideas they had to tackle any of the current challenges involved with community-University relations.

“It was great because the University leaders who can answer the students’ questions

and suggestions were present, so we were able to get quick responses on ideas that emerged,” Baron said.

Among the ideas discussed was the proposition for students to have a more direct involvement in the distribution of information to local areas. The idea of sub-block captains, where students would work with permanent South Bend residents to do this, was proposed.

“The idea was to help encourage student involvement and interaction on a variety of levels,” Baron said.

Baron said the committee has put on a lot of great events over the past term, and was excited for how the developments between the University and its neighbors will continue to grow.

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Congo

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professor of political science and fellow at the Institute for International Peace Studies, delivered opening remarks about Prendergast’s work.

“[He is] empowering people in society who are not part of government,” Singh said. “He is reaching out to people who think they do not have a lot to say or do about foreign policy.”

Prendergast, who has authored eight books about Africa and also worked as a special advisor to the Department of State under the Clinton administration, focused Friday’s talk on the illegal usurpation of minerals and torture in the Congo.

“Nothing else [is] remotely on par ... with the quantity of human misery in the Congo,” he said. “Our standard of living comes at the expense of human beings.”

Prendergast said minerals like tin, tungsten, tantalum and gold come from the Congo and are used to power electric devices like cell phones and laptops.

“The Congo has between one-fifth and one-seventh of the world’s tin,” Prendergast said. “It’s for sale, it’s open for business and people are coming to take what they will.”

Militia groups smuggle minerals out of the Congo and sell them to international markets, Prendergast said, and hundreds of millions of dollars fund the groups going in to seize the minerals and force the local people to comply with their demands.

He told the story of a 57-year-old Congolese woman and schoolteacher who wanted to supplement her salary by selling salt, acquired from local mines.

She was taken by militiamen and was raped daily before finally escaping after two years.

“It took a long time for the physical injuries to heal, but even longer for the emotional injuries to heal,” Prendergast said.

The woman, he said, went on to mentor other women who had experienced situations similar to hers.

Prendergast said rape is the tool of war in the Congo, much like amputation in Sierra Leone and land mines in Angola.

The link between consumer demands of products that utilize minerals like tin and the violence that occurs in the Congo is a direct one, Prendergast said, and the job of consumers, therefore, is to demand conflict-free products.

“People like us have to make people aware that their purchases ... have an impact on millions and millions of people,” he said. “We have to tell the companies that are benefiting from these [atrocities] that we demand conflict-free products.”

Prendergast said big companies like Apple and Hewlett Packard have the most power to implement “change on the ground.”

“If we can influence the big dogs they will subsequently put pressure to clean up the process,” he said. “It turns out often they do want to learn about the process and change it.”

He said the ultimate goal of consumers should be the obtainment of minerals by peaceful and legal means through a global certification scheme.

Prendergast said a complete boycott of products is an unrealistic demand and advocates that people instead use their power as consumers and voters to voice a demand for change.

“We have to demonstrate that there would be a market for conflict-free products,” he said.

He also encouraged contacting elected officials like Sen.

Richard Lugar, the Republican leader of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, to voice support of legislation favoring a certification scheme of peaceful mineral obtainment.

Prendergast encouraged audience members to educate family members and friends about the comprehensive con-

sumer campaign he advocates.

“Why do people get involved with causes? The third most popular reason is some kind of clever ad they’re responding to,” he said. “The second reason is because a celebrity advocated involvement and the top reason is because a family member or friend asked them.”

Prendergast also advocated the move toward a campus free of conflict products.

“The individual has a certain amount of power but a campus body will have even more influence,” he said.

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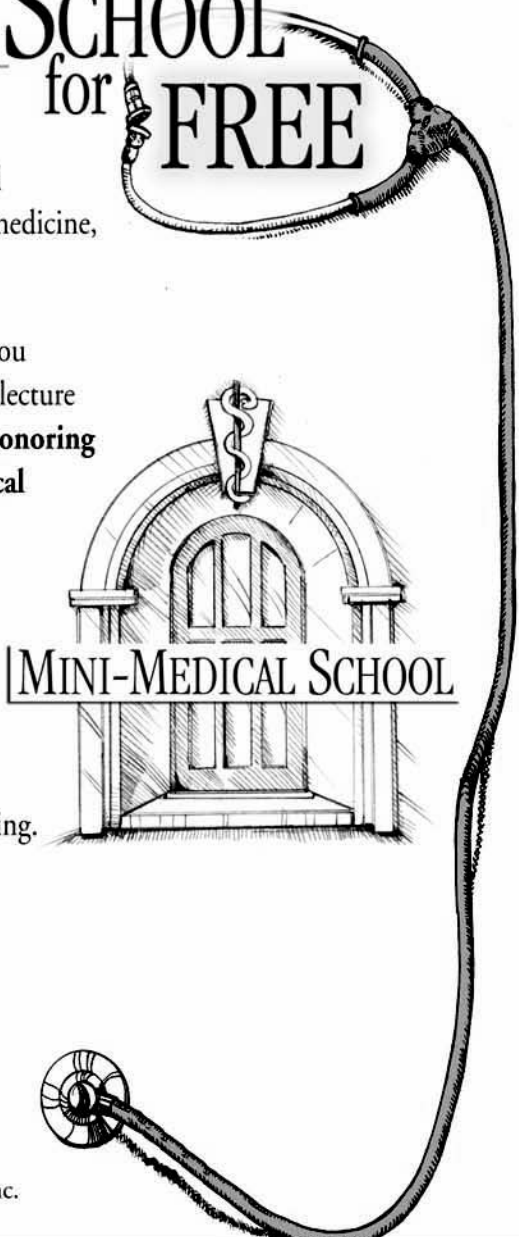
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IN BRIEF

Apple delays release of new iPad
CUPERTINO, Calif. — Apple Inc.'s iPad tablet computer hits U.S. shelves on Saturday, but fans who want the new touch-screen gadget shipped directly to them must wait a week.
The company began taking preorders for the iPad on March 12, promising to get the device to eager buyers by its store launch date of April 3rd. Customers who placed preorders by March 27 will receive the device by that date, where Saturday delivery is available, but Apple said Sunday that new preorders won't be shipped out until April 12.
The Cupertino, California, company declined to give a reason for the shipping delay, but said would-be customers can still pre-order the iPad for in-store pickup on April 3, or purchase the device in stores that day.
The iPads going on sale will connect to Wi-Fi networks only and cost \$499, \$599 or \$699, depending on the data storage capacity.
Versions that also can connect to "3G" cellular networks are expected to go on sale in late April for \$629, \$729 or \$829. International releases also are planned for later in April.

British Airways strike continues
LONDON — British Airways workers took to the picket lines Saturday for a second round of strikes against the struggling airline, causing widespread disruption and frustration among passengers.
Union officials say 12,000 members are taking part in the four-day strike, which comes only a week after another walkout touched off travel chaos.
BA has been taking a hard line against strikers, and has promised to fly more than three quarters of booked passengers. But its Heathrow services will be severely depleted — down to 55 percent for short haul and 70 percent for long haul — as the dispute over pay and changes to working conditions trudges on.
"This is the second part of the biggest contingency plan we have ever launched and our aim will continue to be to fly as many customers as we can," the airline said in a statement.
Both the airline and the union say they are willing to return to negotiations, but there is little sign of reconciliation from either side.

SWEDEN

Geely to buy Volvo from Ford

Independent automaker purchases company for \$1.8 billion; looks to upgrade image

Associated Press

STOCKHOLM — Zhejiang Geely Holding Group signed a binding deal Sunday to buy Ford Motor Co.'s Volvo Cars unit for \$1.8 billion, representing a coup for the independent Chinese automaker which is aiming to expand in Europe.

The stock purchase agreement is subject to regulatory approvals and is expected to be completed in the third quarter, representatives of the two automakers said as they presented the deal at a news conference at Volvo Cars headquarters in Goteborg, on Sweden's west coast.

The agreement was signed by Geely's chairman, Li Shufu and Ford Chief Financial Officer Lewis Booth, and witnessed by Li Yizhong, the Chinese minister of industry and information technology, as well as Swedish Minister for Enterprise and Energy Maud Olofsson.

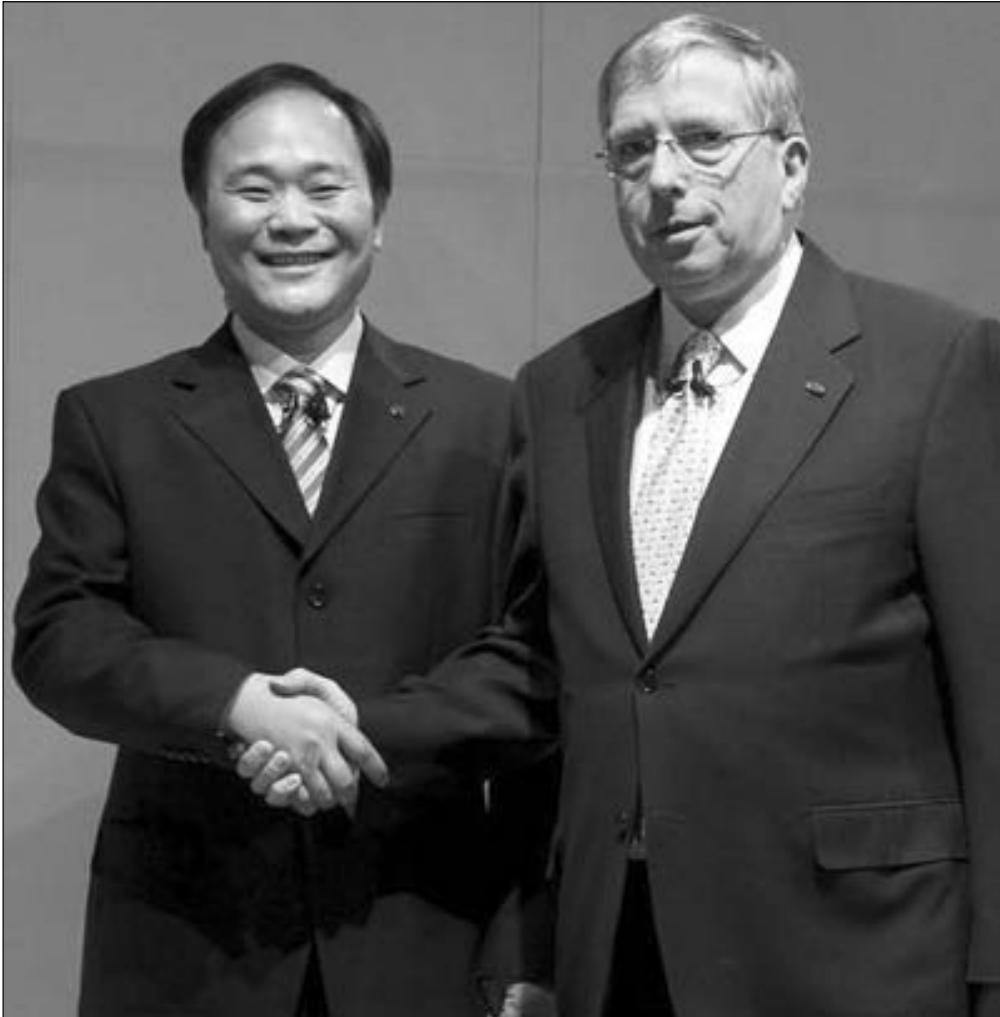
The transaction will be made through a \$200 million note, while the remainder will be paid out in cash, Booth said at the Webcast news conference.

