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Genocide victims share experiences

Survivors of the Holocaust and Hutu-Tutsi Rwandan crisis speak at Kroc conference

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

As part of a two-day conference called "Witnessing Genocide: Truth, Reconciliation and the Media," Aaron Elster told of his victimization by the Nazis during the Holocaust, and Egide Karuranga discussed the Tutsi persecution in the Rwandan genocide during his talk Sunday.

Elster focused on his intense fear of death and strong desire to survive after the Nazis invaded the ghetto occupied by Elster and his family. He was 10 years old in 1942 when he awoke from sleep and shepherded into a hidden room, a means to escape transportation to a concentration camp.

"Three dozen souls tried to squeeze into an average-sized bedroom," Elster said. "I was shaking and trying to hold back

tears. I didn't want to die."

The survival of the occupants of the room, he said, depended on the ability to be absolutely silent. Elster remembered hearing an outburst from an infant. The people in the room warned the woman to quiet the child, Elster said, and he watched as the mother exerted pressure on the baby's mouth.

"I saw the legs of the baby flailing until they moved no more," Elster said. "I instantly wondered if my mother would do that to me."

Despite these desperate measures, the Nazi guards discovered the Jews in hiding.

"Demoniac faces appeared, and gunshots shattered the silence," Elster said.

"Total chaos" ensued and dead bodies lined the streets outside, marring the beauty of a sunny autumn day, Elster said.

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DUSTY MENNELLA/The Observer

Egide Karuranga tells his story about his time in Rwanda during Notre Dame's Genocide conference Sunday.

Two juniors receive awards

Goldwater Foundation honors Riedl, Manion

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Two Notre Dame students, sophomore Eric Riedl and junior Andrew Manion, have been awarded scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

Riedl and Manion are math and music double majors from Minnesota and plan on pursuing graduate degrees in mathematics after graduation, a University press release said.

The prestigious scholarship, to which 1,035 students nationwide applied, covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year, the release said.

Congress established the scholarship in 1986 to honor Senator Barry M. Goldwater, who served for 56 years as a soldier and statesman.

The scholarship aims to aid students in the fields of mathematics, science and engineering to pursue careers in their respective fields.

Only 321 students nationwide received the scholarship.

"The application process was fairly similar to a college application, just a little more work," Riedl said.

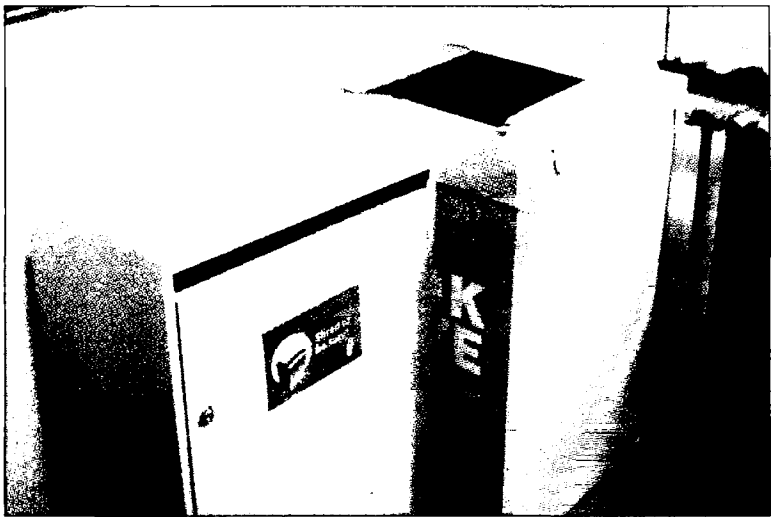
Riedl started working on the application in mid-October, he said, and got the nomination from Notre Dame on Dec. 12.

Riedl said the first step of the process was to submit an application to the University so that it can choose its four nominees.

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OIT installs shred bins in all residence halls

Program in conjunction with University Archives helps students dispose of sensitive material



QUENTIN STENGER/The Observer

OIT and the University Archives department installed shredders such as this in all dorms to help students discard sensitive documents.

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The Office of Information Technology's Information Security Program has teamed with the University Archives department to install shred bins in all 27 residence halls to help students securely dispose of sensitive materials.

The program is part of a campus-wide program to draw awareness to how the University accesses and processes information of all forms.

"We're in the second year of a four year program that looks at all the ways we handle information — everything

from physical security to computer security and paper records," said Michael Chapple, OIT's Information Security Professional.

University archivist Laura Edgar, who also helped to organize the initiative, said the shred bins will assist students in disposing of sensitive documents in a safe manner.

"We want to give students the option to securely destroy of sensitive materials," Edgar said.

Chapple said the Information Security Program noticed that there was a need for shred bins in the residence halls after conducting a

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Dance marathon raises over \$85,000

Participants stay up all night for Riley Children's Hospital in Indy

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

After staying on their feet for 12 hours in support of children who can't at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, students from Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross College were rewarded with the news that the event raised over \$85,000.

The money raised at the event, which ran from 8 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday, will go to the hospital, which never denies care to a patient, receives no state funding and is entirely dependent on corporate and private donations.

"Never in my wildest dreams would I ever have thought we would have raised that much money," Dance Marathon co-president Francesca Johnson said.

Proceeds from the Dance Marathon, which is in its third year at the College, has grown each year. Organizers more than doubled their first year total in 2007, raising over \$47,000 while becoming the third biggest marathon in the state of Indiana.

This year, the event raised \$85,296.33, beating the total raised at Purdue University by about \$10,000 to become the second biggest marathon behind Indiana University. Indiana has hosted a

dance marathon for the past 18 years.

"I don't think any of us expected it," Dance Marathon public relations chair Kelly Deranek said. "We hoped and worked hard to do so, but beating [Purdue] by so much, I don't think any of us could have expected that. It was a complete shock."

The 378 participants were entertained by local band the Super Soul Fighters and the Saint Mary's cheerleaders. They also kept busy playing improvised games of volleyball and basketball and sticking themselves to a giant Velcro wall.

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Professor examines Cuba with art exhibit

By KATLYN SMITH
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Saint Mary's communications and performance studies professor Shannon Rose Riley discussed her photo exhibit, "Re-Imagining Cuba," at the college's Cushwa-Leighton Library Friday.

The collection featured over 2,000 images Riley took in her three years of travel to Cuba.

Riley said the collection aims to take issue against predominant U.S. views of Cuba.

"I hope to challenge tradi-

tional, stereotypical views," Riley said.

While researching Cuba-U.S. relations and contemporary Cuban theatre, Riley encountered unexpected images typical Americans cannot see due to travel restrictions.

"I was completely surprised at a lot of things I had been seeing," Riley said.

The concept of the exhibit, Riley said, was to pair stereotypical images with more surprising images to highlight

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INSIDE COLUMN

Don't wanna get served

Although it goes without saying that North Dining Hall is far better to any other eating establishment on campus with the words "Dining Hall" in it, a recent change has led to a severe slip in its superiority.

For some reason unbeknownst to nearly all North Quad residents, you're no longer allowed to serve yourself for pasta stir-fry, Chinese stir-fry, or fajitas.



Sam Werner

Sports production editor

You know the sign at the exits to all the dining halls? The one that begins with "You may eat as much as you like while you are in the dining hall ... " Well part of the sign no longer true at North Dining Hall (the part about leaving with only one fruit or pastry was always a joke). Previously, I would pile my pasta high with as much rigatoni, pepperoni, and spinach as I like. Now, I must be satisfied with however much the "service associate" deems necessary.

Ever since football season, I've looked forward to Fajita Fridays. I remember after pep rallies going back to the dining hall and waiting in line for what seemed like (and was) an inordinate amount of time. But when I got those four delicious, steaming fajitas on my plate, it was all worth it. Last Friday, with the weekend at hand and fajitas ready to be eaten, I waited in line for just as long. But this time, because the portioning was no longer under my control, the payout was only two fajitas. Two fajitas? That was just enough to get me excited to eat the other two fajitas I usually get. Instead, I was faced with the two options of either waiting in line for another 15 minutes just for another two fajitas or leaving the dining hall unsatisfied. Dejected, and with other things to do on my Friday night, I went back to my room, stomach unfilled.

Maybe, I'm just a control freak, but if I want exactly one and a half spoonfuls of sausage on my pasta, why not? Sure, you can say "a little bit more" or "a little bit less", but they never get it exactly right, do they? Everything else in the dining hall is serve-yourself (except for the make-your-own-pizza, which I would not trust myself with), why is the stir-fry any different?

One more thing, the other dining hall on campus still offers serve-yourself stir-fry. I suppose we north campus residents aren't as trustworthy with our food as our south campus brethren. If this decision isn't reversed, I may have to take my business to this other dining hall. It may be a bit of an extra walk, but if it means I'll have total control over my food (especially with the recent tuition hike, we deserve it), it would be more than worth it.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD BE ANY EATING UTENSIL, WHAT WOULD YOU BE AND WHY?



Laura Nawrocki
junior Farley

"A little spoon — no explanation needed."



Lisa Russ
junior Farley

"You think I could be the big spoon?"



Jeremy Thornton
law student off-campus

"A spork — it's the best of both worlds."



Joe Bramanti
sophomore Fisher

"A chopstick because Chinese food is good."



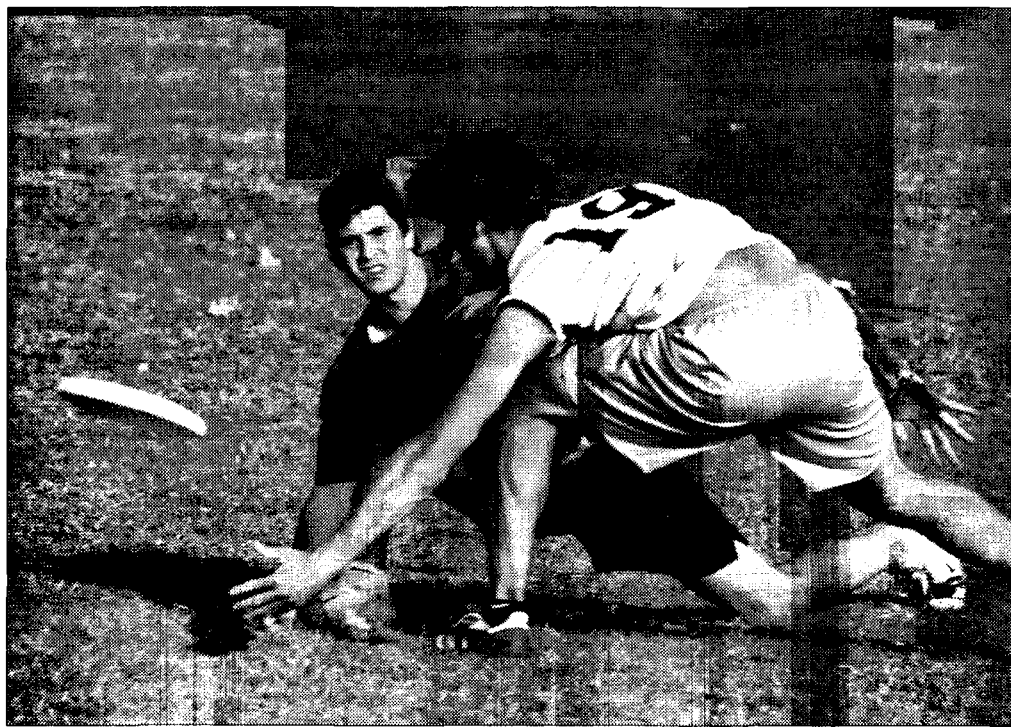
Kate Zinsmeister
sophomore McGlinn

"A hand, because I'm a barbarian."



Anne Laughlin
sophomore McGlinn

"A scooper-fork — its a dining hall invention."



TRAVIS ALLEN/The Observer

Notre Dame alumna Andrew Sheehan and Steve Kurtz play ultimate during the Whitesmoke tournament Saturday in South Bend. The tournament was hosted by the Notre Dame Ultimate club.

OFFBEAT

Electrocuted rat causes Stockholm power outage

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — The electrocution of a fat rat in an electric station Saturday caused a three-hour power outage in Stockholm's central train station, halting elevators and escalators.

The early morning outage led to some delays in train traffic, said Jesper Ekenlund, a spokesman for power company Fortum. Nearby hotels and shops also were affected, he said.

"The rat had sneaked into a secondary substation and came into contact

with some parts that caused it to short circuit," he said.

"It must have been really big because there's a certain distance between the parts it touched."

Ekenlund said Fortum will now have to decontaminate the area where the rat met its fate.

Naked man climbs onto roof of his moving car

READING, Pa. — A Reading man whose minivan crashed after he climbed on its roof while driving about 55 miles per hour is in fair condition this weekend.

Police in West Reading say the 38-year-old man later stripped naked and led them on a chase along the highway.

Authorities are not identifying the man, who is not charged.

He remains in a Reading hospital recovering from what witnesses call a deep gash in his side.

Police say they used Taser jolts and pepper spray during the chase Friday but only subdued the man when they tackled him.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Thane Rosenbaum, human rights law professor, critically-acclaimed novelist, and essayist on culture and politics, will give a lecture entitled "After Auschwitz and the Twin Towers: Trauma and Memory" today at 7:45 p.m. in McKenna Hall.

A town hall discussion called "Evaluating Obama's Speech on Race: A Town Hall Meeting on Race Relations in America" will take place Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium.

The Student Immigration Forum will take place Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The play "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus", a Christopher Marlowe play about a professor who sells his soul to the devil, will be performed April 8-13, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theater at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Howard Hall Bone Marrow Drive will take place from 12 to 8 p.m. in the O'Dooley Room of LaFortune.

Anne Thompson, Chief Environmental Correspondent at NBC News, will give a lecture called "Green is the 'new black', but will it stay in style?" at 10:40 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

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

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HIGH	67	53	63	49	52	58
LOW	53	40	41	36	43	35

Atlanta 67 / 51 Boston 46 / 34 Chicago 56 / 40 Denver 65 / 42 Houston 85 / 68 Los Angeles 67 / 51 Minneapolis 45 / 32 New York 50 / 40 Philadelphia 52 / 42 Phoenix 84 / 59 Seattle 48 / 39 St. Louis 67 / 49 Tampa 85 / 67 Washington 55 / 47

Genocide

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"The fear of death and the pain of dying were terrifying me," he said.

While the Gestapo busied themselves with the task of rounding up prisoners, Elster's father crouched and whispered instructions to escape. Elster moved through the damp ground, slid into the muddy sewer, and crawled through a barbed wire fence to escape.

"[My sister Sarah's] eyes haunted me. How could I have left my family?" he said.

While on the run, he hid in the forest and dug up raw potatoes for food.

Elster discovered the whereabouts of his mother, who was working in a Nazi labor camp. After the Nazis exterminated the majority of the Jews in the camp, they kept about 50 prisoners to clean up the remains of the dead, Elster said. His mother was among the workers that survived.

Upon reuniting with her, Elster received instructions to seek refuge with an old neighbor in the town, while the mother stayed behind, hiding in a barn.

"I felt abandoned. Mothers are supposed to protect their children," he said.

Elster then returned to his town, where he begged an old neighbor to help him. The woman reluctantly gave him her attic to hide in, Elster said. He lived there for two years.

"My days in attic were spent in fear of being thrown out and being killed by Germans,"

Elster said.

He described a vivid memory of looking out the window and seeing a young girl eating a strawberry in the neighboring yard.

"My heart was aching from pain and envy. Her life seemed so normal," Elster said. "I wished I hadn't been born Jewish."

While Elster lived contained in the attic, the Germans were defeated. He found his mother, who had survived in hiding as well. He later discovered that one of his sisters survived, while his father and younger sister died in the gas chambers.

"[My sister] was a beautiful little girl," Elster said. "I carry the tormented image [of her] for all my days."

Karuranga gave another account of genocide that occurred more than 50 years later in Rwanda. During the genocide, he took refuge at the Hotel Des Mises Collines, more popularly known as "Hotel Rwanda".

Karuranga said that the Tutsi-Hutu conflict started in 1959.

"In 1959 we were forced from our homes. I remember people coming to put our house on fire," he said.

The families in his village were forced to hide in the jungle where there was little food, and the men had to protect their families against wild animals as well as the killers, Karuranga said. He was advised to leave the country because, it was said, it did not belong to the Tutsis.

"This was the first wave of refugees to the Congo, Burundi, and Tanzania,"

Karuranga said.

Despite the warnings, Karuranga's family decided to remain in Rwanda. He said in 1973, people began looking for power, and "used Tutsis as a scapegoat."

"I started noticing hate propaganda," he said.

As a result, Karuranga decided to leave Rwanda. He attended a university, and lived in several African countries before he decided to return to Rwanda to see his parents. It was then that the peak of the genocide occurred in 1994.

"I lived in a state of terror and fear," he said.

The houses of the Tutsis were looted and destroyed, Karuranga said.

"I heard people deny being Tutsi and say that they would never be Tutsi again before they were killed," he said.

When the Hutus came to his home, Karuranga hid his children under the bed.

"I was powerless in front of my children," he said.

As the violence escalated, Karuranga received a ride to Hotel Rwanda, a safe haven for Tutsis, and paid for a spot for his family, where they lived in hiding until the genocide stopped.

Karuranga stressed that during the Rwandan genocide, the majority of the killings were not made by an army, but rather by ordinary citizens.

"One of the main questions of genocide is 'How can ordinary citizens kill 100,000 people a day?'" Karuranga said.

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Strategist leaves Clinton campaign

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE — Mark Penn, the pollster and senior strategist for Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential bid, left the campaign Sunday after it was disclosed he met with representatives of the Colombian government to help promote a free trade agreement Clinton opposes.

"After the events of the last few days, Mark Penn has asked to give up his role as chief strategist of the Clinton Campaign," campaign manager Maggie Williams said in a statement released Sunday. "Mark, and Penn, Schoen and Berland Associates, Inc. will continue to provide polling and advice to the campaign."

Communications director Howard Wolfson and pollster Geoff Garin will direct the campaign's message and strategic efforts for the campaign going forward, Williams said.

Penn's departure comes as Clinton, considered the front-runner for the Democratic nomination last year, trails Barack Obama in delegates and the popular vote with a must-win primary in Pennsylvania April 22 and nine other contests remaining. Clinton almost certainly will end the primary season narrowly behind Obama in the popular vote and pledged dele-

gates unless the nullified primaries in Florida and Michigan are counted — a scenario that seems remote. Her challenge will be to convince some 800 superdelegates to back her despite the numbers.

Penn has been a lightning rod for controversy throughout the campaign and managed to retain considerable influence in the operation almost solely because of the candidate's loyalty to him. He was known to get into angry shouting matches with other members of Clinton's team, including longtime adviser Harold Ickes and media strategist Mandy Grunwald, who often disagreed with his strategic advice and resented his unchecked authority to design the candidate's message.

Democratic strategist Chris Kofinis, who had been a spokesman in John Edwards' campaign, said Penn's departure was needed to help the candidate.

"The worst kept secret in the whole Democratic race was that Penn's campaign strategy was not working and that the Clinton campaign has unfortunately paid the price," Kofinis said. "The truth is this the best move the Clinton campaign could have made and something that I imagine most Clinton supporters wished had happened months ago."



International Festival Week

Kick-Off Event
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 Fair Trade Coffee, and Food!
 Free T-Shirts for the first 50 people!

April 7th
Monday

- Sorin Room of LaFortune
- 7:00pm-9:00pm

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survey last semester.

"We do a survey of faculty, staff and students every semester looking at various issues related to information security. One question we ask is how everyone disposes of sensitive information," he said.

According to the survey, only 20 percent of students said they are cross-cut shredding sensitive information, Chapple said.

"We decided the easiest way to help students was to put the shred bins in the residence halls, so we talked to [Residence Life and Housing] and made plans to do that," Chapple said.

According to Edgar, as of March 13, each residence hall now has one shred bin, usually located in or near the hall's mail room.

"We'd encourage [students] to shred anything they think is remotely sensitive — financial statements, medical records, junk-mail credit offers, any-

thing that has information on it you wouldn't feel comfortable other people having access to," Chapple said.

