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AllianceND sparks dialogue around campus



Protestors gather outside of Main Building to ask the University to add sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause in Jan.

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Unofficial gay-straight group continues to push for club status

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Associate News Editor

When an offensive "Mobile Party" comic strip was published in the Observer on Jan. 13, the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning community at Notre Dame and the University's unrecognized gay-straight alliance, AllianceND, was thrust to the forefront of a national issue.

"It gave us the opportunity to start the discussions," AllianceND officer Jessica Mahon, a senior, said.

Later that month, the group helped organize a massive protest on campus to urge the University administration to both grant AllianceND offi-

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A student in LaFortune wears a 'Gay? Fine by me' T-shirt, which are distributed and organized by AllianceND.

Rhoades responds to life statement

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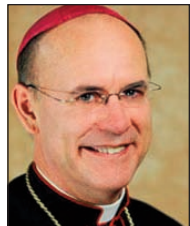
Bishop Kevin Rhoades praised Notre Dame for taking steps toward the "renewal of a culture of life," in response to the University's recent institutional statement that affirms its defense of human life.

"I am grateful to [University President Fr. John Jenkins] and to the Notre Dame Task Force on Life for the efforts they are making to serve the Gospel of Life," Rhoades said in an Apr. 18 issue of Today's Catholic, the weekly newspaper serving the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

"I pray that their work will bear much good fruit," he said.

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Students to go bald for cancer research

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

Elise Jordan has placed a \$20,000 price over her head and is preparing to go bald to benefit cancer research.

Jordan will join more than 100 other Notre Dame students who have volunteered to have their heads shaved this week as a part of The Bald and the Beautiful fundraiser sponsored by the Sophomore Class Council.

Proceeds from the event, which raised over \$26,500 last year which the Council

hopes to double this year, will benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a national non-profit that supports pediatric cancer research.

Service Commission member Erin Pankiw, a sophomore, said.

"I'm so nervous. There have been times this week when I look in the mirror and realize I'm not going to have my hair," Jordan said. "But I know that it's going to be going to a better cause."

Jordan made the decision to go bald after her friends

in the Class Council who organized the event last year asked her to, she said.

"A majority of last year's event was males, so this year we wanted to give more opportunities for girls to participate, but just because females are more attached to their hair, it's a harder thing to ask them to do," Pankiw said. "For someone to do what Elise is doing takes a tremendous amount of bravery and compassion and confidence. I couldn't think of a more confident person than

Elise."

The daughter of a family physician in South Bend, Jordan said she has been "touched by cancer in a variety of ways ever since [she] was a little kid."

When her mother shares her daughter's story with her own chemotherapy patients, they are moved and find strength in it, Jordan said. Some are even planning to have their own head shaved with Jordan, whose audience, among

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Habitat for Humanity celebrates 16th house



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Student volunteers and the Jones family stand near the newly

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Notre Dame's chapter of Habitat for Humanity celebrated almost a year's worth of effort in the community at the dedication of the organization's 16th home in the South Bend area Sunday.

South Bend resident Melissa Jones and her two sons are the new occupants of the Campeau Street residence.

Nathan Marsh, volunteer coordinator of Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity, said

turnout for the event was indicative of how important the project was for the local community.

"Melissa and here family, along with members of her church, and Notre Dame alumni and students were all there today," he said.

Marsh said the Notre Dame chapter is unique in that it is one of the few college campus chapters that builds and completes a house every year.

"We do all the fundraising and getting materials on site," he said. "We also see to

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SMC promotes entrepreneurship

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

In order to promote female entrepreneurship, Saint Mary's College created the Women's Entrepreneurial Initiative (WEI), a program designed to assist current female-owned and operated small businesses and create an interest in entrepreneurship among women, Susan Vance, senior project director for WEI and professor at the College said.

In order to help execute the program, the College hired Martha Smith, a local business owner and program director for WEI. Smith has first-hand experience in entrepreneurship.

Vance said she hopes the program will become a helpful resource for local businesses.

Smith also wants to see the program reach out to female entrepreneurs.

"[I hope the program will] provide a forum or a home for businesswomen to come and network and obtain resources and information to run a smoother operation if they already have a business," Smith said.

Smith said she also wanted to see WEI create an interest in owning a business within the College community.

According to Vance, the College was awarded a \$245,000 Small Business Administration two-year grant to support WEI in October 2009. Since that time the College has worked to aid local female business owners.

Vance said the program has a two-part focus.

"One part is externally, in the community, we want to be really viewed as the go-to place," Vance said. "If you're a woman and you want to start a small business or you want to launch a small business we want you to think about Saint Mary's as the first place to go to."

Vance said the second part of the program was to focus on educating students about entrepreneurship.

"We also are very interested in our Saint Mary's women as well," she said. "So what we want to do is engage the Saint Mary's women with those women within the community, those women business owners. Also in addition to that we want to get students excited about starting their own businesses."

During the Spring 2010 semester, WEI offered a Small Business Consulting course where teams of students were paired with local female-owned companies. During the partnerships, students worked to create plans for better efficiency for the companies. According to Smith, one team of students was able to help a company create better efficiency with a computer program.

Smith said Saint Mary's senior Kathleen Mills was able to simplify a major computer issue at Nicholas J Salon and Spa in South Bend.

Smith said Mills and her team of three other students were able to transform a computer task that originally took five hours into a 30 second job.

"There was a success story, one of the students solved a problem for a local business owner. [The

company] had a situation with the computers and it was taking them five hours to do a job," Smith said.

Smith owns two businesses of her own — a mini storage unit company and a textile company. Both businesses are in the Michiana area. According to Vance, Smith is a valuable asset to the program because she has the capabilities to assist in reaching out to the Latina women interested in entrepreneurship.

"I can relate to other women business owners," Smith said. "I sort of feel their pain and there's a kinship."

Vance said the College has created a new course that will be supported by the grant. The New Ventures course will allow groups of students to create their own business. Vance will be teaching the course. Students will be responsible for creating their product or service, marketing it to the local community and running the company. Students will be required to take the course for two semesters, and at the end of the second semester they will create an exit strategy and close their company.

The money that students have earned from their business will go towards paying of the start-up loan they received at the beginning of the course. After they have paid off their loan, students will donate the money to local charities.

Vance said New Ventures will be offered for the first time during the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters.

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SMEAC to host Earth Week events

By KRYSTINA HARCOURT
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Environmental Action Coalition (SMEAC) will be hosting a series of events and projects celebrating Earth Week, beginning today, in honor of environmental activism.

"We have been planning Earth Week for quite a few months now and have worked really hard to put together some great events and activities," SMEAC board member Ellen Huelsmann said. "Our goal is to make the environment fun and I'm really looking forward to all the great stuff we have planned."

The week's events begin tonight at 5 p.m. with kickball and tie-dying on Library Green.

"It's a way for us to get people outside and enjoying the warm weather," SMEAC head of public relations Jamie Thordsen said.

Participants are allowed to bring their own items to tie-dye.

"People have brought socks, jackets and even sports bras," she said.

On Tuesday, students can sign a pledge to care for a plant from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center, and on Wednesday, SMEAC will organize the annual "Weight your Waste" event, which measures how much food students waste in the dining hall.

"We simply take all the food and liquids left on the trays when students go to place them on the tray

belt and put them in big containers," Thordsen said.

The highlight for SMEAC during the week will be Thursday's Earth Day Student Panel. They have planned for each member to speak on a topic related to raise awareness about the environment.

Huelsmann, who will be talking about "The Importance of Biodiversity," will be one of nine speakers on the panel. Topics that will be discussed include "Business Going Green," "Your Carbon Footprint" and "Go Green by Eating Green."

"This panel is simply [about] the importance of environment and how we all have a responsibility as members of this planet to protect and preserve it in any way we can," Huelsmann said.

On Friday, SMEAC is organizing an invasive species clean up in the Saint Mary's Nature Area to help eradicate garlic mustard plants.

SMEAC will also be teaming up with the dining hall staff to help limit environmental impact. Trays and straws will be unavailable all week in order to limit waste, and students can bring water bottles with them into the dining hall.

"We really want the students to be able to participate in our celebration of the Earth and we are hoping that they get a lot out of everything we have planned," Huelsmann said.

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MELODRAMATIC MONDAY

11:30am TShirts and Tie-Dye at O'Shag

5pm Greek Food in the Dooley Room

9pm The Domer Dating Game in the Ballroom

12am Quarterdog Eating Contest in LaFortune

(P)TERODACTYL TUESDAY

3pm Games on North Quad

7pm Grill on Fieldhouse Mall

8pm Brink! on North Quad

WIGGITY WIGGITY WEDNESDAY

3pm Games on South Quad

9pm Trivia in LaFortune

THABULOUS THURSDAY

3pm Carnival on South Quad

10pm Best of AcoustiCafe at Legends

FREEDOM FRI(ES)DAY

8pm Battle of the Bands at Legends

SHOWSTOPPIN' SATURDAY

10pm Parachute and The Carter Twins at Legends

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cial club status and add sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause.

"The demonstration that happened in January was maybe the marker of my Notre Dame experience," Mahon said. "It really kept up my faith in the Notre Dame student body that the response was really positive on campus."

AllianceND officer junior Chris Collins said the panel discussions that followed the comic's publication and several individual meetings with top administration officials, including University President Fr. John Jenkins, have been mostly productive.

"There have been a lot of discussions since the Mobile Party Comic Strip, and I've been to a few of them and from what I've heard they've all been very successful," he said.

Senior and AllianceND officer Melanie LeMay said the Student Activities Office (SAO) has made a decision and is waiting until all club applications are reviewed to give its decision.

In an e-mail, student programs coordinator Mary Kate Havlik said she helps "to facilitate the prospective club application process for all clubs," but did not comment directly on AllianceND's pending application.

"Our primary concerns [when we met with Fr. Jenkins] were the non-discrimination clause and the approval of AllianceND as a club, both of which are ways we feel the University can show its acceptance of [LGBTQ] students and their allies on campus," LeMay

said.

LeMay noted Saint Mary's College across the street from Notre Dame already has both a gay-straight alliance (SAGA) and has added sexual orientation to their nondiscrimination clause.

"The administration has definitely been made aware that Saint Mary's, which is also a Holy Cross college, has both sexual orientation in the clause and a gay-straight alliance," she said.

LeMay said the administration has cited concern about the legal ramifications of adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause, noting partner benefits as one legal implication.

AllianceND officer senior Patrick Bears said the panel discussions and meetings with administration officials were a step in the right direction, but the actions were ultimately inconsequential.

"I'm not going to be critical for the University for actually trying to do something, it's just they're doing as little as they potentially can," he said. "They're trying to do everything they can without actually doing anything about the club itself."

Mahon said she wanted to be optimistic about the club's application, but also noted it was the eleventh time the club had applied for official status in the past 13 years.

"We want to be really optimistic, but we also recognize that it may not happen," she said. "I think the biggest indicator that [we might not get it] is the administration has been making really conscious efforts to meet with us to see how they can improve the framework that they use."

Mahon said gaining official club status would be incredibly helpful to the group and boost its profile on campus.

"Right now it's just some

friends who meet and discuss issues. It would be really beneficial to have a set club, have a set time when we could meet, have a room where we can meet and to be able to advertise to students that these resources are out there," she said.

Mahon said the club's unofficial status had kept it underground for years, and many students who could benefit from the group's resources might not know it exists.

"Right now, students that could really need the help or the resources sometimes don't know what goes on," she said. "It's all word of mouth, so there's a really possible chance that we're missing people who could benefit from the club."

In the past, the administration has pointed to Core Council as a resource for LGBTQ students. But Collins said Core Council, of which both LeMay and Bears are also members, does not give students enough control.

"I think one of the key things is [AllianceND] gives students the ability to take part in the decision making process," Collins said. "We'd have our own funds and be able to set our own events, whereas with Core Council they're all kind of set by [the Office of Student Affairs]."

LeMay said Core Council's structure does not allow many students to join who would want to.

"I think AllianceND would be a important supplement to Core Council because Core Council is a closed group and only has eight student members," she said.

Bears said graduate students are shut out of Core Council, and that they do not have a gay-straight alliance for themselves.

"There's no kind of outreach for them," he said.



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Students, including members of AllianceND, march during a protest in Jan.

Bears also said it was not just students who felt that they needed to stay closeted.

"There's definitely fear among teachers regarding the subject material that they can teach and their personal lives and whether they have to remain closeted in order to keep their jobs," he said.

Collins, who is the only officer in the group that will still be enrolled at Notre Dame next year, said the group will continue to apply for club status if they are denied later this month.

"If we don't get status we will be applying again next year, I can pretty much guarantee that. If we do get club status that would kind of be a whole different ball game," he said.

Collins said AllianceND's probationary first year would include hosting regular meetings and sponsoring a few

events in conjunction with Core Council.

Despite some setbacks, the AllianceND officers said the response on campus has been very positive since the publication of the offensive comic. Mahon said the work of many tenured faculty members who know their jobs are safe has been "phenomenal" in supporting the group.

Nevertheless, the group members did say they were concerned about some of the more hateful reactions they have received around campus.

"There have been a reemergence of the 'Gay? Go to Hell' T-shirts from two years ago, and from what I'm aware there have actually been more of them than there were just my sophomore year," Bears said.

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stemmed from a recommendation by the University's pro-life task force, which was created by Jenkins in September.

The statement said the University upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, and also clarified its position on charitable gifts in the principles on charitable activity.

"Our Catholic universities are in a unique position to promote the renewal of a culture of life in our society," Rhoades said. "Being actively pro-life in teaching and

research, pastoral ministry and service, Catholic universities indeed contribute to the renewal of our society and to the promotion of the common good."

Rhoades also said Notre Dame's statement falls in line with Pope John Paul II's encyclical, "The Gospel of Life."

"[Pope John Paul II] called for 'the renewal of a culture of life within Christian communities themselves' and wrote of the specific contribution that Catholic universities should make in building a new 'culture of life,' Rhoades said. "I believe that the efforts that the University of Notre Dame is making in this regard are important for the Church and for society."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Agents block opposition march

HAVANA — Cuban security agents denied the wives and mothers of jailed dissidents permission to hold their weekly march Sunday, setting off a long, strange standoff under the hot Caribbean sun that ended with the women being led away by officials.

After seven years of peaceful — mostly uneventful — Sunday protests, officials first stopped the women, known as the “Ladies in White,” on April 11, and informed them they would need permission to hold future demonstrations.