"We think it's a fair price for a good business, and yes, we're happy with the deal we've achieved with Geely," he said, adding that his company believes that, under Geely, "Volvo can continue to build its business and return to profitability."

The deal also covers further agreements on intellectual property rights, supply, and research and development arrangements between Volvo Cars, Geely and Ford.

Li, whose comments were translated by an interpreter, described the deal as "a milestone" for both Geely and Volvo, adding his group will make a Volvo CEO public "in due course."

In a statement, Geely said it has secured all the financing necessary to complete the deal, as well as "significant working capital facilities to fund Volvo Cars' ongoing business."



AP

Li Shufu, chairman of Geely Holding Group, and Lewis Booth, executive vice president of Ford, shake hands at the Volvo plant and headquarters in Torslanda, Sweden, on Sunday.

Geely said it aims to keep Volvo's existing manufacturing facilities in Sweden and Belgium, but that it will also explore manufacturing opportunities in China.

"China, the largest car market in the world, will become Volvo's second home market. Volvo will be uniquely positioned as a world-leading premium brand, tapping into the opportunities in the fast-growing China market," Li said.

Ford, which bought Volvo Cars from AB Volvo in 1999 for \$6.45 billion, has been trying to sell the unit since late 2008 to focus its resources on managing its core Ford, Lincoln and Mercury brands.

As Western automakers unload unprofitable assets,

they are finding keen buyers in Asia.

In 2008, Ford sold its Jaguar and Land Rover brands to India's Tata Motors Ltd. for \$1.7 billion, a third of what it paid for them. In addition, General Motors Co. attempted to sell its rugged Hummer brand to a Chinese heavy equipment maker, but is now winding that brand down as the deal collapsed.

China's Beijing Automotive Industry Holdings has also agreed to buy some powertrain technology from GM's Swedish Saab unit.

Geely, an independent automaker that has struggled to upgrade its image in overseas markets, has long coveted a bigger foothold in Europe and has earlier been rumored to be bidding for Opel and Saab. The long-

awaited Volvo acquisition is therefore important for the company, which has gradually built its business with little government support.

Analyst Zhang Xin, with Guotai Junan Securities in Beijing, said Geely has pledged to keep Volvo's factory and business teams in Sweden after the takeover, limiting its leeway to cut costs.

Volvo, whose first car left its Swedish factory in 1927, employs nearly 20,000 workers, most of them based in Sweden. The group, initially a subsidiary of ballbearing maker SKF, was listed on the stock exchange in 1935.

In 2009, it sold 334,808 cars. It currently has 10 models on the global market, with its cross-over XC60 being the best-seller.

Energy company eyes Utah's oil sands

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — An energy company with government approvals to launch the first significant U.S. oil sands project is trying to raise money to build a plant in eastern Utah that would turn out 2,000 barrels of oil a day.

Earth Energy Resources Inc. has a state lease to work a 62-acre pit in Uintah County, where it has demonstrated technology that can extract oil out of sands using a proprietary solvent it calls environmentally friendly.

But first, the Calgary, Alberta-based company says it needs to raise \$35 million, and it acknowledged that could be tough because private equity groups turned skittish after the 2008 economic

meltdown.

Earth Energy said it is "de-risking" the project to lure investors.

"Until we raise our capital, we are unable to proceed with the project in any major way, but the minute we do, we are fully prepared and committed to advance," D. Glen Snarr, president and chief financial officer, told The Associated Press by e-mail.

Regulators say the company has obtained all permits necessary to open the first U.S. oil sands surface mine designed for producing bitumen, a tar-like form of petroleum. For decades other Utah operators have used oil sands as a poor-man's asphalt.

Snarr offered no timetable, but the company has demonstrated for officials,

researchers and regulators that it has equipment capable of producing bitumen from the oil sands.

With oil hovering around \$80 a barrel — it bottomed out around \$32 a year ago — unconventional fuels are looking more practical. Still, political, economic and environmental hurdles remain.

The Obama administration has been slow to lease large tracts of federal land for oil shale or tar sands development.

Utah is more willing to lease its state lands, however, and Earth Energy joins a neighbor on state lands, Salt Lake City-based Red Leaf Resources Inc., which is working on a small scale to develop the region's oil-shale reserves. Red Leaf also is looking for investors to ramp up production.

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VIEWPOINT

The Yellow Brick Road

The U.S. response to Israel's recent announcement of 1,600 new Jewish homes in east Jerusalem has been cool. Both Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Vice President Joe Biden have criticized these plans as well as the timing of the announcement. It seems to be no coincidence that the announcement came just after Palestinians agreed to indirect negotiations with Israel. Furthermore, Prime Minister Netanyahu has made it very clear he is no fan of a two-state solution. It is not enough to criticize Israel for this very clear land grab; Israel needs American support, surely America can exert more pressure to bring Israel to the negotiating table.

Before discussing recent events any further, it may help to briefly contextualize the situation. East Jerusalem is not recognized as Israeli territory. In fact, almost every country but Israel recognizes it as Palestinian land. Since the Israeli announcement, Mahmoud Abbas, leader of the Palestinian Authority (PA), has refused to negotiate until Israel freezes settlement building, which includes building in east Jerusalem. A settlement is a Jewish community which has been established by the Israeli government — or at least with its tacit approval — on land recognized as belonging to the Palestinians. Initially, Netanyahu refused to freeze any settlement building but finally agreed in November to a moratorium, exempting Jerusalem, after months of pressure from the White House.

Exerting pressure does not mean Israel should be viewed as anything other than an ally; after all, even good

friends have disagreements from time to time. Rather, one should ask why America is hesitant to lean on Israel even when Israel explicitly acts against U.S. interests. America literally gives \$3 billion every year to Israel and has consistently defended Israel against a hostile United Nations and international community. Some have suggested withholding funding would irreparably threaten U.S.-Israeli relations, however history shows this concern to be unjustified. Threatening to withhold aid has worked in the past to bring Israel into line and there is no reason to suspect it will not work in the current debacle. The most famous example is when the United States convinced Israel to enter the Oslo Accords by withholding aid.

While the Oslo Accords were not the heralding of a better period in Palestinian-Israeli relations, negotiation still remains in the best interests of Israel, America and the PA. Freezing settlements in east Jerusalem and entering negotiations will signal to Israel's neighbors that she is willing to work cooperatively for a sustainable and peaceful future. Furthermore, since Israel is seen by many in the Arab world as America's client state, negotiations, even if only marginally successful, may increase America's standing in the Arab world. Lastly, Palestinians would also benefit from negotiations as they would help reduce the West's image of the Palestinians as terrorists.

America and Israel have had a long and mutually beneficial relationship. The two countries have worked together on political issues and even shared technologies and carried out research together. However, Palestinians cannot be blamed for the most recent failure in peace negotiations. They quite rea-

sonably understand the recent settlement announcement as a land grab to prevent east Jerusalem from ever being incorporated into a future Palestinian state. If a peaceful two-state solution is ever to be realized then both sides must compromise.

One can understand why Israel wants to unite all of Jerusalem under its control but the simple fact is that settlements are just as bad for Israel as they are for Palestinians. For many Palestinians, settlements are the prime symbol of Israeli dominance and lust for control. In essence they stand for all the reasons Palestinians believe they cannot trust the Israeli government. Like it or not, Palestinians will be Israel's neighbors for a long time to come and Israel should make attempts to increase good will amongst its neighbors. Of course, Israel has a right to defend itself but it seems settlements make Israel less secure by increasing despair and feelings of disenfranchisement amongst the Palestinian people.

Currently, Israel is headed by a hard right-wing government which makes compromise very difficult. This is where the United States comes into play. No one wants to lose out on free money. Thus, America should make its grants (still free money) contingent on freezing settlements and entering into negotiations with the PA. To stop at merely calling the building project in east Jerusalem an "insult" is the true insult both to regional stability and the Palestinian people.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Count Hermann Keyserling once said truly that the greatest American superstition was belief in facts."

John Gunther
U.S. journalist

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"We must always change, renew, rejuvenate ourselves; otherwise we harden."

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
German writer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lenten candlelight dinner in poor taste

I'm writing in to express my disappointment with the dining halls' decision to have a candlelight dinner on March 26 (Friday in Passiontide and the Commemoration of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

The Church imposes the discipline of forbidding meat on Fridays as a penance, not as something chic that Catholics get to do. Ideally Friday abstinence should be augmented by prayer, fasting, almsgiving and above all a spirit of sacrifice; to that end, for centuries (and up until the 1960s) fasting was required not just on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday but on every day (except Sundays) of Lent. This prepared the Christian faithful to more fully appreciate the season of Easter, when fasting ceased and feasting with the risen Bridegroom commenced.

Given this, the idea of a "Lenten buffet" on a Friday in Lent, wherein one could indulge in such things as swordfish steak, is in terribly poor taste. Symptomatic of this poor taste was the placing of the cross and crown of thorns above the dessert table — the two symbols that should most exhort us to the sacrifice of self.

The Church's liturgical calendar operates in cycles that reflect the spiritual life; one must fast before one feasts, just as one must endure the struggles of earthly life before entering the blessed joy of Heaven. Feasting during Lent only serves to extinguish the blessed joy that comes with the Solemnity of all solemnities, Easter.