Edgar said any documents that have a Social Security number or a bank account number on them should also be disposed of in the shred bins. She also said students could use the shred bins to dispose of old tests.

Chapple said each month the contents of the shred bins are collected and a shred truck comes to campus to destroy the materials.

Edgar said while she has not received feedback on the bins in the residence halls, she has received encouraging responses from other campus offices who use the bins.

"I have received positive feedback from the campus business offices which have been using these bins since the fall," she said. "I think everyone appreciates the knowledge that their sensitive information is being disposed of in a secure manner."

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Goldwater

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This application included one long essay and a shorter essay of one or two paragraphs in length.

Each student needed the name of a professor to be contacted for a recommendation, Riedl said, and after the student received a nomination from the University, he or she needed three more recommendations from University science professors.

Similar to the college application process, each nominee needed to submit all transcripts from institutions he or she has attend-

ed, college as well as high school, Riedl said.

In addition, each nominee needed to submit a two-page essay and a few shorter essays focusing on his or her area of study.

"Throughout the process I was really impressed by how much the Notre Dame professors had helped me," Riedl said. "Not only did a couple of them help me edit my essays, almost all of the content of the essays, indeed, the entire application was about opportunities that they had gone out of the way to provide."

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The morale committee also kept participants energized by teaching them a "morale dance" choreographed to music relating to the themed hours throughout the evening. The group then performed the dance in its entirety at the end of the 12 hours.

"At 8 a.m., we still had a crowd dancing with as much energy as they had when they had first arrived," Dance Marathon co-president Pauline Kistka said. "It was truly amazing and everyone fed off each other's energy and spirit."

Families who have personally benefited from Riley Hospital also

shared their stories throughout the night, including Robert Campbell, a freshman at Indiana University South Bend.

Campbell suffered from a spinal stroke in 2005 and became a quadriplegic. After visiting Riley Hospital he managed to regain use of his limbs and moved from a wheelchair to a walker to a quad cane to a collapsible cane, what he uses now.

He said he didn't plan to tell his story Friday night and was visiting the marathon to drop his off younger brother to see the Super Soul Fighters, but remembered the kids he helped at Riley by telling his story and wanted to let participants know that standing for 12 hours really does make a difference.

"I looked at all the signs and

everything that this stood for and I decided to just go for it," Campbell said.

Organizers are taking a few weeks to reenergize after the event, but they will discuss ideas on how to improve the Dance Marathon next year at the executive council meeting next week, Johnson said.

"In the future, we hope to get more of Notre Dame and Holy Cross involved not only as dancers but as part of the planning committee throughout the year," she said. "We really want to make it a huge tri-campus organization with passionate students from all three schools working to make a difference in the lives of children."

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Cuba

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American's misconceptions of an underdeveloped, communist Cuba.

Some works featured cyber cafes and Western Union offices paired with stereotypical images of Cuban cigars and 1950 U.S. renovated cars. Other works displayed cultural images of folklore festivals, traditional Cuban musicians and open-air clubs.

Riley also discussed Cuba's history as a background for the exhibit.

"Despite Cuba's great diversity, Cuba is extremely influenced by its proximity to the U.S.," Riley said.

In 1935, Cuba gained protectorate status. By the 1950s during General Batista's rule, prostitution and illiteracy were at an all-time high, she said. Due to an influx of U.S. tourism to the island, Cuba was known as the American Rivera, Riley said.

It was this cultural scene that frustrated many people, Riley said.

After the Cuban Revolution and Fidel Castro's rise to power, Riley said Castro accelerated Cuban interests.

According to Riley, Castro instituted many literacy programs and provided government-funded education for all Cubans. Despite current media coverage, Castro distributed free pressure cookers in 2006, Riley said. In addition, Riley said, Castro was the only man to kick organized crime out of his country successfully.

Today, only four groups can travel to the island — the press, missionaries, government officials and scholars who will produce non-commercial work.

President Bush has further expanded these restrictions, Riley said.

"I think our government was afraid we would become radicalized," Riley said.

Riley also said Cuba is not a pure Communist state, contrary to U.S. political percep-

tions of the Cuban government.

"What we know has been filtered through Cuban and U.S. political rhetoric," Riley said.

Riley said she hoped the Saint Mary's audience would dispel traditional views and appreciate the rich Cuban culture.

"I hope to raise consciousness about the great diversity in Cuba," Riley said.

Freshman Cristina Posadas, an audience member, also emphasized the event's importance.

"'Re-Imagining Cuba' is a very unique event at Saint Mary's. It's not a topic often explored," Posadas said.

This was the third of three exhibits, part of a collaborative effort between the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership and the Cushwa-Leighton Library to explore intercultural differences. The exhibit will continue through mid-June.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Shiite militants attack Green Zone, base

BAGHDAD — Suspected Shiite militants lobbed rockets and mortar shells into the U.S.-protected Green Zone and a military base elsewhere in Baghdad on Sunday, killing three American troops and wounding 31, officials said.

The attacks occurred as U.S. and Iraqi forces battled Shiite militants in Sadr City in some of the fiercest fighting since radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered a cease-fire a week ago. At least 16 Iraqi civilians were killed and nearly 100 wounded in the fighting, according to hospital officials.

A military official said two U.S. troops died and 17 were wounded in the attack on the Green Zone, which houses the U.S. Embassy and the Iraqi government headquarters in central Baghdad.

Explosives strike housing complex

SAN'A — A housing complex used by foreigners in Yemen's capital came under attack late Sunday, with explosives shattering windows but causing no injuries, U.S. and Yemeni officials said.

The U.S. Embassy in Yemen said "three explosive rounds" hit the compound in the upscale Haddah neighborhood. Two rounds exploded inside the compound and another blew up outside the building, it said in a statement.

"The Embassy advises all U.S. citizens to exercise caution in this area of the city," the statement said.

NATIONAL NEWS

House fire kills 3 Wisconsin students

MENOMONIE, Wis. — A smoky house fire near a University of Wisconsin campus killed three students who never made it out of the rooms where they were sleeping early Saturday, even though neighbors said they heard alarms.

Rescuers found two women and a man on the floors of three second-floor bedrooms near the University of Wisconsin-Stout. All three were pronounced dead at a hospital, authorities said.

The smoke detectors were working, and neighbors called police when they heard the alarms, said Menomonie Police Chief Dennis Beety. Police don't know why the three victims were unable to make it out, and it was unclear whether alcohol was a factor.

"There was a bottle of alcohol and the top was off of it," Beety said, adding that that didn't necessarily mean the students were drinking at the house.

The cause of the fire was still being investigated.

Authorities raid polygamist compound

ELDORADO, Texas — Authorities who removed 219 women and children from a polygamist compound were struggling Sunday to determine whether they had the 16-year-old girl whose report of an underage marriage led them to raid the sprawling rural property.

Many people at the compound, built by followers of jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, are related to one another and share similar names; investigators said in some case they were giving different names at different times.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana schools to cut energy costs

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's top schools official is encouraging the state's school districts to look into renewable energy technologies as a way to cut their energy costs.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Suellen Reed kicked off the Indiana Department of Education's yearlong "Learn Green, Live Green" initiative this month. Reed said some districts are already tapping into renewable energy, and saving taxpayer money in the process.

"Many school corporations are making the switch to renewable energy sources to cut costs and reduce their carbon footprint, and they are to be applauded for these efforts," she said.

Heston dies of unknown causes

Filmmakers, politicians reflect on former actor, activist's death, career, NRA advocacy

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Nancy Reagan was heartbroken over Charlton Heston's death. President Bush hailed him as a "strong advocate for liberty," while John McCain called Heston a devotee for civil and constitutional rights.

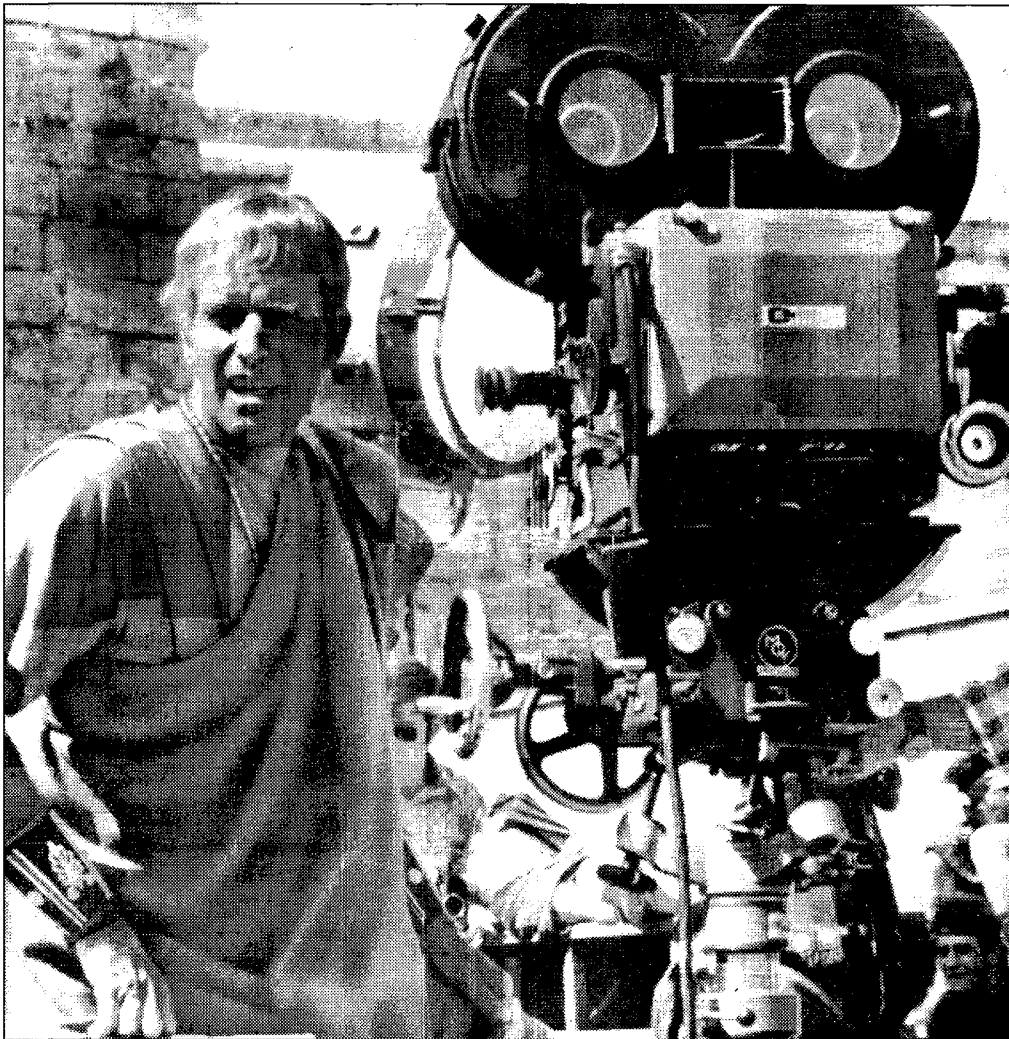
Even Michael Moore, who mocked Heston in his gun-control documentary "Bowling for Columbine," posted the actor's picture on his Web site to mark his passing.

Heston, who died Saturday night at 84, was a towering figure both in his politics and on screen, where his characters had the ear of God (Moses in "The Ten Commandments"), survived apocalyptic plagues ("The Omega Man") and endured one of Hollywood's most-grueling action sequences (the chariot race in "Ben-Hur," which earned him the best-actor Academy Award).

Better known in recent years as a fierce gun-rights advocate who headed the National Rifle Association, Heston played legendary leaders and ordinary men hurled into heroic struggles.

"In taking on epic and commanding roles, he showed himself to be one of our nation's most gifted actors, and his legacy will forever be a part of our cinema," Republican presidential candidate McCain said in a statement that also noted Heston's involvement in the civil-rights movement and his stand against gun control.

Heston's jutting jaw, regal bearing and booming voice served him well as Marc Antony in "Julius Caesar" and "Antony and Cleopatra," Michelangelo in "The Agony and the Ecstasy," John the Baptist in "The Greatest Story Ever Told" and an astro-



Charlton Heston works as actor and director on the set of "Anthony and Cleopatra" in Almeria, Spain, in 1971. He died at the age of 84 Saturday night.

naut on a topsy-turvy world where simians rule in "Planet of the Apes."

"Charlton Heston was seen by the world as larger than life," Heston's family said in a statement. "We knew him as an adoring husband, a kind and devoted father, and a gentle grandfather with an infectious sense of humor. He served these far greater roles with tremendous faith, courage and dignity."

The actor died at his home in Beverly Hills with his wife, Lydia, at his side, family spokesman Bill Powers said. He declined to comment on the cause of death or provide further details Sunday.

One of the biggest box-office draws of the 1950s,

'60s and '70s, Heston's work dwindled largely to small parts and narration and other voice roles from the 1980s on, including an uncredited cameo as an ape in Tim Burton's 2001 remake of "Planet of the Apes."

In 2002, near the end of his five years as president of the NRA, Heston disclosed he had symptoms consistent with Alzheimer's disease.

The disclosure was soon followed by an unflattering appearance in Moore's 2003 best documentary winner "Bowling for Columbine," which took America to task for its gun laws.

Moore used a clip of Heston holding aloft a rifle at an NRA rally and

proclaiming "from my cold, dead hands." The director flustered the actor in an interview later in the film by pressing him on his gun-control stance. Heston eventually walked out on Moore.

Moore's Web site, www.michaelmoore.com, on Sunday featured a photo of Heston, the date of his birth and death and a note from the actor's family requesting that donations be made to the Motion Picture and Television Fund in lieu of flowers.

There was no other reaction on the site from Moore about Heston's death. Moore did not immediately respond to e-mail and phone requests seeking comment.

ZIMBABWE

Mugabe uses violence to retain power

Associated Press

HARARE — For a few brief moments, Zimbabweans suffering under the authoritarian rule of Robert Mugabe allowed themselves a rare burst of optimism after their longtime president suffered what appeared to be a devastating electoral loss.

But ruling party stalwarts and security chiefs — worried about their own fates in a post-Mugabe era — quickly dug in their heels, and Mugabe now appears poised to do everything he can to extend his 28-year rule.

"There's a political hardening by the political elite of the ruling party," said Eldred Masunungure, a political analyst at the University of Zimbabwe. "They're in a panic mode."

Earlier, news of the opposition victory sent supporters into the streets, dancing, singing and waving the open hand that is the Movement for Democratic Change's symbol. The symbol of Mugabe's ZANU-PF is a clenched fist, and it didn't take long for it to show.

Though opposition leader Morgan Tsvangirai has promised Mugabe a peaceful retirement, fears of violence against government opponents have grown as security forces and ruling party thugs took to the streets in the days after the March 29 election.

It would not be the first time Mugabe resorted to violence to cling to power.

He had ruled his nation with little real challenge since 1980, when his guerrilla movement helped end white

rule in Rhodesia and bring about an independent Zimbabwe. He was praised for his policies of racial reconciliation and economic growth, and for bringing education and health care to the masses.

Then a coalition of trade unionists — backed by some wealthy white commercial farmers and their workers — formed the Movement for Democratic Change which, along with civil rights groups, dealt Mugabe his first defeat at a 2000 referendum to entrench presidential powers.

Shocked, Mugabe responded by sending armed thugs, some veterans of the bush war for independence, into rural areas to seize white-owned farms and intimidate opposition supporters.

IRAN

Leaders visit war sites, seek support

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Zahra Saremi took a different sort of vacation this year to celebrate Iranian New Year — touring the bloody battlefields of Iran's long war with Iraq at a week-long camp dedicated to martyrdom and patriotism.

Such tours are a crucial tool for Iran's clerical leaders as they seek to keep alive fervor for the 1979 Islamic Revolution, especially among young people with little or no memory of it.

Saremi and about 100 young men and women lined up at buses one morning in Tehran in late March, heading for the border regions of southwest Iran. About 1 million Iranians are taking the same journey during the three-week Nowruz holidays, which extend until mid-April, in tours organized by the Basij, the volunteer paramilitary wing of Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

They visit the desert scenes where Iranian troops threw themselves in deadly human wave attacks against Iraqi lines in offensives with codenames like "Dawn is Coming" and "Certain Conquest." They hear lectures from military officers, visit the old trenches and bunkers and sleep in military garrisons.

Most important, they commemorate martyrs.

"It is like a spiritual tour," said the 21-year-old Saremi, her black, all-encompassing chador flapping in the morning breeze. She has gone once before, two years ago. "I went there to pay tribute to those who fought the enemy and lost their lives to bring peace for us."

Just how far the fervor for the Revolution has ebbed is visible in Tehran's streets, rife with Western influences the revolution once sought to purge. Shops are packed with bootleg DVDs of Western movies and music, and many women now shirk the chadors required in the revolution's early years — instead wearing tight jackets and headscarves that cover only a small part of their hair.

Many among the millions of Iranians born since 1979 just want to put the revolution — and its Islamic clerical rule — behind them.

That has made the Basij even more important for clerical leaders, who want to keep up the drumbeat of slogans re-enforcing the revolution's principles: fierce resistance to the United States and Western culture, adherence to strict Islamic law and reverence for sacrifice.

The Basij is seen by some as the Islamic republic's "hidden army." Their numbers are not known, though the Revolutionary Guards say they are in the millions. Basijis are in nearly every government institution, from post offices to schools — normal employees except for their membership in the force.

Their role has increased under hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, who is believed to have stepped up state funding for

Basij groups. That mirrors the growing prominence of the Basij's patron, the Revolutionary Guards: former and current Guards officers have gained important posts, and Guards-linked companies have received lucrative government contracts for construction and other projects.

The U.S. has branded the Guards' elite Quds Force a terrorist group, accusing it of backing militants in Iraq, and the U.N. has slapped sanctions on Guards-linked firms accused of links to Iran's nuclear program.

At times, the Basij plays its role through force. In 1999, they helped put down student protests that began at Tehran University in rioting that left several people dead. Basijis also are known to stop women in the streets, scolding them to wear Islamic dress.

Far more pervasive, though, are the cultural events that Basijis lead. Student groups organize seminars and films at universities, often about Israeli "massacres" of Palestinians. Basiji theater groups put on plays depicting stories of "revolution and resistance."

There's even a Basiji film company that produces movies about the Iran-Iraq war. One studio boasts a yard full of old tanks and other armor, on the side of the highway from the new Imam Khomeini airport into Tehran.

The battlefield tours resonate because the 1980-1988 war with Iraq, in which at least 1 million people died overall, is an emotional rallying point for Iranians.

Nearly every Iranian family lost a relative in the brutal fighting, and even Iranians with no love for the Islamic revolution express nationalist pride at fending off then-Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

For Hassan Taheri, a 53-year-old war veteran boarding the same bus as Saremi, the tour is a chance to reconnect with an earlier era. "Years of war, blood and resistance," said Taheri, who was bringing his wife. "Many of my friends never came back from the war. When I go there, I feel I am with them."

But most of those on the tours are young Basijis and their families — and a constant theme is linking the war to the "third generation of the revolution." Those joining Saremi's tour were largely from Tehran's poorer districts, strongholds of support for Ahmadinejad and other hard-liners.

The tours are extensively covered on state-run television, which throughout the holidays shows footage of young people touring battle zones or weeping at martyrs' graves.

They have been organized since 1992 by a Basiji-run agency. The group says 1 million people are participating this year, up from 700,000 last year.

"The willingness to obey shown by the martyrs is what made them successful," one military commander, Gen. Ali Asghar Rajai, told a group of young Basijis taking part in one late March tour, according to the group's news agency.

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Ali Asghar Rajai
military commander

Police tear-gas MSU students

Officers arrest 52 people, ticket 48 for various offenses at party

Associated Press

EAST LANSING — Police used tear gas early Sunday to disperse a massive crowd partying near the Michigan State University campus after fights broke out and officers were pelted with bottles and cans.

Police said in a statement that 3,000 to 4,000 people had gathered for the Cedar Fest party late Saturday. They said 52 people were arrested and 48 others were ticketed for various offenses.