The group, comprised mostly of the wives and mothers of some 75 dissidents arrested in a 2003 crackdown, had been the only one whose protests were tolerated by Cuba, and they had never requested or received permission before.

Militants killed in fighting

KABUL — At least 29 militants, including two commanders, have been killed over four days of intense fighting aimed at protecting supply routes through northern Afghanistan, the Interior Ministry said Sunday.

Elsewhere, a foreign soldier was killed by a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan on Saturday, NATO said, the third foreign death that day following an earlier announcement of the loss of two Dutch marines in the southern province of Uruzgan. The third soldier’s nationality and other details of the incident were being withheld pending family notification, it said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gates clarifies memo on Iran

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates is disputing the characterization of a memo he wrote in January suggesting the U.S. needed to advance a long-term plan for dealing with Iran’s nuclear program.

Gates said Sunday allies and foes should have no doubt the U.S. is prepared to act “across a broad range of contingencies” in support of its interests with Iran. He said the memo identified steps to be taken in defense planning after Washington decided to increase pressure against Iran’s nuclear ambitions.

Government sources told The New York Times the memo prompted a scramble to come up with new options, including military ones. But Gates says he was merely laying out an orderly and timely decision-making process.

Demonstrators square off in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — A white supremacist group rallied against illegal immigration in downtown Los Angeles Saturday as hundreds of counter-protesters gathered to shout them down in a tense standoff that included several arrests, thrown rocks and police in riot gear.

Police officers stood between the white supremacists and counter-demonstrators on the south lawn of Los Angeles’ City Hall, where about 50 members of the National Socialist Movement waved American flags and swastika banners for about an hour.

Five people, all of them counter-protesters, were arrested on suspicion of throwing items, police said.

The white supremacists shouted “Sieg Heil” before each of their speakers took the podium to taunt counter-protesters with racial, anti-Semitic and misogynistic epithets.

LOCAL NEWS

Woman sued for not moving

BEVERLY SHORES, Ind. — The federal government says it’s time for a woman who moved into a house in the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore to move out.

When the park was created in the 1960s, Congress gave people who lived in houses already built there the right to stay for 20 years. That later was extended.

A lawsuit filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Hammond says Deborah Pavel took over the right to live in one of those homes in 2002. The lawsuit says she was supposed to move out in August, but didn’t do so.

MALTA

Pope meets with abuse victims

Benedict XVI makes visit to Malta, says Church will better protect children

Associated Press

VALLETTA — With tears in his eyes, Pope Benedict XVI made his most personal gesture yet to respond to the clerical sex abuse scandal Sunday, telling victims the church will do everything possible to protect children and bring abusive priests to justice, the Vatican said.

The emotional moment carried no new admissions from the Vatican, which has strongly rejected accusations that efforts to cover up for abusive priests were directed by the church hierarchy for decades. But the pontiff told the men that the church would “implement effective measures” to protect children, the Vatican said, without offering details.

Benedict met for more than a half-hour with eight Maltese men who say they were abused by four priests when they were boys living at a Catholic orphanage. During the meeting in the chapel at the Vatican’s embassy here, Benedict expressed his “shame and sorrow” at the pain the men and their families suffered, the Vatican said.

“Everybody was crying,” one of the men, Joseph Magro, 38, told Associated Press Television News after the meeting. “I told him my name was Joseph, and he had tears in his eyes.”

The visit — which came on the second day of Benedict’s two-day trip to this largely Roman Catholic island — marked the first time Benedict had met with abuse victims since the worldwide clerical abuse scandal engulfed the Vatican earlier this year.

“He prayed with them and assured them that the Church is doing, and will continue to do, all in its power to investigate allegations, to bring to justice those responsible for abuse



AP

Pope Benedict XVI arrives to celebrate a Mass at the Granaries in Floriana, Malta Sunday, during his two-day visit to the island nation.

and to implement effective measures designed to safeguard young people in the future,” the Vatican statement said.

Victims’ advocacy groups have demanded that the Vatican take concrete steps to protect children and remove abusive priests and the bishops who protected them, saying the pope’s expressions to date of solidarity and shame were meaningless unless actual action is taken.

The main U.S. victims group, Survivors Network of Those Abused by Priests, said it was easy for Benedict to make promises about taking action to protect children.

“Not a single adult

should feel relieved until strong steps are actually taken, not promised, that will prevent future child sex crimes and cover-ups,” said Peter Isely, the group’s Midwest director.

Magro said the men, in their 30s and 40s, received a call Sunday morning to come to the embassy and that the pope spent a few minutes with each of them. He said the overall encounter, which lasted about 35 minutes, was “fantastic.”

Lawrence Grech, who led efforts to arrange the encounter, said the pope told each of the men: “I am very proud of you for having come forward to tell your story.”

Grech said he told the pontiff: “This a one-time opportunity in life ... you have the power to fill the emptiness that I had, someone else took my innocence and my faith.”

At the end, they prayed together and the pope gave his blessing, the Vatican said.

“The climate was intense but very serene,” said Vatican spokesman the Rev. Federico Lombardi.

The private meeting was confirmed only after it had occurred — as was the case when Benedict met with abuse victims in the United States and Australia in 2008. He returned to Rome late Sunday.

ISRAEL

Peres: Iran poses a threat to entire world

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Iran is a danger to the whole civilized world, not just Israel, President Shimon Peres warned Sunday, setting an especially somber tone for his nation’s annual memorial day for soldiers and civilians killed in wars and terror attacks.

Alluding to Iran’s nuclear program, Peres said the country threatens to annihilate Israel. “On no account must we underestimate these threats,” he said. “Nor should our enemies underestimate our capabilities.”

Israel has been urging the world community to impose stiff sanctions on Iran to force it to abandon its

nuclear program, but Israel has not taken the option of a military strike against Iran off the table.

Israel, the U.S. and others believe Iran is trying to build nuclear weapons. Iran insists its nuclear program is peaceful.

Speaking at the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem before relatives of fallen soldiers, Peres added, “A threat to the peace of the Jewish people always carries the danger of turning into a threat to the civilized world as a whole.”

Israel considers Iran a strategic threat because of its nuclear program, long-range missiles and frequent references by its president, Mahmoud

Ahmadinejad, to Israel’s destruction.

Just hours earlier in Tehran, Ahmadinejad addressed a military parade and warned, “Today, our armed forces have so much power that no enemy will harbor evil thoughts about laying its hands on Iranian territory.” He called on the U.S. and its allies to pull out of the region “and stop supporting Israel.”

Air raid sirens sounded across Israel after nightfall to mark the beginning of the solemn day, when relatives visit graves at military cemeteries around the country. Another siren at mid-morning Monday signals the beginning of state ceremonies at the cemeteries.

ASA hosts world soccer tournament

Event brings cultural clubs together to raise disaster relief funds

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Teams representing Notre Dame’s cultural clubs shot to score on Stepan Fields in a soccer tournament Saturday to raise funds for relief through the Haiti Fund and the Chilean Red Cross, African Students Association (ASA) president Brigitte Githinji said.

“A soccer tournament was just a great way to fundraise without necessarily placing a cloud of sadness over everyone,” Githinji said. “At the end of the day, the purpose of the tournament was to bring people together in celebration of the World Cup.”

The tournament was the kickoff event for Africa Week 2010, and the tournament entry fees as well as T-shirt sales throughout the week will form the basis of fundraising efforts for victims of natural disasters.

The theme of world unity promoted both by Africa Week and the World Cup inspired the ASA and other multicultural clubs to serve others in the global community, African Students Association vice president Odara Omusi said.

“With unity comes solidarity,” Omusi said. “I think that

is something that is important for countries like Haiti and Chile that have been affected by earthquakes in recent times.”

The organizers also hoped to spread awareness of the options that students have to join cultural clubs on campus. By promoting these organizations through the tournament, they believed they could expand membership and interest.

“The event was inspired by a vested interest in soccer as well as a desire to see more collaboration among clubs and organizations that otherwise don’t interact,” Githinji said.

As South Africa prepares to make history as the first African nation to host the FIFA World Cup this summer, Githinji that a miniature World Cup was a natural project for the ASA.

The African Students Association, German Club and the Italian Club collaborated to plan a world soccer tournament in order “to raise awareness and participation in each of the cultural clubs,” Italian Club president Kathleen O’Connor said.

Githinji and O’Connor worked with German Club president Aaron Steiner to bring teams representing Germany, South Africa, the

Philippines, Italy, Spain and India together on Stepan Fields. The Spanish team emerged as the gold medalist after the final match with Italy, O’Connor said.

“There were also several students not involved in cultural clubs who played,” O’Connor said. “Hopefully the tournament will inspire these students to join a cultural club in the future.”

After Saturday’s success, the organizers would welcome plans for another tournament in the future.

“Italian club would definitely be interested in continuing the tournament in the future,” O’Connor said. “Given the success we had this year, I think we will have even more participants next year and in years to come.”

Githinji encouraged students to participate in other Africa Week events, including the World Unity Banquet on Thursday with international food, multicultural performances, and an address from Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves.

“Hopefully, we can keep that enthusiasm and collaborative spirit going as we continue with the rest of Africa Week 2010,” Githinji said.

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Habitat

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it that contractors work on time. We walk through the whole thing as students.”

Volunteer efforts were particularly important to the success of the project, Marsh said.

“We had a fantastic turnout of kids every Saturday and Sunday, even football weekends and when it is 10 degrees outside,” he said.

Marsh also said Melissa Jones was active in the construction of the house, as per Habitat for Humanity policy.

“In addition to having two sons and a full time job, she came to work at the house every weekend,” he said.

The Jones family also had to meet other Habitat requirements in order to participate in the project.

“They actually have to go to a class about maintenance and finance for a first time homeowner,” Marsh said.

Marsh said Melissa Jones’s spiritual life was an integral aspect of the effort she put into the program.

“The faith she had throughout this project was amazing. There was a lot of work she had to put into it,” he said.

In addition to student volunteer work and the Jones’s efforts, Marsh said South

Bend’s chapter of Habitat for Humanity helped in the process, from construction to selecting the Joneses for the program.

Marsh said the process of constructing the house took nearly the entire academic year.

“We started planning for it at the end of the summer. Most of our construction occurs during fall break.

Over 100 students show up with Notre Dame alumni,” he said. “Once the weather warms up in the spring, we do landscaping.”

One of the special aspects of this particular Habitat for Humanity

project is the site that the house was chosen for.

“Both of [the Jones’s] neighbors will live in Habitat houses,” Marsh said. “This will be great for neighborhood relationships. Part of what we work on is building community roots.”

After months of effort, Marsh said everyone involved felt a strong sense of achievement with how the project turned out and what it means for the Jones family.

“Working on it all year with Melissa, starting from a dirt lot, and celebrating the accomplishment of finishing this house which she will move in with her family is really amazing,” he said.

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supportive classmates, family, and friends, will include children from Memorial Hospital’s pediatric oncology ward.

Jordan said the faces of those children in the crowd that will get her through the emotional event.

“I’m hoping I can stay strong enough not to cry,” Jordan said. “If I do get emotional, it’s probably going to be more looking at the faces of cancer patients being there and knowing that I’m doing this for them.”

Jordan, whose hair runs about mid-way down her back, said she can’t remember her last dramatic haircut. While raising pledges from individuals, churches and small businesses in her hometown South Bend has been her main priority, Jordan said going bald will also be, for her and her peers, a lesson in vanity.

“For me, it’s just hair, but for a lot of people it’s not just hair. For a lot of people, it defines the way they view themselves,” Jordan said. “What I’m realizing is that at the end of the day, it is just hair, and you can live and do without it.”

As for her self-proclaimed lofty fundraising goal, Jordan said she thinks it’s “attainable.”

“I want people to know that you don’t need to shave your head to become involved with this cause. You can help in so many other ways. Make a little donation or just be there to show your support,” she said. “The sum of little things isn’t little. Everything makes a difference.”

And while she admits that her confidence will come in handy as she braves her new bald lifestyle, Jordan is

adamant that it doesn’t require any super powers.

“I think anyone can do it,” Jordan said. “Honestly, anyone has what it takes.”

The event, which kicks off Wednesday night and will wind down Saturday afternoon, will include meals sponsored by Fiddler’s

Hearth, as well as hairdressers from Salon Rouge offering hair extensions and opportunities for students to donate hair to Pantene Great Lengths, an organization similar to Locks for Love that uses donated hair to make wigs for cancer patients, Pankiw said.

Thirty players from Notre Dame’s football team have also signed up to have their heads shaved Wednesday night, followed by 25 Welsh Family residents who have signed up for hair extensions in support of Kelsey Thrasher, a Notre Dame student and cancer survivor.

“This is an event for everyone,” Pankiw said. “Everyone is going to be affected by cancer at some

point in their lives, if they haven’t already experienced it. This is a tremendous issue that our generation needs to take responsibility to find a cure.”

For Jordan, whose date with the clippers is scheduled for Thursday night, the hair lost will be insignificant to the support gained.

“I think if it were easier it wouldn’t be worth it, because the sacrifice is what makes it special,” Jordan said.

And with a bald head, she plans to make her message loud and clear.

“This is what I want people to know, especially kids battling cancer,” Jordan said. “There’s so much more to what makes you a beautiful person than what is on top of your head.”

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IN BRIEF

Talks on Greek bailout postponed

ATHENS — International talks on a bailout package for heavily indebted Greece have been postponed because of the global travel chaos caused by Iceland’s volcano, the Finance Ministry said Sunday.

The talks were to start in Athens on Monday and involve the government, the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The parties are to discuss a “three-year economic policies package” and the fact that euro zone countries and the IMF will provide financial aid only if Greece requests it, the ministry said.

But the talks have been delayed until Wednesday, “if conditions permit,” it said.

Finance Minister George Papaconstantinou said Saturday that market worries over Greek bonds could calm down when the nations agrees on more details regarding standby loans.

He told reporters in Madrid that Greece has passed its “most difficult” month for refinancing its swelling debt by successfully selling some 12 billion of debt in April. It needs to sell more than 10 billion in May, he said.

Insurers to recoup Toyota recalls

MIAMI — Insurance companies are gearing up to recoup from Toyota money they paid for claims in crashes involving sudden acceleration, the subject of major safety recalls by the Japanese automaker. It could also mean money back for some drivers who paid deductibles.