Dale Parker
freshman
Morrissey Hall
March 28

End of judgment, beginning of tolerance

I was disturbed by the Inside Column of March 25 ("End of Absence," Andrew Owens) about the return of Tiger Woods to the PGA. Owens' sentence "Just because people thought he had a nice smile ... does not mean he is a good person" implies indeed that because of his past transgressions, like Kobe Bryant, Tiger Woods is a bad person. I would strongly disagree. As not only a Catholic, but also as a member of the population of a country based on the belief in second chances, I believe Owens confuses a bad person with a human being — that is, all of us are prone to make mistakes and deserve forgiveness and a second chance. Does he presume that his future will be mistake-free or that these inevitable mistakes will make him a bad person? Being in a Catholic community where the hallmarks of our daily living should be tolerance and forgiveness, I would hope that we would allow Tiger Woods, just as we would allow any member of our community, a second chance. His winning is simply evidence of his ability to start over. Our applause means that we are not judging, but rather giving him the ability to go on with his life and prove himself again, which is what every human being deserves.

Felicia Caponigri
junior
off campus
March 25

Please MediCARE

As an only child of senior citizen parents, I also have a unique perspective on the health care debate, like cancer survivor Aidan Fitzgerald ("A plea to a mostly competent student body: True Reform," March 24).

Being the daughter of "grandparents" can be fun — I've been the only employed family member since age 13 so they're available to call whenever they can find the "talk" button. I'll never need to stress about them having Facebooks. When I was six we skipped every line at Disney due to Mom's wheelchair. I'm talented at finding hearing aids and fake teeth — and thus lucky pennies.

But elderly life consists of more than where-are-my-glasses games. Like many stereotypes, seniors get labeled hypertensive, arthritic and grouchy. It's not unfounded — I'm not the one in the family who swears over spilt milk. I also know their treatment is expensive and it'd be a lot to ask for ObamaCare to help us more than Medicare already does. However, I want something a bill may never bring.

Last May, Dad had three strokes. He is diabetic (genetically). The hospital's physicians kept testing him for heart disease — tests he's had so many times, all proving his heart is as good as mine. His diabetes was outright ignored. They fed him sugar. His blood glucose shot up to near-coma levels. Many Medicare patients don't receive the care someone with "real" insurance does, because Medicare doesn't pay as much. It's my hope that attempting to equalize healthcare may equalize how much attention doctors pay to their patients.

Also, as a biology major, I'd like to ask all applying to medical school to pick your ObamaCare battles wisely. The only negative argument I've heard so far is "Will my salary pay for med school?" Of course it will — you'll be a Notre Dame grad and a doctor. If money is your priority, do something else. I'm not supporting or condemning the bill, but please criticize constructively. I understand med school is your main concern — my main concern is Dad being at graduation. Please remember your future patients, too.

Liz Devany
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March 26

Why the pope should step down

"Cases of this kind are subject to the pontifical secret," then-Cardinal Ratzinger wrote in a letter to Catholic bishops in 2001. At that time he headed the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, an institution whose role in handling cases of allegations of child rape by priests has proved to have been one of protecting the perpetrators more than the victims.

After the scandals in the U.S. and Ireland with tens of thousands of abuse cases, the next wave of victims breaking their silence is surfacing now in Germany, Ratzinger's country of origin. As archbishop of the diocese of Munich and Freising, he was directly involved in a decision to let a priest who had been relocated there after allegations of child abuse to continue working with children and teenagers, even though the priest's psychiatrist warned the diocese to not let him have unsupervised contact with children.

As it turns out the priest continued to rape children and was found guilty of child abuse in 1986 by a German court. He was not suspended by the Catholic church until the beginning of March of this year.

Given the pope's direct involvement in the embarrassing handling of abuse cases in the past and his position as the leader of an organization that claims to have moral authority, he should weigh accepting personal responsibility and showing compassion for the victims against the desire to cling to the immense power of the papacy.

So far we have not been given any reason to doubt he favors the latter.

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March 25

EDITORIAL CARTOON



Don't be the one
lamesauce in the bunch
that throws this away.

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By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

With a title that seems to give away the punch line of the movie, “Hot Tub Time Machine” surprisingly turned out to be one of the funniest movies of the year. Unlike “Snakes on a Plane,” this movie delivered much more than time travel and a Jacuzzi. Rob Corddry (“The Daily Show”) provides a very “Allen from the Hangover”-like performance, making the movie what it was, and John Cusack (“Serendipity”) and Craig Robinson (“The Office”) also star in this tastefully crude comedy.

From the opening scene, the movie entertains and makes the audience laugh. We see Nick (Robinson) working at a dog-grooming salon, walking a dog

on a mini treadmill. After disemboweling a customer’s canine, Adam (Cusack) and Lou (Corddry) are introduced. Both are unhappy, middle-aged adults, and Adam is recently divorced and taking care of his sister’s

teenage son, Jacob (Clark Duke).

When Lou attempts to commit suicide, Adam and Nick decide to take him to Kodiak Valley, the resort where they spent their teenage years partying. They arrive only to find the entire city run down, the hotel filled with cats and the bellhop left with one arm. Trying to have a good time despite all of that, they go into a hot tub. Needless to say, the hot tub ends up being a time machine and takes the four of them back to “Winterfest 1986.”

After realizing they have traveled in time, Jacob informs the group they need to try to do everything exactly as they had before to prevent the butterfly effect. While trying to relive their

time at Winterfest, Nick, Adam and Lou each try to change their past for the better, ignoring their pact. Lou discovers he can bet on things he know will happen, such as the

1980s fashion, conflict emerges between the ski patrol and the four main characters. The ski patrol suspects the four of being Russian spies

past and makes billions by creating “Loughe” (instead of Google) and founding the band “Motley Lou.”

Despite being a quality comedy, “Hot Tub Time Machine” was by no means perfect. The time travel aspects were without a doubt outlandish, and the repairman (Chevy Chase) wasn’t very well developed. A bit

more in the beginning of the movie explaining the characters would have been nice, and (SPOILER ALERT!) it seemed odd that the “Cincinnati Box” from the trailers (and in the movie) was never explained. But still, for a comedy, “Hot Tub Time Machine” delivered more than could have been asked for.

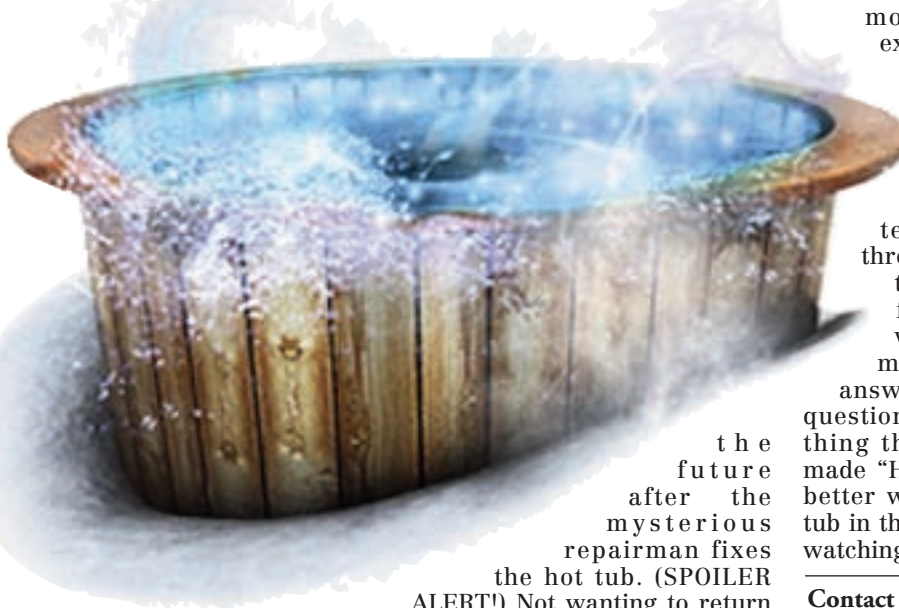
This movie is a better use of \$7.50 than three pounds of chocolate toffee covered pretzels from The Huddle and will make you laugh more than clever answers to The Observer’s question of the day. The only thing that could have really made “Hot Tub Time Machine” better would have been a hot tub in the theater to sit in while watching the movie.

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‘Hot Tub Time Machine’ Funny But Flawed

Denver Broncos beating the Cleveland Browns with “The Drive.” In true

because of their gadgets from the future and because they recently watched “Red Dawn.” Like the Russian spies they were not, they go back to



the future after the mysterious repairman fixes the hot tub. (SPOILER ALERT!) Not wanting to return to his adult life, Lou stays in the

‘Hot Tub Time Machine’

Directed by: Steve Pink

Starring: John Cusack, Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson, Clark Duke, Chevy Chase, Crispin Glover



By TATIANA SPRAGINS
Scene Writer

The 20th annual Latin Expressions event celebrates Latino culture and heritage at Notre Dame, and this year’s event was themed “Noche de Fantasia” — or “night of fantasy.”

With dark and mysterious posters and beautiful masks covering the faces of those greeting us at the entrance, the one-night-only performance at South Bend’s Palais Royale was packed as usual. The venue fit well with the theme, and the huge, beautiful chandelier that hung from the ceiling, surrounded by gilded frames and designs, helped to set the air for the show.

Composed mostly of typical Latin dances and music, this year’s Latin Expressions seemed to focus less on traditions from different Latin countries and more on creating a dance show. Beginning with an outstanding, goose bumps worthy Opera performance by senior Josh Diaz, the show went on with several different dance performances choreographed and completely organized by the very students doing the dance (who had to rehearse and audition to make it to the show) and some musical acts, sung and played also by the students. For the dance performances, the groups normally danced to a mix of

salsa with contemporary Latin music (namely reggaeton), or if it were

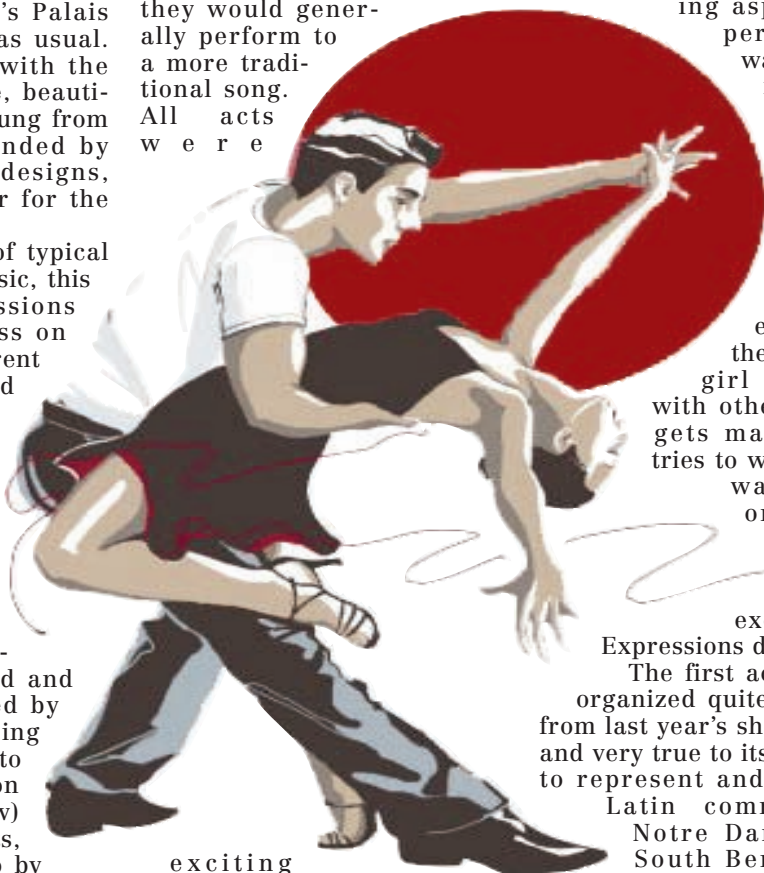
fits that continued the fantastical theme of the night. Another inter-