Nearly every officer at the scene reported being struck by a flying object, Police Chief Tom Wibert said at a news conference Sunday. Four small fires were reported, windows were smashed on two police vehicles and several officers and partygoers suffered injuries — mostly cuts and bruises.

"I don't see how we could have dispersed the crowd without tear gas," Wibert said. He said the gas was used as a last resort and officers showed restraint throughout the night.

Authorities said the crowd became increasingly unruly after 1 a.m., and about 80 officers from various jurisdictions worked to contain the crowd.

Wibert said police initially used only loud, smoking munitions rather than tear gas to try to get the crowd to leave, but only about half the people dispersed. Tear gas was fired around 2 a.m.

"I think that there were some who were there because they wanted to be tear-gassed as a rite of passage, so to speak," Wibert said. "After the initial munitions — the flash bangs and the smoke bombs — they were actually chanting for tear gas."

Michigan State student Vanessa Schultz of Macomb County's Clinton Township said she got a whiff of the gas through her apartment window.

"I think everyone's mentality was like, 'We want to get tear-gassed. This is fun,'" said Schultz. She said she stayed inside because it didn't look like fun to her.

"During the day it was all relaxed and fun," Schultz said. "It was kind of a shock when it turned weird. But we all kind of knew what was going to happen once it started."

Police said the majority of Michigan State's 45,000 students stayed away from the gathering and that many of the troublemakers weren't students. Of the 52 people arrested, 28 had been identified as university students.

They could face charges ranging from disorderly conduct to inciting a riot. More charges

could be coming after police review videotape.

Students convicted of charges involving riotous behavior could face long-term suspension, as allowed by state law.

The event was held at Cedar Village, a student housing complex bordering the northeast side of campus.

The city and Michigan State University had warned people on Friday to stay away from the event, which was an attempt to revive an East Lansing party tradition that had been ended because of past problems.

In 2005, a crowd of more than 2,000 college students and others swarmed downtown East Lansing after the Michigan State men's basketball team lost in the Final Four. Police arrested 42 people.

In 1999, property damage was estimated at up to \$500,000 when the Spartan men lost in the Final Four. Revelers overturned cars, smashed store windows and set fires.

Police arrested 132 people, including 71 Michigan State students.


There also were problems during the Spartans' 2003 NCAA tournament run. But large gatherings during Final Four appearances in 2000 and 2001, for the most part, were peaceful.

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IN BRIEF

Dpt. of Edu. addresses college loans

WASHINGTON — Education Secretary Margaret Spellings is seeking to ease worries that tight credit markets might make it hard for students to get college loans.

Spellings said in an interview Friday that her department had reviewed the law and concluded that it has the authority to quickly free up money from the U.S. Treasury, if needed, to finance student loans.

She said the money would be provided so that guarantee agencies — nonprofits that traditionally back student loans issued by banks — can offer loans directly in a pinch.

Spellings said she was clarifying her authority to do that because there had been confusion about whether she would first have to go to Congress and seek legislative action before going to the Treasury. That could be time consuming, and legislative politics could cause further delay.

Skybus shuts down due to fuel costs

COLUMBUS — Low-cost carrier Skybus Airlines is shutting down Saturday and plans to file for bankruptcy protection next week, becoming the latest of the nation's airlines to fall because of rising fuel costs and a slowing economy.

The announcement Friday came less than a year after Skybus started up at Port Columbus International Airport, offering several \$10 flights. The airline's situation worsened in recent weeks, said Skybus spokesman Bob Tenenbaum.

Fuel prices and the worsening economy combined to be insurmountable for a new carrier, said chief executive Michael Hodge.

"We deeply regret this decision, and the impact this will have on our employees and their families, our customers, our vendors and other partners, and the communities in which we have been operating," Hodge said in a statement.

The airline makes 74 daily flights to 15 U.S. cities, Tenenbaum said. It has about 350 employees in Columbus and 100 at a second hub at Piedmont-Triad International airport in Greensboro, N.C. Employees learned of the shutdown Friday night.

VA employees abuse gov. credit

Purchases amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars at casinos, hotels, retailers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs employees last year racked up hundreds of thousands of dollars in government credit-card bills at casino and luxury hotels, movie theaters and high-end retailers such as Sharper Image and Franklin Covey — and government auditors are investigating, citing past spending abuses.

All told, VA staff charged \$2.6 billion to their government credit cards.

The Associated Press, through a Freedom of Information request, obtained the VA list of 3.1 million purchases made in the 2007 budget year. The list offers a detailed look into the everyday spending at the government's second largest department.

By and large, it reveals few outward signs of questionable spending, with hundreds of purchases at prosthetic, orthopedic and other medical supply stores.

But there are multiple charges that have caught the eye of government investigators.

At least 13 purchases totaling \$8,471 were charged at Sharper Image, a specialty store featuring high-tech electronics and gizmos such as robotic barking dogs. In addition, 19 charges worth \$1,999.56 were made at Franklin Covey, which sells leather totes and planners geared toward corporate executives.

Government reports in 2004 said these two companies, by virtue of the types of products they market, would "more likely be selling unautho-



Pedestrians pass a Sharper Image store in Beverly Hills, Calif. Veterans Affairs employees charged \$8,471 with government credit cards at Sharper Image.

rized or personal use items" to federal employees.

Many of the 14,000 VA employees with credit cards, who work at headquarters in Washington and at medical centers around the nation, also spent tens of thousands of dollars at Wyndham hotels in places such as San Diego, Orlando, Fla., and on the riverfront in Little Rock, Ark. One-time charges ranged up to \$8,000.

On at least six occasions, employees based at VA headquarters made

credit card charges at Las Vegas casino hotels totaling \$26,198.

VA spokesman Matt Smith the department was reviewing these and other purchases as part of its routine oversight of employee spending. He noted that many of the purchases at Sharper Image and other stores included clocks for low-vision veterans, humidifiers, air purifiers, alarm devices and basic planner products.

Smith said all the casino hotel expenditures in 2007 were for confer-

ences and related expenses. He said the spending was justified because Las Vegas is a place where "VA is building a new medical center and an increasing number of veterans are calling home."

"The Department of Veterans Affairs, like many public and private groups, hosts conferences and meetings in Las Vegas due to the ease of participant travel, the capacity of the facilities, and the overall cost associated with hosting a conference," he said.

Microsoft pressures Yahoo over buyout

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Microsoft set the clock ticking for Yahoo to accept its \$41 billion buyout offer in a letter to the Internet pioneer's board Saturday, warning that if a deal wasn't reached by April 26 the software maker would launch a hostile takeover at a less attractive price.

"If we have not concluded an agreement within the next three weeks, we will be compelled to take our case directly to your shareholders, including the initiation of a proxy contest to elect an alternative slate of directors for the Yahoo board," wrote Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer.

"If we are forced to take an offer directly to your shareholders, that action will have an undesirable impact on the value of your company from our perspective which will be reflected in the terms of our proposal," he wrote.

A Yahoo spokeswoman declined to comment Saturday.

In the letter, Ballmer said Yahoo's search share and page views, two measures of the strength of the Web portal company's business, appear to have fallen since the offer was made at the end of January. At the time, Microsoft's cash-and-stock offer was valued at \$44.6 billion, or 62 percent above Yahoo's market value. Judging by Friday's closing share prices, the deal is now worth just under \$41 billion.

Yahoo's board formally rejected Microsoft Corp.'s bid in February, saying it undervalues the company.

Since then, the Silicon Valley company has explored alliances with Google Inc., News Corp.'s MySpace.com and Time Warner Inc.'s AOL, but no alternative to Microsoft's offer has surfaced.

Ballmer acknowledged the alternative negotiations and questioned why, in the absence of another offer,

Yahoo was still dragging its heels.

"This is despite the fact that our proposal is the only alternative put forward that offers your shareholders full and fair value for their shares," Ballmer wrote in the letter. Ballmer said the Microsoft offer has grown stronger as the economic climate has weakened.

"We believe that the majority of your shareholders share this assessment," despite a forecast recently released by Yahoo that calls for the company's revenue to rise more than 70 percent during the next three years, he wrote.

Microsoft has said from the start that it would consider all possible ways of getting the deal done, including taking its offer directly to Yahoo's shareholders, as well as working to elect its own candidates to fill Yahoo's board at the company's annual annual shareholder meeting, and thus the deadline for Microsoft to nominate its slate.

LAOS

New Chinatown to be constructed

Communist government forced to explain; people fear loss of culture

Associated Press

VIENTIANE, Laos — A high-rise Chinatown that is to go up by Laos' laid-back capital has ignited fears that this nation's giant northern neighbor is moving to engulf this nation.

So alarmed are Laotians that the communist government, which rarely explains its actions to the population, is being forced to do just that, with what passes for an unprecedented public relations campaign.

The "Chinese City" is a hot topic of talk and wild rumor, much of it laced with anxiety as well as anger that the regime sealed such a momentous deal in virtual secrecy.

The rumblings are being heard even among some government officials, and foreign organizations operating in Laos are being told to refer to the venture as a "New City Development Project" rather than a "Chinese city."

Deputy Prime Minister Somsavat Lengsavad insists the deal poses no threat.

"This is not unusual. Almost every country in the world has a

Chinatown, so why shouldn't Laos have one?" he told Laotian reporters.

According to an artist's impression in state-run media, it will have a Manhattan-like skyline. There is no word on how many Chinese will live there. The figure of 50,000 families is widely speculated but Somsavat denied any such number had been agreed upon.

The idea of 50,000 newcomers to a city of 460,000 is one factor causing unease. Another is location: The complex is to go up on the That Luang marsh, an area pregnant with nationalist symbolism and also ecologically important.

It comes at a time when China is rapidly becoming the No. 1 foreign economic and political power in Laos. As migrants, money and influence roll across the frontier, northern areas of the country are beginning to look like a Chinese province.

According to Somsavat, a Chinese company last fall was granted a renewable, 50-year lease to transform 4,000 acres of "rice fields into a modern city," thus stimulating the business

and investment climate of one of the world's poorest nations.

Somsavat, an ethnic Chinese-Laotian with close ties to Beijing, explained that when Laos fell short of funds to build a stadium for the Southeast Asian Games it will host next year, it turned to the China Development Bank. The bank offered a Chinese company, Suzhou Industrial Park Overseas Investment Co., a loan to build the stadium in exchange for the lease.

The deal was signed last September, according to official media, with no known prior notice to the public. The company, contacted in Suzhou, declined to answer questions.

At a news conference, Vientiane Mayor Sinlavong Khoutphaythoune said three Chinese companies were involved in the project.

Even some aging revolutionaries are critical, saying they fought to keep out the United States and others during the Vietnam War and now are seeing their own government opening the floodgates to foreigners.

"The Lao people are not strong so they are afraid the Chinese will come in and expand their numbers and turn our country into China. We will lose our own culture," said Sithong Khamvong, a middle-class Vientiane resident and former Communist Party member.

"We will lose our own culture."

Sithong Khamvong
Vientiane resident,
former Communist Party
member

SOMALIA

France contacts hijacker pirates

Associated Press

MOGADISHU, Somalia — France has made contact with pirates who hijacked a French luxury yacht off Africa's eastern coast with 30 French and Ukrainian crew members on board, the French foreign minister said Sunday.

About 10 suspected pirates stormed the 288-foot Le Ponant on Friday as it was returning, without passengers, from the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean. The pirates then guided the vessel down Somalia's eastern coast.

The hijacking comes amid a surge in piracy in the seas off the chaotic Horn of Africa nation, where a weak and impoverished government is unable to patrol its territorial waters. Pirates have seized more than two dozen ships off the country's coast in the last year, typically demanding high ransoms to free their hostages.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner told France-Inter radio that France was in contact with the pirates.

"We have established contact, and the case may take a long time," he said, without providing more details. Asked whether France would consid-

er paying a ransom, he responded, "We'll see."

"We have to do everything to avoid bloodshed," Kouchner said.

Earlier, a local fisherman Mahdi Daud Anbuure told The Associated Press he saw the ship arriving at the northern town of Eyl, about 310 miles north of the Somali capital, Mogadishu, with a small boat heading toward it, apparently with supplies.

Abdirahman Mohamed Bangah, information minister for the semiautonomous northern region of Puntland, said he hoped international forces will "rescue this ship" at Eyl, confirming its location.

France's prime minister said Saturday that he hoped to avoid force in freeing the crew but that no options had been ruled out. There are 22 French citizens, including six women, on board, as well as Ukrainian citizens, authorities said.

A French diplomat working on the case said the hostages were being treated well, and that they have been provided food and given the opportunity to wash. The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to media.

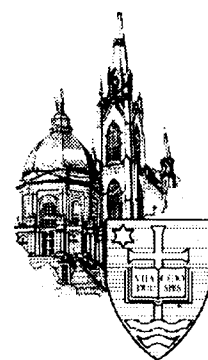
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RUSSIA

Putin, Bush debate U.S. missile defense

Associated Press

SOCHI, Russia — President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin failed to overcome sharp differences over a U.S. missile defense system, closing their seven-year relationship Sunday still far apart on an issue that has separated them from the beginning.

"Our fundamental attitude toward the American plan has not changed," Putin said at a news conference with Bush at his vacation house at this Black Sea resort. "Obviously we've got a lot of work to do," Bush said. Despite the impasse, the two leaders agreed that Moscow and Washington would work together closely in the future on missile defense and other difficult issues.

Putin declared there were no breakthrough solutions but said "certain progress is obvious" in the long-running dispute on missile defenses. He was referring to U.S. concessions to assuage Russia's concerns. U.S. officials said that was what they wanted to hear him say.

Bush also conferred with Putin's hand-picked successor, Dmitry Medvedev, but did not claim gaining any insight into his soul, as he had with Putin upon their first encounter. He pronounced Putin's protege "a straightforward fellow" and said he was eager to work with him.

Putin was asked whether he — or Medvedev, the president-elect — would be in charge of Russia's foreign policy after May 7, when Putin steps down as president and is expected to be named prime minister.

Putin said Medvedev would be in charge, and would represent Russia at the Group of Eight meeting of industrial democracies in July in Tokyo. "Mr. Medvedev has been one of the co-authors of Russia's foreign policy," Putin said. "He's completely on top of things."

National Security Adviser Stephen Hadley, when asked later whether he thought Putin actually was going to cede authority on Russian foreign policy to Medvedev, said: "My guess is that these two men who have worked very closely together for now almost two decades will have a very collaborative relationship. That seems to be a good thing, not a bad thing."

Hadley, who spoke with reporters aboard Air Force One on the way home to Washington, also said he didn't see any prospect of a breakthrough on missile defense before Bush leaves office next January. "They can leave that to their prospective successors," he said.

At their 28th and final meeting as heads of state, Bush and Putin sought to emphasize their good personal relations, praising each other extensively. But they also both acknowledged remaining strong disagreements, principally missile defense and NATO's eastward expansion.

Russia remains adamantly opposed to the expansion of the alliance into its backyard, an

enlargement that Bush has actively championed over Putin's vocal objections.

The Sochi meeting came just days after NATO leaders agreed at a summit in Romania to invite Albania and Croatia to join the alliance. However, the alliance rebuffed U.S. attempts to begin the process of inviting Ukraine and Georgia, both former Soviet republics, to join, although their eventual admission seems likely.

Putin called the U.S. missile plan — which envisions basing tracking radar sites in the Czech Republic and interceptors in Poland — the hardest of U.S.-Russian differences to reconcile. "This is not about language. This is not about diplomatic phrasing or wording. This is about the substance of the issue," he said.

Bush reiterated his insistence that the plan — designed to intercept and destroy approaching ballistic missiles at high altitudes — should not be viewed as a threat to Russia. In a clear reference to Iran, he said the system would help protect Europe from "regimes that could try to hold us hostage."

"I view this as defensive, not offense," Bush said. "And, obviously, we've got a lot of work to convince the experts this defense system is not aimed at Russia."

Bush and Putin did issue a joint statement on missile defense as part of a "strategic framework" to guide future relations between Washington and Moscow.

The statement outlined time-worn U.S. and Russian positions but also held out the prospect for future cooperation, perhaps on a joint system. That, said Putin, represents "certain progress."

"If we manage to achieve this kind of level of cooperation on a global missile defense system, this will be the best kind of result for all our preceding efforts," he said.

As Bush flew back to Washington, aides labored to make the case that the summit had ended with a positive outcome, particularly on missile defenses. Four times on the 11-hour flight, senior administration officials came back to the press cabin on Air Force One to press their arguments and, at times, to counter what they considered negative press reports.

In the concluding document, Russia once again emphasized its heated opposition to the facilities in Poland and the Czech Republic. But U.S. officials pointed to language that said Moscow appreciates measures the United States has proposed to address Russia's objections to those sites. "If agreed and implemented such measures will be important and useful in assuaging Russian concerns," it said.

Hadley said Russia may never formally say it welcomes the missile shield components in Poland and the Czech Republic. But he said if the sites are built and Russia puts liaison officials at the project, "I would argue that at that point they will have accepted those sites."

EGYPT

Workers riot during national strike

150 arrested, 80 wounded after demonstrations at textile factory

Associated Press

MAHALLA EL-KOBRA, Egypt — Thousands of demonstrators angry about rising prices and stagnant salaries torched buildings, looted shops and hurled bricks at police who responded with tear gas Sunday in a northern industrial town as Egyptians staged a nationwide strike.

About 150 people were arrested and 80 were wounded in the gritty Nile Delta town of Mahalla el-Kobra, where riots broke out among residents and disgruntled workers at the largest textile factory in Egypt.

Protesters stormed city hall, burned tires in the streets, smashed chairs through shop windows and ran off with computers. At least two schools were set ablaze and facades of banks were vandalized, police said.

Nearly 100 others were arrested elsewhere across Egypt, officials said, as thousands skipped work and school

and hundreds protested over the rising cost of food and deteriorating working conditions.

A call for a nationwide strike Sunday was the first major attempt by opposition groups to turn the past year's labor unrest into a wider political protest against the government of President Hosni Mubarak.

The strike and riots in the north came two days before key elections for local councils, causing jitters in the government, which last week lifted import duties on some food items in an effort to soften economic discontent.

The U.S.-backed government strongly warned citizens against participating in the strikes and demonstrations. Strikes and protests are illegal in Egypt, and protesters are often detained by Egyptian security forces.

Nearly 40 percent Egypt's 76 million people live below or near the poverty line of \$2 a day. The prices of staples such as cooking oil and rice have nearly doubled in recent months, amid wide-

spread shortages of government-subsidized bread.

Many Egyptians in Cairo responded to the calls for nationwide action by skipping work or school. Many shops were closed in the capital, and traffic was significantly lighter than usual in the normally clogged streets.

In an effort to thwart mass protests downtown, the government sent hordes of riot police to many of Cairo's main squares to intimidate people from showing up.

But there were some smaller protests. Hundreds of students gathered at two universities, chanting anti-government slogans, and activists outside Egypt's Bar Association waved banners demanding economic reform.

"The strike is legitimate against poverty and starvation," chanted the protesters, who were surrounded by riot police. Protesters on a roof later showered security forces with glass bottles and bits of wood.

Unused prescriptions go to poor

States allow donations of sealed drugs, pharmaceuticals from institutions

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The struggle to keep soaring medical costs in check is feeding an increase in state programs that collect unused prescription drugs to give away to the uninsured and poor.

Some states allow donations of sealed drugs from individuals, while others only accept pharmaceuticals from institutions, such as doctor's offices or assisted-living homes. Drugs are typically vetted by pharmacists to cross-check safety, then distributed by hospitals, pharmacies or charitable clinics.

The type of drugs donated run the gamut and include antibiotics, antipsychotics, blood thinners and antidepressants.

At least 33 states have laws to allow or study drug recycling programs, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Most state programs are just a few years old or still in the test stages, but officials envision huge gains.

In Iowa, David Fries, CEO of the Iowa Prescription Drug Corp., said the program has the potential to double or triple in the near future. Officials in Tulsa, Okla., also see plenty of room for growth.

"There are millions of dollars of unused meds out there that have not been captured," said Linda Johnston, director of social services for Tulsa County.

Regulations to ensure safety vary from state to state, but the basic concept is the same.