At least six major insurers, including State Farm Insurance Cos., Allstate Corp. and Geico, have begun examining past claims involving the recalled vehicles, which number about 6 million in the U.S. and 8 million around the world. Insurers can request that Toyota pay them for the claim if a vehicle defect is proven to be a key factor in a crash, a long-standing industry practice known as subrogation.

Many insurers have begun notifying Toyota Motor Corp. that they will do just that.

“We’re seeking to have them share in some of the financial liability, because part of it is their fault,” said State Farm spokesman Phil Supple.

Goldman Sachs faces damaged image

Fraud charge deals big blow to reputation, could require millions in fines

Associated Press

NEW YORK — While Goldman Sachs contends with the government’s civil fraud charges, an equally serious problem looms: a damaged reputation that may cost it clients.

The Securities and Exchange Commission’s bombshell civil fraud charge against Goldman has tarnished the Wall Street bank’s already bruised image, analysts say. It could also hurt its ability to do business in an industry based largely on trust.

Damage from the case could hit other big banks as well. The SEC charges are expected to help the Obama administration as it seeks to more tightly police lucrative investment banking activities.

Goldman has denied the SEC’s allegation that it sold risky mortgage investments without telling buyers that the securities were crafted in part by a billionaire hedge fund manager who was betting on them to fail. A 31-year-old Goldman employee is also accused in the civil suit that was announced Friday.

The charges could result in fines and restitution of more than \$700 million, predicted Brad Hintz, an analyst at Sanford Bernstein. Yet, even if Goldman beats the charge, the hit to its reputation could carry a greater cost.

The company, founded in 1869, grew from a one-man outfit trading promissory notes in New York to the world’s most powerful, most profitable and arguably most envied securities and investment firm. From its 43-story glass-and-steel headquarters in Lower Manhattan, Goldman oversees a financial empire that spans more than 30 countries and includes more than 30,000 employees.



As security looks on, people enter the Goldman Sachs headquarters in the Lower Manhattan area of New York Friday. The company is facing civil fraud charges.

It has long attracted some of the world’s best and brightest. Some have gone on to lofty careers in public life, enhancing the firm’s aura of mystique and influence. Goldman alumni include former Treasury Secretaries Henry Paulson and Robert Rubin and former New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine.

In its corporate profile, the company says its culture distinguishes it from other firms and “helps to make us a magnet for talent.” That culture is summed up in the firm’s “14 Business Principles,” which preach an almost militant philosophy of putting the client before the firm.

Now, it’s that very philosophy that has been

questioned by the government.

So far, no Goldman clients have publicly condemned the bank’s alleged actions. But the negative publicity and regulatory scrutiny could cause some to distance themselves, said Mark T. Williams, a professor of finance and economics at Boston University.

Goldman earned a record \$4.79 billion during the fourth quarter of last year and is expected to report blowout first-quarter results on Tuesday. A big chunk of its profits are from fee-based client businesses, such as investment advising, underwriting securities and brokering billion-dollar mergers.

“Goldman can really only truly be effective in the marketplace if it maintains a strong reputation,” Williams said.

Morgan Stanley, the No. 2 U.S. investment bank after Goldman, could be in a position to poach some Goldman clients, which include hedge funds, pension funds and other big institutional investors. Overseas, European rivals such as Deutsche Bank AG and UBS could benefit.

Investors are already betting the legal troubles will hurt Goldman’s finances. The company’s shares plunged 13 percent after the charges were announced Friday, erasing a staggering \$12.5 billion in market value.

Fee-weary air travelers get a short break

Associated Press

ATLANTA — U.S. airlines never met a fee they didn’t like. Until now, it seems.

Five major carriers on Sunday agreed not to follow the lead of a small Florida airline that plans to charge for carryon bags. Their commitment comes just in time to keep travelers from running for the exits during the peak summer flying season, but it is doubtful that it marks a change in strategy.

Airlines are going to tack on every fee they feel they can get away with because it bolsters their revenue stream while allowing them to keep base fares lower. They just don’t feel like passengers will tolerate losing their sacred free carryons — at least

not right now.

The promise to New York Sen. Charles Schumer from American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines, US Airways and JetBlue Airways comes despite the fact that some of those same airlines are expected to report first-quarter losses next week. They were stung by higher fuel prices and the heavy February snowstorms.

Ancillary fees for air travel — including baggage fees, reservation change fees and other miscellaneous operating revenue — have been piling up.

For U.S. carriers they totaled \$1.95 billion in the third quarter of 2009, roughly 36 percent higher than for the same period a year earlier. For 26 large U.S. airlines, those

fees made up 6.9 percent of their total operating revenue in the third quarter of last year, according to the most recent government data available.

But major carriers risk alienating customers if they follow Spirit Airlines’ lead and impose a fee on carryon bags. In August, Spirit will begin charging customers up to \$45 to place a bag in an overhead bin.

Other fees haven’t stopped people from flying, but many can be avoided. Carryon bag fees would be hard to avoid.

“We believe it is something that’s important to our customers and they value, and we will continue making that available to them at no charge,” American Airlines spokesman Roger Frizzell said.

Just think, the next time you find your name in *The Observer* it will be in an article, byline or letter to the editor. (And hopefully not the police blotter.)

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Rain to delay shuttle landing

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA warned space shuttle Discovery's astronauts Sunday to expect rain delays as they wrapped up their two-week mission and got ready to come home. Discovery and its crew of seven were scheduled to land Monday morning at NASA's Florida spaceport. Shuttle commander Alan Poindexter said Sunday that he enjoys spending extra time in

orbit and doesn't mind if Discovery can't make it back to Earth until Tuesday. Mission Control promised to keep monitoring the weather in case the forecast improved. In the worst case, Discovery could always aim for the backup landing site in Southern California on Tuesday. Poindexter and his crew are returning from the International Space Station after stockpiling it with supplies, science experiments and extra spare parts,

including a tank full of ammonia coolant. It took three spacewalks to install the tank. Providing Florida's weather cooperates, Discovery will criss-cross much of the United States during re-entry, zooming in from the Pacific Northwest. For safety reasons, NASA typically prefers to bring a space shuttle home from the southwest, up over the South Pacific, Central America and the Gulf of Mexico. It's a lesson NASA learned the hard way in 2003, when Columbia shattered over Texas during re-entry. All seven astronauts were killed, but remarkably, no one was hurt on the ground by the wreckage.

Since then, only one other shuttle mission has ended with a continental flyover, back in 2007. Before Discovery's April 5 liftoff, NASA altered the flight path to maximize the astronauts' work time in orbit without wearing them down. The rare U.S. flyover — weather permitting — was going to provide a streaking light show for those beneath the flight path. For Monday's first landing opportunity at 8:48 a.m., Discovery would zoom over British Columbia and Alberta, swing down over Montana and the Dakotas, and pass over Sioux City, Iowa, and the middle of Missouri. Then it would come down over the eastern border of Arkansas and Tennessee, then over northeastern Mississippi and Alabama, southwestern Georgia and almost directly over Jacksonville. The second opportunity, 1½ hours later, would have the shuttle crossing over Washington state and passing over more of the heartland.

S.F. crime lab at center of unraveling scandal

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The tape recorder started rolling as two police investigators sat in their car in a hospital parking lot with Deborah Madden on Feb. 26. "You're causing a huge nightmare for the city," said one officer. Now the 60-year-old technician and the obscure police crime lab where she worked for 29 years stand at the center of a scandal that has led to the dismissal of hundreds of criminal cases and jeopardized thousands more. Police have accused Madden of skimming cocaine evidence from the lab, but she hasn't been criminally charged in the case. Forensics experts say Madden is not the first crime lab worker suspected of stealing drugs or other illegality, and San Francisco's lab joins several other cities in suffering a loss of credibility. A Houston man was awarded \$5 million last year after spending 17 years in prison on rape charges overturned because of a discredited criminal lab. Detroit shut down its crime lab in 2008 after outside auditors uncovered serious errors in the way evidence was handled. "It's real hard to build a good reputation and it's very easy to destroy it," said Ralph Keaton, executive director of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. "And it takes even longer to rebuild it." The fallout from San Francisco's lab scandal is still unfolding and experts say it could take years to clean up,

especially if authorities fail to establish which criminal cases were compromised. "I don't think we have a full grasp on the magnitude of this yet," said Jim Norris, former head of the lab. "A lot of this runs on trust that the lab results have been correct, but now people don't think they are. So the whole system has grinded to a halt." Madden's attorney, Paul DeMeester, said last week that her February talk with police was honest and forthright, and she "talked about all of the wrongdoing she had committed at the lab, which is very minimal." In the taped interview, investigators pleaded with Madden to confess to skimming significant amounts of cocaine from drugs seized during arrests. A confession, they said, would take pressure off co-workers who also were being questioned and would help begin to repair the damage. "And it will take years for the people in that lab and the San Francisco Police Department to come back from that, even if it's one person," Inspector Peter Walsh told Madden on the tape. "If it's a mistake, you just need to tell us it's a mistake." "I didn't do it," she said, admitting only to snorting small amounts of cocaine spilled on her work station. An internal review turned up significant shortages of drug evidence in several cases she handled. But Madden said she was not surprised by that because weight discrepancies occurred frequently at the lab.

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Strict Neb. abortion law faces opposition

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — It's been called a groundbreaking law, but a measure approved in Nebraska last week that changes the rationale for abortion bans probably won't go into effect anytime soon — if ever. Instead, abortion opponents are hoping it will become the most important case on abortion to reach the U.S. Supreme Court in recent memory. Even they acknowledge the ban on abortions at and after 20 weeks of pregnancy won't see the light of day unless the high court rules that it is constitutional. Mary Spaulding Balch, legislative director for National Right to Life, said a court injunction will likely prevent the implementation of the law. The measure passed last week by Nebraska's nonpartisan Legislature and signed into law by Republican Gov. Dave Heineman is scheduled to take effect in October. Lower courts have no precedent to support the law, which bases the new restrictions on the assertion that fetuses feel pain. "This is a case of first impression," Spaulding Balch said. The long trip to the high court — if it indeed lands there — combined with the time it takes for a ruling there could mean a

final decision on the law is several years away. First, a legal challenge must be posed. No one has stepped forward yet, but Dr. LeRoy Carhart, one of the nation's few late-term abortion providers, is considered a likely candidate. Carhart, who practices in an Omaha suburb and is the target of the new Nebraska law, was a plaintiff in two of the biggest abortion cases of the last decade that reached the U.S. Supreme Court. Carhart said in a statement that the passage of the law and another that requires women to get pre-abortion screenings for mental and physical problems has strengthened his commitment to protecting women's reproductive rights. The Center for Reproductive Rights, which has close ties to Carhart, hinted in a letter to Heineman urging him to veto the bills that it would be involved in a challenge of the ban on late-term abortions. "This bill is clearly unconstitutional and is the most extreme abortion law passed in this country in recent memory," the letter states. It reminds Heineman that the center has litigated cases in Nebraska and across the United States in its fight for women's reproductive rights.

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VIEWPOINT

The ripening fruit

With the debate on God terminating as smoothly and inconclusively as anyone could have hoped, I found myself completely at a loss for suitable subjects for snark. My own religious beliefs being exactly as absurd and unjustifiable as everybody

Brooks Smith

Intellectual

else's, I had hoped to poke some mildly mean-spirited fun at the militant in the (a)/theist camps while carefully obscuring my own weak points with clever rhetoric.

As I reflected on the situation, I grew weak with shame. Was I just another Amelie Gillette (writer of The Onion's "Hater" column), to make increasingly bland jokes at the expense of increasingly easy targets? No, I decided: I was a Serious Writer, with accompanying capital letters. After having some business cards printed ("Brooks Smith: Serious Writer/Math Enthusiast"), I sat down at the keyboard of my three-year-old, hence obsolete, Dell PC (down with Mac) and wrote the most personal, honest and original Viewpoint of my career on the subject of getting "old."

Having no experience in the real world, I have to peg the aging process to milestones in my scholastic development, which up until now has been a breeze. The formula for my success: Be intelligent, write papers the night before, occasionally do homework, hope the teacher likes me.

Unfortunately, the latest milestone has been a doozy: I find a larger and

larger portion of my time allocated not to the completion of busywork, but to exercises quite taxing to my intellect.

In fact, I have finally reached that point, in both my mathematical and English development, at which it no longer suffices to coast upon my innate intelligence and interest and actual effort must be invested to continue to progress toward life after college. Here I use the word "life" to mean "the lifestyle to which my parents have paid for me to become accustomed," and the phrase "after college" to denote an unimaginable and probably purely theoretical state of being. The most distressing development of all this is that I have begun to detect, in my own person, signs of maturity. This is the most complex idea of all, and rather than disposing of it in a semi-witty phrase I have resolved to devote almost the whole of the next paragraph to it.

Maturity is the state, frighteningly real and imminent for me and possibly for quite a few of my classmates, in which the pleasant reveries about life as it could be (and as I would find it quite pleasant to be) are quite rudely puffed away by the cold north wind of reality and I am left to face life as it is — naked and unclothed, without even the warmth and comfort of a North Face jacket. In this state all of the wistful little ideals and dreams I have cherished, say about making love to somebody with the body of Angelina Jolie, the face of Zooey Deschanel and the intellect and

temperament of Susan Hampshire, disappear and I find myself instead making love to somebody with the intellect of Angelina Jolie, the temperament of Zooey Deschanel and the body of Margaret Thatcher.

Yikes!

I have therefore titled this column "The ripening fruit," not to invite comparisons to those unpleasant brown spots on bananas after you leave them sitting around for a few days, but as a metaphor for maturity.

This is a column on aging gracefully.

This is a prolonged meditation on whether or not I will need to throw out my Daft Punk records at age 30 because I have "outgrown them."

This is a column exploring how successfully I will avoid becoming a rigid and calcified self-parody.

This column raises the question of whether or not it's too late for me to get on track to being a "cool dad" or gonzo journalist.

This is a column on commitment: to a career, to a person, to a new hairstyle with goofy sideburns.

