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University announces tech park

Midwest Academy for Nanoelectronics and Architecture will bring technology, jobs to area

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

Notre Dame is taking big steps in the development of small things — very small.

Local, national and University officials as well as executives from IBM and the Semiconductor Research Corporation met Tuesday afternoon on the 14th floor of the Hesburgh Library to announce the opening of a nanotechnology consortium on Notre Dame's campus.

The research center, called the Midwest Academy for Nanoelectronics and Architecture (MANA), is a part of a nationwide effort to develop nanotechnology that aims to optimize performance capabilities of computer devices.

Officials chose Notre Dame for MANA because it is a prime Midwest capital for research initiatives.

"Notre Dame has a [long] history in work with nanotechnology," Dennis Brown, assistant vice president for news and information, said.

Brown was joined at the conference by Indiana governor Mitch Daniels, Indiana speaker of the House Pat Bauer, Congressman Joe Donnelly, D-South Bend, South Bend mayor Steve Lueke, Purdue University interim provost Vic Lechtenberg, University vice president for research Robert Bernhard, and University President Fr. John Jenkins.

The research consortium at Notre Dame will work in partnership with Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., according to Daniels. Roughly a third of the research will take place at Purdue.

The entire budget for the

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S.B. police chase man to campus

Man in possession of cocaine flees from road

By JOSEPH McMAHON
Assistant News Editor

Police continued searching for a man who fled from his vehicle on the Toll Road and eluded police during a chase through Notre Dame's campus early Sunday morning.

A traffic scanner described the man as a black male wearing a white shirt and he was said to be in possession of about three grams of cocaine.

According to the South Bend Tribune, the Indiana State Police conducted a comprehensive search of the area, including using a K-9 unit, to track the suspect. The man was last seen near the Morris Inn.

Phil Johnson, director of Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) said NDSP assisted in the search, but refused to comment further.

"We were asked to assist another police agency and offered that assistance in looking for someone who had fled from them," he said. "That person was not located. [Any more information] would have to be gotten from the Indiana State Police."

The Indiana State Police said they were not prepared to comment when The Observer contacted

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Student discusses violence

College senior shares experience of abuse

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Saint Mary's senior social work major Connie Adams explained the cycle of violence and the way women think in abusive relationships during a lecture in Vander Vennet Theater Tuesday.

Adams drew on her internship at the YWCA center for domestic violence victims to try to portray the realities of violence in relationships to those in attendance.

In a brief overview Adams explained that two to four women are physically abused and between the ages of 18-64 one in four women will have been abused.

Abuse can be done in many forms, she said. It can be physical (shoving, blocking exits rape), verbal (yelling, sarcasm, insults), emotional (stalking, ignoring, mind games), sexual and financial.

Adams also addressed the issue of gender in abusive relationships.

"I am going to be referring to the abuser as 'he' and the victim as 'she' because in 90 percent of the cases the women are the victim," Adams said.

In most abusive relationships the beginning is very normal, she said, due to feelings of new, exciting attraction. But, Adams said things change when the abuser starts asking questions, such as who the victim is going to be with, where she is going, what she is doing, what she is wearing, that may not seem abusive at first but ultimately are possessive.

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Visitors protest Monologues

Catholic action group believes play conflicts with Church's morals

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

A group of 11 protested the presence of the Vagina Monologues being performed this week on Notre Dame's campus at the intersection of Notre Dame Avenue and Angela Boulevard Tuesday March 25.

The protesters came from the Tradition, Family and Property (TFP) student action group, and were led by the group's director, John Ritchie. None of the protesters were from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross College.

"We are volunteers," said Ritchie, explaining the group drove from Pennsylvania to protest. He said the protesters are on spring break from Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Institute.