ened the impact of this unique event. Of the eight groups to

in the program. An interesting part of the show, as for most cultural

LATIN EXPRESSION: A Fantastic Night of Fantasy

only one couple on stage, they would generally perform to a more traditional song. All acts were



exciting and well performed, packed with tons of quick and sexy flips and twirls and out-

esting and characterizing aspect of the performances was that they normally had some sort of a plot, which added to the fun of the show. For example, the formula of girl sees boy with other girl, girl gets mad and boy tries to win her back was used in one of the fun, sexy and exciting Latin Expressions dance acts.

The first act, although organized quite differently from last year’s show, was fun and very true to its purpose — to represent and honor the Latin community at Notre Dame and in South Bend. With a variety of performances, from a Folkloric dance to Opera, the act to follow less-

present, only three portrayed some aspect of the Latin culture. Project Fresh and the First Class Steppers constituted a significant portion of the second half, and although these groups are always jaw dropping and fun to watch, their performances weren’t pertinent enough to the purpose of the show for the time it was given. Other performances, such as one musical performance that did not pertain to Latin culture and a magic show may have been highly entertaining and amusing — but were not very relevant. The focus on the Latin culture seen in the first act was lost after the intermission.

There were many aspects of the event that differed from last year’s Latin Expressions and made a significant difference in this year’s performance. One such aspect was the division of the acts by specific cultures and countries. Although some were evidently specific to a particular culture (for example, “Al son de Mexico” [to the sound of Mexico] by MariachiND), most of the acts were not, or at least were not made specific

events here at Notre Dame, was learning the differences between each different country by watching people either sing or dance to a typical song or dance of that place. For example, in Asian Allure, each performance was introduced by its name and country of origin. Although this may not be as easy to differentiate in Latin America as in Asia, some slight distinction or an effort to highlight traditional cultural songs or dances from a specific region would have made for a more comprehensive show.

Nonetheless, the show was evidently rehearsed many times because it all flowed smoothly. The dances were very well executed and the singers were wonderful. On top of this, the two people who walked on stage in between most acts were packed with clever jokes, which got plenty of laughs from the crowd. So if you didn’t make it this year, don’t forget to make it next time. It’s definitely not a show to be missed.

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Music Under the Radar that Should Be on Your Mainstream: Electropop

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
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Have you ever been in a conversation with someone who's name-dropped a band and you've nodded emphatically, agreeing that said band is so good/cool/innovative, only to completely forget its name the minute you walk away? Fear no more, because here is a list of some of the most note-worthy music out there today, at least in the category of slightly-more-important. Did I unforgivably ignore your favorite? E-mail me and maybe I'll include it in the next list.

This week we focus on electro-pop, synthpop, or basically anything with serious instrumentation from the computer. Modern technology has not only allowed T-Pain to auto tune everyone with an iPhone, but has opened the door to a creative deluge of innovative instrumentation, often with one person composing the entire piece. These kids don't just clean up music on the computer — they write the whole song. Instead of demeaning technology as a cheap means to make mediocre singers sound better, they have embraced it as a new form of musical expression. ("The computer IS my instrument!")

Blue Foundation

These guys gained a fair following after "Eyes On Fire" backed Bella's entry to high school in last year's movie "Twilight." They provide a nice balance between overt electronica and a cosmopolitan mystique.

Tracks to tap: "End of the Day (Silence)," "Distant Dreams (Voices)"



Fever Ray (picture above)

A one-woman band from Sweden, she's the sister in the duo that is The Knife. Her solo work is slightly ambient with an emphasis on "other-worldliness." This tends to mean that she bounces between Native American sounding melodies and Chinese chord progressions. The music video for "When I Grow Up" is strikingly beautiful — and pretty much sums her up.

Tracks to tap: "When I Grow Up," "Triangle Walks"

Imogen Heap

The genius behind "Hide and Seek" released a sophomore album last fall, solidifying her position as Queen of the One Man Pop Band. Her most interesting tactic is that she will take a microphone around and record anything she can find and then loop it so that it sounds percussive or melodic (including things like a dripping facet or a clock ticking). She mixes all her own songs, and creates unique soundscapes for each. It doesn't hurt that she is probably the most lyrically involved artist on this list. Tracks to tap: "Earth," "Tidal," "Goodnight and Go"

La Roux

This Eurythmics incarnate synthpop group blew up in the UK last fall, and have begun trickling into the States. Their single, "Bulletproof" is overwhelmingly 80's and yet begs to be danced to about as much as the Gaga fare.

Tracks to tap: "Bulletproof," "In For The Kill"



Owl City (picture below)

Yes, yes, everyone's heard of them, but not everyone has listened to them (or realized the omnipresent "Fireflies" is by them). Actually, the "them" is a "he," and he's from Minnesota. This one-man basement band is a true electronica success story. Adam Young was waxing electric while living in his parent's house when he decided to tell the boss at his warehouse job that he was quitting to pursue a career as a pop star. And then he did. Tracks to tap: "Fireflies," "Vanilla Twilight," "Meteor Shower"



Shiny Toy Guns

This is of the most novel bands out there, and not because the lead vocals consist of a male and female belting it out above a sea of emo ready pulsing guitar riffs. They deliver everything from quasi-Goth (these guys have contributed to two Electro Goth tribute albums) to straight-up dance beats (their "Le Disko" landed on Billboard's Modern Rock chart). Tracks to tap: "Le Disko," "Don't Cry Out," "Ghost Town"

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Michigan State, Duke advance to Final Four

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The players come and go, the years pass. About the only thing that doesn't change is Tom Izzo and Michigan State's mastery in March.

The fifth-seeded Spartans are on their way to their second straight Final Four and sixth in 12 years after Raymar Morgan's free throw with less than 2 seconds left lifted Michigan State to a 70-69 victory over Tennessee in the Midwest Regional final Sunday.

"There is nothing greater than going to a Final Four that I know of," Izzo said, "except winning it."

No team in the country — not North Carolina, not Kansas, not UCLA, not Kentucky — has been better during the Spartans' run. And all six of those trips have come under Izzo, the hard-nosed coach who preaches defense, rebounding, defense, physical play, and have we mentioned defense?

Izzo, who took over from long-time mentor Jud Heathcote for the 1995-96 season, is 6-1 in the regional finals. His only loss was to top-seeded Texas in 2003.

"Tom Izzo does his best in the NCAA tournament," said Magic Johnson, who sat in the Michigan State cheering section and embraced Izzo after the game. "He loves the big moment. He understands what he needs to do against every team. He comes up with a great game plan every single time. He deserves all the credit in the world."

The Spartans, last year's national runner-up, will be looking for championship No. 3 next weekend in Indianapolis. They play Butler, also a No. 5 seed and sure to be the hometown favorite, in the semifinals Saturday night.

"They're hot right now. They're playing some of their best basketball," Morgan said.

"But we're also hot right now. We're playing some of our best basketball."

Michigan State is the only team from last year's Final Four to make it back. Heck, North Carolina, which demolished the Spartans in the title game, didn't even make the NCAA tournament. Neither did Connecticut, and Villanova was knocked out in the second round.

How's this for some symmetry? This happens to be the 10th anniversary of the "Flintstones," the team that gave Michigan State its second national title. Highlights from that run were included in the video montage of past championships that played on the Edward Jones Dome's massive Jumbotron during half-time.

The Spartans (28-8) led by as many as eight in the second half, but Brian Williams pulled sixth-seeded Tennessee (28-9) within 69-68 on a putback with 2:10 left. Korie Lucious, who took over as point guard after 2009 Big Ten player of the year Kalin Lucas ruptured his Achilles' tendon last weekend, missed the front end of a 1-and-1 with 29 seconds left and Scotty Hopson got the rebound.

Hopson was fouled at the other end, and made the first. But after a Michigan State timeout, he missed the second and Lucious — generously listed at 5-foot-11 — ended up with the rebound. Morgan was fouled by J.P. Prince with 1.8 seconds left and made the first. After timeouts by both teams, Morgan bricked the second shot on purpose.

Williams came up with the rebound and Tennessee called a quick timeout. But Prince fumbled the inbounds pass and had to heave up a prayer from mid-court just before the buzzer.

"It's just tough, 1 second," Prince said. "You want to shoot it perfect but you've got to rush. You don't want it to come down to a half-court shot, but that's



Michigan State coach Tom Izzo and his players celebrate after their 70-69 victory over Tennessee in St. Louis on Sunday in St. Louis. The trip to Indianapolis will be Izzo's sixth Final Four.

what it came down to."

Prince wasn't even close, and Michigan State and its fans — led by Johnson, the Spartan-in-chief — began the celebration that's practically become a rite of spring.

"What's unique is it's been a little bit more bumpy road," Izzo said.

Bumpy? More like missing big chunks of asphalt.

While Izzo is a master at reloading on the fly, this might have been his toughest test. In addition to Lucas' injury, Delvon Roe is playing on a torn meniscus and Chris Allen is nursing an aching foot.

The Spartans have been forced to go with an offense-by-committee but, somehow, it works. Durrell Summers, who's taken over the bulk of the scoring, finished with 21 points on 8-of-10 shooting despite playing just 9 minutes in the first half because of foul trouble. Morgan and Draymond Green added 13 each, and Morgan also had 10 rebounds.

"Things happen throughout the season," Summers said. "Once we got to tournament time, we said we'll have a fresh start."

Tennessee, meanwhile, will have to take comfort in knowing it got further than any other Volunteers team. This was their first appearance in the regional finals, and there is no question they belonged. They made their first six shots of the game — going 4 for 4 from 3-point range, shot 51 percent overall and had four players in double figures, led by senior Wayne Chism's 13 points.