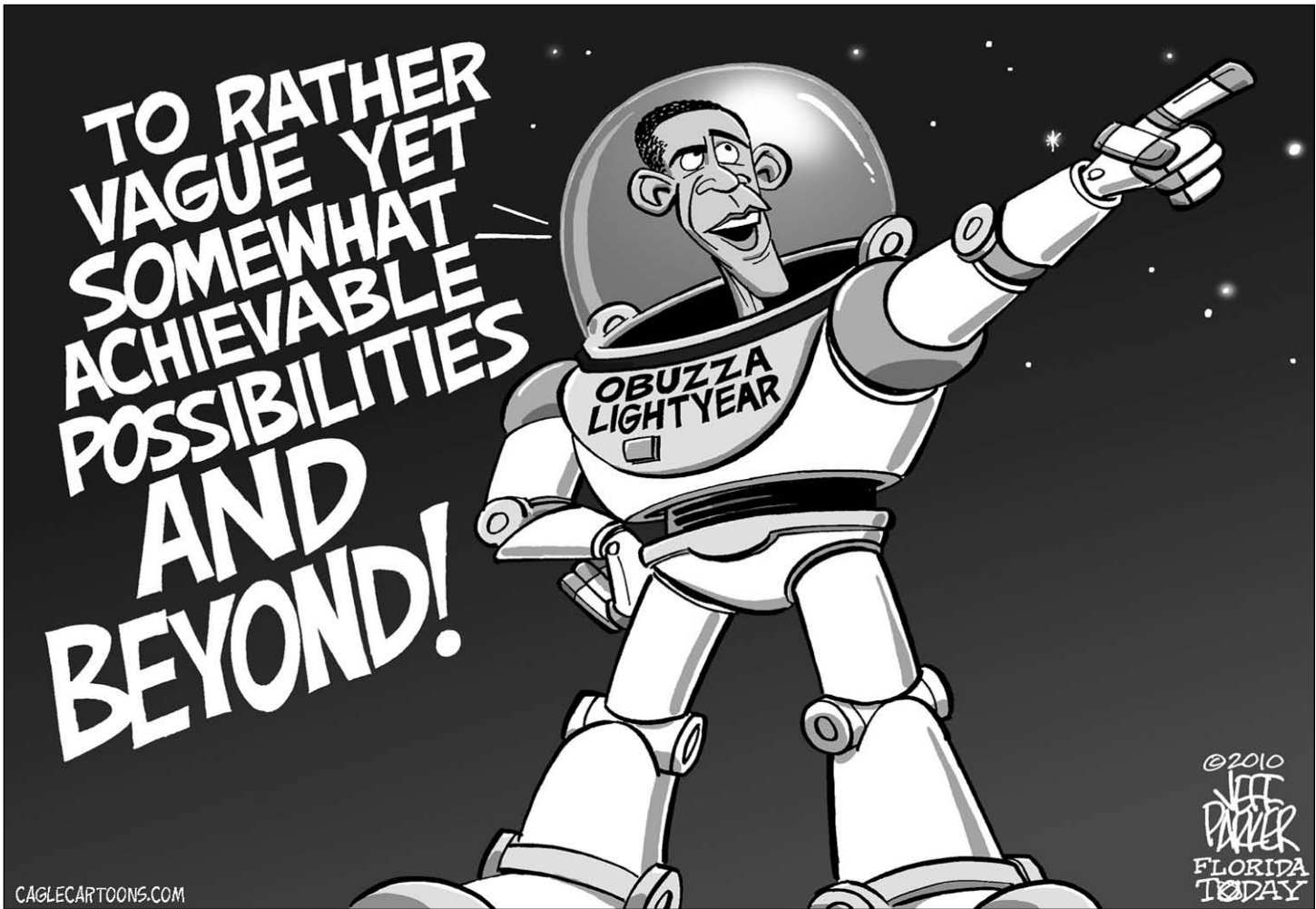
This is an essay on the mating habits of Hungarians, if they don't cut that part out of the final product. [Viewpoint: We did.]

This column is so over.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Beauty is the promise of happiness."

Henri B. Stendhal
French writer

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Toil, feel, think, hope; you will be sure to dream enough before you die, without arranging for it."

John Sterling
U.S. sportscaster

From partial renovation to ‘Extreme Makeover’

As one of the organizers of the Hesburgh Library petition, I wish to clarify our platform concerning the Library’s facilities. It seems most logical to shift the discourse away from simply remodeling part of the main Library toward an expansion of the entire Library system. I suggest this should be accomplished in four phases, in order of priority:

David Morris

Guest Columnist

(1) We should construct a depository — a high-density, temperature-controlled warehouse that can hold millions of books. Notre Dame requires it for two reasons. In the short-term, we need a location where we can store materials without disrupting service whenever we renovate the Library. In the long-term, a depository is essential for expanding collections. Though it has long been known that the stacks are approaching capacity, we have tried to circumvent the problem by reducing book acquisition, even as our competitors are increasing theirs.

Next year, the University of Chicago will unveil a \$42 million depository that can hold 3.5 million volumes, more than Notre Dame’s entire collection. The British Library just opened a £26 million storage unit, while Harvard is planning further expansion of its depository. Top institutions understand that even with the growth of information technology, print holdings will always keep expanding.

A depository is thus a crucial investment, probably costing less than our new hockey arena (\$50 million). Because it is a warehouse, it can be quickly constructed. It may not excite benefactors, but that hardly negates its absolute necessity: Even if we cannot find donors, its funding should come directly from the endowment.

(2) Our Library is often torn between the competing needs of group study and quiet research, which instead should have separate facilities. Collaborative study needs should be addressed by an information commons, which would be open to the entire University, though primarily serving undergraduates. It should be a state-of-the-art, 24-hour complex adjacent to the main Library that provides print materials, but specializes in digital resources.

In 2008, Loyola University Chicago opened a 67,000 square-foot facility connected to its main library, with 35 group study rooms, 216 computer workstations, technical support, library reference and an all-glass, lakefront façade. It cost \$28 million, about what we spent on remodeling the Joyce Center. Consider that Loyola’s donor base is comparatively small, while its endowment is one-seventeenth of ours.

Santa Clara University, with an endowment one-ninth of ours, recently invested \$95 million in a new library complex, including a depository and a “learning commons” similar

to Loyola’s. While Notre Dame has postponed the Library’s renovation every year since 2001 because of a lack of benefactor interest, Santa Clara garnered two donations of \$20 million each, demonstrating what expanded library advancement can accomplish.

(3) An information commons should precede renovation of the entire Hesburgh Library, which will be the costliest step: Ohio State recently spent \$120 million to renovate its main library. While remaining open to all, our modernized library should emphasize research and scholarship. To quote Professor Jeffrey’s letter to The Observer (“Library will be fine under proper custodian,” April 12), if it tries “to compete with Barnes & Noble in providing cute coffee bars and comfy couches, we are certain to lose.”

Therefore, the first two floors should be dominated by large reading rooms with enforced quiet, decor that is conducive to research (i.e. no IKEA sofas or amoeba-shaped tables) with reference material and scholar-librarians at hand. On the first floor, there should be a consolidated area for computers, scanners and copy machines, together with a new acquisitions section and a dissertation office.

We should look to other research libraries for examples. The new British Library, built in 1997, has separate reading rooms for the humani-

ties, social sciences, manuscripts, rare books and music. We can accommodate similar facilities only after the creation of the depository and the information commons. If we bypass these two steps, however, even the renovated Hesburgh Library will remain a cluttered mess, inadequate for either group study or quiet research.

(4) Notre Dame has sought to bridge the divide between academic and residential life with classrooms in the new halls. In the future, Notre Dame should also consider designing its residences so that they have small libraries. The presence of “house libraries” is a feature of other residential systems, as at Harvard or Oxford, giving students ready access to study areas and basic materials needed for classes.

These facilities are crucial to our stated goals of providing an unsurpassed undergraduate education and becoming a preeminent research university. These aspirations are not mutually exclusive, but they both require firm commitment to and substantial investment in an enhanced library system, which is the bedrock of virtually all great universities.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Respect Polish tragedy as such

I am writing to respond to the show of disrespect I have witnessed on campus concerning the recent tragedy in Poland, in which a plane carrying the Polish president, the First Lady and many senior officials crashed in Smolensk, Russia. Those on board were traveling to a ceremony that would commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Katyn massacre, when Stalin’s secret police murdered 22,000 Polish military leaders and intellectuals. Until 1990, the Soviet Union denied responsibility for the massacre, suppressing those who attempted to speak out. The speech President Kaczynski was to deliver last Saturday was meant to help heal a national wound, honoring the dead and offering hope of reconciliation between Russia and Poland. In a tragic coincidence, however, Poland lost its political and military leadership yet again, including the commanders of the army, air force and navy, the president of the national bank and many others.

While world leaders have extended their condolences to a grieving Poland, however, the magnitude of what has happened has not reached certain Notre Dame students. I found the following joke in The Rover just days after the crash:

“The only thing Polacks have ever contributed to civilization are John Paul II and Esperanto. They can’t even avoid crashing their presidential plane.” At Trivia night this past Thursday one team thought it would be funny to name themselves “What’s Polish for ‘crash and burn?’” I was told that the name received bonus points for creativity.

As a Notre Dame student who was born in Poland and is deeply affected by what is happening there right now, I was very hurt to hear my fellow students treat the Polish tragedy with such disrespect. Repeating cruel stereotypes about Poles, especially at such a time, is simply mean. I’d like to point out to The Rover and to those trivia night participants that when 9/11 happened, Poles mourned with you, as did the entire world. Tragedies remain tragedies even if they do not happen to your country, and I think Poles deserve a little better than to have theirs turned into a punch line.

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April 18

Lackluster Lolla lineup

Summer means music festivals, and festivals mean fun. Opening Wednesday’s Observer, I noticed an article regarding my favorite sonic celebration, Lollapalooza (“Lollapalooza lineup revealed,” Courtney Cox). Being a real Chicago native and having seen two of my all-time top-five shows on the lawns adjacent to beautiful Lake Michigan (Daft Punk’s laser-pyramid and Pearl Jam in front of 100,000 in 2008), I was looking forward to solidifying the reasons why I needed to pick up a three-day pass for this year. This should not have been a difficult task (see selling a bucket of water to a man on fire), but it was surprisingly unsuccessful.

I understand you have to report the headliners by definition, and that part didn’t bother me since this year’s show has something no matter what musical niche you occupy. It was the rest of the article that got me. A paragraph about MGMT, Hot Chip, Matt & Kim and Cut Copy? Except for the obvious nod to the most well-known psychedelic group of today, I was a little shocked by this selection. Cut Copy and Hot Chip owe pitchfork.com more than they could ever pay for overhyped album coverage, and Matt & Kim? Matt & Kim? That’s my vehicle for musical salvation this summer? I am jumping ship.

Luckily, there is more to Lollapalooza than was covered by Cox. Indie rock legends Spoon and The National (Alligator is possibly indie album of the decade) are releasing new material this summer, so they’ll be on their A game in Grant Park. If you want some electro-rock, go chill with The xx, a fresh sounding group that emerged in 2009. Need some lo-fi, guitar-heavy noise explosions? Go hang 10 with Cali’s Waves. Oh yeah, my favorite portly harmonica player John Popper is showing up with Blues Traveler. As an admitted soul child of the ‘90s, this act is a must-see.

Music writing is too often about bashing, and that’s not my intention. I’m just trying to open some new doors for any other readers who may have felt a little dissatisfied after last week’s article, that’s all. Rock on.

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April 16

EDITORIAL CARTOON



'Kick-Ass' Kicks Ass

By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

"Kick-Ass" is without a doubt the best superhero movie since "Spider-Man 2" (nothing can top a dude with eight arms). With awesome action sequences and a strong comedic nature, this movie beautifully treads the line of thriller and comedy while also incorporating social commentary on apathy and corruption. This is a must see for anyone who is a fan of superhero movies or appreciates "R-rated" humor and an overly violent preteen girl.

The adventure begins with young Dave (Aaron Johnson) going through the motions of his monotonous life, as an average high school kid with dreams of hooking up with the prettiest girl in his class, his English teacher, as well as a moderately attractive student his own age, Katie. After being mugged and seeing someone witness the crime without taking action, Dave begins to question his faith in humanity and ask, "Why has no one ever tried to be a superhero before?"

Dressed up in a wet-suit with a few sticks strapped to his back, Kick-Ass is born. Punching the air in alleys and running around on a rooftop, Dave trains to one day face the muggers who robbed him. In the first public appearance of Kick-Ass, he gets severely beaten up by the muggers, stabbed, stripped and taken to the hospital. With damaged nerve endings that dulls his sense of feeling and metal plates lining his bones, Dave becomes a slightly more durable hero.

Strutting around town in his suit, Kick-Ass begins his revitalized career looking for a lost cat. When he encounters three thugs taking on one guy, he steps in only to take a beating. Because of his medical improvements though, he is able to continue fighting and save the man's life. When Kick-Ass yells at a bystander to call for help, the individual instead videotapes the fight and makes Kick-Ass an Internet sensation.

After a few more trials and failures, our

acter, training his daughter in a hilarious manner and raising her in a house filled with machine guns.

Local mob boss Frank D'Amico (Mark Strong) is established as the villain, trying to hunt down the superheroes because they are killing all of his men. Frank's son Chris (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), in an attempt to bring Kick-Ass to his father, poses as Red Mist, another superhero, and seeks to become Kick-Ass's sidekick. With their limited training, they are quite the crime stopping team.

The casting in Kick-Ass is impeccable, and no part was better played than Hit Girl. Moretz, 13, brought her character to life and she certainly has a bright acting future. Frank, Red Mist and even every mobster is played very well and all have

their comedic moments. One of the best scenes involves Frank's large guard saying "Everything's under control" while grabbing a bazooka from his desk. On the other hand, Kick-Ass could have been portrayed a little better, with the actor being very bland. An Andy Samberg ("SNL") or a Jonah Hill ("Superbad") may have been a better choice.

Nicholas Cage provided a surprisingly good performance. Finding success in a role that does not involve stealing the Declaration of Independence coupled with the fact that he's in enough financial trouble to take on the upcoming film "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" seemed very unlikely. However, his acting was impressive as he played the role of Big Daddy better than Adam Sandler.

This movie is the perfect movie for the college aged demographic. Still, some may find the use of a young actress in a very "R-rated" role controversial, and the 3-shamrock review reflects that. While at times "Kick-Ass" seemed unnecessarily violent, that does not detract from the overall entertainment value of this film.

"Kick-Ass" delivers laughs along with strong character development. This was one of the best superhero movies in a while and may even inspire you to put on a cape and try to catch the offenders NDSP emails sketches of to the student body.