"These are medications that would've otherwise been destroyed," said Roxanne

Homar, Wyoming's state pharmacist.

A pilot program in Cheyenne, Wyo., last year netted \$81,000 in donated drugs to fill 557 prescriptions. State officials say that's just a small slice of the vast reserves of drugs that go to waste each year. The program is now working to get \$180,000 in drugs it has online so it can

be accessed by other programs in the state.

Drug recycling programs pay for themselves "by just working with one patient and saving them and keeping

them out of the hospital over the long term," Iowa's Fries said.

Ensuring that a diabetic doesn't miss her medication, for example, might stave off "eye problems, foot problems, all kinds of medical conditions," he said.

It's still too early to measure the impact of drug recycling in offsetting the costs of emergency room and other hospital care for the uninsured. But when medical conditions go untreated, the financial toll is clear.

A study by the Commonwealth Fund in 2006 found 59 percent of uninsured people with chronic conditions either skipped a dose of their medicine or went without it because it was too expensive. One-third of that group visited an emergency room or stayed in a hospital overnight or did

both, compared with 15 percent of their insured counterparts.

The costs to treat uninsured patients in Wyoming alone are staggering. Every year, hospitals there provide about \$120 million in uncompensated care, according to Susie Scott, executive director for the Wyoming Health Care Commission.

There are between 80,000 and 90,000 uninsured in Wyoming, and their options for medical care are "generally limited to emergency room situations," Scott said.

In Iowa, hospitals in 2005 provided \$465 million in uncompensated care, according to the state's hospital association.

Meanwhile, between March and December of last year, Iowa's drug recycling program collected 319,000 dosage units worth an estimated \$292,000.

In the face of such enormous costs, saving a few dollars by using recycled drugs may seem futile. But the savings that could be achieved would add up over time.

In Louisiana last year, one charitable pharmacy in Baton Rouge filled more than 38,000 prescriptions worth \$2 million, the vast majority of which were donated medications.

Officials say they don't track how many people the state's recycled drug program has helped statewide.

"In health care reform, it's got to be a cumulative effect of a lot of different efforts. It seems like throwing a 10-foot rope down a 40-foot hole, but we have to begin somewhere," Scott said.

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Roxanne Homar
Wyoming state pharmacist

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Linda Johnston
Director of social services for Tulsa County

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Too much stimulation

As I'm writing this, I'm in the LaFortune computer cluster; backpack on the floor beside me — three pockets open — umbrella tightly folded in case of rain, notebook open on the left with research notes, haphazardly added as they strike me, a to-do list for before summer break poking out beneath the double-sided scribbles of lecture notes. While writing that first sentence, I re-checked my e-mails twice, opened my Facebook and checked the final score of last night's Braves game.

My laptop back in the room has two browsers open right now — one with seven tabs, the other with five. Each has been open for days. Turning off my computer completely has become too risky; I might lose those tabs of interest that I would have looked at right away had I time and they are obviously too important to delete.

My planner has meetings every night. Two, three, one during the day. The coffee I spilled on the bottom half permeates through March and past the first two weeks of April. The crinkled pages left in its wake renders flipping from week to week much more difficult than it was only a few months ago. June's blank pages seem so far away.

Our TV set is old. But not much older than the ones where you can put a screen inside of the screen — in case just one program, one game is not enough action for you. I wanted to watch a baseball game last night, which I used to be content to only watch, maybe talk or eat, but not do anything else for those two and a half hours. Last night, I watched the opening pitch, the first half of an inning, then pulled out my laptop to answer some e-mails for work, then pulled out a book for tomorrow, read a few pages, decided that was distracting, took out an article for the same class, didn't get past the first double-sided

sheet, called my mom, went to the bathroom, started looking up plane flight prices for this summer, then realized that it was time for mass and I hadn't gotten anything done. Should I panic? Should I skip it? Will I sit during the homily and only think of how much stuff is in my room, piled on the desk, waiting for my attention? My attention. There's a laugh.

When's the last time I actually spent longer than an hour on anything?

I'm getting hungry. Maybe I'll walk up to the Huddle and get a snack?

How many browsers are open on your computer? How many browsers are open in your brain? We finish one meeting, finish one class, catch up with one friend, read half of two articles from the paper, read the first five pages of that chapter of the book for class, watch an hour-long sitcom (don't even try to sit down for a feature-length movie unless you bring work to do while watching). No wonder we all go straight to the comics — there are only three total, not too many words, and it might be the only time all day that you finish something! (I just checked my e-mails again. One new.)

I went to a dinner last week and at our table sat one of Notre Dame's long-tenured professors. A good-natured, agreeable man, he somehow seemed to find, throughout our two hour-long evening together, various topics of complaint regarding the Notre Dame student body. Heading the list was our ignorance to the Classics. I couldn't help but feel frustrated inside — I read many of those in high school, I'm not stupid or unintelligent; how could a whole generation slip under the dumb mat? Aren't our SAT scores at Notre Dame rising, anyways?

But then I thought back. When I read "A Tale of Two Cities," it was the middle of cross country season, which meant I was also playing club soccer. I probably had NHS meetings after school that week, youth group and Church, maybe a fundraiser for stu-

dent government and a rehearsal for an orchestra concert. I probably was reading at least two other books for class, the paper in the morning, a novel at night, and writing my sister a letter. Now, I don't remember Dickens. I don't remember the letter. I don't know what we played at the concert, or who the fundraiser benefited.

When we don't stop, when we praise busy schedules, when we look down upon nine hours of sleep a night as lazy or loser-ish (do you really want to leave the party that early?), we lose the benefits of what we are doing. We lose the reason behind why we are doing it as well. Twenty minutes of nothing — really nothing, I mean; no sleep, no TV, no computer, no roommate, no phone, no food — shouldn't be unapproachably radical. As processing, thoughtful human beings, we need time to allow all that we're learning, all that we're absorbing, to actually sink in. Otherwise, the knowledge superficially skims the topmost levels of our ratiocination.

One German word captures it perfectly: "überlegen." It literally means "to lie above," but translates to letting it sit for a while so you can think — "sleeping on it," in effect. I always picture a brain, with the thought in question hovering above, cloud-like, until it develops to the point in which it can gradually percolate through the brain's wrinkles. Don't just study, go to meetings, to class, then volunteer work. Take some time between, do nothing, and "überlegen" it. Otherwise, why are you learning if only to forget?

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pro-life stem cell research

On Mar. 26, I spoke to the Notre Dame Law School Pro-Life Club about what it means to be a pro-life Democrat and the current political and policy debates in Washington regarding the sanctity of human life. During my speech, I talked about my opposition to using federal funds for embryonic stem cell research due to my belief — and the beliefs of many of my constituents — that our tax dollars should not be used to advance research that results in the destruction of human embryos ("Donnelly Expands Pro-Life Definition" Mar. 27 issue).

In the course of the one-hour discussion, I misspoke at one point, saying that I support increased federal funding for embryonic stem cell research. This is not the case.

I am a strong supporter of other promising forms of stem cell research that do not harm embryos or fetuses. Thankfully, the science of stem cells is rapidly developing, bringing new breakthroughs with each passing year. We should fully explore the possibilities and potential of adult stem cells as well as those stem cells found in cord

blood and amniotic fluid. Even more exciting is the most recent development that could lead to our one day being able to convert ordinary skin cells into stem cells.

To show my support of non-embryonic types of stem cell research, I joined Congressman Dan Lipinski of Illinois in introducing legislation last April to establish a National Amniotic and Placental Stem Cell Bank to encourage stem cell research derived from amniotic fluid or placenta. I believe by using these means we can achieve breakthroughs that will result in cures and treatments for injuries and illnesses without harming human life.

I will continue to protect the sanctity of life while also supporting the social programs that encourage expectant mothers to choose life and enable those same mothers to feed, clothe and educate their children.

Congressman Joe Donnelly
D-Granger
Apr. 6

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I don't want to play golf. When I hit a ball, I want someone else to go chase it."

Rogers Hornsby
baseball player

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What is a vote for a pro-life Democrat?

The Democratic Party Platform explicitly states, "[w]e stand proudly for a woman's right to choose, consistent with *Roe v. Wade*, and regardless of her ability to pay. We stand firmly against Republican efforts to undermine that right." This is incompatible with Congressman Joe Donnelly's recent remarks at the law school that, as *The Observer* paraphrased, "despite people's impressions of the Democratic Party, the party is not inherently pro-choice." Even a vote for a personally pro-life democrat is a vote for a leadership staunchly opposed to life, and the priorities of the leadership are what rule the legislative process.

Installing Nancy Pelosi (whose former chief of staff, Cecile Richards, runs the political arm of Planned Parenthood) as Speaker of the House ensures pro-abortion bills are brought to the floor whereas pro-life proposals are tabled and rarely, if ever, brought up for a vote. Pelosi's agenda includes the override of the president's Mexico City Policy, which would reinstate our taxpayer dollars paying for abortion overseas, federal funding for abortion, the "Freedom of Choice Act" (codifying *Roe* as a statute), etc.

The third vote of the new democrat-controlled congress, H.R. 3, proposed funding embryo-destructive research. Donnelly voted "no," but the bill passed, due in part to the Democrat composition of Congress and in part to Pelosi's management of the floor (though

ultimately vetoed by President Bush). Meanwhile, pro-life bills continue to languish. Even those sponsored by pro-life Democrats such as the Pregnant Woman Support Act are not brought to the floor under the current regime.

Donnelly's votes against life-destroying measures are commendable, but it was his vote for Pelosi that brought anti-life legislation to the floor and barred the possibility of pro-life bills. Donnelly was asked how he could reconcile his vote for Pelosi, or support of either of the Democrat presidential candidates with his pro-life convictions. His demeanor shifted and he attacked Republicans instead of addressing the concerns about his party leadership and anti-life platform. Donnelly's ability to protect the life in his district, as he informed his listeners he was "constitutionally required" to do, is seriously handicapped by his party's control of Congress. The bottom line is this: A nation can not have a pro-life direction when it is controlled by a party whose platform touts abortion as a "fundamental right" and whose leadership is determined to enshrine it as "reproductive justice."

Anna Franzonello
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Badin Hall
Apr. 2

Redefining pro-life

In response to Stephen Wallace's Apr. 2 letter "Defining pro-life," I have to disagree with his contention that "pro-life" should only include abortion, embryo-destructive research and euthanasia issues. While a common tenet of the pro-life movement is that "life begins at conception," it seems to forget that life doesn't stop at birth. The evil Democrats that Mr. Wallace castigates are the ones passing social welfare programs to make sure that these children have food to eat, a roof over their heads and clothes to wear. While Mr. Wallace might not see this as admirable as compared with, say, ensuring that every fetus comes to term, I applaud Congressman Donnelly for recognizing that pro-life means more than just protecting life before it is born. Poverty, genocide, war, and disease are all issues that should be of utmost concern to those who truly care about protecting life.

Only by narrowing his definition of "pro-life" can Mr. Wallace seriously claim that voting Democrat would be immoral. Once the definition of pro-life expands, his argument falls apart. Along with Mr. Wallace's narrow "pro-life" issues, the Republican Party is the same party that is focused on prolonging the war in Iraq, resisting action on climate change and stifling spending on social programs while preserving tax breaks on stock dividends for the super rich. If you narrow the definition of "pro-life" enough so that the Democrats are always voting outside of that definition it becomes much easier to say that Republicans are the only moral choice. Narrowing the definition of what is "pro-life" is a Karl Rove tactic used to blind people — especially religious people — from voting issues that truly are "life" issues. As long as this narrow definition of "pro-life" endures, it will remain a wedge issue that prevents us from seriously discussing issues that affect the lives of everyone in this country.

John Kennedy
second year law student
off campus
Apr. 2

Appreciate your speaker

Every year an undergraduate commencement speaker is selected. Every year this announcement is followed swiftly by another snotty student complaining that the Pope, the President of the United States, or Bono was not selected for this most honorable event. Senator Lugar was not good enough. Jeff Immelt, CEO of GE, was not good enough. Now, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick is not good enough. Every year I am embarrassed and disgusted that our student body feels the need to chide the University and the speaker for not being "good enough" for Notre Dame undergraduate students.

Is it possible that undergraduate students no longer have the ability to look beyond their own pop culture and Comedy Central political pundits' know-how to really examine what light these speakers may shed on their experience in the real world? Can true knowledge only be revealed by those whose names we recognize? If that were the case, then it would follow that there is not a single worthy piece of knowledge the graduating class of 2008 will be able to bring to the world upon graduation. I know this cannot be true. I know there are wonderfully bright and eager minds who hope their degree will be a ticket to impact their communities and bring some fresh eyes to some persistent problems. After being in the workforce for a couple of years, we are excited to have you. Trust me, we need you.

Our past commencement speakers have made a significant impact in our world and it seems that the Letter to the Editor writers over the years are too obtuse to recognize these speakers' true value. In the end, it's just a speaker. No one remembers their graduation ceremony. What you do remember are the 15 pounds you gained during a ridiculous party during senior week, the tears you shed when you say your last goodbyes to your family of friends at the grotto and all of the experiences that have prepared you for your next significant journey into the world. So can we please stop reinforcing this perceived cocky Notre Dame attitude? Let's show what Notre Dame class, spirit and dedication is all about.

Joanna Cornwell
alum
class of 2005
Apr. 3

'Absurder' was being satirical

As I read Theresa Thomas' Letter to the Editor ("Absurder" in poor taste," Apr. 4), I was bewildered to find that she considered the article about "vaginas" being discovered on campus to be offensive. She claimed that "... vulgarity in calling women by a single private body part is abhorrent." She went on to say, "If I were a female student ... at Notre Dame, I'd be making an appointment this afternoon with school officials over the discriminatory and hateful joke."

Ironically, *The Observer* was satirizing the very attitude that Thomas' statements embody: an embarrassment of the word "vagina" and the significance it holds. It is called a "vagina," not "a single private body part." The article used sarcasm to make fun of the fact that many people at Notre Dame appear to have a fear of using the word "vagina" when a little over half of the world's population has one. The demonstration of

this fact can be seen in the recent debate about "The Vagina Monologues." There were several people I encountered (not to mention a few Viewpoint letters) that managed to talk about the controversial play at length and not use the word "vagina" once. I recommend that Ms. Thomas look up the word "satire" in a dictionary and then consult a basic anatomy book about the purpose of a vagina. She will hopefully discover that vaginas are nothing to be ashamed of and that the *Observer* article was doing this university a service by pointing that out.

Michayla Sullivan
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Walsh Hall
Apr. 4

Please learn to appreciate satire

Apologies to *The Observer* for members of the Saint Mary's community not understanding satire. It is quite absurd that a woman could possibly graduate from Saint Mary's without grasping a basic form of writing.

Lauren Mangiaforte
junior
off campus
Apr. 4

Title IX not tyrannical

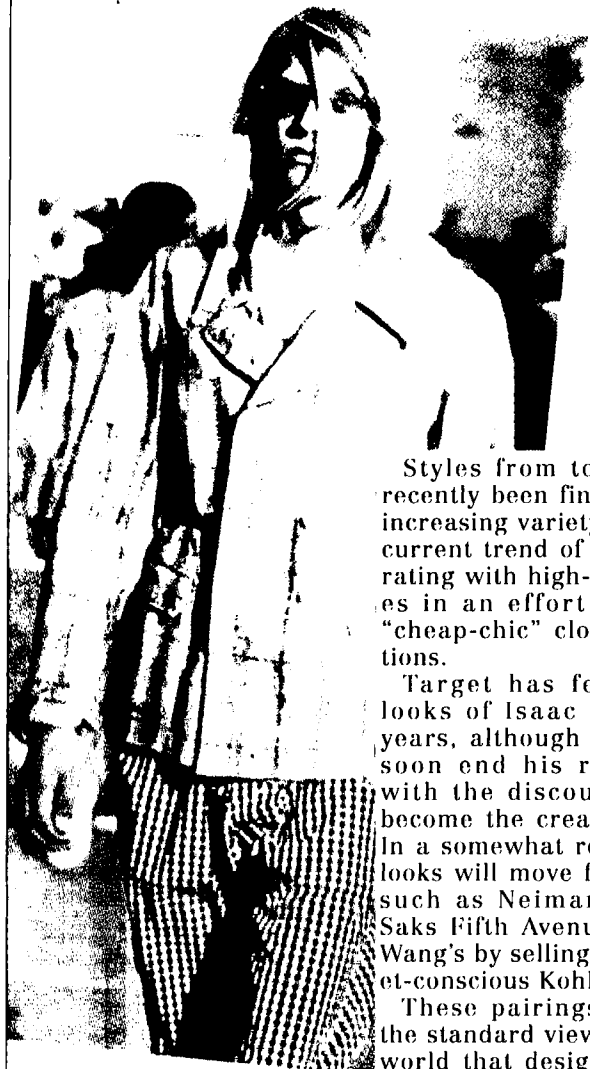
Greg Yatarola's Apr. 2 Viewpoint column denouncing the "tyranny" of Title IX (of the Education Amendments of 1972) distorts the requirements of that law and leaves out a crucial fact that completely undermines his arguments.

First, Title IX does not demand proportionality — that the percentage of students that are female and the percentage of athletes that are female be roughly the same. Instead, as per the "three-prong test" instituted in 1979, it requires either proportionality, a "continual expansion of athletic opportunities for the underrepresented sex," or "full and effective accommodation of the interest and ability of underrepresented sex." The U.S. Department of Education explains these three prongs in detail in sections 3-5 at <http://tinyurl.com/36wfsb>.

So if Yatarola's (risible) claim that "from earliest childhood, boys are far more interested in athletic competition than girls are" was actually true, this lack of interest would be sufficient to justify disproportionality. Second, no school has ever had its federal funding revoked for failing to comply with Title IX because the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights enforces the law slowly, highly selectively and ineffectively. (See the report abstract at <http://tinyurl.com/2nehfo>.) So despite the extremely flexible requirements of the law, schools are still failing to satisfy it in apparently significant numbers. If Title IX is a tyrant, it is one neither feared nor obeyed.

Dan Hicks
graduate student
off campus
Apr. 2

Fashion Designers Shake Up Industry with New Business Deals



Styles from top designers worldwide have recently been finding their way to the closets of increasing variety of consumers. This is due to a current trend of big-name retail chains collaborating with high-end designers and design houses in an effort to produce "cheap-chic" clothing collections.

Target has featured the looks of Isaac Mizrahi for years, although Mizrahi will soon end his relationship with the discount chain to become the creative director for Liz Claiborne. In a somewhat reversed move, Dana Buchman's looks will move from upscale department stores such as Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue to join Vera Wang's by selling a line at budget-conscious Kohl's stores.

These pairings have broken the standard view in the fashion world that designer names are reserved for department stores and have no place at discount retailers. When Mizrahi and Target forged their partnership in 2003, Mizrahi's career did not suffer. Unexpectedly, the designer had an estimated \$300 million a year success on his hands.

H&M recently announced its newest design partner, Comme des Garçons, a Japanese design house founded, solely owned and headed by Rei Kawakubo. The label, whose name is French for "like boys," is known for its avant-garde aesthetic. Its expected creations for this project include womenswear, menswear, childrenswear, accessories and a unisex fragrance. The line will be available exclusively at H&M, launching first in Tokyo in November, and being rolled out worldwide within a few days.

Past guest designers for the affordable Swedish retailer include Karl Lagerfeld, Stella McCartney, Viktor & Rolf and Roberto Cavalli. Its newest pairing with Commes des Garçons is expected to draw a more sophisticated, fashion-savvy following.

In an interview with "British Vogue," Kawakubo explained her reasoning for working with the inexpensive retailer. "I have always been interested in the balance between creation and business. It is a dilemma, although for me creation has always been the first priority. It is a fascinating challenge to work with H&M since it is a chance to take the dilemma to its extreme, and try to solve it," she

Kelly O'Sullivan

Scene Writer

Established companies that are seeking to revitalize their look also need to find leaders for their houses who will design enough commercially appealing products to keep profits up.

told the magazine.

Kawakubo's thoughts speak to recent issues in the fashion world of balancing creative integrity with the financial bottom line. Established companies that are seeking to revitalize their look also need to find leaders for their houses who will design enough commercially appealing products to keep profits up.