Prince finished with 12 on 5-

of-5 shooting, and Williams had 11.

"It's going to stick with us," senior Bobby Maze said. "Anytime we watch college games or during tournament time, we'll always come back to that very moment where we were just too short."

Tennessee has long been a basketball powerhouse — in women's hoops. But coach Bruce Pearl has energized the men's program, as evidenced by the orange-hued dome and the Vols' first appearance in the regional final. Few would have thought the Tennessee men would last longer than the top-seeded women, who were beaten by No. 4 Baylor on Saturday in the regional semifinals.

"We came to St. Louis expecting to win two games and we played pretty well both nights," Pearl said. "We saw all that orange out there. This isn't close to home, either. They got in their car and they drove here. I think they enjoyed this group tremendously."

Though they were going against a team that oozes experience — "Final Fours are a big thing in this program," Green said Saturday — the Vols came in with swagger and strut.

But confidence is no match for toughness, and few can match that of Michigan State.

"I said (before the game), 'You put yourself in a position where you have a chance to do something you talked about,'" Izzo said. "Not many people get a chance to do that."

Duke 78, Baylor 71

Duke is back in the Final Four, ending an unusually long

absence for coach Mike Krzyzewski's team — and keeping No. 1 seeds from being shut out of the title chase.

Nolan Smith scored 29 points and the Blue Devils returned to college basketball's big event for the first time in six years by beating Baylor 78-71 on Sunday in the South Regional final, halting the Bears' charming run to college basketball redemption.

Jon Scheyer added 20 points for Duke (33-5), which became the only No. 1 seed to advance to Indianapolis and earned its 11th Final Four trip under Krzyzewski.

In the national semifinals for the first time since 2004, the Blue Devils will play East Virginia on Saturday night. They have won 11 of their last 12 regional finals under Krzyzewski, but haven't won a national title since 2001.

Coach K made his first Final Four with Duke in 1986 and hadn't had this long of a gap between trips.

"We played against a great team," Krzyzewski said. "It was such a well-played game, and we were fortunate to win."

Smith and Scheyer helped the Blue Devils offset a poor game from junior forward Kyle Singler, who was 0 for 10 from the field and made only five free throws. It was the first time in his college career he failed to hit a field goal.

LaceDarius Dunn had 22 points and Ekpe Udoh scored 18 for the Bears (28-8), whose program was in shambles when coach Scott Drew took over in the wake of murder and scandal less than seven years ago.



Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski celebrates by cutting down the nets Sunday in Houston after a 78-71 victory over Baylor.

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NHL



The Pittsburgh Penguins are hoping for a chance to host the next Winter Classic on Jan. 1, 2011. The game would be held at the Steelers' Heinz Field and would feature Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin, who plays for the Washington Capitals.

Pittsburgh hopes to host Winter Classic

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Pittsburgh is making a strong push to play host to the NHL's next Winter Classic on Jan. 1, matching the league's two signature stars in the Penguins' Sidney Crosby and the Capitals' Alex Ovechkin at Heinz Field.

The Penguins played in the first Winter Classic played on U.S. ice in Buffalo in 2008, but the Crosby-Ovechkin rivalry has become so big that the NHL is believed to be favoring a second Penguins appearance in four years.

A person with knowledge of the discussions told The Associated Press on Sunday that Pittsburgh is in a strong position to be chosen as the

host.

The league commonly does not reveal the Winter Classic site until after the Stanley Cup playoffs, but league officials and the Penguins have not denied speculation the game will be played in the Steelers' stadium. Penguins president David Morehouse began lobbying for the game in discussions with NHL commissioner Gary Bettman months ago.

Penguins officials declined Sunday to discuss a possible Winter Classic in Pittsburgh.

However, Pittsburgh city officials are pushing hard for the city to be chosen, and the Steelers are amenable to playing the game at Heinz Field.

Previously, the Pittsburgh

Pirates lobbied for a Winter Classic at PNC Park, but its capacity of 38,496 is far below Heinz Field's 65,050 and thus would generate far less revenue, and it is not being considered.

Yankee Stadium was discussed as a possible Winter Classic site next season, until the stadium landed a college bowl game that will be played the week after Christmas.

A Ovechkin-Crosby outdoors game would offer the NHL's much attractive matchup.

Crosby and Ovechkin have combined to win the last three MVP awards — Crosby in 2007, Ovechkin in 2008 and 2009- and the two Eastern Conference players

have formed the NHL's equivalent of the NBA's Kobe Bryant-LeBron James rivalry.

The Penguins and Capitals met in the playoffs last season, with the Penguins rallying to win one of the league's most competitive early round series in years by taking Game 7 in Washington.

Ovechkin and Crosby also were rivals during the recent Winter Olympics, with Crosby-led Canada beating Ovechkin-led Russia 7-3 in the quarterfinals en route to winning the gold medal.

Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau said he has no problems with his team being selected for the game, although he'd liked to see Washington considered as the host city.

IN BRIEF

Gardenhire will try options to fill closer role

FORT MYERS, Fla. — It's looking more and more like just one Minnesota Twin will not be enough to take Joe Nathan's place.

Manager Ron Gardenhire said on Sunday that, barring a trade this week, the Twins will start the regular season with a closer-by-committee approach.

"If we decide to go with one guy as we go along, we'll go with one guy," Gardenhire said before the Twins played the Boston Red Sox on Sunday. "But we're going to start out and we're going to look at a lot of different people and we'll see what happens. We've got about three or four different guys we can go to."

The plan right now is for relievers Matt Guerrier, Jon Rauch, Jesse Crain and Jose Mijares to all get time in the ninth inning early in the season depending on matchups and performance.

Florida's Meyer apologizes for remark to beat writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Urban Meyer apologized Saturday to the reporter he berated earlier this week for publishing a quote by one of his players.

Meyer spent more than 20 minutes with the Orlando Sentinel's Jeremy Fowler following spring practice.

Fowler declined to divulge details of the discussion, but called it a "constructive" conversation and said he accepted Meyer's apology. Meyer did not speak with reporters.

Meyer lashed out at Fowler on Wednesday, calling him a "bad guy" and threatening to ban the newspaper for publishing a quote in which receiver Deonte Thompson called John Brantley a "real quarterback."

Thompson meant to say that Brantley was a more conventional or prototypical passer than Tim Tebow.

New Pinstripe Bowl to be played in Yankee Stadium

TORONTO — The International Bowl is folding after failing to renew its contract with the Big East.

The only bowl game played outside the U.S. matched a Big East school against a Mid-American Conference opponent for four years. The Big East is now sending a team to the new Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium.

Big East members won all four games, outscoring their MAC foes 117-53 the last three years. South Florida's 27-3 win over Northern Illinois on Jan. 2 drew the bowl's lowest attendance with just over 22,000 fans at Toronto's Rogers Centre. But a year earlier, 40,184 people watched Connecticut beat Buffalo.

Bowl president Don Loding said Thursday the game could possibly be resurrected in the future.

NBA

Hawks fly past Pacers; Bucks beat Grizzlies

Associated Press

ATLANTA — It's not every day that Zaza Pachulia passes behind his back while dribbling on a fast break.

Josh Smith, who took Pachulia's fourth-quarter assist for an uncontested dunk, was delighted by the reserve center's unexpected athleticism.

"Zaza likes to do his thing a little bit in the open court, so I'm not going to hate on his shine," Smith said with a smile. "It was a better pass than a dunk."

Smith had 21 points and 13 rebounds, Al Horford added 18 points and 12 boards, and the Atlanta Hawks snapped the Indiana Pacers' five-game winning streak with a 94-84 victory on Sunday.

The Hawks, who had dropped two of three overall, increased their home winning streak to a season-high eight games.

Troy Murphy scored 21 for Indiana, which was trying to win six straight games for the first time since 2005. Danny Granger, who was coming off a career-high 44 points in a home win Friday over Utah, finished

with 18. He had averaged 31.9 over the previous seven games.

Particularly troublesome for Indiana was its poor perimeter shooting. After hitting six of nine 3-point attempts in the first quarter, the Pacers were 2 for 17 the rest of the game.

"Atlanta always gives you a problem because they switch every ball screen," Granger said. "We really didn't take advantage of it the way we should have tonight. We just gave them too many points in the paint, too. Too many easy points. We got the same (3-point) shots but we missed them."

Atlanta has won six straight over the Pacers overall and six in a row at Philips Arena.

"Their athleticism up front always gives us problems," Indiana coach Jim O'Brien said. "They were quicker to the offensive rebounds, quicker driving by us with Josh Smith and Al Horford. We've struggled with them all year."

After Jamal Crawford missed a straightaway 3-point attempt midway through the third, Horford had three rebounds on the same possession before his

putback forced a 59-all tie.

"He's been consistent since the first day he stepped foot in Atlanta," Hawks coach Mike Woodson said of Horford. "He's been fantastic. He's been on a nice roll lately, getting (eight consecutive) double-doubles, and we're going to need him to continue to do that."

Playoff-bound Atlanta took control shortly afterward and built a 17-point lead on consecutive dunks by Smith, the second of which made it 84-67 with 6:57 remaining.

The previous dunk, however, was a season highlight for Pachulia's fan club.

Pachulia, a native of Tbilisi, Georgia, first beat Roy Hibbert to a loose ball created by Granger's turnover and then began dribbling up the open court. Since Smith was trailing behind him, Pachulia froze Hibbert by making a behind-the-back pass with his right hand.

"That was a great pass," guard Joe Johnson said. "I think he should have been a guard, anyway."

Pachulia, who averages 4.0 points and 3.6 rebounds in 13.5

minutes per game, wasn't sure if he would watch the replay after he returned home Sunday night.

"I hope so," he said with a grin.

The Hawks believe the next two games should help them gauge what to expect of their third straight trip to the playoffs. After the defending NBA champion Los Angeles Lakers play at Philips Arena on Wednesday, Atlanta will visit Cleveland, which has the league's best record, on Friday.

"It's not going to be easy," Crawford said. "They're two tough teams, two of the best in the league."

Bucks 108, Grizzlies 103

John Salmons scored 10 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter and overtime, and the Milwaukee Bucks rallied to beat the Memphis Grizzlies Sunday.

Salmons twice put the Bucks ahead in the extra period with baskets, including the lead for good when he drained a fading 14-foot jumper with 1:35 left.

Rookie Brandon Jennings added 29 points, eight assists and seven rebounds, and

Andrew Bogut had 18 points and 11 rebounds in his return after missing a game with a sore back to help the Bucks avoid a three-game losing streak.