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"Kick-Ass"

Directed By: Matthew Vaughn
Writers: Jane Goldman and Matthew Vaughn
Starring: Aaron Johnson, Nicolas Cage, Chloe Moretz, Christopher Mintz-Plasse and Mark Strong



VS. Why Gratuitous Violence Ruins 'Kick-Ass'



I've written for Scene for slightly over a year. Movies are not my strong point. When I write, it's almost always about music. I enjoy movies; I go to one or two a month, but I have never loved them like many do. I can see the art in many movies but usually fail to appreciate it. The point is, I'm much more akin to the average movie go-er than a seasoned critic. However, there is a reason I'm writing this column: I have never reacted so negatively to a film than I did while watching "Kick Ass."

I'm practically a stereotype of the film's target audience. I'm a white male in my early 20s. I'm a

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non-obsessed fan of comic books and their following movies from the first two entries in the excellent "Spiderman" series to the tragically flawed "Watchmen" and even the muddled and campy "Ghost Rider." From my first viewing of the trailer, I was looking forward to seeing "Kick Ass."

The movie wasn't without its high points. It had a number of genuinely funny parts, although in the true style of a weak movie, most can be found in the trailers. The style of the movie was near perfect. Drawing heavily from its graphic source material, director Matthew Vaughn skillfully works comics in everything from the minor touches to a full blown, beautifully illustrated flashback.

Against a backdrop of these artistic components, the cast gives remarkable performances. Although Kick-Ass' and Red Mist's alter egos are towards the shallow end of the character pool, Chloe Moretz and Nicolas Cage give top notch performances as Hit Girl and Big Daddy. Cage, who excels at playing mentally unstable characters, gives his second best performance in recent memory, second only to his role in "Bad Lieutenant; Port of New Orleans." His Adam West imitation as Big Daddy and doting father alter ego both ring true. Cage not only manages to pull off a scene where he shoots his bulletproof -vested daughter in the chest, he does so in a loving way. Moretz, as the heavily publicized Hit Girl, shows remarkable skill on the screen, readily switching between an innocent schoolgirl and a cold-blooded killer.

It is the treatment of Big Daddy and Hit Girl where the film falls not only apart, but into an extremely dark and disturbing place. Some minor controversy has already taken place over Hit Girl's use of the c-word in the movie's red-band trailer.

Defenders of the movie predictably countered with, "Why is her language such a concern when she spend the entire movie killing people?" Of course, this all takes place in an R-rated movie so the use of harsh language shouldn't surprise anyone. The problem is exactly that raised by its defenders: The violence in this movie is completely amoral.

That is not to say that I do not enjoy violent movies. Like many in my generation, I like Tarantino films, and unlike many, his "Kill Bill" double feature is among my favorites. More often than not, overtly violent movies have some redeeming value. Whether it's "Saving Private Ryan's" gory take on war, Tarantino's revenge fantasies or the cruelty of Japanese horror films, there is a unique point of view and critical lens through which the action occurs.

The violence in "Kick Ass" plays like the worst type of video games; it's stylized, brutal, celebratory in its gore and meaningless in its nature. This is not a natural product of the plot of the film.

Instead, the gratuitous and meaningless violence is the result of several important narrative details and stylistic elements.

In the translation from comic book to big screen, a very important piece of Big Daddy's character was lost. Big Daddy is a fallen cop who is attempting revenge on the man who framed him. In the film, his story ends there. In the comic, it is later revealed that this was a fantasy world; Big Daddy was never wronged by mobsters and is pursuing them in an attempt to create a new life for himself and his daughter.



While some changes are bound to be made in translation, this one is drastic. In the film, he's a tragically unbalanced father seeking revenge; in the comic, he's clinically insane. The audience goes from being shocked of his actions in the comic book to almost understanding in the theater. Much of the effective point of the comic is lost in this simple change.

The film also goes to great length to continually remind you that its setting is in our world. These are supposed to be real life super heroes. Its flaw comes from the cartoonish violence. Hit Girl becomes some martial arts wizard, able to take down multiple armed men. These supposedly "life-like" action sequences intend for us to laugh and cheer as an 11-year-old girl, who again, as the movie goes out of its way to reminds us, acts in the real world, slays villain after villain, leaving a very real body count.

The final straw come in the penultimate fighting sequence as Hit Girl kills a small army of heavily armed men. The director chooses a fairly common technique of using a pop song over explicit violence, as successfully seen in "Reservoir Dogs" ("Stuck in The Middle with You" by Stealers Wheel) and "American Psycho" ("Hip to be Square" by Huey Lewis and the News). Instead of contrasting the violence and focusing on the deranged individuals perpetrating the violence, Joan Jett's "Bad Reputation" serves to make us see how cool it is that Hit Girl is killing people. This is not satire my friends, this is sickening.

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MLB

Yankees complete three-game sweep of Rangers

Astros pull through in 10th inning to win; Angels have first Toronto sweep since 2004; Uggla leads Marlins with two runs

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mark Teixeira hit his first home run of the season and Ramiro Pena delivered a key single while filling in for an ailing Derek Jeter, leading Andy Pettitte and the New York Yankees over the Texas Rangers 5-2 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Pettitte (2-0) pitched four-hit ball for eight innings. The World Series champions won their fourth in a row, taking advantage of a wild Rich Harden (0-1) to hand Texas its fourth straight loss.

A notoriously slow starter, Teixeira hit a most-overdue homer. He shared the AL lead last year at 39 with Tampa Bay's Carlos Pena.

Teixeira led off the third with a high-arching drive into the second deck in right field. He was hitting only .100 (4 for 40) this season when he connected. His glove work never seems to suffer despite his slumps — the first baseman leaped to snag Josh Hamilton's liner and made a diving, backhanded stop on Matt Treanor's grounder.

It was 2-all with two outs and the bases loaded later in the third when Pena looped a soft, two-run single for his first hit of the season. He started because Jeter was ill with a cold. Jeter left Saturday's game early, giving Pena his first at-bat this year.

Jorge Posada lined a solo home run in the Yankees seventh.

Pettitte made the lead stand up, retiring 12 straight batters in the middle innings. Mariano Rivera closed for his fifth save in five tries.

Harden never found his rhythm, walking six and hitting two batters in 3 2-3 innings.

Elvis Andrus hit an RBI double and scored on a single by Michael Young to put Texas ahead 2-1 in the third.

Harden hit Brett Gardner and Teixeira with pitches in the first inning. Making his 130th start in the majors, it was the first time Harden had plunked two hitters in a game.

The speedy Gardner kept pestering Texas. He had three infield hits Saturday, and his bunt on Harden's first pitch Sunday barely trickled foul. On the next pitch, Harden hit him in the right shin. Gardner stole second and eventually scored on a sacrifice fly by Robinson Cano.

Astros 3, Cubs 2

Pedro Feliz hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the 10th inning after Geoff Blum tied it with an RBI double in the ninth, and the Houston Astros rallied to defeat the Chicago Cubs on Sunday.

Tim Brydak (1-0) pitched a scoreless ninth to earn the victory as Houston won its first series since taking two out of three from Pittsburgh Sept. 11-13, 2009.

Jason Michaels led off the 10th inning with a leadoff double off Cubs reliever Sean Marshall (0-1). Michaels moved to third on Michael Bourn's sacrifice. After intentional walk to Jeff Keppinger, Feliz flied out to left-center to score Michaels. Michaels easily beat center fielder Marlon Byrd's throw.

Houston closer Matt Lindstrom pitched a scoreless 10th inning for his second save in two opportunities in back-to-back days.

Cubs closer Carlos Marmol couldn't hold a 2-0 lead after an impressive outing by starter Ryan Dempster. Dempster recorded 13 consecutive outs beginning with Feliz's fielder's choice that ended the third. The Astros did not get a hit until a leadoff infield single by Tommy Manzella in eighth.

That infield hit came back to haunt Dempster. Bourn followed with a walk, ending Dempster's outing. With runners on first and second and two outs, Keppinger greeted Marmol with an RBI single, but Marmol quickly ended the inning with a called third strike to Feliz.

In the ninth inning, Hunter Pence singled off Marmol and stole second after Cubs catcher Koyie Hill couldn't get the ball out of hit mitt. Blum followed with an RBI double down the right-field line to tie it at 2.

It was Marmol's first blown save in four opportunities.

Dempster breezed through the Houston order in his third start of the season. He struck out the side in the fifth inning and finished with eight strikeouts. He allowed one run, four hits and walked two in 7 2-3 innings.

Byrd had a two-run single in the Cubs' 2-1 win over Astros on Saturday.

Jeff Baker had a leadoff walk in the third inning and Geovany Soto followed with a single. Dempster sacrificed the runners into scoring posi-

tion. With two outs, Byrd singled to left, scoring Baker and Soto to give the Cubs a 2-0 lead.

Astros starter Wandy Rodriguez allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings. He struck out three and walked one.

Angels 3, Blue Jays 1

Ervin Santana came within one strike of a shutout and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Toronto Blue Jays Sunday to complete a three-game sweep.

Hideki Matsui went 2 for 4 with two doubles and an RBI as Los Angeles improved to 6-7 after opening the season with six losses in eight games. The Angels swept a three-game series in Toronto for the first time since July 9-11, 2004.

Santana (1-2) entered winless with a 6.94 ERA in two starts but was dominant against the Blue Jays, setting down 17 in a row before Adam Lind homered to right on a 3-2 pitch with two outs in the ninth, his third. The next batter, Vernon Wells, ended it with a fly to center.

Santana allowed four hits, walked none and struck out five. He needed just five pitches to retire the side in the sixth.

Toronto left-hander Ricky Romero, who took a no-hitter into the eighth in his last start, didn't give up a hit through the first three innings in this one, but allowed the leadoff man to reach safely in the fourth, fifth and sixth.

Romero escaped the first two times but paid the price after Erick Aybar doubled to lead off the sixth, then scored two outs later when Matsui doubled to center.

Romero (1-1) allowed one run and five hits in eight innings. He walked two and struck out six.

Matsui doubled to begin the ninth against Scott Downs and was replaced by pinch-runner Mike Napoli. Kendry Morales followed with a hard grounder that went through the legs of first baseman Lyle Overbay, scoring Napoli.

Morales took second on the throw to the plate and scored when Jeff Mathis followed with a double, extending his hitting streak to a career-high nine games.

Outfielder Fred Lewis made his first start since joining Toronto in Thursday's trade with San Francisco. Lewis hit a two-out double in the third



Yankees starting pitcher Andy Pettitte throws a pitch in the third inning against the Rangers in their game Sunday at Yankee Stadium.

and stole third, but was left stranded when Alex Gonzalez struck out.

One day after snapping an 0 for 18 slump, Overbay went 0 for 3, dropping his average to .080.

Marlins 2, Phillies 0

Nate Robertson outdueled Cole Hamels into the seventh inning and Dan Uggla drove in both runs with a homer and a double, leading the Florida Marlins to their second straight win over the Philadelphia Phillies, on Sunday.

Making his third start for Florida after being acquired in a trade from the Detroit Tigers before the end of spring training, Robertson (2-0) weaved in and out of trouble, striking out four and walking four in 6 1-3 innings. Florida took two out of three in Philadelphia.

Cole Hamels (2-1), gave up seven hits over eight-plus innings, striking out a season-high eight and walking none. He gave up Uggla's homer to start the second inning. The second baseman was 3 for 29 against Hamels before the home run.

Robertson allowed a leadoff single in the seventh and Shave Victorino reached first on a high throw by Hanley Ramirez that pulled first baseman Gabby Sanchez off the

bag.

Reliever Burke Bandehop then got Placido Polanco and Chase Utley each to fly out to right to end the seventh. Badenhop retired the side in the eighth.

Marlins closer Leo Nunez pitched a perfect ninth for his third save in four chances.

Hamels, now 2-7 against Florida, was pulled after giving up a leadoff single to Jorge Cantu in the ninth. Cantu extended his hitting streak to 17 dating to last season — 13 this year.

Robertson ran into trouble in the second, working around three walks before Hamels flew out to left for the final out.

He then escaped another jam in the fourth. After Jayson Werth reached on an infield single, Ben Francisco followed with a ground-rule double over the center field fence and held the lead runner at third.

Robertson then struck out Juan Castro and got Carlos Ruiz to line out to short center. Cameron Maybin's throw sailed all the way to the Marlins on-deck circle where Robertson was able to retrieve the ball. Hamels then ended the inning by grounding out.

Uggla's third hit of the game, in the ninth off reliever Ryan Madson drove in Cantu to make it 2-0.

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The trouble with resisting temptation is it may never come your way again. - Korman's Law

A bird may love a fish, but where would they live?

To Michelle, Ally, and Alex- Let's get through these last few weeks together. Hang in there! Do it for the story and for brunch. Remember, you only live once. We might as well make it worth it.

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1	Arizona State	1
2	UCLA	3
3	Virginia	5
4	Texas	6
5	Georgia Tech	2
6	LSU	4
7	Florida State	8
8	Arkansas	10
9	Florida	9
10	Coastal Carolina	13
11	TCU	12
12	Louisville	7
13	South Carolina	17
14	Oklahoma	16
15	Miami	14
16	Clemson	11
17	Oregon State	15
18	Mississippi	18
19	Vanderbilt	19
20	Kansas State	20
21	Arizona	22
22	Western Kentucky	NR
23	Southeastern La.	24
24	Cal St. Fullerton	NR
25	UC Irvine	21

Men's Division I Outdoor Track USTFCCCA Poll

	<i>team</i>	<i>previous</i>
1	Florida	1
2	Texas A&M	2
3	Oregon	3
4	Texas Tech	4
5	Florida State	5
6	Arizona State	10
7	Southern California	6
8	LSU	8
9	Auburn	7
10	Oklahoma	13
11	Mississippi State	11
12	South Carolina	9
13	Nebraska	12
14	Louisville	15
15	Mississippi	17
16	Baylor	14
17	Arkansas	18
18	Virginia Tech	16
19	California	19
20	Brigham Young	20
21	Minnesota	21
22	Kansas State	22
23	Tennessee	24
24	Washington State	23
25	Wisconsin	25

Women's Division I Tennis ITA Poll

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1	North Carolina	1
2	Baylor	2
3	Florida	4
4	Michigan	3
5	NOTRE DAME	6
6	Duke	7
7	UCLA	8
8	Clemson	9
9	Northwestern	5
10	Stanford	11

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NBA



The NBA suspended Celtics forward Kevin Garnett Sunday after an altercation with the Miami Heat in the opening round of the playoffs. Garnett will not play Tuesday when the teams play Game two of a best-of-seven series in Boston.