This strategic dilemma has lead to a frequent turnover in some design houses, presenting cracks in the plan of brand reinvention that has dominated the industry in the past decade. Experts theorize that customers are not given enough time to embrace the changes in their favorite brands due to the rapid replacements in creative direction. Yves Saint Laurent, Lanvin and Burberry avoided creating confusion in their consumer bases by implementing clever management moves to allow their changes to be absorbed by the public.

Not all design houses or designers are as lucky. Lars Nilsson was released from his position at Bill Blass in 2003, and again this past February from his very brief stint with Gianfranco Ferré. Nilsson is infamous in the fashion world for refusing to compromise his designs, instead choosing to argue with management over what some would see as small details but what Nilsson views as critical to his creations.

Betsy Pearce, a strategy consultant for luxury brands, explained the corporate side of the problem to The New York Times.

"What kind of business would rationalize the creation of an entire product line four times a year and then produce it on spec?" she told the Times.

Pearce believes that more brands will soon experience shakeouts if they do not focus on the bottom line.

With this becoming the trend, Nilsson's situation is not unique. Recent replacements have happened again at Bill Blass, as well as at Chloé, Anne Klein and Paco Rabanne, which left designer Patrick Robinson free to create

upcoming looks for the Gap.

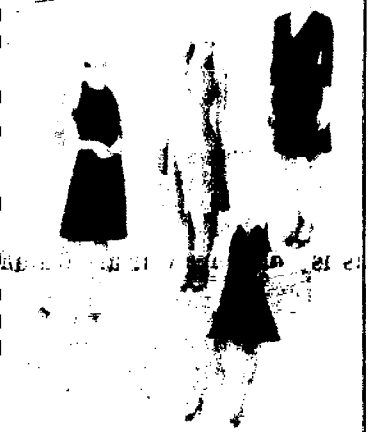
With these rapid changes for retailers and designers, the fashion industry is not one that will be slowing its dynamic anytime soon.

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Bruce Springsteen has undergone quite the resurgence over the last few years. Membership in the Church of the Boss has grown exponentially, notably including the Killers and the Hold Steady.

Who knows the reason, but "Born to Run" is now the hip album and/or song to name-drop. Maybe it's because the kids who grew up listening to his music now have bands of their own. It's not that this praise isn't well deserved, because Springsteen's music has certainly been some of the most powerful of the past 35 years.

This is not, however, an evaluation of Springsteen's longevity, despite first appearances. This is a review of the excellent debut album by New Jersey's the Gaslight Anthem entitled "Sink or Swim" released last May. These are the kids who grew up listening to "Born in the USA", grown up with a band to call their own. One could say the Gaslight Anthem play rock-and-roll, or punk rock or something different. It doesn't matter what words you use to pigeonhole the band — what does matter is that they play with the same heartfelt honesty the Boss did. Though vocal influences are obvious, it's really the conviction and blue-collar lyricism that they share. This is a band that knows the deep power of a simple, well played rock and roll song.

All this is obvious from the first 30 seconds of album opener "Boomboxes and Dictionaries". It is driving, powerful, anthemic and catchy. It's a song that you want to play in the evening as the sun goes down, with the volume turned up and the windows down. It makes you want to sing along, to quit school and start a band. Despite all this, the song doesn't stand head-and-shoulders above the eleven that follow it.

"I Could'a Been a Contender" starts off with just singer/guitarist Brian Fallon's voice, a few quiet lines about being broke and hungry, before the band kicks in triumphantly. The lyrics are about facing adversity head on, the song backs them up appropriately. The miracle is that this style never feels fake or forced, it's never hard to believe the Gaslight Anthem have lived the

things they sing about.

Maybe there's something in the New Jersey water that produces everyman lyricists. If there are two running motifs in the lyrics on "Sink or Swim," it's driving and dancing. In fact, well over half the dozen songs mention one or the other, if not both. Likewise, the mystical New Jersey created by the work of Springsteen casts a spectre over the songs. The cities are burned-

out traps, escape is the only option for the restless youth on these songs. To call the lyrics "hopelessly romantic" would be an understatement.

The Gaslight Anthem never go the full E Street Band route instrumentally

though, limiting their repertoire to just the standard guitar, bass and drums, with the occasional acoustic guitar and harmonica. The simple, though some would say standard, approach works perfectly for the songs. This is where the group's punk rock influences show through. No horns, no piano clutter up the album. The songs are short and sweet, around three minutes apiece.

It's very difficult to find a fault in this album. Sure, this isn't the most mind-blowingly original sound, but it's instantly familiar, tried and true. Each

song stands out in its own way, the lyrics are well-written. In fact, everything that makes up a great album is present.

To put it simply, "Sink or Swim" is a fantastic debut. From the acoustic numbers like "Red at Night" to the charging rockers like "I'da Called You Woody, Joe" not a sin-

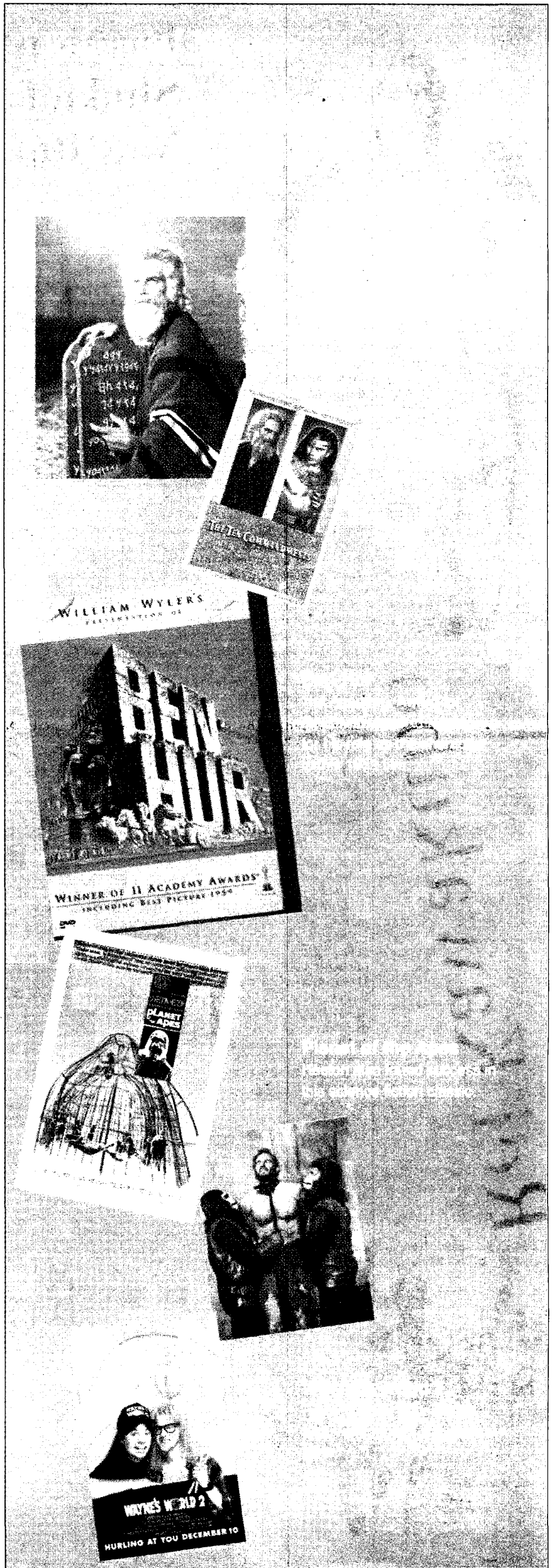
gle song fails to impress. The future is very bright for this still young band, with only this full length and a recently released EP to their name. The Gaslight Anthem is without a doubt one of the most exciting bands making music today, and the stellar "Sink or Swim" is proof for that.

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Sink or Swim The Gaslight Anthem

Released by: XOXO Records

Recommended Tracks: "Boomboxes and Dictionaries," "I'da Called You Woody, Joe"



CHRISTINA LEWIS | Observer Graphic

MLB

Wang's strong start helps Yankees clip Rays

Thomas' grand slam sends Red Sox to last place; Griffey homers, Volquez shines in Reds' victory over Phillies

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Good thing for the New York Yankees that Joba Chamberlain and Mariano Rivera have started the season in peak form, especially with their vaunted offense stuck in an early April freeze.

After Chien-Ming Wang pitched four-hit ball into the seventh inning and Hideki Matsui hit a two-run homer, New York's top relievers closed out a 2-0 victory over the pesky Tampa Bay Rays on Sunday.

With manager Joe Girardi back on the bench following an illness, Chamberlain and second baseman Robinson Cano got the Yankees out of a dicey jam in the seventh. Rivera recorded three quick outs in the ninth, and New York won for the third time this year when scoring three runs or fewer.

The Yankees were 6-36 in such games last season.

"You're going to have those weeks," Girardi said. "We got enough today and that's what matters. This offense will break out."

Tampa Bay, which was looking for the best five-game start in its 11-year history, dropped to 3-2 after winning the first two of the four-game series. Girardi missed those games because of an upper respiratory infection while bench coach Rob Thomson managed in his place.

"Nice being back on the bench," said Girardi, adding that

his fever was gone. "It's nice being out in that fresh air. Even though it's chilly, you just feel better when you're out there."

Matsui homered in the fourth off James Shields and finished with three hits. The Yankees (3-3) have scored only 17 runs this season — no more than four in any game.

"Hopefully, you'll see a lot more hitting from us," Johnny Damon said. "We plan to score some runs here soon."

Pitching in short sleeves on a 46-degree afternoon, Wang (2-0) held the Rays hitless until the fifth and took a two-hitter into the seventh.

Cliff Floyd and Eric Hinske opened the inning with singles, putting runners at the corners. Girardi brought in Chamberlain, who soon hit 101 mph on the stadium radar gun and struck out Willy Aybar on three pitches.

Shawn Riggins followed with a line drive that appeared headed for center field, but Cano made a backhand stab and doubled up Hinske at first base after he wandered too far off the bag.

"It was a little different coming in with runners on base, but it was good to do that," Chamberlain said. "You don't want to give up the runs for Chien-Ming. He did such a great job. The bullpen's got to hold it down."

Also working in short sleeves, Chamberlain tossed a perfect eighth before Rivera fanned two in a 1-2-3 ninth. The Yankees

are 20-2 in regular-season games when Chamberlain pitches. He has set up Rivera for a save in all three New York wins this season.

"There's definitely an energy when he comes in," Girardi said.

A trainer came out to check on Wang after he appeared to slip on the mound in the fourth. He stayed in the game, however, and finished with six strikeouts.

Blue Jays 7, Red Sox 4

The Boston Red Sox headed home at last in an unusual position — last place.

Frank Thomas hit his 11th career grand slam, Vernon Wells added a two-run homer and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Red Sox Sunday to complete a three-game sweep of the World Series champions.

Boston failed to get a boost from Josh Beckett's first start of the season and went 3-4 on its opening three-nation trip, a journey of nearly 16,000 miles. The Red Sox are in the AL East cellar for the first time since April 10, 2005, when they were 2-4.

"It's probably the best thing for us right now," Kevin Youkilis said. "A lot of us are tired. We're ready to go home."

"All these different countries, different currencies, I'm kind of sick of it."

The Red Sox split two games against the Athletics in Tokyo and swept two in Oakland before arriving in Canada. They open the home portion of their schedule Tuesday at Fenway Park against the struggling Detroit Tigers.

J.D. Drew said his teammates were feeling lifeless and beaten down.

"That's kind of to be expected with the toll the trip takes," Drew said. "We're finally at the end of it, so it's back on track when we get to Boston."

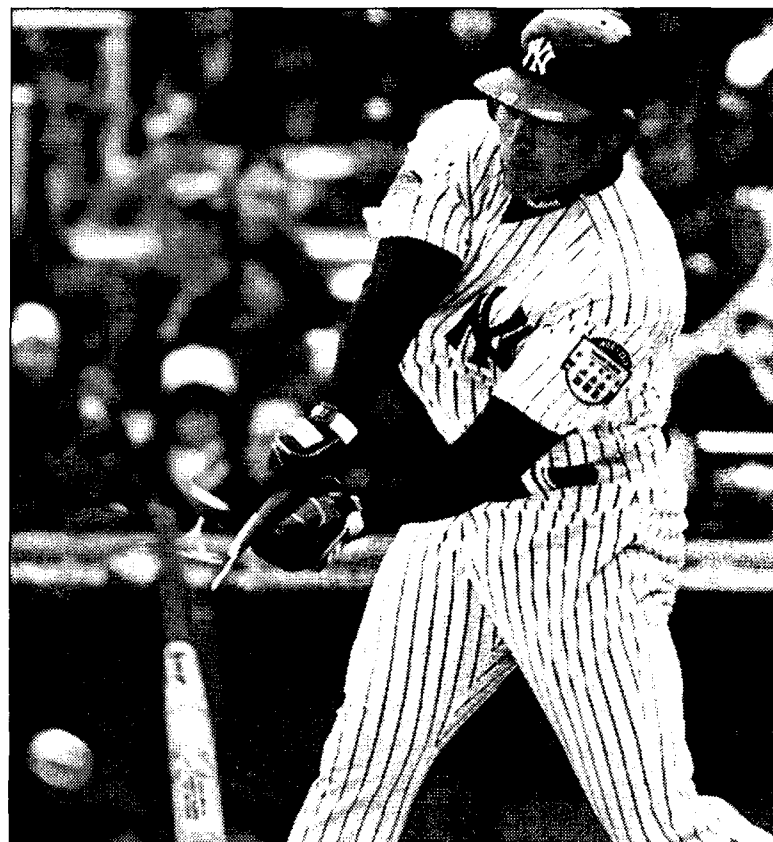
Catcher Jason Varitek said Boston can't rely on a return to Fenway to cure its woes.

"We need to play a little better as a whole, pitch better, play better defense," Varitek said. "The swings will come around as a unit. I think there is a level of the trip, but we still have to play better baseball."

Out since mid-March because of a strained lower back, Beckett (0-1) was activated from the disabled list to face Roy Halladay (1-1). Beckett gave up five runs, three hits and four walks in 4 2/3 innings, striking out six. He reached 96 mph and threw 59 of 92 pitches for strikes.

"Obviously, it's not the result you want, but health-wise, I felt good," Beckett said.

Manager Terry Francona said



Yankees left fielder Johnny Damon breaks his bat hitting a fifth-inning single in the New York's 2-0 win over Tampa Bay.

Beckett looked sharp before starting to tire.

"Early in the game, he was throwing the ball knee-high with good velocity, nice and free and easy, and staying in his delivery," Francona said. "In the fifth, I thought his legs were starting to go."

Reds 8, Phillies 2

Ken Griffey Jr. doesn't give much thought to his statistics — not even the big one that's fast approaching. The day to talk about that one will come soon enough.

For the moment, he's more wrapped up in smoothing out his swing and enjoying what he sees from the Cincinnati Reds' young starting pitchers.

Griffey hit his 594th career homer Sunday, a two-run shot that resumed his pursuit of a seldom-reached milestone and powered the Reds to an victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Griffey's first homer of the season off Brett Myers (0-1) left him six shy of becoming the sixth player in major league history to reach 600 homers. He would join Barry Bonds, Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Willie Mays and Sammy Sosa.

One week into the season, he's still trying to get comfortable at the plate.

"It's a day-in, day-out process," Griffey said. "I don't even think about it."

Jeff Keppinger homered and drove in three runs for the Reds,

who improved to 4-2 with another encouraging start by a newcomer.

Right-hander Edinson Volquez (1-0) struck out eight in 5 1/3 innings, the second time during the homestand that a young Reds pitcher made a good first impression. Johnny Cueto had one of the best big league debuts in franchise history on Wednesday, striking out 10 in seven innings of a 3-2 win over Arizona.

"The first thing on my mind was I had to do a good job my first time in Cincinnati," Volquez said. "I think I did. I didn't go seven innings or have 10 strikeouts like J.C., but I think it was pretty good."

The 24-year-old Volquez, who was part of the trade with Texas for Josh Hamilton in December, got a standing ovation when he left with a 4-1 lead in the sixth. He gave up five hits and a pair of walks.

Griffey has the feeling that something good is in the making with the rotation.

"We're in the making of having a lot of fun," Griffey said. "We've got to go out and do our jobs to support them."

Like Cueto, Volquez took advantage of the hitters' unfamiliarity with his fastball or his approach. He got Jimmy Rollins to take a 94 mph fastball for a called third strike in the third inning, then caught Shane Victorino looking at a 95 mph fastball on the corner.



Reds right fielder Ken Griffey Jr. rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run during Cincinnati's 8-2 over Philadelphia.

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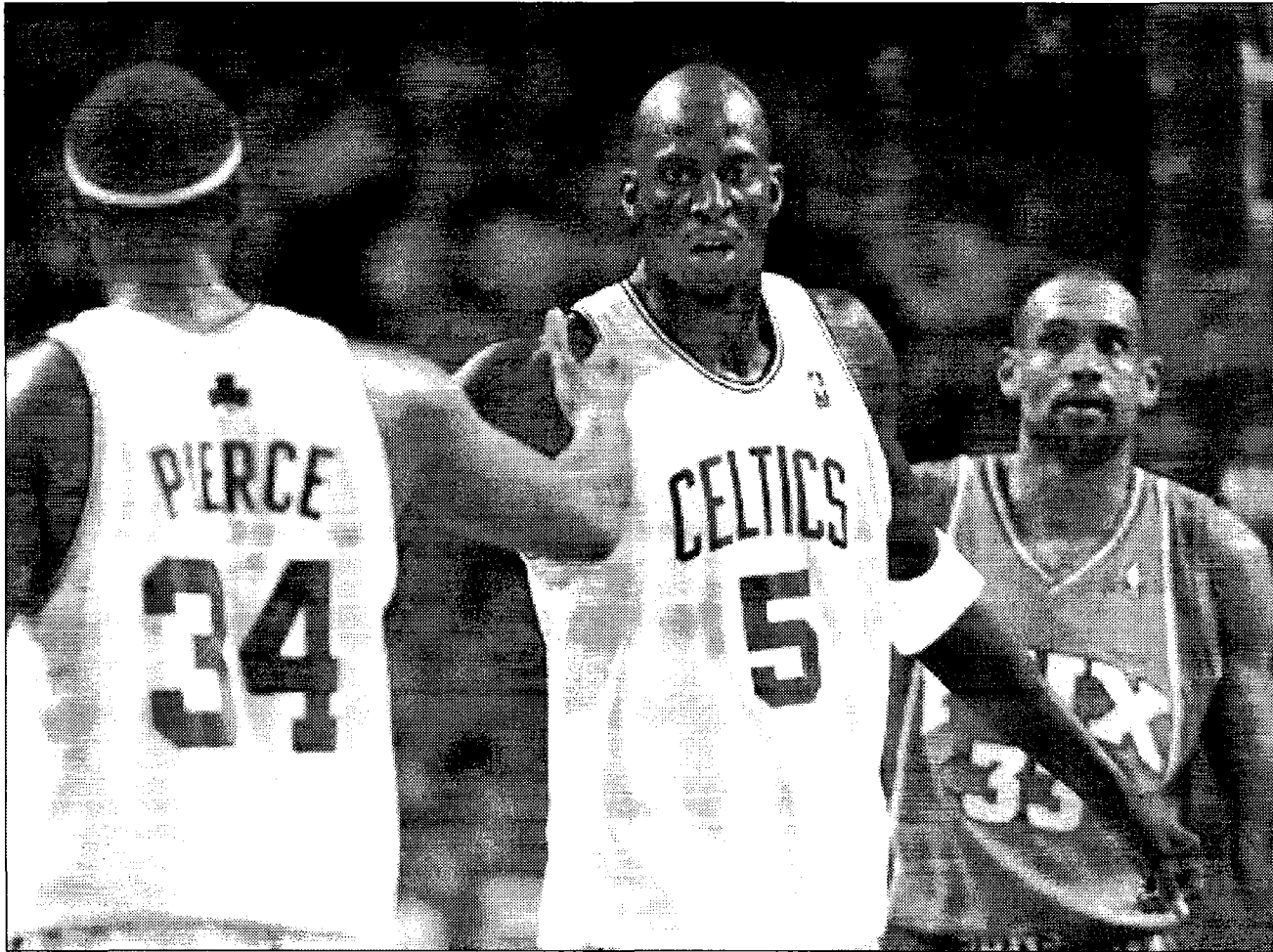
Eastern Conference

team	wins	losses	OTL	pts
Montreal	47	25	10	104
Pittsburgh	47	27	8	102
Washington	43	31	8	94
New Jersey	46	29	7	99
NY Rangers	42	27	13	97
Philadelphia	42	29	11	95
Ottawa	43	31	8	94
Boston	41	29	12	94
Carolina	43	33	6	92
Buffalo	39	31	12	90
Florida	38	35	9	85
Toronto	36	35	11	83
NY Islanders	35	38	9	79
Atlanta	34	40	8	76
Tampa Bay	31	42	9	71

Western Conference

team	wins	losses	OTL	pts
Detroit	54	21	7	115
San Jose	49	23	10	108
Minnesota	44	28	10	98
Anaheim	46	27	8	100
Dallas	45	30	7	97
Colorado	44	31	7	95
Calgary	42	30	10	94
Nashville	41	32	9	91
Edmonton	41	35	6	88
Chicago	40	34	8	88
Vancouver	39	33	10	88
Phoenix	38	37	6	82
Columbus	34	36	12	80
St. Louis	33	36	13	79
Los Angeles	32	43	7	71

NBA



Boston forward Kevin Garnett, center, high-fives teammate Paul Pierce after a made basket. Garnett, Pierce and guard Ray Allen will take on a lighter load as the team gears up for the playoffs.