Milwaukee is 16-4 since acquiring Salmons at the trade deadline from Chicago.

Zach Randolph led Memphis with 31 points and 15 rebounds, but was clearly frustrated down the stretch, chucking his headband toward the crowd after being called for a foul with 45 seconds to play in overtime.

Milwaukee rallied from a seven-point deficit midway through the fourth quarter when Jennings took control. Jennings, who had 11 points in the fourth quarter and overtime, had been struggling from the field in his past four games, but hit several contested layups.

He also made one costly mistake.

After putting the Bucks ahead 93-89 with a floater and again 94-92 with a free throw, he fouled Mike Conley in the corner with 2.1 seconds left in regulation.

NHL

Crosby scores two in shootout win

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Sidney Crosby ended a seven-game stretch without a goal by scoring twice, then joined Pascal Dupuis with shootout tallies as the Pittsburgh Penguins rallied to beat the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-4 on Sunday.

The Penguins trailed 4-3 until Matt Cooke deflected defenseman Brooks Orpik's slap shot from the right point with 3:48 remaining in regulation. Orpik had his first three-point game by also assisting on Crosby's NHL-leading 46th and 47th goals.

After Phil Kessel was turned aside by Penguins goalie Marc-Andre Fleury in the shootout, Crosby converted for the eighth time in 10 attempts by putting a wrist shot under the crossbar. Fleury stopped Nikolai Kulemin's backhand before Dupuis — on his first shootout attempt all season — also put a wrister by Jean-Sebastien Giguere.

Tyler Kennedy also scored as the Penguins moved ahead of New Jersey 95-93 for the Atlantic Division lead and the likely No. 2 seeding in the Eastern Conference playoffs. Both teams went into Sunday's games with 93 points, but the Devils hold the tiebreaker.

Pittsburgh won its second in two days after dropping three in a row and six of eight.

Toronto, last in the conference but the winner of nine of its previous 12, went ahead 4-3 when Tyler Bozak scored on a power play created by Fleury's interference penalty 5:38 into the third. Fleury gave a hip check to Colton Orr as he skated out from behind the net after previously tangling with Orpik and Kris Letang.

Crosby scored twice in a span of 3:14 in the second period after failing for the second

time this season to score in seven consecutive games.

Crosby, who leads Washington's Alex Ovechkin 47-46 in the NHL goal-scoring race, tied it at 2 by scoring off a rebound of Orpik's slap shot at 7:29 of the second. He gave Pittsburgh the lead at 10:43 after winning a faceoff in the Maple Leafs zone. The puck deflected off the side boards to Orpik, who fed it to back to Crosby for a wrist shot from the lower right circle.

Crosby also scored for the first time in the 12 games Evgeni Malkin has missed due to injury. Malkin (bruised right foot) sat out for the sixth time

in seven games.

Giguere made 41 saves while starting instead of Jonas Gustavsson, who won his seventh in a row Saturday as the Maple Leafs rallied to beat the New York Rangers 3-2. Pittsburgh outshot Toronto 45-29.

Orr, Kessel and Carl Gunnarsson also scored for Toronto. Kessel scored his 30th on a seemingly harmless wrist shot from the high slot nearly five minutes into the second. Fleury gave up a similarly soft goal to Philadelphia's Arron Asham on Saturday, the only score he gave up in Pittsburgh's 4-1 victory.

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SMC GOLF

Belles to face Southwestern in Invitational

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

No. 2 Saint Mary's will meet top-15 competition in the warmth of Texas today, when the Belles compete against host No. 12 Southwestern University in the Southwestern Invitational at Berry Creek Country Club in Georgetown, Texas.

Last year, Saint Mary's finished second out of nine teams

in the Southwestern Invitational, outpaced only by the host Pirates. Junior Mary Kate Boyce finished second overall among individuals, carding the low round of the tournament with a 77 on the second day, while sophomore Natalie Matuszak had the low score of the opening day with a 79. Three other Belles golfers finished in the top half of the field to round out a strong performance from Saint Mary's. Boyce

and Matuszak's scores will be key to the team's score during this tournament, while junior Rosie O'Connor, sophomore Christine Brown and senior captain Perri Hamma will round out the team's top five scorers in an attempt to continue the team's success so far this season.

"I see a great chance to add to our nation leading total of six tournament wins," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "We expect to play to our potential for this tournament."

Southwestern University is led by seniors Kristen Davenport

and Cody Wallace. The Pirates are bolstered by two freshmen in Erin Perry and Kelsey Coburn, all of whom have carded impressive rounds consistently this year. The Belles will also be contending with perennial power Mary Hardin-Baylor in their efforts to pick up a victory.

"Southwestern and Mary Hardin-Baylor have a strong tradition of winning and we look forward to competing against them in their backyard," Hamilton said.

The central Texas climate may provide winds gusting near

20 miles an hour, posing a potential problem for the golfers on a course noted for its narrow fairways. The Belles will have to contend with a large number of trees if they do miss the fairways. Although, if they can land on the greens without trouble, low scores are possible, as the greens are not particularly tough, Hamilton said.

The MIAA fall champion Belles look to succeed in the sun this Monday and Tuesday in Georgetown, Texas.

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Three take first in outdoor opener

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Three Irish athletes took first place at the Arizona State Invitational, and four athletes finished in the top five at the Stanford Invitational to open the outdoor season over the weekend.

In Tempe, Ariz., senior Joanna Schultz took first place in the women's 400 meter hurdles with a school-record time of 58.13. Senior Jack Howard took first in the men's 800 at 1:49.52 and sophomore Kevin Schipper took first in the men's

pole vault with a jump of 5.10 meters.

"It felt wonderful to start off the season with such a good race, especially since the hurdles are a new event for me," Schultz said. "Hopefully with some more technical work we can bring my time down even more."

Junior Kelly Langhans and senior Jaclyn Espinoza both finished in the top five of their events. Langhans finished third in the 800 (2:09.06) and Espinoza claimed fourth in the shot put.

For the men's team, senior Blake Choplin finished fourth in

the 800 while senior Eric Quick took third in the long jump.

The first day of the Arizona State Invitational brought an advancement to the finals for junior John Belcher in the men's hammer throw. Belcher finished 10th with a throw of 56.88 meters. Junior Denes Veres finished fifth in the men's shot put with a toss of 17.26 meters.

Next weekend Notre Dame will send athletes to the Arizona Multi-Event, Florida Relays, Purdue Invitational and Tiger Track Classic in Auburn, Ala.

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NHL

Iginla, Flames down Caps

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Well, that was quite a 24-hour swing. One day after the Calgary Flames looked done for the season, they went out and dominated the league's top team.

Having reached the desperation point in their bid to make the playoffs, the Flames scored four goals in the first period Sunday and beat the Washington Capitals 5-3.

Captain Jarome Iginla had

said the Flames needed to "run the table" to get into the post-season after a 5-0 loss at Boston on Saturday. He and his teammates responded by salvaging a three-game road trip that began with two losses.

"We played with the effort that we're supposed to," defenseman Robyn Regehr said, "and we have to do that for the rest of the year."

The win moved Calgary within four points of eighth-place Colorado and within five of seventh-place Los Angeles in the Western Conference, pending the result of Colorado's game later Sunday.

Ales Kotalik, Ian White, Jay Bouwmeester, Niklas Hagman and Rene Bourque scored for the Flames. Miikka Kiprusoff, who was pulled in the third period of the loss to the Bruins, made 31 saves against the Capitals as Calgary won in Washington for the first time in 11 years.

"We're all talking about that we want to be in the playoffs," Iginla said. "But we've got to go earn it and earn a chance. Now we're in position where we're just trying to earn a chance and see what other teams do."

Alex Ovechkin got his 46th goal for Washington and also had an assist to reach the 100-point mark for the fourth time in his five-year career. David Steckel and Mathieu Perreault also scored for the Capitals, who lost at home in regulation for

only the fifth time in 36 games this season.

"We didn't have any energy," Washington coach Bruce Boudreau said. "It looked like we were skating in quicksand. Their sense of urgency was so tremendous. They'd been embarrassed in Boston. We didn't meet their push."

Washington's Jose Theodore was pulled at 10:34 of the first period after allowing three goals on nine shots, but his franchise-record 19-game streak without a regulation loss (17-0-2) remains intact because the Capitals later scored three goals. That made Semyon Varlamov, who gave up the fourth goal, the goalie of record.

"For the first time in a long time," Boudreau said, "it looked like Theo was struggling a little bit."

The Flames also spoiled a chance for the Capitals to clinch the top seed in the Eastern Conference for the first time in franchise history, but Washington claimed the No. 1 spot when New Jersey lost 5-1 at Philadelphia on Sunday night.

Three of the Flames' goals were carom shots off Capitals goaltenders, including the first two. Kotalik stuffed in a rebound off Theodore's left leg just 2:35 into the game, and White put a rebound off Theodore's side as the goalie was falling on his back during the power play at the 8:28 mark.

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FENCING

No. 1 Irish upset in NCAA Championships

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

Top-ranked Notre Dame finished a disappointing third in the NCAA Championships Sunday, after heading into the weekend with a 68-0 combined regular season record.

Penn State claimed the National Championship with 191 total victories, and St. John's edged out Notre Dame for second with 182.

One of the bright spots for Notre Dame in the tournament was sophomore Gerek Meinhardt, winning his first national championship in foil. Meinhardt defeated David Willette of Penn State 15-9 for the title, Notre Dame's first individual men's foil title since 1984.

Meinhardt was a finalist in the foil competition at last year's NCAA tournament only to lose a 15-14 contest. This year, Meinhardt's successful season

included wins at the Midwest Fencing Championships and the Midwest Regional Tournament.

Meinhardt's journey to the title included a close semifinal match with Miles Chamley-Watson. With the score tied at 9-9 in a contest to 15, Meinhardt reeled off four consecutive touches to take control of the match at 13-9. In the final, Meinhardt found himself down 5-3 before battling back to a lead of 10-9. He then landed the next 5 touches to win the match in stunning fashion.

Notre Dame entered the final day of competition only four points back of then-leader St. John's. But on the final day, they faltered. Junior Kelley Hurley, 2008 women's epee champion, finished a disappointing sixth, while sophomore sister Courtney tied for third after losing in the quarterfinals to eventual champion Margherita Vincenti of Penn State. Juniors Sarah Borrmann and Hayley Reese each finished fifth in the women's saber and foil competitions,

respectively.