Garnett suspended for next game after fracas

Associated Press

WALTHAM, Mass. — Kevin Garnett doesn't regret his role in a fracas by his opponent's bench. Neither does the player he elbowed in the face.

Garnett paid a bigger price Sunday when the NBA suspended him for Tuesday night's second game of Boston's playoff series with Miami. The Heat's Quentin Richardson was fined \$25,000.

The pushing and woofing took place with 40 seconds left in the Celtics' 85-76 Game 1 win Saturday night. Paul Pierce had fallen by the Heat's bench, holding his right shoulder in apparent pain. Garnett leaned over, then held off Richardson, coming from

behind, with his left forearm. Moments later, Boston's passionate leader elbowed Richardson in the face.

"Not at all," Garnett said calmly Sunday when asked if he regretted his actions. "I would hope if I was hurt or if I was down in that position someone would at least give me some space to sort of recover or to gather myself. That's the only thing I was asking for."

Richardson, one of Miami's more emotional players, also shrugged off the idea of regrets.

"Me?" he said. "I didn't do anything regretful. I didn't throw any punches or swing on anybody."

Garnett played well with 15 points and nine rebounds in

his first playoff action since Game 6 of the 2008 NBA Finals, a 131-92 win over the Los Angeles Lakers that clinched Boston's 17th championship.

He missed last year's playoffs with a knee injury and Boston beat Chicago in seven games before losing to Orlando in seven in the second round.

"We know we can win. We know we can hold down the fort if KG is out a game," Pierce said before the league announced the suspension early Sunday night. "We're not one of those teams that when their star player goes down that's an excuse to not play hard, not try to win the game."

"We're a team that feels like

with KG and without KG we're supposed to win a game"

Observers could view the altercation as the point at which playoff intensity soared.

They would be wrong, according to Pierce. He said he already had that feeling.

"You've got to understand, both teams are playing for a championship," he said. "There's so much more at stake. It's just like a prize fighter. When you fight for that goal, it's not like the other fights. This has much more meaning."

"You've got to expect that tensions are going to rise, flare-ups, but the thing is just keep it in the framework of the game to where it doesn't get out of hand."

IN BRIEF

Browns' Jennings accused of punching bouncer

CLEVELAND — Browns running back Chris Jennings has been released from jail while authorities determine whether to file charges over allegations he hit a bouncer outside a Cleveland nightclub.

Jennings was arrested early Saturday morning.

John O'Brien, a spokesman with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department, says Jennings is accused of punching the bouncer in the mouth because he refused to allow Jennings' friend inside without proper attire.

O'Brien says the case has been turned over to the county prosecutor's office. It will determine whether to file an assault charge.

A message seeking comment was left Sunday for the Browns. It's not clear whether Jennings has an attorney. Jennings rushed for 220 yards and scored one touchdown as a rookie last season.

Giants place outfielder Rowand on disabled list

LOS ANGELES — San Francisco Giants center fielder Aaron Rowand was placed on the 15-day disabled list on Sunday, two days after a fastball to his head from the Dodgers' Vicente Padilla left him with two small fractures in his left cheekbone and a mild concussion.

"I didn't want to go on the disabled list, but I don't have 'MD.' behind my name," Rowand said after taking some soft-toss swings in the indoor batting cage.

"Apparently in their thoughts, they felt it wasn't the wise move to try to continue playing with the fractures in my face — simply on the premise of the possibility of getting hit again. Obviously it's frustrating, especially with the way we're playing and the prospects of the season and everything else."

The mishap occurred in the fifth inning of Friday night's 10-8 loss, when the ball struck the left ear flap of Rowand's helmet as he turned to get out of the way. He never lost consciousness and was able to leave the field under his own power.

Utah's Okur out for playoffs with torn left Achilles' tendon

DENVER — Utah Jazz general manager Kevin O'Connor says center Mehmet Okur has a torn left Achilles' tendon and is out for the remainder of the playoffs.

Okur needs surgery and will likely miss the world championships this summer in his native Turkey. He flew home to Salt Lake City on Sunday after an MRI revealed the tear.

Okur was injured while driving to the basket in the first half of Utah's Game 1 loss at Denver on Saturday night. Before the game, he had taken a painkilling shot to treat his Achilles' tendinitis, which he had been dealing with since April 7.

O'Connor said he doesn't believe the injection had anything to do with Okur tearing the tendon. Okur's right leg slipped as he was driving, shifting all his weight to his left leg, which twisted awkwardly as he fell to the floor.

NFL

Roethlisberger back after sexual assault case

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger will line up under center, take the snap and throw his first pass to a teammate since the Steelers ended the season Jan. 3.

There won't be any applause. There likely won't be much reaction from his teammates, who have seen the highest-paid player in franchise history go through this routine countless times in games and practices since 2004.

There will be countless questions.

For the Steelers, the most pressing is this: Who will be taking snaps in September?

The Steelers return to the practice field Monday for the first time since their 9-7 record wasn't good enough to get them into the playoffs. Roethlisberger is expected to be among them, one week to the day since prosecutors decided not to charge him after a college student accused him of sexual assault.

While there won't be a criminal proceeding that could have disrupted the Steelers before, during or after the season, the fallout from Roethlisberger's latest off-the-field problem and its impact on a team that regularly contends for championships could be long-lasting.

First, Roethlisberger must try to win back his teammates'

support — something team president Art Rooney II said probably can't be achieved in a day, a week or a month.

It's not just ownership that is running out of patience with an athlete who can't seem to dodge missteps, the very player — the high-priced quarterback and proven winner — who is most expected to be a leader.

"He's going to have to work very hard to rehabilitate his image," Rooney said. "There's no question that it's taken a hit and we've told him it's going to be a long journey back and he's going to have to be up to meeting the challenge."

Second, it is very likely Roethlisberger won't line up under center when the Steelers open the season. The question is whether he will be suspended by the NFL for four games, two games or one. Or if there will be counseling and rehabilitation involved. The punishment is likely to be determined by commissioner Roger Goodell next week, following this week's three-day draft.

By waiting for the NFL to work out a penalty for violating the league's personal conduct policy that is acceptable to the team, the options for appeal are far more limited than if the Steelers had acted themselves.

"There were a lot of pieces to the puzzle that probably prevent us from moving ahead on

our own at this point," Rooney said.

No matter how many games Roethlisberger is out, the Steelers must prepare someone else to take his place — third-year quarterback Dennis Dixon, who has started only one game, or longtime backup Charlie Batch. That means more practice time for someone other than Roethlisberger and an altered routine during training camp.

"We don't necessarily have a backup plan at this time," coach Mike Tomlin said. "We'll let the process run its course and kind of make decisions from there."

If Roethlisberger is suspended, the Steelers would have to get him back to game speed quickly once he returned, and with a season already under way. That could mean longer in-season practices devoted to Roethlisberger getting the work he needs to be game-ready.

There is likely to be resentment in the locker room, too, whether it's stated or not, from teammates who are simply worn out with the Roethlisberger-created disruptions. This is the third time in four years it's happened, and even the most patient of players must be wondering when they will stop.

In 2006, Roethlisberger crashed his motorcycle four



Quarterback Ben Roethlisberger holds the AFC Championship trophy with Steelers president Art Rooney on Jan. 22, 2006.

months after winning the Super Bowl, and the Steelers subsequently missed the playoffs. Last year, he was accused of sexual assault in Nevada not long before training camp began — and, again, the Steelers missed the playoffs the season after winning the Super Bowl. That suit remains unresolved.

That's a pattern that Rooney

hinted the Steelers can no longer follow.

"I don't want to get into hypotheticals about what we might do next," Rooney said. "The most important thing is that Ben stays committed to doing what he has to do to uphold his end of the bargain."

It starts Monday. When it ends, the Steelers can only begin to guess.

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NHL

Coyotes win despite loss of players

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Phoenix Coyotes have thrived in the face of adversity all season. They did it again Sunday in Game 3 against the Detroit Red Wings.

Overcoming the loss of captain Shane Doan and another key player, Petr Prucha and Radim Vrbata scored midway through the third period to lift the Coyotes to a 4-2 victory and a 2-1 series lead.

“From where we’ve come from, a couple injuries are not going to deter us,” Phoenix coach Dave Tippett said. “Shane is a great player, he’s our leader, but we recognized we had a game to play.”

Phoenix scratched forward Vernon Fiddler, who got hit in the

lip by a stick in Game 2, and lost Doan on his first shift of the second period when he appeared to have an upper-body injury after running into the endboards.

“They just got better,” Detroit coach Mike Babcock said. “With no Fiddler and no Doan, they had the puck more than we did.”

The Coyotes have overcome a series of off-the-ice setbacks, starting with their previous owner taking the franchise into bankruptcy last year leading to the NHL buying the team in November. Wayne Gretzky resigned as coach nine days before the opener and was replaced by Tippett on the bench.

“If you look back from the start of the year, it was part of our identity that you can overcome anything,” Tippett said.

Detroit overcame the loss players who combined to score 88 goals last season — when it was a win away from repeating as Stanley Cup champions — and a slew of injuries to extend the longest playoff streak in sports with a 19th straight appearance in the postseason.

The fifth-seeded Red Wings were the hottest team in the NHL entering the playoffs, but they’re having trouble with the fourth-seeded Coyotes, who were almost as successful after the Olympic break.

“It’s interesting how the perception from you people is we’re supposed to just crush them,” Babcock bristled to reporters. “They’re a good team, too.”

Detroit will host Game 4 on Tuesday night, needing a win to avoid being on the brink of elimination.

The Red Wings will have to start and finish much better than they did Sunday.

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Dave Tippett
Coyotes coach

NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Moore branches out post-UConn

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — It doesn’t matter what team Maya Moore plays for or what uniform she wears. The UConn All-American usually ends up on the winning side.

Even when the games don’t count.

Moore scored 32 points in four scrimmage games between the USA Basketball Women’s national and select teams before an estimated crowd of 3,000.

The exhibition concluded the weeklong spring training in preparation for the FIBA World Championship, a 16-team tournament that begins Sept. 23.

The teams, which were comprised of players in the WNBA and college, played four 10-minute games. To speed the tempo, there was a 24-second shot clock and players had eight seconds to bring the ball over the midcourt line.

Moore, who has helped UConn win back-to-back NCAA championships and 78 consecutive wins, led the national team to victories in the first two games. Then she switched teams and jerseys, going from red to white, and helped the select team win the final two games.

“Four and 0,” said Renee Montgomery, Moore’s former teammate at UConn. “She comes out and she plays hard every second.”

Renee Montgomery
UConn guard

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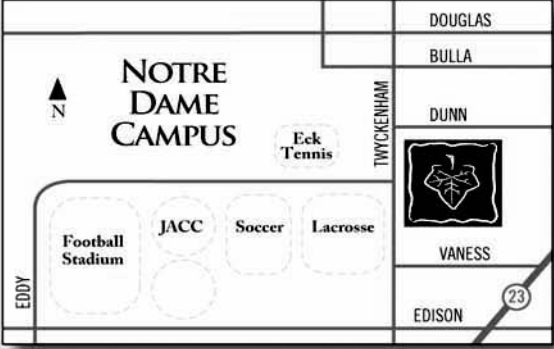



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“She doesn’t lose,” national team forward Angel McCoughtry said of Moore. “She just raises the bar and raises it for everybody else. She exceeds her generation.”

After helping the national team win the first two games, Moore donned a white jersey and played for the select team in the third scrimmage. Late in that game, Auriemma alerted an official at the table that the scoreboard was incorrect.

“Seriously, it’s 16-14. Maya’s up two,” Auriemma said.

Moore’s team ended up winning that game by three. In the final scrimmage, her team trailed by eight before rallying for a 27-25 win. Allison Hightower scored 10 points to lead the comeback. The former LSU player was one of eight players taken in the recent WNBA draft.

“The players who just graduated and are going into the (WNBA), this is a good head start for training camp and kind of gives them a feel of what to expect in a couple weeks when training camp starts,” Auriemma said. “I think everybody that was here benefits from this week.”

SMC TENNIS

Belles drop in close match

By MATTHEW ROBINSON
Sports Writer

The Belles dropped their third straight MIAA conference match Saturday, falling to Kalamazoo 6-3.

Saint Mary's (8-7, 2-3) stuck close with the Hornets (9-7, 4-2) but could not avoid dropping one more spot in the MIAA rankings, which will determine seeding for the postseason tournament.

"We played Kalamazoo really close and it came down to a few matches at the end," senior captain Camille Gebert said. "I think we all knew it was going to be a matter of one or two points."

Gebert won at No. 2 singles, junior Franca Pelusa won at No. 4 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of juniors Mary Therese Lee and Jillian Hurley claimed a victory.

Gebert won her singles match 6-2, 6-2, but she felt another victory in doubles would have given the Belles the necessary encouragement to go out and win the match outright.

"If we could have pulled out

one more doubles match I think we could have won," Gebert said. "Having the edge going into singles is really crucial."

Because Kalamazoo and Saint Mary's are so close in the MIAA standings, there is a high probability that Saturday will not be the last time the Belles and Hornets will square off this year.

"There is a very great chance that we will see them in the first round of the conference tournament," Gebert said. "Based on our performance yesterday, I have confidence that we will pull through and beat them."

Gebert said a few breaks that went Kalamazoo's way had a big impact on many of the matches.

"I think the major factor in the outcome was momentum," Gebert said. "There was a point when four of the singles matches were looking good for us. We had the momentum. But in tennis,

one close point could change the whole outcome of a match and I think that is what happened in a few of our final singles matches."

Gebert said that she focuses on one match at a time, using each previous match as a jumping off point, making the necessary improvements. That is something that Belles coach Dale Campbell has stressed the entire season.

"Personally, I approach every match with a sense of urgency, as if this is the match that matters the most," Gebert said. "As a team, we go into each match with a determination to improve on the last match."

With only a few matches left in the MIAA season, the Belles need to find that gentle balance between urgency and improvement. With the postseason tournament rapidly approaching, Saint Mary's needs to put themselves in the best possible position in order to make a run at the conference title.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Early hits help lead Belles to key victories

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

The Belles earned a pair of important victories Saturday, defeating conference foe Olivet in both games of a doubleheader.

Saint Mary's (18-14, 7-3 MIAA) entered the game Saturday with aspirations of staying in the running for a division title. Belles coach Erin Sullivan said that in order to stay competitive in the conference, the team needed to "beat the teams [they] are supposed to beat."

"Olivet was one of those teams," she said.