Celtics to rest Big Three before playoffs

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Big Three are getting a rest.

With the Boston Celtics all but assured of securing the best record in the NBA, coach Doc Rivers has decided to rest stars Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and Paul Pierce.

None were scheduled to play Saturday night in Charlotte, even though a win would secure home-court advantage throughout the playoffs. At least two of them also could sit out Tuesday night's game at Milwaukee.

Rivers also has scaled back some practices,

although he intends to play everyone in the last five games over the final week of the regular season.

"We thought about it a month ago," Rivers said. "When you looked at the schedule, we had a game, two days off, a game and two days off. Honestly, we had hoped that we had clinched home court. ... But if we don't do it now, you literally can't do it. Because I believe you have to be playing going into the playoffs."

Pierce wasn't with the team Saturday after his fiancée gave birth to a baby girl on Friday. Garnett and Allen made

the trip and took part in pregame warmups.

"They did their normal routine, because I'm a big believer in that," Rivers said. "This morning they did the normal shootaround with the guys. If you were here three hours before the game, Ray was out there, just like normal."

The Celtics were on the verge of setting the NBA record for the biggest single-season turnaround after going from 24 wins to 60 after acquiring Garnett and Allen in the offseason.

Garnett is averaging 18.9 points and 9.4 rebounds, while Allen is

averaging 18 points. Pierce, who could rejoin the team before Tuesday's game in Milwaukee, is averaging a team-best 19.9 points.

"Doc has been running the ship the whole time. I'm just going to sit and watch from the sidelines," Allen said. "My body feels great. But it will be good to let these guys get minutes."

The Big Three's absence left an odd starting lineup for the Celtics against a team that has given them trouble this season. Tony Allen, James Posey and Leon Powe joined normal starters Rajon Rondo and Kendrick Perkins.

NCAA Softball USA Today/NFCA Top 25

rank	team	overall
1	Arizona State	39-1
2	Alabama	31-1
3	Florida	40-2
4	UCLA	31-3
5	Michigan	28-3
6	Texas A&M	34-6
7	Stanford	32-5
8	Arizona	25-9
9	Houston	31-4
10	LSU	29-7
11	Oklahoma	30-8
12	Tennessee	31-7
13	Fresno State	32-5
14	Georgia	35-8
15	Northwestern	17-9
16	North Carolina	32-6
17	Long Beach State	27-9
18	DePaul	20-10
19	Louisiana-Lafayette	21-10
20	Hawaii	28-11
21	Virginia Tech	25-10
22	San Diego State	27-10
23	California	32-12
24	Ohio State	23-8
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IN BRIEF

Investigators to meet with Canseco about Clemens

SAN FRANCISCO — The federal government's top steroid investigator has asked to meet with Jose Canseco to speak to the former slugger about Roger Clemens.

Canseco's lawyer, Robert Saunooke, told The Associated Press on Sunday that IRS agent Jeff Novitzky called him last week and said he wanted to discuss a photograph that allegedly shows Clemens at a pool party at Canseco's home in 1998.

The meeting would likely happen within the next 30 days, Saunooke said.

"There's no urgency or rush on anyone's part," he said.

Novitzky had hoped to meet with Canseco this week while the former AL MVP was in California to sign copies of his latest book, "Vindicated," Saunooke said.

Florida receiver Harvin to have heel surgery

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida receiver Percy Harvin will have heel surgery next week, but coach Urban Meyer expects the speedy playmaker to be fine for fall practice.

"It's not a career-threatening injury," Meyer said Friday. "It's a very minor surgery, probably an eight-week recovery and then he'll be full speed for offseason. They're saying in June we should be able to get him cranked up, for sure July."

School officials said renowned foot specialist Dr. Robert Anderson will perform the surgery Monday in North Carolina.

The Gators hope the surgery will relieve years of pain in Harvin's right heel, which has bothered him off and on since high school.

It was initially treated as tendinitis at Florida, but the pain persisted and eventually caused soreness in his knee and hip.

Love's streak of 70 straight majors to end at Masters

HUMBLE, Texas — Davis Love III's streak of major championship starts will end at 70.

Love had to win the Houston Open to qualify for next week's Masters and stretch the longest active run of major appearances. He shot a 1-over 73 on Sunday to finish at 5 under, 11 shots behind champion Johnson Wagner.

The 43-year-old Love will sit out a major for the first time since the 1990 U.S. Open. He tore ligaments in his left ankle last September, spent more than four months rehabbing and has struggled to recapture his old form, missing three cuts in seven starts in 2008.

"I'm close to playing good," he said. "I'm just not getting it done. I don't know if I'm ready for Augusta or not. I'm not really playing good enough to compete right now, so I probably don't deserve to play."

OLYMPICS

Anti-China protesters try to snuff Olympic flame

Associated Press

LONDON — Demonstrators grabbed at the Olympic torch, blocked its path and tried to snuff out its flame Sunday in raucous protests of China's human rights record that forced a string of last-second changes to a chaotic relay through London.

The biggest protests since last month's torch-lighting in Greece tarnished China's hope for a harmonious prelude to a Summer Games celebrating its rise as a global power. Instead, the flame's 85,000-mile journey from Greece to Beijing has become a stage for activists decrying China's recent crack-down on Tibetans and support for Sudan despite civilian deaths in Darfur.

Demonstrators attempted to board the bus trailing the torch shortly after British five-time gold medal rower Steve Redgrave started the relay at Wembley Stadium.

Less than an hour later, a protester slipped through a tight police cordon and gripped the torch before he was thrown to the ground and arrested.

"Before I knew what was happening this guy had lurched toward me and was grabbing the torch out of my hand and I was determinedly clinging on," former children's television host Konnie Huq told British Broadcasting Corp. television.

"I do feel for the cause," she said. "I think that China have got a despicable human rights record."

Another demonstrator tried to snuff the flame with a spray of white powder from a fire extinguisher, police said. Still others threw themselves in the torch's path. They were tackled or dragged off by police. Authorities said 37 people were arrested.

London's Metropolitan police said some 2,000 officers, on foot, motorcycles, bikes, and on horseback tried to keep the procession under control.

One group of Tibetan protesters was corralled in metal barricades across from Bloomsbury Square.

"It feels like we are restrained like a sheep in a barn," said Passang Dolne, 27, a Tibetan national who works as a nurse in London. "It really hurts."

Chinese nationals about 100 yards away were allowed to move freely as they waved Chinese flags distributed by the Chinese Embassy and the Bank of China.

"We don't like the Tibet people who use this time against the Chinese. It's not a proper venue," said Ting Yan, 27.

The demonstration swelled near where Chinese Ambassador Fu Ying was expected to carry the torch. Frantic organizers shuffled the order of participants and Fu unexpectedly appeared in the heart of Chinatown, jogging unhindered with the torch before handing it to the next runner.

"Maybe on TV screens there might be some chaotic spin," Chinese embassy spokesman Liu Weimin told the BBC from the relay convoy. "I saw more smiling faces, waving hands, and thumbs-up welcoming the Olympic relay."

But there were ugly scenes between Trafalgar Square and Big Ben, where a dozen protesters charged the torch.

"Everyone was running at (me). It was a bit weird," said Scott Earley Jr., 17, the torchbearer at the time.

About 100 demonstrators managed to briefly impede the flame's progress by surrounding it near St. Paul's Cathedral, forcing police to put the flame on a bus before continuing.

The torch was closely followed in east London by dozens of demonstrators shouting "Shame on China!" Police stopped to form a protective phalanx three or four officers deep every time the torch was handed to a new runner.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown briefly greeted the flame when it arrived outside his Downing Street residence.

Brown never handled the torch, but watched as Olympic gold medalist Denise Lewis handed it to Paralympic powerlifting hopeful Ali Jawad. Pro-



Police officers on bicycles restrain a protester along the route of the Olympic Torch on Sunday in London. AP

Tibet demonstrators and police clashed yards away, near Britain's Parliament buildings.

The torch made it unscathed to the O2 Arena in Greenwich after more than seven fraught hours that belied the London event's theme: "Journey of Harmony."

"There was definitely a bit of an edge," British tennis player Tim Henman, one of the torchbearers, told The Associated Press.

Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell later said Britain was celebrating the Olympics, not China's human rights record.

"The welcome of the Olympic torch to London is not the same as condoning the human rights regime in China or condoning the treatment of Tibet," she told the BBC.

There had been scattered protests before the torch reached London, and more are expected as the flame moves on

to Paris, San Francisco and New Delhi.

"They've called the torch relay a journey of harmony, but on the ground in Tibet they are shooting and killing peaceful Tibetan protesters," said Matt Whitticase, spokesman for the London-based Free Tibet Campaign. "We want to use the momentum gathered over this weekend to really press our case that the torch should not be allowed to be paraded triumphantly by China."

French torchbearers will be encircled Monday by several hundred officers, some in riot police vehicles and on motorcycles, others on skates and on foot. Three boats were also to patrol the Seine River, and a helicopter was to fly over Paris, police said.

The head of Reporters Without Borders, arrested in Greece last month for protesting during the flame-lighting


ceremony there, said the group had altered its initial plans because of the heavy police turnout. Without giving away details, Robert Menard promised protests would nonetheless be "spectacular."

Two-time French judo gold medalist David Douillet said torch carriers will wear badges reading "For a better world" — which French athletes also hope will be permitted to wear in Beijing. Paris City Hall is to be draped with a banner supporting human rights.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has suggested he might boycott the Olympic opening ceremony depending on how the situation evolves in Tibet.

Gayle Donsky, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition, said her group did not intend to disrupt the torch relay and was not calling for a boycott of the Beijing Olympics.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish sweep pair of Big East doubleheaders

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame swept a pair of conference double-headers this weekend, defeating St. John's 5-0 and 8-4 on Saturday and Seton Hall 12-1 and 6-2 on Sunday, extending its winning streak to six.

"The girls really showed up and played hard," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "A dominant weekend like can't help but

carry over for the rest of the season."

Junior pitcher Brittney Bargar notched all four wins on the weekend for the Irish (22-10, 5-1 Big East). Against St. John's (15-21, 2-6), she started the first game and came in relief in the second. Bargar (17-6) also earned her fourth shutout of the season. She allowed only three hits and one walk while striking out seven in the first game.

"Bargar threw a lot of innings and did a great job controlling

hitters," Gumpf said. "She is a very strong pitcher and I am getting out of her exactly what I expect."

Continuing her impressive offensive output this season, senior second baseman Katie Laing went 7-for-16 with three home runs and 11 RBIs on the weekend.

"Right now, Laing is in a position where she really wants to be at the plate; you can see it in her eyes," Gumpf said. "When you combine her great mechan-

ics, her confidence, and the way she sees the ball right now she can't help but have a great year."

Freshman catcher Sadie Pitzenberger got things going against the Red Storm, doubling home freshman outfielder Brianna Jorgensborg in the top of the third.

Laing added a run with a solo shot to right-center field that bounced off the top of the fence in the fourth. Laing added two more RBIs in the seventh with a clutch two-out single.

Freshman pitcher Jody Valdivia found herself in trouble early in the second half of the twin billing, walking the bases loaded with one out in the first. She stayed poised, however, striking out the next two batters to escape unscathed.

Sophomore Christine Lux hit a solo homerun in the second to give Valdivia the lead. That lead was extended in the fifth when Laing's bases-loaded fielder's choice got the runner in at home. A sacrifice fly from junior infielder Linda Kohan brought the lead to 3-0.

Valdivia again found herself in a jam in the fifth with the bases loaded and one out, but again she escaped without allowing any runs.

Pitzenberger hit an RBI single that gave the Irish some insurance in the sixth.

Valdivia's luck ran out in St. John's' half of the sixth, when St. John's senior Lisa Greer hit a two-run homerun. The Red Storm added two more runs in the inning to knot things up 4-4 and send the game to extra innings. Valdivia pitched 5 and 2/3 innings, giving up four runs on four hits and striking out eight.

Bargar entered the game in relief to pitch 6 and 1/3 innings in the 12-inning contest to earn her second win of the day.

The two teams went scoreless for five innings until Kohan broke the game open with a solo homerun in the 12th. Freshman Shannon Kelly added another

RBI for the Irish and senior outfielder Sarah Smith added two more to round out the final score.

Sunday's double-header against Seton Hall (13-20, 2-8) saw an impressive offensive explosion from the Irish, that included two five-run innings.

"The offense is really coming along for us right now," Gumpf

said. "We can get down early and the girls are completely unfazed. They need to not be satisfied and they need to keep hungry."

Bargar was again solid, going five innings and

only giving up one unearned run with six strikeouts.

Laing, Smith and freshman shortstop Katie Fleury all had two hits, with sophomore outfielder Ashley Ellis going a perfect 3-for-3. Laing notched four RBIs to add to her impressive run.

Game two started off shaky for the Irish as Seton Hall earned an early 2-0 lead.

The Irish did not let that stand for long, as RBIs from Laing and Ellis knotted things up in the third.

Jorgensborg hit her first career home run in the fourth inning to add two more runs. Laing added two more RBIs to round out the scoring for the Irish.

Bargar got her fourth win of the weekend by again coming in to relieve Valdivia in the third. Bargar gave up two hits and no runs with three strikeouts.

One outstanding performer all weekend was Ellis, who went 10-for-14 on the weekend. She had two doubles, a home run, and three RBIs.

"Ellis had one of the most impressive weekends I've seen," Gumpf said. "She was playing outstanding [softball]."

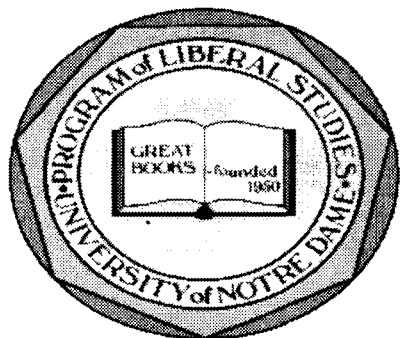
The Irish will take the field again on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Chicago to battle Illinois-Chicago.

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Ross Brezovsky and A.J. Pollock but small ball proved to be the difference as the picked up the win Friday. Notre Dame's eighth-inning rally featured two runs on just one hit and propelled the Irish to the victory.

"It was a grinder-type game. I told the team I was more proud [of this win] than any of the wins we've had this year," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Schrage said he was especially happy with his team's resiliency after it surrendered several leads.

Irish junior right-hander Kyle Weiland got the win with a perfect ninth inning after blowing the save in the eighth.

Rutgers tied the game with a run off Weiland but Notre Dame responded that same inning, taking a lead it would not relinquish. Second baseman Jeremy Barnes led off the decisive eighth for the Irish with a walk then advanced to second on a sacrifice bunt by Brezovsky. After catcher Sean Gaston was hit by a pitch, right fielder Billy Boockford grounded a hard single through the left side of the infield. Barnes scored from second as the throw from Scarlet Knights leftfielder Donny Callahan sailed over the head of catcher Jon Gossard. Barnes slid home safely to give Notre Dame a 6-5 lead.

"We had to get a run,"

Boockford said. "Ross did a great job of getting [Barnes] over when he got on base ... I knew I just needed to hit the ball hard in play and try to make it work."

After Boockford broke the tie, Irish third baseman Greg Sherry was hit by a pitch to load the bases. The next batter, shortstop Brett Lilley, hit a potential double-play grounder to shortstop. But Lilley beat the throw to first from Rutgers second baseman Victor Cegles, allowing Gaston to score and give the Irish an insurance run.

"Lilley's a hustler. I think he knew what it was going to take running down that line so he gave it everything he got," Schrage said. "It was a bang-bang play and he beat it out. That helps for Kyle [Weiland] to have a two-run lead going into the ninth."

Irish 11, Scarlet Knights 2

The Irish rallied around an injured teammate Saturday, outscoring Rutgers 9-0 after senior pitcher Wade Korpi was hurt by a line drive. Lilley and sophomore outfielder David Mills were catalysts for most of the Irish offense, combining to go 4-for-5 and score six runs.

"We played a complete game [Saturday]," Schrage said. "The top of the lineup got on base, we played good defense, and we battled through a little bit of adversity."

Korpi was cruising through the Scarlet Knights' lineup until the scary moment in the top of

the fifth with the Irish up 2-0 when he was hit with the line drive. With two outs Rutgers shortstop Dan Betteridge lined a fastball right back at Korpi, striking him in the forehead.

"That was the first time I have seen something like that happen in person," Mills said. "It put a little spark into our team, and we all wanted to pull together and get a win for Wade."

The senior was down for several minutes while Irish players, coaches and trainers huddled around the mound. Korpi was able to walk off the field under his own power, and "should be okay" Schrage said.

Freshman Cole Johnson came in relief of Korpi, and gave up a game-tying, two-run homerun to the first batter he faced, Rutgers third baseman Tom Edwards. The runner scoring from first, Betteridge, was charged to Korpi.

Notre Dame responded in the bottom of the inning, scoring four runs on three hits to break the game open and take a 6-2 lead. After freshman Greg Sherry walked and Lilley singled, Mills put down a sacrifice bunt trying to advance both runners. Rutgers starter Kyle Bradley's throw to first sailed into right field, and Lilley and Mills came in to score.

Pollock followed with an RBI double to drive in Mills, and came around to score on a sacrifice fly for the fourth Irish run of the inning.

Notre Dame added two more runs in the sixth. The first came

off a Mills sacrifice fly to right that drove in Boockford. Pollock then hit a two-out RBI single to give the Irish an 8-2 lead and bring Lilley home for the third time in the game.

The Irish added three runs in the bottom of the eighth to extend the lead to 11-2, two of the runs scoring on double by junior second baseman Jeremy Barnes.

Johnson pitched 4 and 1/3 innings of relief and picked up the win, giving up five hits and three walks but only one earned run. The freshman reliever was able to work out of trouble several times with the help of the Irish infield, who turned double plays in three straight innings to get Johnson out of jams.

Irish 11, Scarlet Knights 2

Coming off of his season-worst start last week, sophomore Eric Maust delivered yet another solid performance, going eight innings and striking out four without issuing any free passes.

Schrage knew his right-hander would overcome last week's outing and return to his previous form. "He had pitched well before today," Schrage said. "He was focused all week in the bullpen and he knew what he was doing. He struck out four and didn't walk anyone, and when he's throwing strikes he's tough to beat. He had all three of his pitches working today. His breaking ball, fastball and changeup all complimented each other. He was just outstanding."