Junior Avery Zuck and sophomore Enzo Castellani won bronze medals for their efforts on Sunday. Castellani took third behind Meinhardt in men's foil while Castellani finished third in men's sabre. Castellani and Zuck both took home all-American honors. In total, the Irish had 11 all-Americans on the 2010 squad.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles dominate Alma in MIAA conference opener

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

The Belles captured an 8-1 victory over Alma in their first MIAA conference match of the season Saturday behind the ever-steady performance of junior Jillian Hurley.

Doubles have been an area of focus all season long, and Saturday the Belles (8-3, 1-0) showed the results of that focus.

"We got off to a great start

in doubles winning all three, one of the few times we have done that in a conference match," Belles coach Dale Campbell said.

As the No. 1 individual performer, Hurley has yet to drop a match on the individual side. On the doubles side, she and partner, and fellow junior, Mary Therese Lee have only lost once this season. On Saturday, Lee and Hurley won their match 8-5, which got things going for the Belles as a team. Then Hurley won in a

6-3, 6-1 decision in her singles match.

"Jillian has had a great start to the season," Campbell said. "I can't say that I am surprised with her wins because she has an excellent offensive game, but I am more impressed with her effort to keep finding more ways to get even stronger. She has the ability to control the points with anyone."

The significance of doubles play cannot be overstated in its importance to the Belles'

success this year.

"The main factor [in the victory] was our moving forward better in doubles," Campbell said. "We are volleying better and creating more set-ups for our net players. We are also finishing better at the net."

Although doubles was the strong point for the Belles in Saturday's decisive win, Campbell said he believes further improvement in that area will lead Saint Mary's to even more success.

"We still need to get even

more net opportunities in doubles, and get our opponents reacting to our movement," Campbell said. "However, it has been improving every match."

The Belles' next match is against Trine Tuesday, and then they play several nationally ranked opponents in what Campbell calls the "toughest stretch of the season" for the Belles.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles take both in double header

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's used a strong start to top North Park (Ill.) for two wins, 9-6 and 14-1, Sunday in a double-header on the road.

The Belles (11-5) wasted no time in getting on the board, scoring four runs in the first inning, including a three-run home run by freshman Morgan Bedan. Senior Maureen Healy capitalized on a walk advancing to home as part of the team's four-run rally to start the day.

Healy came up big again in the fourth inning, with the score tied at four a piece, knocking in two with the first home run of her career to take the 6-4 lead.

"I am extremely proud of how Maureen Healy played today," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "She had a great day at the plate, and made some stellar defensive plays to keep us in the first game."

North Park was quick to follow up with a couple runs, and by the seventh inning the score was tied at six. The Saint Mary's bats came alive again as they used a series of base hits to score three runs and hold off the Vikings for the victory.

"I was also impressed with the way our team came out in the seventh inning of the first game and a tie score knowing we would win this game. We

talked about making the 7th inning a team effort and everyone contributing," Sullivan said. "That was definitely the case as eight of our nine hitters came up to bat that inning and we turned a key double play in the bottom of the seventh when North Park threatened to come back."

The Belles continued to build off their momentum into the second game, loading the bases with two hits and a walk followed by a grand slam by junior Hayley Bojorquez to take the early lead. They added six more runs in the third on a rally that included a total of eight hits. The thrashing continued into the fifth inning before the game was called on account of the 10-run rule, the final score stood at 14-1 in the Belle's favor. "The second game we really showed how strong our offense can be with 17 hits in 5 innings," Sullivan said. "North Park is a good team, but we had a lot of momentum coming off such a close win."

The Belle's will be back in action at 5 p.m. today when they take on Bethel College in a doubleheader at Notre Dame's Melissa Cook Stadium. The Belle's will be back in action at 5 p.m. today when they take on Bethel College in a doubleheader at Notre Dame's Melissa Cook Stadium.


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ND SOFTBALL

Irish take three from Pirates

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame extended its winning streak to 11 games with three wins against Seton Hall this weekend to open the Big East competition.

"Going out there and scoring so many runs really pumped up our attitude," sophomore catcher Kristina Wright said.

In their first day of play, the Irish defeated the Pirates twice, 12-0 and 11-1.

The first two games included two records broken by Irish players. Junior pitcher Jody Valdivia threw the first Irish no-hitter in three seasons and became the 16th player in program history to reach this feat on the mound. Also, junior infielder Sadie Pitzenberger lengthened her hitting streak to the 23rd game in a row, breaking another record before the second game ended.

"[Valdivia] threw really well, and you could just tell that they weren't going to hit her," Wright said. "When she's on fire, our whole team is on fire."

Sophomore infielder Kasey O'Connor was the first Irish hitter to score in the series as her triple and steal of home started the Irish scoring. Big hits from senior infielders Christine Lux and Heather Johnson started the Irish's early lead in their five-inning victory.

"We were able to string a lot of hits together to score," Wright said. "Everyone contributed in our wins this



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Junior pitcher Jody Valdivia pitches during Notre Dame's victory over Toledo on March 24. Valdivia threw a no-hitter Saturday.

weekend."

In Saturday's second game, freshman pitcher Brittany O'Donnell suppressed the Pirate offense to two hits, notching two strike-outs.

"Our pitchers did a good job keeping them off-balance," Wright said. "They didn't have a chance against our pitchers."

In the third of the weekend's three-game series at Seton Hall's Ivy Hill Park, the Irish were evenly matched with the Pirates into the fourth inning where the score was tied, 2-2, but were able to break away

with an offensive rally that led them to win by 10 runs.

Valdivia won her 17th game in a row from the mound.

Pitzenberger and Fleury each put three hits on the board for the Irish.

"Now we know that any team in the Big East is going to have to try really hard to beat us," Wright said.

The Irish will next travel to Loyola-Chicago Tuesday in search of their 12th straight win.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Tough doubles point sets tone in ND victory

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame topped Northwestern 5-2 Saturday on the strength of a tiebreaker victory in the No. 1 doubles match, earning the doubles point and a lead the Irish did not relinquish.

Juniors Daniel Stahl and David Anderson fell first at No. 3 doubles to the Wildcats' Alex Sanborn and Spencer Wolf 8-6 before the No. 2 doubles duo of sophomore Niall Fitzgerald and junior Tyler Davis evened the score with an 8-6 victory of their own.

Sophomore Casey Watt and junior Stephen Havens earned the doubles point with a 9-8 (8-6) victory in the No. 1 doubles slot.

"The doubles could not have been closer," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "All three of their doubles were pretty equal. They contributed their strength across each of the three teams."

Havens' strong play continued as he had one of his cleanest singles matches of the year, Bayliss said.

No. 2 Havens defeated McCarthy 6-1, 6-4 to win the first completed singles match of the day. Stahl made up for his doubles loss with a 7-5, 6-2 victory.

"[Stahl] really held his ground well and handled Wolf's pace very well," Bayliss said. "He took advantage of his position in a hard fought match. He deserves a lot of credit."

The other Irish victories came from Anderson and freshman Blas Moros.

"[The match] went as well as can be expected," Bayliss said of his team playing outdoors in 40-degree weather. "It's a tribute to both teams that the level of play was as high as it was."

The Irish (10-8) knew facing the Wildcats would be a tough match since their team is almost as good as they are, although there may be some difference in the rankings, Bayliss said.

"It really comes down to one, our ability to hold our own in a match like this, and two, the grit and determination our guys showed when the going got tough, and it got tough," he said. "We expected a hard match and we got a hard match."

Hoping to come out with some confidence from their recent win, the Irish will travel to Texas to take on SMU and Texas A&M next weekend.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame wins first Big East game

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No. 11 Notre Dame rebounded from a disappointing loss to Vanderbilt by defeating conference opponent Louisville 11-9 in its opening game of Big East play.

Freshman goalkeeper Ellie Hilling led the Irish (5-2, 1-0) by notching 12 saves, and sophomore midfielder Megan Sullivan scored a career-best four goals.

"[Sullivan] clearly put us in a position to win the game," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "She was really getting open, staying composed and finishing her shots."

After leading by two goals at halftime, the Irish dominated the second half from the outset by scoring three goals less than two minutes into the period. Sophomore attack Maggie Tamasitis scored a goal and notched two assists to Sullivan in the quick three-goal outburst.

Louisville (4-3, 0-1) responded by cutting the deficit to 10-9, but the Irish defense shut the door en route to the 11-9 victory.

"We're a good defensive team," Coyne said. "If we can

continue to clean up some stuff that's causing our opponents to come back in games, we'll be very good."

Coyne said despite the win, Notre Dame continues to commit too many unforced errors, something that has plagued the team to this point.

"We still turn the ball over too much, and it's more us than our opponent," Coyne said. "We just had too many unforced errors."

Junior Bergan Foley led Louisville with a four-goal performance.

Coyne said the win was a big confidence boost for the Irish, who will now enter

the toughest portion of the schedule beginning with a huge matchup against Northwestern, the nation's top-ranked team.

"I was happy but we have a lot of things to work on," Coyne said. "I think we're getting better every game so I was happy to get our first Big East [win]. I think we're finding a way to win and that's the most important thing right now."

Notre Dame will take on the Wildcats at 7 p.m. Tuesday in Evanston, Ill.

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duo of senior Kali Krisik and sophomore Kristy Frilling won 7-4, and in their first time playing together, sophomore Shannon Mathews and senior Cosmina Ciobanu clinched the point for the Irish. TCU forfeited in both the third doubles and sixth singles positions, as each of the Irish singles players won their matches as well.

The Irish then defeated the Shockers, 6-1, on Sunday.

Notre Dame made its return to outside play, but the harsh conditions yielded to a tough environment on the outdoor courts.

“It as a little cool and windy,” Louderback said. “However, it was great to play outside against the elements.”

Frilling and Krisik were able to pull off their 13th consecutive win, boasting a perfect season for the pair.

Ciobanu and Mathews sealed the doubles point, and freshman Chrissie McGaffigan and junior Kristen Rafael earned a third doubles victory for the Irish.

In singles play, Frilling, McGaffigan, Ciobanu, Rafael and Krisik each beat their opponents for the six total points that Notre Dame won. The Shockers received one point as No. 34 Lutfiana Budiharto defeated No. 108 Mathews in a three-set contest.

The Irish will spend the week preparing for their last road matches of the season against Baylor and Texas A&M on April 3 and April 5, respectively.

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Corrigan

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time of possession was off the charts in their favor, which is our fault.”

Although Corrigan noted that there was not “a whole lot” the Irish did well Saturday, he has always been happy with their effort.

“We compete hard,” Corrigan said. “There’s no quit in our team.”

But that won’t be enough in a tough Big East conference, Corrigan said.