Saint Mary's set the tone early as four consecutive first inning hits resulted in a quick pair of runs. The Comets (11-14, 4-6 MIAA) would seize the lead after a lone run in the first and two in the second.

The Belles answered in the top of the third with three runs, including a home run from freshman Morgan Bedan, her fourth of the season. This gave the Belles a 5-3 lead that they did not relinquish, winning the game 8-5.

Sophomore Angela Gillis pitched a complete game for the Belles, giving up seven hits and striking out a pair.

Game two of the doubleheader came down to the wire. After six innings of play, the two teams

were all even with a tie score of 4-4. Trying to avoid extra innings, the Belles came out motivated to score in the top of the seventh.

"Our hitters knew we had to execute one run in the bottom of seven, and they just made it look easy. Lauren Enayati led off with a blast up the middle and our next three hitters moved her around the bases to win the game," Sullivan said.

Sophomore infielder Angela Gillis singled home the winning run to give the Belles the 5-4 victory.

Sullivan was especially pleased by the performance of her starting pitcher in the second game.

"Monica Palicki was lights out. She hit her spots and after a walk or a hit, she came back and got the next hitter. She was very mentally tough," Sullivan said.

Palicki picked up the win for Saint Mary's, striking out five and giving up four runs in seven innings of work.

Adding to the winning effort were seniors Maureen Healy and Ashley Peterson, who both had four hits in the second contest.

The Belles next play Wednesday, traveling to face conference rival Hope in a doubleheader starting at 3:30 p.m.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Team ends regular season with 7-0 win

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Irish ended their regular season on a high note Saturday, defeating Navy 7-0. Notre Dame will look to take their momentum from the shutout into the Big East tournament this week.

“Navy is a special match for me,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss, who coached the Midshipmen for 15 seasons, said. “The Academy is bringing back people who played under me there. It’s a reunion of sorts for me and a chance to see players I haven’t in years, all who have gone to be very successful in their lives.”

The Irish jumped out to an early lead, claiming the doubles point and improving their record to 10-1 on the season when earning the first point in the match.

Junior Tyler Davis improved his record to 4-1 on the season in dual singles matches, defeating Nicholas Gutsche 6-1, 6-3 at No. 6 singles.

No. 93 junior Dan Stahl was able to clinch the third point in the match for the Irish as he defeated Anderson Walls 6-2, 6-3.

Fellow junior Stephen

Havens clinched the win for the Irish at No. 2 singles, defeating Marcus Rebersak 6-3, 6-2.

David Anderson extended the lead to 5-0 for the Irish after winning at No. 5 singles with a win over Zach Nicholson in two sets.

“David Anderson has come on strong for us as the season has progressed,” Bayliss said. “He has added good all court skills and can finish at the net, something that was problematic for him as a freshman. He has a big first serve, penetrating ground strokes and counters better than he did even a year ago. More than anything he has a real presence on the court and great determination.”

Next off the court was sophomore Samuel Keeton, as he defeated Jeremy New at No. 4 singles by a score of 7-5, 6-2.

Fellow sophomore Casey Watt was able to pull out a win in three sets at No. 1 singles to round out the sweep for the Irish.

The Irish will return home as they host the Big East championships beginning April 22.

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TRACK

Irish tally 21 top-five finishes at Dave Rankin

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The first day at the Mt. SAC Relays brought seven top-five finishes for the Irish, including one first place finish. That only marked the beginning of a successful weekend. The following day six members of the Irish team took first in their events at multiple competitions.

Senior Daniel Clark won the men’s 1500-meter Olympic Development University/Open by less than half a second at 3:43.23, senior Joanna Schultz won the women’s 400-meter hurdles by a margin of six hundredths of a second with a time of 58.47 at the Mt. SAC Relays and senior Eric Quick won the men’s triple jump with a distance of 14.82 meters at the Long Beach Invitational.

Junior Marissa Treece won the women’s 1500-meter at 4:36.23, junior Miklos Szebeny won the men’s 100-meter dash at 10.74, freshman Rebecca Tracy won the women’s 800-meter at 2:10.58 and senior Balazs Molnar won the men’s 400-meter hurdles with a time of 54.42 at the Dave Rankin Invitational hosted by Purdue.

During the first day of events at the Mt. SAC Relays, Quick took second in the men’s long jump, sophomore Kevin Schipper took fourth in the men’s pole vault at 5.20 meters and freshman Nevada Sorenson took third in the 100-meter hurdles.

Sorenson, who took first place last week, said she is pleased with her races so far this season, but still striving to run the best she can.

“When I’m warming up for my race I’m not thinking about how fast I have to go to win; I’m thinking about how fast I need to go to PR. Winning is fun, but improving my times is my main focus,” Sorenson said.

Freshman Jeremy Rae and sophomores Jordan Carlson and Johnathan Shawel dominated the men’s 1500-meter, taking second, third and fourth respectively.

The Dave Rankin Invitational brought the best results for the Irish, with a total of 21 top-five finishes, 11 of which were in the top three.

For the women, junior Rudy Atang finished third in the shot put with a distance of 14.72 meters, junior Jasmine Williams finished third in the long jump at 5.89 meters, sophomore Maddie Buttinger finished second in the high jump at 1.67 meters and third in the 100-meter hurdles at 14.97 and senior Jaclyn Espinoza finished second in the discus throw at 50.93 meters.

The Irish have their last meets before the Big East championships beginning Thursday at the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, and Friday at the Hillsdale Relays in Hillsdale, Mich.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Squad defeats Golden Eagles 6-1

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame concluded its regular season Sunday with a 6-1 win over Marquette, securing first place in the regular season and the No. 1 seed in the conference for this week-end’s Big East tournament.

After moving up one position in the rankings this week, the No. 5 Irish swept the Golden Eagles for the doubles point, and won each of the first three singles contests to clinch the victory.

“It is always emotional for Senior Day, and both of the seniors in the lineup played really well today,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “It was a good match to get ready for the Big East.”

The win over the Golden Eagles improved the Irish record to 19-3.

“[The Golden Eagles] are pretty beat up, and their depth is usually a little bit better because they’ve had kids out of the lineup due to injuries,” Louderback said. “We’re a top five team, and they came in and definitely weren’t afraid of playing us.”

Third ranked sophomore Kristy Frilling and senior Kali Krisik defeated their Marquette opponents at first doubles 8-2.

“If we keep working at it, Frilling and Krisik are going to give themselves a shot at winning the NCAA doubles this year,” Louderback said. “Krisik and Frilling are not making errors, they are returning a lot of serves and

they have won the two matches before this, both top-20 teams and handled them pretty easily.”

The victory of Irish second doubles team of senior Cosmina Ciobanu and sophomore Shannon Mathews 8-1 secured the first point of the game in Notre Dame’s favor.

Freshman Chrissie McGaffigan and junior Kristen Rafael delivered the sweep in third doubles, 8-3.

“I really like the way that all three of our doubles teams mesh well together,” Louderback said.

In singles play, Notre Dame quickly clinched a win by claiming the first three singles contests. Notre Dame’s first singles player No. 15 Frilling shutout the Golden Eagles’ first singles competitor Paula Calderon.

“Frilling bounced back after losing against DePaul Friday, and she didn’t lose a game today,” Louderback said. “At No. 1 singles that doesn’t happen often, but playing inside is something that helps her a lot.”

Krisik and Rafael each defeated their opponents in two sets as the match was decided, and Ciobanu and McGaffigan each won their matches to add two more points to the Irish total. A tough tie-breaker loss from Shannon Mathews led to the only point the Golden

Eagles won Sunday afternoon.

“We’ve been down in some matches where we have made great comebacks to get wins this season, and we’ve won a lot of close ones from people stepping up,” Louderback said. “Also, we’ve had Kali Krisik out with injuries, and while she was gone, we had wins against top-20 teams which is hard to do when you lost someone of her caliber.”

In practice, the Irish will be working on preparing for the upcoming Big East tournament where they will search for their 15th consecutive conference title.

“We’ll be playing a lot of the same teams we’ve been playing in the last few weeks, but we’re also looking forward to playing a few of the big east teams we haven’t played yet,” Louderback said. “It’s the Big East, you never know what’s going to happen.”

The tournament will take place April 22-25 at Notre Dame’s Courtney Tennis Center and South Bend’s Leeper Park.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish take two of three at Louisville

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish came out on top after winning two games and losing one in a three game away series against No. 24 Louisville this weekend.

"Anytime you go down to Louisville, it's going to be a battle," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "They're not at easy team to beat so we came out alive."

On Saturday, the No. 24 Irish won their first contest of the day 5-0 as junior pitcher Jody Valdivia led the Irish with a one-hitter and her 16th shutout of the season.

Junior Brianna Jorgensborg's two-run home run in the fifth inning and junior Katie Fleury's two RBIs in the third inning were both crucial offensive plays that led the Irish to victory.

"[Jorgensborg] broke into the lineup when Erin Marrone got injured, and she's been hitting shots," Gumpf said. "Losing your leading hitter is brutal so we've been looking for someone who could step up, and I believe that Brianna has done that 100 percent. If you look at what she's done since Erin has

been down, she's been phenomenal."

Valdivia suppressed the Cardinals' offense to one single, the only Louisville hit of the game.

"Jody is the one we've had to depend on all year. That's her job, and she wants that job," Gumpf said. "I expect her to win, and I expect her to find a way to win in every game."

The Irish witnessed their nine game win streak come to an end as the Cardinals handed

them their first conference loss since the 2009 regular season in their second game Saturday, topping Notre Dame 4-1.

Freshman pitchers Brittany O'Donnell and Jackie

Bowe each pitched for the Irish. O'Donnell started and threw three innings for three earned runs, and Bowe relieved and earned the other two Cardinals' runs.

"[O'Donnell and Bowe] are getting their feet wet," Gumpf said. "The freshman are here to keep us in the ball game, so we needed to hit."

Senior Heather Johnson was the only Irish player to touch home plate, as her solo home run in the sixth inning stopped the Cardinals from shutting out the Irish.

The difficulty the Irish had at the plate can be attributed to the talent of lefty Cardinal

pitcher Teri Collins.

"I think [Collins] did a good job of keeping us off-balance," Gumpf said. "She spun it well and kept the ball away from us."

The Irish redeemed themselves Sunday on the second day of play with a 3-1 victory over the Cardinals to take the weekend series.

"Really, it came down to one inning," Gumpf said. "When you lead off an inning with a triple, you know big things are going to happen."

Scoreless until the fourth inning, the game was decided by senior Christine Lux's three run home run that brought in Johnson and Fleury.

"It felt like a weight was lifted off everyone's shoulders," Gumpf said. "When you get a three run lead with Jody on the mound, you're going to win."

Despite the one Cardinal run scored in the bottom of the seventh, Valdivia suppressed the threat of a hopeful Cardinal offensive rally and earned her 27th win of the season.

Chances the Irish will play the Cardinals again in the Big East tournament are good as they are the top two teams and the only nationally ranked teams in the conference.

"Nothing changes for practice," Gumpf said. "We'll just attack improvement, and we're going to focus on some more situational stuff this week. Our goal is to keep getting better everyday."

Next, the Irish will play Valparaiso at Notre Dame's Melissa Cook Stadium Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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"Anytime you go down to Louisville, it's going to be a battle. They're not an easy team to beat so we came out alive."

Deanna Gumpf
Irish coach



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Junior shortstop Mick Doyle throws to first base during Notre Dame's 8-6 loss at home to Rutgers on April 11.

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the next 18 conference games and each weekend being so important, and we're off and running."

Mills had a key role in all three Irish victories over the Pirates (13-20, 3-9). Mills picked up the save during

Notre Dame's 2-1 victory on Saturday after tossing a 1-2-3 ninth, and went 3-for-5 and scored the winning run in the 10th inning to seal a 6-5 victory on Friday.

The entire senior class has taken it upon themselves to salvage the remainder of the conference season in the hopes of securing their first Big East title. Senior left fielder Ryan Connolly sparked the Irish rally Sunday with a two-out base hit in the ninth and has now reached base safely in 46 consecutive games.

Senior first basemen Casey Martin tallied two multi-hit games over the weekend and knocked in three RBIs on get-away day.

"All-in-all, the seniors are stepping up, and we talked about that," Schrage said. "We talked that they had a month left in their careers and they want to make something happen, and they're going out and doing it."

While timely hitting and solid defense in the late innings played a critical role in Notre Dame's success, the bullpen continues to be the team's strength. The core relievers of Mills, sophomore Will Hudgins, sophomore Joe Spano and senior Steve Mazur combined to throw nine and two-thirds scoreless innings against Seton Hall.

"It was a great team effort by the pitching staff," Schrage said. "We went to four different guys, so it was a complete team effort and they did a great job of shutting Seton Hall down and giving our bats a chance to win a couple of ball games late. They've been our most consistent part of our game."

Notre Dame's second road sweep of the season took the team from the cellar of the conference standing to the middle of the pack in one weekend. The squad looks to continue its winning ways when it takes on Michigan Tuesday in Ann Arbor.

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MEN’S LACROSSE

Team nets first Big East win over Friars

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

In their first ever Big East conference victory, the Irish cashed in on goals from eight different scorers for an 11-3 rout of Providence Saturday in Arlotta Stadium.

Both Providence (0-10, 0-3) and Notre Dame (6-5, 1-3) came into Saturday’s matchup winless in the conference, and the Friars left still looking for their first Big East win, which would also be their first win overall this season.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan attributed the win to Notre Dame’s ability to dictate the flow of the game.

“We tried to play very aggressively,” Corrigan said. “We 10-man rode them and we didn’t let [Providence] dictate the tempo, and we got a lot of easy turnovers.”

Goals came from junior Zack Brenneman, who had a game-high four points with two goals and two assists, sophomores Nicholas Beattie and Sean Rogers, seniors Neal Hicks, Grant Krebs, Colin Igoe and freshman Ryan Foley and Steve Murphy.

Assists came from Krebs, sophomore Max Pfiefer and junior David Earl.

The Irish defense was led by freshman goalie John Kemp, who had five saves and stifled the Friar attack, allowing their lowest goal total of the season.

Senior goaltender Brendan Moore relieved Kemp for the final minutes, but did not face a

shot on goal.

Senior Trevor Sipperly won 13 of his 15 faceoffs, allowing the Irish to dominate the time of possession battle.

Notre Dame’s recent struggles have not been to a lack of heart, hustle or effort, according to Corrigan.