Maust breezed through the

first five frames without a blemish, but eventually allowed the only two runs the Scarlet Knights would score in the game in the sixth inning. If anything, his first inning was an indication of how things would go. The right-hander retired the Scarlet Knights in order, on only 12 pitches.

To close out the game, Weiland tossed a perfect ninth inning and sent Rutgers home with three straight losses.

The Irish bats, however, carried their share of the load. Starting right where it left off after Saturday's contest, Notre Dame produced 16 hits in the 11-run outburst. Schrage said his squad is becoming more comfortable with the lineup — and not coincidentally, the Irish are winning games.

"I think the guys are just settling into their roles," he said. "They're getting used to the batting order, and the older guys are starting to carry us too. Ross [Brezovsky], Jeremy [Barnes] and Brett [Lilley] all had excellent weekends. Sean Gaston is coming off with his bat as well."

Brezovsky went 4-for-5 with three doubles, two RBIs and two runs scored on the day, while Pollock went 3-for-4 with 2 RBIs, three runs, and three stolen bases. Lilley, Barnes, Gaston and Boockford each added a pair of hits in the game as well.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish beat Iowa, Syracuse to extend win streak

By DAN MASTERTON and LORENZO REYES
Sports Writers

Another weekend resulted in more wins for Notre Dame.

No. 20 Notre Dame is rolling, and in its path, it has left nine straight opponents reeling. In their first contest Friday, the Irish (16-7) upended Iowa and finished off Syracuse at home on Sunday.

Irish 6, Hawkeyes 1

The Irish ran their win streak to eight in Iowa City, Iowa, on Friday in convincing fashion by mowing down the Hawkeyes, 6-1.

As usual, the Irish started strong as Iowa (11-5) could not stop the sizzling doubles attack, and Notre Dame's doubles point win streak grew to nine.

Junior Katie Potts and sophomore Kali Krisik acted like they have been playing together all season. The pair raced to an 8-0 thrashing of Iowa's No. 3 pair, freshman Lynn Poggensee-Wei and senior Kayla Berry.

Sophomores Colleen Rielley and Cosmina Ciobanu sowed up the doubles point with an 8-0 sweep of their own. The pair has lost just once in 16 matches together on the dual season.

The nationally top-ranked pair of senior Brook Buck and junior Kelcy Tefft made it a doubles sweep, disposing of Iowa's No. 1 pair 8-4. Senior Jacqueline Lee and freshmen Alexis Dorr could not stop the nation's best as Buck and Tefft improved to 7-1 since becoming No. 1.

Notre Dame kept the momentum all match long, winning five of six singles matches.

Ciobanu followed up her doubles performance with a quick singles win. No. 122 Ciobanu was first off the court with a 6-1, 6-2 win over Dorr.

After Krisik defeated sophomore Kelcie Klockenga 6-4, 6-1, Potts sealed the match with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Berry from the No. 6 slot.

Rielley put up a 6-2, 6-2 win over Poggensee-Wei. It was the fifth time in eight matches that the sophomore won in straight sets.

The lone loss for Notre Dame came in a tough match between Buck and Veselinovic. Buck's impressive six-match losing streak came to an end against Veselinovic, 7-6, 7-6.

No. 41 Tefft capped the match win for Notre Dame with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Lee. Tefft has been tough to beat in the No. 1 singles slot, now 11-4 against the opponent's best player.

The remaining matches will all be at home, so the Irish closed their road schedule well above .500 with a 7-4 record.

Irish 6, Orange 1

The Irish returned home with the same momentum and focus that helped secure the previous eight wins in the streak. As has been the story all season, doubles play was the spark that started the Irish on the right path.

In all of doubles play, Notre Dame lost only six games en route to sealing the point.

Despite having half of the No. 1 nationally-ranked duo sitting out, the Irish still won the top spot in doubles play. Krisik, who stepped in for Tefft, combined with Buck to take an 8-3 decision over sophomore pair Chelsea Jones and Ashley Spicer. The Buck-Krisik duo is now 3-1 in their doubles matches this season.

Rielley and Ciobanu made quickly disposed of their opponents, ousting freshmen Jacquelyn Tang and Simone Kalhorn, 8-1. Although they play behind the notorious pair of Buck

and Tefft, Rielley and Ciobanu have won nine straight and are 16-1 overall this season.

Freshman Denise Ellison combined with Potts to claim her first career win with the 8-2 victory over junior Maria Vasilevya and freshman Christina Tan. More importantly, the Irish started the match 1-0 with the doubles sweep.

Singles play would see much of the same domination.

Potts took care of Jones in quick fashion, 6-2, 6-2. The junior improved to 18-8 on the year and has taken four of her last five

matches.

Ciobanu put Notre Dame up 3-0, making it look effortless along the way, disposing of Kalhorn 6-2, 6-0.

Buck made it official, and gave the Irish the win with her convincing 6-0, 6-1 handling of Tan at the No. 1 spot.

With the win in hand for the Irish and the score at 4-0, Notre Dame still wouldn't let up.

Rielley took down Vasilevya in straight sets 6-4, 6-0 by winning the contest's final seven games to secure the win and put the Irish up 5-0.

Krisik extended her squad best singles win streak to five matches with her sound defeat of Spicer 6-2, 6-1. The sophomore holds the team-high 29-5 singles record, and she has won eight of her last 10 games to seal the deal.

Notre Dame will continue its season-ending home stand when No. 1 Northwestern comes into town at the Courtney Tennis Center Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

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WOMEN'S ROWING

Irish take eight races against Miami, MSU

No. 14 varsity eight beats RedHawks

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame won eight of its 14 races against Miami and Michigan State in East Lansing, Mich., Saturday.

Notre Dame's varsity eight-boat crew, ranked No. 14 in the nation, fell to the No. 8 Spartans before beating Miami

later in the day. The second varsity-eight boat team and the first and third varsity four-boat teams did the same by losing in the morning before winning in the afternoon.

The third varsity four-boat highlighted the day for the Irish, winning both of its races.

MEN'S GOLF

ND claims 2nd in tourney

Observer Staff Report

Senior tri-captain Eddie Peckels earned a share of the individual title as the Irish finished second on their home course during the nine-team Irish Invitational.

Peckels shot a career-best 68 (two-under) in the second round to finish at one-under par 139 for the two-round tournament. Before this weekend, his best tournament finish was in 2004 at the Earl

Yestingsmeier Invitational, where he finished seventh.

Junior Josh Sandman recorded his fourth straight top-10 finish, tying for fourth with a one-over par 141 weekend. Freshmen Dustin Zhang (141), freshmen Tyler Hock (142), sophomore Carl Santos-Ocampo (143) and freshman Connor Alan-Lee (143) all finished in the top ten for the Irish, who were edged for the team title by two strokes by Northwestern (578).

Sophomore Doug Fortner, senior Greg Rodgers and freshman Jeff Chen all tied for 20th with a six-over 146 for the weekend. Sophomore Olavo Batista (149), senior Mike King (151) and sophomore Kyle Willis (152) rounded out the scoring for the Irish.

Notre Dame's next meet will be the Big East Conference Championship, hosted by Cincinnati the weekend of April 20-22 in Hebron, Ky.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Wiggins leads Stanford to upset over UConn

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — Candice Wiggins refused to let Stanford lose to Connecticut. Not again.

The Cardinal star continued her electrifying run through the NCAA tournament, scoring 25 points and grabbing 13 rebounds while getting some timely help from Kayla Pedersen and JJ Hones as Stanford shocked Connecticut 82-73 in Sunday night's national semifinals.

Back in the Final Four for the first time in 11 years, the Cardinal (35-3) avenged an early season loss to the Huskies (36-2) and advanced to Tuesday night's title game, where they'll put a 23-game winning streak on the line against Tennessee — a 47-46 winner over LSU in the second semifinal.

Wiggins typically leads the Cardinal through emotional,

loud pregame huddles. Her message this time focused on her teammates' smarts and how far they had come since the first meeting between the teams.

"We failed the midterm, but we're going to take this final," guard Rosalyn Gold-Onwude recalled Wiggins saying.

Wiggins was a little more specific.

"We got killed by Connecticut back in November, just absolutely killed. And, you know, they changed the whole dynamic of our team," Wiggins said.

"So we grouped before the game and we said: 'Let's see how much better we've gotten. This is a test for ourselves to see we're not the same team we were in November.'"

The first player to have two 40-point performances in the same NCAA tournament, Wiggins seemed to be everywhere on the floor and fin-

ished five assists shy of the first triple-double in women's Final Four history.

She didn't shoot particularly well, going 7-for-19, but made two huge 3-pointers to help Stanford pull away for good after UConn trimmed a seven-point halftime deficit to 47-46 and appeared to be taking control.

"They're a lot better team than they were back in November. They played the game today the way we usually play it," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "We got done in by our own stuff."

When Wiggins wasn't making big shots, Hones and Pedersen stepped up to break UConn's heart.

Hones hit a deep 3-pointer to put Stanford up 10 with 3:20 to go, then Pedersen answered a 3-pointer that drew UConn within 71-66 with a long jumper of her own to send Cardinal fans into cele-

bration mode.

"We ran with them and we ran on them. That's their game," Gold-Onwude said. "This is amazing. You saw after we got to the Final Four, everybody was crying. This time, we're happy, but we're also very focused."

Pedersen finished with 17 points, and Jayne Appel added 15. Maya Moore led UConn with 20 points on 8-for-19 shooting.

UConn dominated the earlier meeting in the U.S. Virgin Islands, but both teams made significant changes during the last four months of the season.

Stanford coach Tara VanDerveer tinkered with her team's triangle offense following the 12-point loss, which showed the Cardinal exactly what type of team it needed to become if it hoped to be able to keep pace in a rematch.

UConn made adjustments after losing starting guards

Mel Thomas and Kalana Greene to season-ending knee injuries that forced the Huskies to rely more heavily on Moore, Montgomery, Tina Charles and Ketia Swanier.

Auriemma said those players were missed Sunday night.

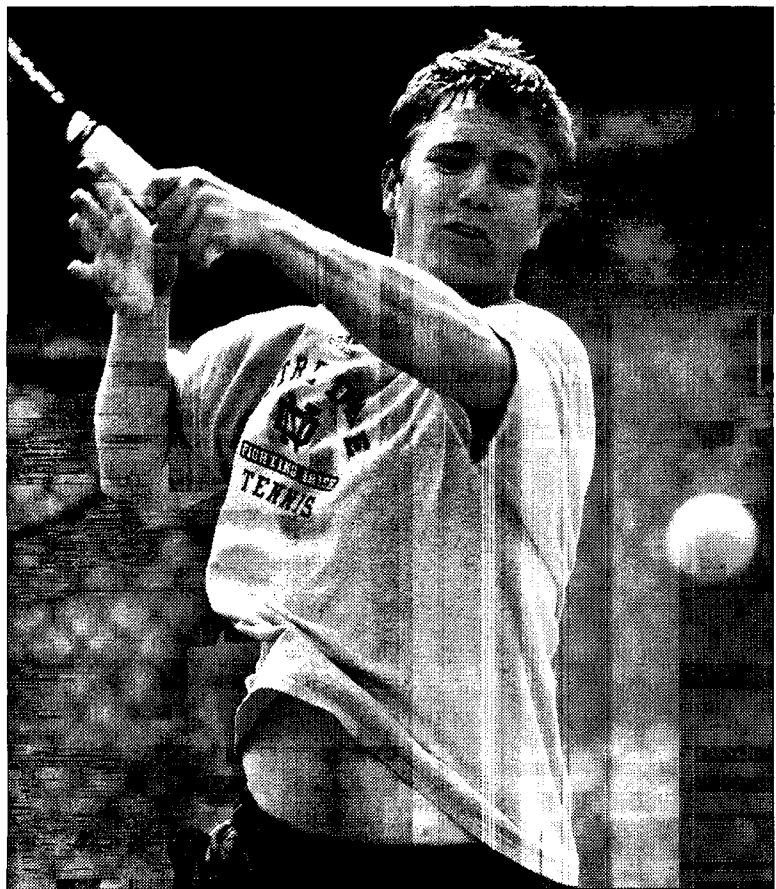
"This is the one team we can't match up with without the two guys that were hurt," the UConn coach said.

The changes VanDerveer made — basically modifying her offense to revolve around two post players rather than one — increased the production of Wiggins' supporting cast. That also made the Cardinal less dependent on the senior star who carried the team on her shoulders during the tournament.

"We needed them to miss some shots, and they didn't," Auriemma said. "Every shot they missed in the Virgin Islands, they made today. Every one."

MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame downs Ball State, falls to William & Mary



Senior Andrew Roth competes against William & Mary Sunday. The Irish split their matches this weekend.

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

No. 34 Notre split a pair of home matches this weekend, beating Ball State on Friday before falling to William & Mary on Sunday.

Friday's win was Notre Dame's 18th consecutive win against the Cardinals. It also was Notre Dame's first win since March 13 against North Carolina State.

The Irish dominated in singles competition, winning 12 straight sets to win all six singles matches. Freshman Dan Stahl won the first Irish point with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Cardinals' junior Jimmy Brannon. The win was Stahl's 21st of the season. Junior Brett Helgeson followed Stahl with his own 6-1, 6-1 victory over Ball State freshman Eduardo Pavia to improve to 25-8 on the season.

Senior captain Sheeva Parbhu put Notre Dame ahead 3-0 with a 6-2, 6-1 over Cardinals junior Jose Perdomo. Irish freshman

Stephen Havens quickly added the clinching point with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Ball State junior Jorge Rodriguez.

Senior Andrew Roth picked up a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Cardinal freshman Shaun Bussert to run the score to 5-0. Freshman David Anderson completed the singles sweep with a 6-3, 6-2 victory over Ball State junior Joe Vallee.

Notre Dame continued its dominance in doubles play, which it also swept. Irish freshman Matt Johnson made his first appearance in doubles play with sophomore Sean Corrigan, and the pair earned an 8-3 win over the Ball State pair of Perdomo and Rodriguez.

Despite returning to the win column on Friday, Notre Dame found itself an upset victim Sunday, dropping a 4-3 decision to No. 63 William & Mary.

The match was tied 3-3 heading into the final singles match that had yet to be completed between Roth and Tribe junior Dominic Pagon. Roth battled back from a 5-2

deficit in the first set and won four straight sets to take a 6-5 lead. However, he could not put away the Tribe junior, and lost the set in a tiebreak. Roth found himself in a 3-1 hole in the second set, but once again battled back to take a 4-3 lead. However, Pagon evened the match at 4-4 and went on to win the set 6-4.

William and Mary won the doubles point at the outset of the match. Notre Dame earned its three points from singles victories by Parbhu, Anderson, and Stahl. Parbhu highlighted Notre Dame's singles play with a 6-1, 6-1 straight sets victory over Tribe junior Marwan Ramadan. In addition to Roth, both Helgeson and Havens both fell in straight sets.

Notre Dame returns to action Saturday when it travels to Ann Arbor to face No. 14 Michigan. The Irish then return home to play Louisville Sunday.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles split pair of games against Alma

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's split another MIAA doubleheader Saturday, losing the first game and winning the second against Alma.

Saint Mary's (15-5, 4-2 MIAA) lost the first game by a 9-1 count in five innings. The Scots, who won the MIAA championship last year, held the usually prolific Belles offense to just two hits. A homerun by senior McKenna Corrigan accounted for Saint Mary's only run.

Junior Calli Davison pitched a complete game in the loss.

Before the games, coach Erin Sullivan said she wanted her team to come out with more energy from the start. She got her wish in the second game, as the team rallied from an early seven-run deficit to take the lead.

The Belles scored seven runs in the top of the third to tie the game before the Scots posted one more in the bottom of the frame.

Junior Ashley Fusaro went 3-for-5 with five RBIs in game two, including a game-winning three-run homerun in the top half of the sixth inning.

Corrigan pitched in the nightcap, and became stronger after the first three innings. Her record now stands at 8-0.

With the win, Saint Mary's ended Alma's 10-game win streak, which it had extended in game one.

Saint Mary's sits in fourth in the MIAA, while Alma is second.

Sullivan expressed confidence in her team as they look ahead to more conference play.

"I'm feeling really good about where we are in the conference," she said. "We generally play up to our competition."

The Belles will play Bethel College at Notre Dame's Ivy Field tonight before they begin a two-week stretch of MIAA opponents.

The split decision came two days after the Belles went 1-1 at Olivet on Thursday.

The Lady Wildcats (5-15) are led by senior pitcher Paige Cooper and freshman standout Emily Thompson. The team is coming off a split doubleheader against Lyon College.

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Ochoa dominates opponents Sunday

Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Lorena Ochoa set the silver trophy on a table, clasped hands with her parents and sprinted to the edge of the lake surrounding the 18th green at Mission Hills, raising both arms as she plunged into the water.

Whether she is playing or celebrating, the Mexican star is unstoppable.

Ochoa buried her competition Sunday at the Kraft Nabisco Championship with back-to-back birdies at the turn to build a five-shot lead, then closed with eight pars for a 5-under 67 and another romp in a major that once gave her fits.

Even more inspiring were the festivities that followed.

She joined hands with her parents and sister-in-law and raced into the water. Her brother, Alejandro, swing coach Rafael Alarcon and caddie Dave Brooker leapt from the bridge. Before long, two dozen friends and family members were bobbing in the water to the rhythm of a mariachi band, a celebration unlike any other at this major.

"I thought for a moment, 'Maybe I should try to do something funny, like a flip or something,'" Ochoa said. "No, no, no. Too dangerous. So I did the regular jump. You always worry about the jump, but once you win, I don't care."

The ripple effect is frightening. Ochoa became the first player since Annika Sorenstam in 2005 to win two straight majors, hav-

ing captured her first major in the Women's British Open at St. Andrews last summer by four shots.

In four starts this year, she has won three tournaments by a combined 23 shots.

"Nothing can stop her," said Se Ri Pak, who became the youngest player inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame last year, a record that certainly will be broken by the 26-year-old Ochoa.

Sorenstam and Suzann Pettersen each closed with a 68 and tied for second, although they were never close.

Ochoa, who finished at 11-under 277, never trailed under the blazing desert sun, and was threatened only briefly. She answered with two straight birdies to make the turn in 32, and the rout was on.

"It was commanding golf in both," Brooker said of the last two majors, starting with her four-shot win at St. Andrews. "She's very polished. Every win that goes along, she gains even more momentum. If she had been putting better the first three days, this might have been a runaway even earlier."

This has always been somewhat of a home game for Ochoa, who has been coming to the Nabisco since she was an amateur and bringing what seems like half of Mexico with her. She spent Wednesday morning meeting with the maintenance staff at Mission Hills, helping them cook breakfast and thanking them for their hard work in preparing the course.



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WOMEN'S TRACK

ND gets 11 top-two places

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

The Irish, split up between the Stanford and Purdue Invitationals, enjoyed another successful weekend, accumulating 11 top-two finishes while dominating the running events at Purdue.

Competing in the Stanford Invitational — one of the more competitive meets of the outdoor season — the Irish managed to accumulate three top-seven finishes from the three athletes that were sent to Palo Alto, Calif.

The Irish garnered solid results in the throws at Stanford from junior thrower Anna Weber and sophomore Jaclyn Espinoza. Weber had the best weekend across both meets for the Irish finishing fourth in the hammer throw and fifth in the shotput at

Stanford. Espinoza also had a strong showing taking seventh in the discus throw.

At the Purdue Invitational, Notre Dame had even more success. The Irish took four first-place finishes — all in running events — and seven second-place finishes.

Senior runner Brienne Davis took first in the 100-meter dash for the second consecutive weekend.

In the 400-meter race, the Irish dominated by claiming five of the top six spots.

Freshmen Cora Dayon and Natalie Johnson took first and second respectively for the Irish. Senior Crysta Swayzer, sophomore Samantha Williams and freshman Kelly Langhans took third, fifth and sixth respectively.

Rounding out the great performance by Irish runners at Purdue, sophomore Elizabeth

Myers took second in the 800-meter race and senior Ann Mazur finished second in the 1500-meter race.

The Irish relay teams also fared very well at Purdue. Both the 4x100 and 4x400-meter teams took first in their races.