“It takes a lot more to win than just playing hard,” he said. “That’s just the price of admission.”

The Irish played good defense, but because Rutgers was able to control the ball for most of the game, the defense had to work that much harder to keep the ball out of the back of the net.

Notre Dame used three goal-tenders in the loss. Senior Scott Rodgers started and made six saves before leaving with an injury. Senior Brendan Moore finished the first half and made two saves, and freshman John Kemp made his debut in the second half, making eight saves.

On the offensive side, junior midfielder Zach Brenneman led

the Irish with two goals and an assist, while senior midfielder Grant Krebs and junior midfielder David Earl each notched two goals as well. Senior attack Neal Hicks also contributed a goal as well as two assists, and sophomore attack Nicholas Beattie finished off Notre Dame’s scoring with a goal and an assist.

In order for the Irish to make a run in the Big East, the offense will need to improve on its effectiveness and efficiency, Corrigan said.

“Offensively we’ve been very poor,” he said. “We’re not playing well as a team and we’re relying on individual efforts.”

Corrigan described Notre Dame’s play thus far this season as “erratic and inconsistent.”

Although the home loss to Rutgers could have dramatic implications for the Irish in terms of Big East standings and NCAA tournament selection at the end of the season, Corrigan is not looking that far down the road.

“I’m not worried about the rest of the season,” Corrigan said. “We’ve got to get better today and see what we can do to get better tomorrow.”

Notre Dame next gets a chance to prove its own improvement on April 3 at Villanova.

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Kelly

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begin the year as an inside linebacker, having the size to take on offensive lineman, and as a leader, but that in order to have his desired impact, he’ll need to improve.

“[Manti’s] got to get much better as a football player. He wasn’t very good [last year],” Kelly said. “And he understands that. He’s been committed to learning.”

Te’o readily agreed with Kelly’s criticisms.

“I totally agree,” he said. “Everybody makes mistakes. I just have to learn from those mistakes, and come out ready to improve and get better.”

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Sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist throws a pass during the first spring practice under Irish coach Brian Kelly Friday.

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Lechlitner and Lindsay Schrader refused to go down quietly. Lechlitner finished with a game-high 22 points and Schrader added 19, as the two carried Notre Dame down the stretch.

“The screens that Lindsay and our post players were setting were really opening up a lot for me,” Lechlitner said. “My first one fell, and so I just kept attacking and using their really good screens after that. Such a great four years we had here ... I wish we could have went a little further.”

While the Irish never found a rhythm as a team offensively, the Sooners guards showed athleticism throughout the 45 minutes. That athleticism was the missing factor in Notre Dame’s 81-71 victory over Oklahoma in November.

Yet McGraw said the biggest

difference between the teams’ first matchup was the emergence of Oklahoma center Abi Olajuwon, daughter of NBA Hall-of-Famer Hakeem Olajuwon, on both ends of the court. The 6-4 Olajuwon dominated the Irish under the glass with her 20 points and 14 rebounds.

“We were trying to double-team her, and she got some offensive rebound put-backs,” McGraw said. “We didn’t do a good job on the boards, and our bench, which has been our strength all year long, just gave us nothing tonight.”

Despite only four points off the bench, Notre Dame had a final chance to send the game into double overtime with 4.4 seconds remaining. Senior forward Erica Williamson launched a three-quarter-court pass on the inbound, but Oklahoma intercepted it.

“It was a play we’ve worked on quite a bit,” McGraw said. “Schrader was going to throw it to Skylar for three, but probably

in hindsight should have just given it to Skylar at half court and let her dribble it down. She probably would have made it because she’s that kind of player.”

Diggins finished with 10 points, four assists and six steals, and ended an outstanding freshman campaign as Notre Dame’s leading scorer.

Sunday’s loss cannot help but feel bittersweet for a group of seniors that has now fallen in the Sweet 16 for a second time in three years. But as they hang up their jerseys a little earlier than wanted, they leave the court for the final time on their own terms.

“I didn’t want to lose, and it just kind of took over me,” Schrader said. “But I left it all out there. People look around and see I’m not upset, but there’s nothing else I could have done. That’s just the way you’ve got to do it.”

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two-run homer in the eighth inning to round out the scoring in the game.

The Irish tried to ruin Fontanez’s big night in the ninth inning, forcing him to toss 21 pitches in the inning. Senior outfielder David Mills reached base via a walk and senior infielder Ryan Connolly reached base on catcher’s interference, but it would not be enough as senior first-baseman Casey Martin struck out to end the inning and the game.

The Irish then played a doubleheader against the Bulls Saturday, losing both games.

In Game 1, the Irish built a 3-2 lead on the back of a career-high four hits from Mills, who also threw two scoreless innings to close out the game for the Irish, but South Florida scored four runs after the top of the fifth inning to take the lead and the win, 6-3, from the Irish. Senior outfielder Bill Warrender went 3 for 4 in his first career start.

Sophomore left-hander Steve Sabatino got the start for the

Irish, giving up six runs on eight hits in six innings.

Left-hander Andrew Barbosa (2-1) got the win for South Florida, tossing 6 2/3 innings with eight hits and two earned runs.

In the third and final game of the weekend series, the wheels came unglued for the Irish, seeing them give up seven runs in the second inning, a difference that they could never overcome. Senior right-hander Eric Maust got the start for the Irish, but he lost for his second consecutive outing, lasting only 1 2/3 innings. He gave up seven runs on six hits.

Sophomore left-hander Ryan Richter came in to relieve Maust and tossed 3 1/3 shutout innings with one walk and four strikeouts. Richter is 1-0 against Big East opponents, holding a 0.93 ERA and holding opposing batters to a .103 batting average.

The Irish next return to the field Thursday when they travel to Bethesda, Md. to take on Georgetown. The games are at 1 p.m. Thursday, 3:30 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday.

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FOOTBALL

Crist, Floyd take part in first spring practice under Kelly

By DOUGLAS FARMER
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Nearly four months after first arriving at Notre Dame, Brian Kelly saw sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist throw a football for the first time Friday. Not that Kelly was as much concerned with how Crist's throw looked, or how his injured knee fared, as much as he was concerned with how quickly Crist readied for the throw.

"To really understand what needs to be done, they have to understand pace," Kelly said in a news conference before practice Friday. "They have to understand how we practice first before we can get into schemes and how we're going to do things."

That attitude rubbed off on Crist, who could be seen hustling up to the line of scrimmage in the second drill of the year, knee brace, surgically-repaired ACL and all.

"The whole emphasis in prac-

tice is tempo," he said. "Guys have got to learn that. Learning on the run is a big deal here."

Crist and the rest of the offense had their chance to show what they've already learned from Kelly's complex playbook in that second drill, running a no-huddle offense up the field with no defense opposing them. Without a defense looking to stop them, the biggest challenge for the Irish was knowing each play call and what it meant, as three different coaches and players signaled in

the plays.

"We'll just have to practice [picking up the calls]," Crist said. "That's just part of our offense, as necessary as everything else and knowing the actual plays."

The fourth play featured an audible, which resulted in an option reverse hand-off to sophomore receiver Michael Floyd.

But of the changes noticed in the first day of spring practice, the biggest changes might be the ones not seen, such as the lack of a depth chart and Kelly's prais-

ing of freshman linebacker Manti Te'o as a leader on the defense, albeit also describing Te'o as needing improvement.

"We're going to compete with all of our players," Kelly said of not utilizing a depth chart. "You will see an immersion virtually of every player in our spring practice format because it's that important that they're involved in the skill development."

Kelly did allow that Te'o would

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Life, death by 3

Oklahoma tops Irish with 3-pointer in OT

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The three-point line can be a beautiful thing — depending on which side of the court you're standing on.

Down 66-63 with 48 seconds to play, freshman guard Skylar Diggins knocked down a clutch three to send the game into overtime. But on a night when Oklahoma shot 50 percent from behind the arc, Nyeshia Stevenson hit a dagger with less than five seconds left in overtime to seal Oklahoma's 77-72 victory and advance to the Elite Eight.

"They beat us from the three-point line," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "[Stevenson] was someone we were really, really trying to guard and just lost her for a second on a number of occasions, and that was the difference in the game."

Senior guards Melissa

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Irish coach Muffet McGraw walks off the court after Notre Dame's 77-72 overtime defeat to Oklahoma in the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament Sunday. The Irish ended the season at 29-6.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Duos carry ND to two victories

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

An undefeated doubles record carried No. 3 Notre Dame to victories over both TCU and Wichita State this weekend in Wichita, Kan.

"This was the most enthusiasm I have seen in our girls in a while," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "We had been working on getting the girls to play with a little more passion, and that's exactly what we got from them."

Saturday, Notre Dame (15-2) shut out the Horned Frogs 7-0 as bad weather forced the two teams to play inside.

The Irish took an early lead by winning the doubles point. The new arrangement of teams Louderback decided to play this weekend proved to be a beneficial set-up. The fourth-ranked

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BASEBALL

Wrong end of no-hitter hampers Notre Dame

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish got swept on their weekend road trip to South Florida, losing three games 4-0, 6-3 and 10-2.

South Florida junior Randy Fontanez no-hit the Irish in the series-opener Friday, and Notre Dame never recovered in suffering a three-game weekend sweep to open Big East play.

Notre Dame (8-15, 0-3) could not find any answers to Fontanez (1-4), who struck out a career-high 12 batters in only the third no-hitter in South Florida history. The 4-0 win was Fontanez's first com-

plete game shutout and his only win this season. Prior to this game, the Bulls (11-13, 3-0) had lost all five games Fontanez started.

Junior right-hander Brian Dupra started Friday's game and posted another strong outing but did not get any run support from the Irish offense. Dupra pitched six innings and allowed only two earned runs on nine hits. He struck out four and walked only one batter, but by the end of his night he had thrown 122 pitches.

Sophomore left-hander Joe Spano pitched one inning of scoreless relief before sophomore Will Hudgins gave up a

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Big East play opens with loss

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

No. 13 Notre Dame lost its first-ever Big East game Saturday, falling at home to Rutgers 10-8.

The Irish (5-3, 0-1 Big East) gained an early on the Scarlet Knights (5-2, 1-0), but after four unanswered goals by Rutgers, Notre Dame could not make a run to recapture the lead.

"Rutgers played very well, and we played very poorly," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

The Scarlet Knights were able to control to ball for most of the game and out shot the Irish 36-25.

"We were very inefficient offensively," Corrigan said. "The

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Irish senior midfielder Grant Krebs defends during Notre Dame's 10-8 defeat against Rutgers on March 27.