“We’ve practiced pretty well for the last three weeks,” Corrigan said. “If we continue to do that, then I believe that’s going to show up on the field.”

The win meant the end of a three-game losing streak that nearly knocked the Irish out of the running for an NCAA Tournament bid. Early on in the season, the Irish had climbed all the way to No. 3 in the polls. After the skid, they fell out of the rankings completely.

The change in the outcome Saturday was a certain boost to the confidence of the Irish.

“We’re not used to losing three games in a row,” Corrigan said. “Winning certainly beats the heck out of losing.”

Now, the Irish have a fresh start and can try to make their way back into the rankings with their final two games against St. John’s and No. 3 Syracuse.

“If we win those two games, we have a great argument for a spot in the NCAA Tournament,” Corrigan said.

Notre Dame will go to St. John’s to begin their quest to boost their tournament résumé Saturday.

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seven points on three goals and four assists.

“I was really pleased with how Gina played,” Coyne said. “For her on her Senior Day to have a day like that it’s special.”

Freshman Jenny Granger and junior Shaylyn Blaney each had three goals for the squad. Notre Dame’s quick start allowed Coyne to get everybody on the field for Senior Day.

“Everyone being able to play on Senior Day is nice, you play for your teammates and honoring your seniors,” Coyne. “It was a nice tribute to them.”

Notre Dame was able to outshoot Cincinnati (4-8, 0-4) 31-10 in the match, with their relentless attack putting the game out of reach early.

“I think that we need to start establishing momentum early, and that’s something we’ve been working on,” Coyne said.

The game was a nice way to honor the three graduating seniors — Scioscia, defender Rachel Guerrero and midfielder Maggie Zentgraf — who Coyne said were integral to building up the program to its current state.

“They’ve been through a lot, we were building and building and since they’ve been on the team we’ve been nationally ranked every season,” Coyne said. “They maintained their

belief in the program and bought into what we’re trying to do.”

The Irish will hit the road for the last three games of their regular season, first taking on Ohio State in a game with huge implications for an at-large bid for the NCAA tournament.

“Ohio State’s going to be a battle. Anytime Notre Dame Ohio State get together in anything its going to be a tough fight,” Coyne said. “There are some big regular season games left to be played so we need to get it done.”

The Buckeyes will take on the Irish on Thursday at 5 p.m. in Columbus.

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a backwards pass from Crist to sophomore running back Cierre Wood and returned it for a touchdown, and Blanton returned an interception off early enrollee freshman quarterback Tommy Rees. Kelly said he was as much pleased by the defensive scores as he was displeased by the offensive inconsistencies.


“I think today our defense did a great job taking the ball away ... We’re going and getting the football. We’re aggressively getting after it from that standpoint,” Kelly said. “Offensively, our issues are about inconsistency. We can put three or four plays together and then we’ll put two or three awful plays together.”

Kelly said the purpose of the scrimmage was to evaluate as the spring season winds down.

“This is still about evaluating, finding out who can compete, the guys that we can count on,” he said. “More than anything else I think you need to know what your weaknesses are as well ... That’s why we’re out here scrimmaging ...

We’re starting to get a better feel for the things we really need to hone down on going into this last week of practice.”

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Arena

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more importantly I think it’s going to be something where our players will have a sense of pride in the building they play in.”

Located just north of Angela Blvd., the new facility features a number of improvements over the Joyce Center, the current home of the hockey program.

The new arena will have a maximum capacity of 4,900 spread over the ground, concourse and balcony levels. The student section will be doubled and positioned in the heart of the visitor’s section.

Years in the making, the commitment to upgrade the hockey facilities was taken to the next level upon athletic director Jack Swarbrick’s arrival on campus. Instead of going forward with an original renovation plan, Swarbrick and Jackson opted for a \$53 million investment in the new arena.

“I give Jack a lot of credit for having that kind of vision,” Jackson said. “The toughest thing for me is there’s a number of kids in that locker room that were promised to play in a new building, and that never happened.”

From a technical standpoint, the state-of-the-art arena features a number of hockey-specific amenities that should give the Irish every opportunity to excel on the ice. The arena will contain an additional Olympic-size rink, a recovery facility, a practice shooting range and four separate locker rooms.

Additional weight training facilities will be expected to take pressure off the Guglielmino Complex.

“The weight room will be specifically designed for the development of hockey players, although we are willing to see the baseball or the track team with the congestion that’s going on right now in the weight facilities with varsity sports,” Jackson said.

The arena’s development is the third hockey facility construction Jackson has taken a part of. Jackson said he has played an active role in the design of the new arena, including the positioning of team benches on opposite ends of the rink.

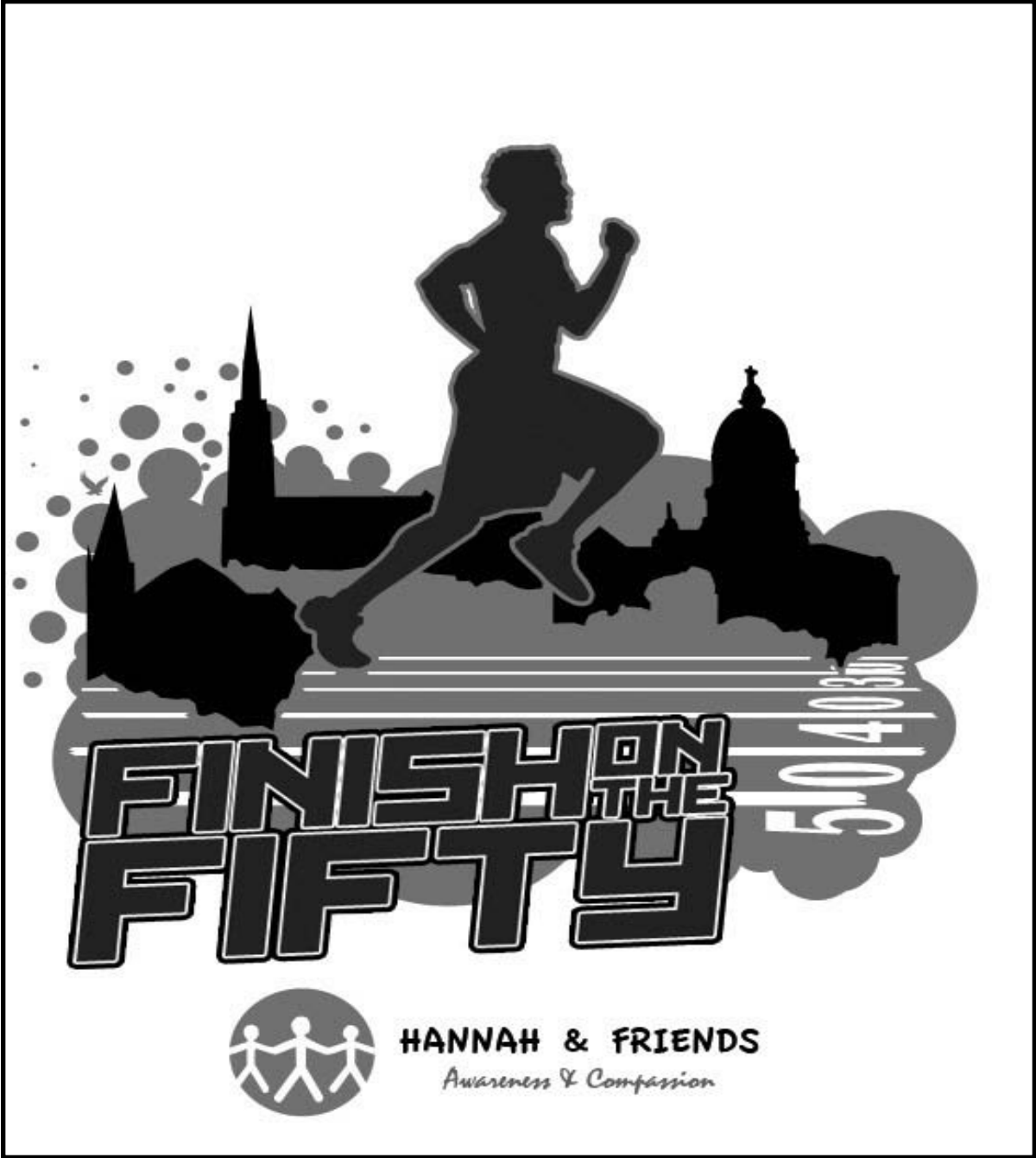
“It’s a closer trip to the penalty box for our bench, but really it’s about having better play conversations with the officials,” Jackson said. “It’s also a longer change for the opposing team on penalties, kind of an old school configuration.”

While the focus of the arena’s construction is with the hockey program in mind, senior associate athletics director Tom Nevala said the building’s creation offers several opportunities for the local community to get involved.

“It really opens up the door for some events that otherwise couldn’t come to South Bend, Nevala said. “It’s the best long-term solution.”

The Irish will need the continued support of the community when they kick off the 2011-12 season in the new arena.

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FOOTBALL

Getting defensive

Defense shows progress in weekend scrimmage

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

The Irish defense matched the offense score-for-score in a scrimmage Saturday.

Both junior safety Jamoris Slaughter and junior cornerback Robert Blanton returned turnovers for touchdowns, while the offense struggled to find the end zone in 11-on-11 unless junior tight end Kyle Rudolph was making the play. Irish coach Brian Kelly held Rudolph, coming off of a separated shoulder last season, out of much of the scrimmage as a precaution.

"We wanted to be cautious with Kyle still," Kelly said. "We got him in there for a couple one-on-one routes where wanted to work. But other than that we kept him out of most of the scrimmaging stuff."

Even in limited time, Rudolph made the play of the day as he soared over sophomore linebacker Manti Te'o for his first of two touchdown receptions from junior quarterback Dayne Crist. If the scrimmage had been tightly refereed, Te'o would assuredly have been whistled for pass interference.

Despite the mistake on the touchdown play, Kelly was



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Junior center Braxton Cave prepares to snap the ball during an 11-on-11 scrimmage at practice Saturday. The defense forced turnovers and held the offense to just two scores in the scrimmage.

effusive in his praise of Te'o's development.

"He's got a chance and he's showing some signs of that," Kelly said. "It's exciting to watch him grow. He's really growing quickly in a very short period of time."

Te'o demonstrated some of Kelly's points when he stopped senior running back Armando Allen from reaching the end zone in dramatic fashion, stopping Allen's momentum and sending him backwards a few steps.

In a dramatic shift from last season's defense, which only managed to force 19 turnovers in 12 games, the Irish forced three turnovers Saturday. Slaughter picked up

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BASEBALL

ND sweeps Pirates for crucial wins

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Winning in baseball is a team effort, but senior David Mills came close to defying that standard Sunday.

Mills did everything but pilot the plane to Seton Hall, as the left-handed reliever tossed one and two-thirds innings of scoreless relief and drove in the game-winning run Sunday as the Irish defeated Seton Hall 7-4 to secure a series sweep.

"David Mills couldn't have done more for us, pitching in all three games and had the winning two-out RBI," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "What we've asked that kid to do is amazing, and he's really stepped up."

The conference victory pushes Notre Dame's win streak to four, the longest of the season, and marks the first time the Irish (15-19, 5-7 Big East) have swept an opponent since the opening weekend against Mississippi Valley State.

"We got ourselves behind the eight ball early with our out-of-conference season, but we kind of rededicated ourselves this week," Schrage said. "We talked about the importance of

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HOCKEY

New arena to boost program

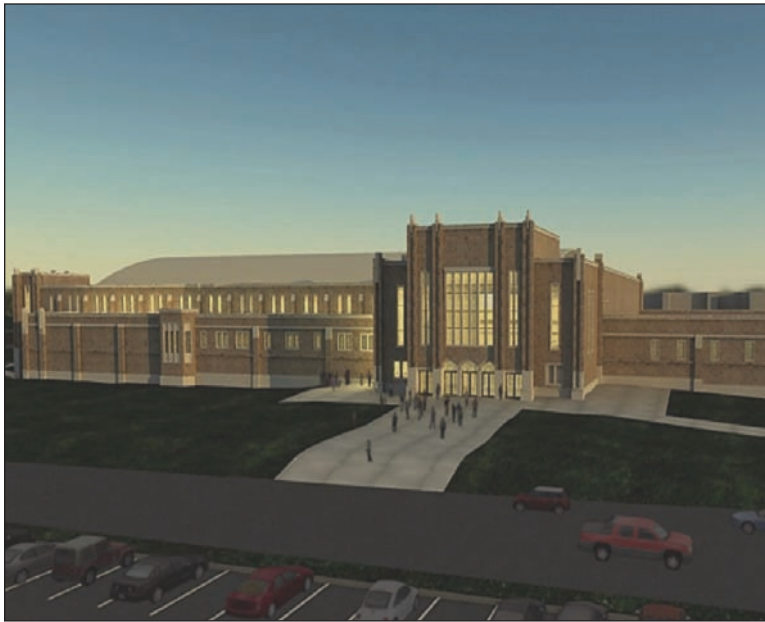
By CHRIS MASOUD
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Recruiting, training and community support — all three are fundamental to the success of an athletic program, and all three will receive a significant boost with the opening of the new Notre Dame ice arena.

Following the announcement of the arena's construction in February, the Office of the University Architect released the designs and plans for the Charles W. "Lefty" Smith Jr. Rink Friday.

"I've said all along this is kind of the final piece to the puzzle for our program as far as creating long term stability for this program," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "Obviously it will be instrumental to our recruiting, but

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An artist's rendering of the main entrance of Charles W. Smith Jr. Rink, scheduled to be completed for the 2011-2012 season.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame nets 15-5 victory on Senior Day

By LUKE MANSOUR
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The No. 12 Irish continued their recent string of success with a dominating 15-5 win over Big East opponent Cincinnati. The win pushed the Irish winning streak to four games and left their Big East record at 5-1 with three regular season games remaining.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said she has seen steady improvement throughout the season and the team now appears to be peaking at the right time.

"I just think that we're taking care of the ball in a lot of different ways, we continue

to work on the little things," Coyne said. "We just got off to a bit of a slow start and now it's coming together."

Notre Dame scored on their first possession and never looked back, jumping out to a 9-0 lead in the first half. Celebrating Senior Day before a large home crowd at Arlotta Stadium, the Irish quickly dispensed any notion of a Bearcat upset.

"I was happy with our intensity, we respected them as an opponent," Coyne said. "I also thought we handled them well physically."

Senior attack Gina Scioscia had a perfect ending to a stellar career, recording

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