The field events continued to be strengths for Irish this weekend.

Sophomore Elise Knutzen took second in the javelin throw, junior Mary Saxer finished second in the pole vault, and Sophomore Jaime Minor grabbed second in the triple jump. Saxer's mark in the pole vault was good enough to qualify her for the NCAA regional event in May.

Next weekend, Notre Dame will head to the Mississippi Open in Oxford, Miss.

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MEN'S TRACK

Irish sprinters excel at Poehlein Invitational

By EUGENIA ALFONZO
Sports Writer

Although Notre Dame was split all across country, many come back to campus with performances to be proud of.

The majority of Irish sprinters finished well at the Mike Poehlein Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind., over the weekend. Freshman Chandler Brooks started it off with a sixth-place performance in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.33 seconds. Brooks also finished with 22.97 seconds in the 200-meter dash to finish seventh. Fellow freshman Miklos Szebeny took third in the same race with a time of 22.33 seconds. Sophomore Balazs Molnar dominated the competition place first in the 400-dash, running it in 48 seconds to match his time in the 2008 Big East Indoor Invitational.

Freshman Kevin Labus finished third in the 800 with a time of 1:56.18. Other top performances at the Poehlein Invitational included junior Kevin McFadden who finished first with a time of 3:57.43 in the 1,500-meter run. Freshmen Spencer Carter and Ryan Gamboa followed close behind with fourth and fifth-place finishes respectively.

Junior Kevin Veselik and Matt Abernathy took second and third in the 5,000 while seniors Dan Curran and Mike Popejoy took first and second, respectively, in the 10,000.

Senior Austin Wechter finished

second in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 53.87. Wechter currently ranks fifth in the Big East conference standings.

As for field events, junior Blair Majcina started out the Irish in the high jump with a leap of 2.02 meters. Sophomore Eric Quick took first in the long jump and third in the triple jump. With his final jump of 7.53-meters, Quick qualified for the NCAA Regional Outdoor Meet in the long jump.

For the Irish throwers, senior Mike Schubert and freshmen Denes Veres and John Belcher took first, second, and third in the shot put. Schubert and Veres qualified for the NCAA Regional meet as well. Sophomore Brandon Denon finished second in the discus with a throw of 51.18-meters.

The rest of the the Irish ran at the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif. Senior Adam Currie ran in the 800 with a time of 1:50.67, placing him eighth in the Big East standings. Senior Jake Watson finished third in the highly competitive 1,500 with a time of 3:43.39. Junior Patrick Smyth stayed consistent with a time of 13:46.73, finishing eighth.

The Irish resume action Saturday at both the Mississippi Open in Oxford, Miss., and the Spartan Invitational in East Lansing, Mich.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Stomach won't sideline PG Rose

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Memphis freshman sensation Derrick Rose had a stomach ailment that forced him to miss media sessions Sunday, but will play in the national championship game against Kansas on Monday night.

Rose received treatment from trainers instead of talking to reporters. Shortly after, the school released a statement

settling any doubt about his status.

Teammates weren't too worried.

"He eats Gummy Bears and Starburst for breakfast, and Twizzlers and Honey Buns for dinner. That's why his stomach hurts," fellow guard Chris Douglas-Roberts said. "We tell Derrick the whole year, 'Stop eating so many Gummy Bears and Sour Straws.' But he can't. ... Nobody eats Gummy Bears

more than him."

Sunday afternoon, Rose walked into a scheduled group interview with all the starters and coach John Calipari, then went over to Calipari and whispered something to him. They went into the hall together, then Calipari returned alone.

"He said his stomach was bothering him," Calipari said. "I told him to go back and see the trainer."



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Swagger

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instantaneous reaction to a positive play," Weis said.

Following that, the drill became more intense, and a couple of skirmishes even broke out. There was no major incident, as Weis allowed the pushing and shoving to run their course.

"Occasionally a fight breaks out, but sometimes a fight's not a bad thing, especially when it's not people cheap shooting or ripping off helmets or stuff like that," he said. "I think that they're starting to not only be more physical but more competitive as well."

Wide right

At the end of practice on Saturday, Irish kicker Brandon Walker missed his only field goal attempt of the day — only his second miss of the two dozen he has taken this spring.

Walker lined up to kick when Weis blew his whistle to simulate at timeout. Walker lined up again and the kick sailed wide right.

Weis said the reason he only allowed Walker to kick once was because it was the best way to imitate real game scenarios.

Weis took part of the blame for the miss because he did not give Walker a lot of notice that he was going to kick after practice.

"Kickers, you know they're a little different cats to start off with. If I had given him plenty of time and he was ready to go, you might have had a different result," he said.

OLYMPICS

Unrest in Tibet cause for concern

Associated Press

BEIJING — International Olympic Committee head Jacques Rogge said he was "very concerned" about unrest in Tibet, but downplayed talk of a boycott of the Beijing Games.

"I'm very concerned with the international situation and what's happening in Tibet," Rogge said Monday in Beijing.

"The torch relay has been targeted. The International Olympic Committee has expressed its serious concern and calls for a rapid peaceful resolution in Tibet," Rogge said in a brief speech at the meetings' opening ceremony.

China is facing rising criticism ahead of the August Olympics on issues from its crackdown on anti-government protests among Tibetans to its close relations with Sudan.

Demonstrators challenging China's policies in those areas tried to grab the Olympic torch and snuff out the flame as it passed through London on Sunday.

Rogge's comments were his strongest yet on the growing political storm surrounding the Games, underscoring rising concern over the potential that such protests would tarnish the Olympic movement.

Battered up

Three Irish players missed parts or all of practice due to injury on Saturday.

Tackle Matt Romine was banged up in practice last Wednesday and missed practice Friday and Saturday.

Tight ends Luke Schmidt and Mike Ragone both missed some drills due to injuries. Schmidt banged his head and had to sit out of some parts of the day and Ragone tweaked his ankle, Weis said.

Weis attributed the injuries to the fast-paced tempo he has run practices at this spring.

"You can see by the tempo, we're banging guys around pretty good," he said. "The tradeoff is you get more guys in the training room."

Team camaraderie

Weis continued with his team-building goals this spring by trying to lighten the mood.

Right tackle Sam Young fielded a punt against the second team coverage squad and returned it for about 15 yards

before Weis blew the play dead.

Weis also sat with some of the high school coaches at the practice (Saturday was also the coaches clinic) and watched the linebackers practice during individual workouts.

Even though Weis did want to keep the mood light, he said the team needs to know when to be serious and when not to.

"I wanted to make sure they can differentiate between how football coaches have to be on you and the fact that when they're on you they're trying to make you better, not on you just to be on you," Weis said. "And I think they're starting to get a better understanding of that."

"When it comes down to it, it still comes down to getting players to make plays. And I think as coaches, we have to put them in position to make plays and demand that they make them."

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Lefty

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Its namesake, Lefty Smith, was the first Notre Dame hockey coach of the modern era when he helped start the program in 1968. Smith was present for the announcement and was introduced by Greg Meredith, a former player under Smith and All-American in 1980.

The artist's rendering pictured the inside of a rectangular building with a lower, curved roof. The cavernous space of the current Joyce Center rink configuration was gone, replaced with seating wrapped tight along the ice and a video scoreboard in one corner.

White didn't release any new information on possible construction timelines or if the project was yet fully-funded. An anonymous donor gave \$15 million to the rink fund on Sept. 12, 2007.

The new rink's name was a surprise to Smith, who said he

realized something was up at the banquet when he saw members of the Boler family present. John and Mary Jo Boler were honored for their contributions toward funding the new rink at the banquet.

Smith told the audience that when he got to Notre Dame to coach, he was also charged with running the rink at a profit. Smith said he had no idea how to sharpen skates or drive a Zamboni, but he and longtime assistant coach Tim McNeill spent seven days a week at the rink learning to operate it.

They practiced driving the Zamboni on concrete, Smith said, but the off-ice training did little to make the first on-ice run any easier.

"We ran smack through the boards," Smith joked about the inaugural Zamboni drive.

Smith coached the Irish for 19 seasons until he retired in 1987 with 307 wins. He was named the WCHA coach of the year in 1972-73 and mentored six All-Americans for the Irish.

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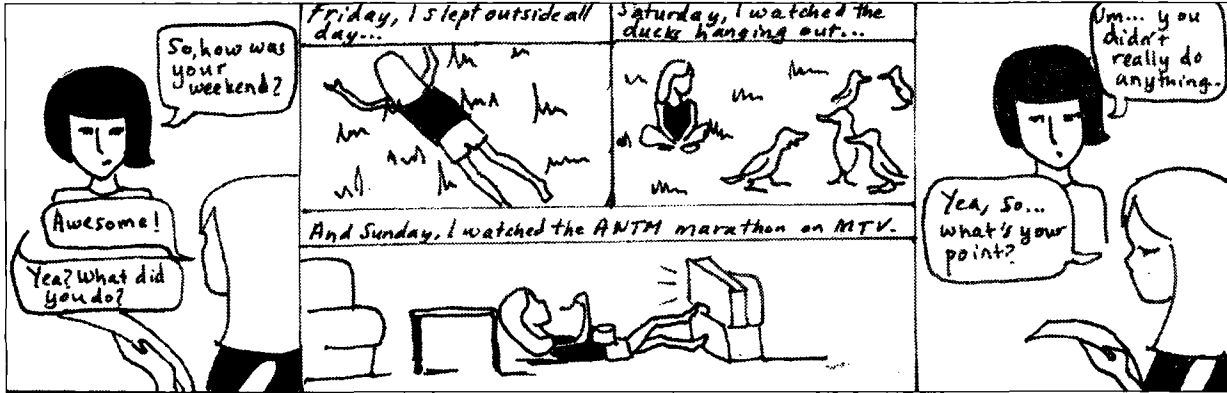
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- 1 Its eye may be part of a witch's brew

5 Daddy-o

9 Sleep soundly?

14 Popular cornstarch brand

15 "___ my word!"

16 Prenatal sites

17 Low-fat, as beef

18 Not on time

19 Business on the Internet

20 Polishing machines at an Ithaca campus?

23 CPR giver

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31 Puts into effect

35 Trustee group at an Atlanta campus?

38 Peel

39 Musical closings

40 Old Michael Jackson 'do

41 Zellweger of "Chicago"

42 In a bit

43 Thoroughfare at a New Orleans campus?

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51 Swiffer, e.g.

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66 Cross over?

67 Dance's partner

68 Let (up)
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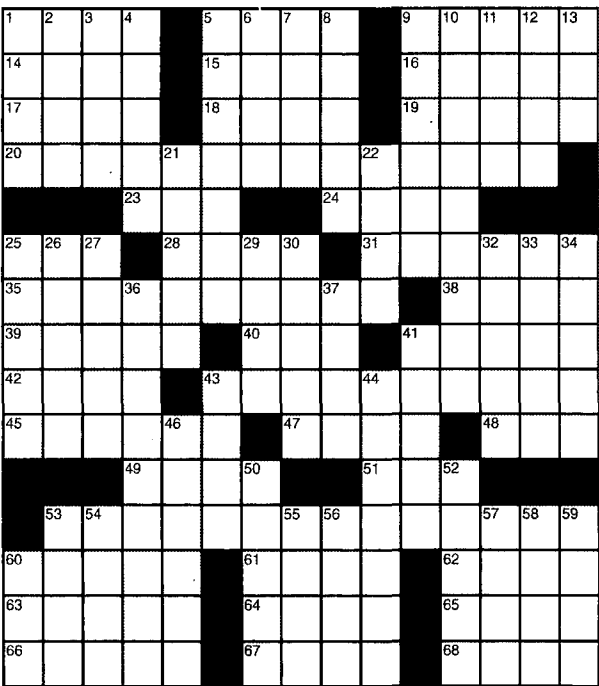
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Puzzle by Sarah Keller

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33 One of two choices on Halloween

34 Tournament favorites

36 Discovered by accident

37 A horse of a different color?

41 Towed items, sometimes

43 No ___ traffic

44 Conventioneer's wear

46 Close-fitting hats

50 French military hats

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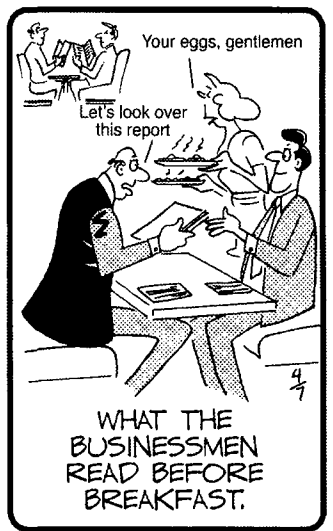
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by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek



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Happy Birthday: Don't let your emotions get the better of you this year. If you act on your impulses and not on facts, you will have to do a lot of explaining. Travel for business will pay off as long as you stick to work. Anger will get you nowhere but conservative action will lock you into something good. Your numbers are 6, 17, 20, 35, 37, 42

- ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You can move into a power position but do so graciously. If you brag or let your successes go to your head, you will not accomplish as much as you should. Problems while traveling are likely. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may want to interact with others but expect to face opposition if you do. Not everyone will agree with you and you could make matters worse by revealing too much regarding your position. Do things quietly by yourself. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can gain ground by taking action. Love is in your corner and getting involved in something you believe in will lead to meeting some spectacular people. Don't let someone you are close to burden you with his or her responsibilities. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You can expect to be criticized if you are complaining about your life, your job, your world. Instead of being all doom and gloom, choose to make a difference. If you don't like something, change it. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You can win any challenge that comes your way. Travel, communication and doing things you enjoy should all be penciled in. But don't take chances when it comes to physical encounters — injury is in the picture if you are careless. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put time aside to do the things you enjoy or to put your house in order. This is the wrong time to spend money or do costly renovations. It's a great time to pamper yourself. Keep things simple and enjoy the day. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll get all worked up if you let someone push you. Say no if you don't want to participate in something. A creative outlet will do more for you than bending to someone else's demands. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take aggressive action and you will reach your goals. Physical activities will inspire you to take on more. Keep your eyes open for anyone who may try to block you. Separate your emotions from what needs to be done. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): With a couple of simple changes you can make your surroundings comfortable and inspirational. Consider working from home or starting a home-based business. Making a little extra on the side will come in handy. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Slow down before you do some damage you can't reverse. Someone may be out to make your life miserable. If you have secrets, don't reveal them. It won't take much for someone to spill the beans and get you in trouble. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A new idea will spark renewed enthusiasm in something you wanted to do a long time ago. The future looks bright and, as long as you follow through and do the work yourself, you will be in control and have no regrets. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You may feel like jumping from one thing to another but, before you do, consider how it will make you look. You want to give the impression that you are stable and secure, not unpredictable or unreasonable. Accomplish something that shows talent. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are aggressive, determined and hard working. You are a strong competitor and don't give up or give in to anyone or anything. You are colorful and outgoing.

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BASEBALL

Bring out the broomsticks

Notre Dame sweeps three-game weekend set against Rutgers

By MICHAEL BRYAN,
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Sports Writers

The weekend got progressively easier for Notre Dame as the Irish swept Rutgers in a three-game series at Frank Eck Stadium. Notre Dame fought hard to win 7-5 Friday before blowing out the Scarlet Knights on Saturday and Sunday by identical 11-2 scores.

Irish 7, Scarlet Knights 5

The Irish got home runs from

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Senior shortstop Brett Lilley makes the throw to first base during Notre Dame's 7-5 victory over Rutgers Friday.

HOCKEY

Future rink named for ex-coach

By KYLE CASSILY
Senior Sports Writer

Athletic Director Kevin White announced Sunday that the new ice arena to be built inside the Joyce Center will be called the Charles W. "Lefty" Smith, Jr., Rink.

White unveiled the rink's name at the hockey team's annual awards banquet held before a large crowd in the Mendoza College of Business auditorium. The announcement was accompanied by an artist's rendering of the arena's possible design.

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FOOTBALL

Weis sees team developing swagger in spring

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

At the beginning of the spring, Irish coach Charlie Weis said he wanted his team to play with more swagger. After Saturday's open practice, he elaborated on the building blocks to that goal — confidence, passion and emotion.

Weis said getting players to play with these three things is imperative to move past last season's 3-9 record. But more importantly, he said he has seen this growing.

"So the two things that we're trying to emphasize the most, they're starting to get. It's a slow process, but we're making some strides," he said.

Weis reiterated that gaining confidence stems from making plays. But he added that, since the team has started practice, he has seen growing confidence in a larger number of

players than before.

"Not the whole team, but there are guys [playing with confidence]," Weis said. "Ultimately, you are trying to get enough of them where it becomes the whole team."

Weis said he tries to work with the players who need more confidence building this spring. For example, he said he never has to worry about the confidence of linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr., and safety David Bruton. But he also said cornerback Gary Gray, who missed all of last season with a broken arm, has started making good plays in practice this spring and is gaining the confidence needed to be a good player.

Weis said passion and emotion go hand-in-hand in trying to rev up his young team. He said that, with any young team, these things have to be explicitly taught so the players understand what they need to do.

Weis said he is trying to avoid the "deer-in-the-headlights" style of play that many young players fall victim to.

"I think there were a lot of times with a fairly young and inexperienced look, that you get that 'deer-in-the-headlights' look. They freeze. And not that they freeze in the game, but you don't see that same passion and emotion," he said.

Weis' plan to coach emotion this spring became most evident Saturday during the "Irish Eyes" drill, a modified "Oklahoma" where an offensive and defensive lineman square off with a running back trying to make it past the defender.

After one big defensive play in the drill, Weis said the celebration afterward had to be immediate and genuine.

"This can't be something that's faked. It should be an

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Wide receivers George West, left, and David Grimes run through drills during a practice last week.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish lose heartbreaker on Denver's last-minute goal

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

No. 19 Denver scored a goal in the final minute of play to defeat the No. 7 Irish (7-2, 1-1 GWLL) 9-8 this Saturday in Bridgeville, Ill. The loss broke Notre Dame's eight-game GWLL winning streak that dated back to the 2007 season.

"I feel like we played a very good first half and a very poor second half. We were up 6-2 in the first half and it should have been a bigger lead then," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "In my mind it's a matter of us not taking advantage of our oppor-

tunities offensively."

Junior attack Ryan Hoff led the team with three goals followed by sophomore midfielder Grant Krebs, who earned two scores in the contest. Senior goaltender Joey Kemp tied a career-high 13 saves on the game.

Notre Dame is now 7-2 on the season with a 1-1 record in league play.

The effective Irish offense allowed the team to jump out to an early 6-1 lead over the Pioneers in the first half. Krebs scored the first Irish goal of the game followed by junior attack Duncan Swezey and Hoff. With a 3-0 lead, Denver's Jamie Lincoln

scored the first of his three goals at the end of the first quarter.

Senior midfielder Michael Podgajny scored at the beginning of the second quarter to begin another 3-0 run for the Irish. Following Podgajny, Hoff and Krebs each earned their second goals of the day. The Pioneers junior defenseman Mike Anderson scored the final goal of the half beginning Denver's five-goal run and making the score 6-2.

The Pioneers offense surged during the second half. Lincoln scored the first goal of the period, followed by goals from senior attack Brett Koll and sopho-

more midfielder John Dickenson. With only four minutes remaining in the third quarter, the Pioneers tied the game at six apiece with a goal from junior attack Cliff Smith.

Notre Dame junior midfielder Dan Gibson then scored a goal, allowing the Irish to retake the lead, but another goal from Smith just before the end of the quarter resulted in a 7-7 tie at the end of the quarter.

With 9:26 remaining, Hoff earned his final goal of the game, giving the Irish an 8-7 lead, but Lincoln completed his hat trick shortly after, and again the game was tied. With 40 seconds remaining sophomore mid-

fielder Ilija Gajic scored a goal, giving the Pioneers a 9-8 edge over the Irish.

"We've continued to give up some soft goals and had some soft turnovers throughout the season," Corrigan said. "We've gotten away with it with other teams but didn't this weekend."

The Irish have a week off and will return to the play April 18 against Quinnipiac.

"[The weekend off] will give us a chance to regroup and assess where we are and get back to work on things both individually and as a team," Corrigan said.

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