"What really motivates us to protest is our Catholic faith," Ritchie said. "Being faithful to the moral teachings of the Church is so important to us that anytime we see something opposing it, we

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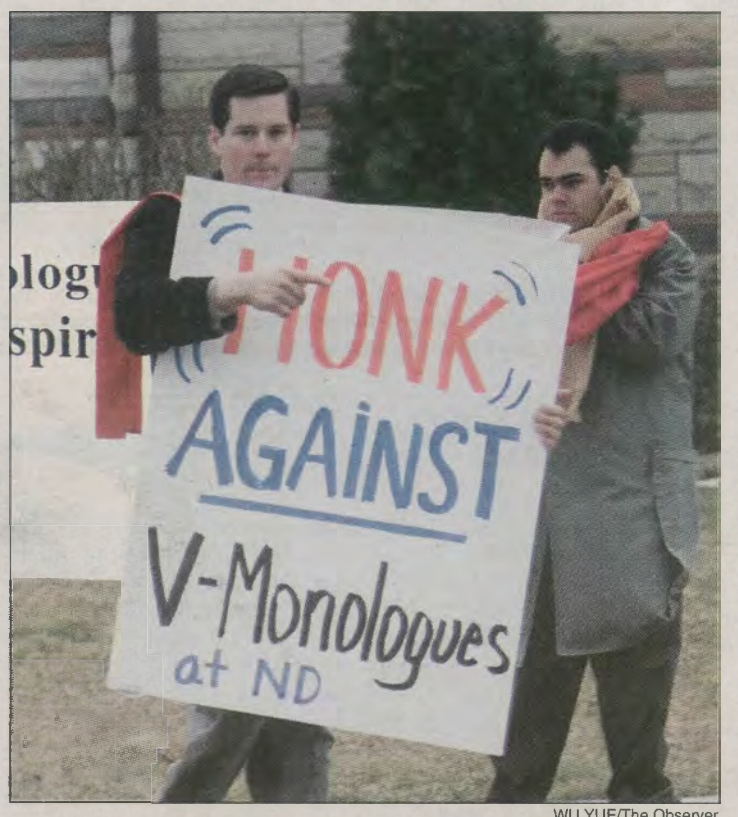

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Members of the Tradition, Family and Property student action group protest the Vagina Monologues' production Tuesday.

SMC students attend conference in Dubai

Photo courtesy of Adriana Rodriguez

Students pose with former White House correspondent Helen Thomas at the Women's Global Leaders Conference in Dubai March 12.

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

While many students were basking on a beach or visiting family members over spring break, five Saint Mary's students were preparing to attend a leadership conference at Zayed University in Dubai, one of the seven United Arab Emirates.

Seniors Sarita Fritzler and Chelsea Iverson, juniors Becki Faunce and Sarah Barnes, and sophomore Adriana Rodriguez joined over 2000 delegates from universities throughout the world at the Women as Global Leaders Conference which ran March 10-12.

The group spent nine days in the country with their advisor Joy Evans, the assistant director for scholarship and research at the Center for Women's InterCultural Leadership (CWIL) visiting mosques, historical sites, and the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding along with attending the conference.

Rodriguez said she and the others who attended the conference are all involved in different ways

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Inside Column

Trouble on God Quad

John Tierney
News Production Editor

Sorin is not a residence of war (or a residence for Ares, either — if you know your Greek mythology).

We are not mercenaries seeking a fight at every available avenue, nor are we expansionist territory-mongers (but don't touch our Bond backyard).

We are peace-loving Otters, seeking naught but life, liberty, and happiness Everyone knows this; Sorin's disposition is sunnier than Honolulu on Tuesdays in July between the hours of four and seven in the afternoon.

But our good nature has its limits. There are those on this campus who would take advantage of our kindly disposition to usurp our property and sully our reputation. They attack our very way of life and openly disdain those virtues we hold dear. They have committed egregious offenses directed at Sorin College for generations, with no signs of stopping and without action on our behalf.

There comes a time in every Otter's life where he must stand up and fight for that in which he believes, though he might not understand it. That time is now (actually two days ago, but this is the earliest we could get it in The Observer).

No longer will we be held prisoner to the whims of a dictatorial regime simply out of our own chivalry and love of lazing around the house. While they have the advantage of numbers, we are superior to them in experience, wisdom, and swimming abilities.

There will be casualties: dignities will be crushed, feelings tweaked, and maybe even a few contusions. But can we go on living as we live now? Going through our daily routines as if nothing is wrong, while knowing all the while of the wholesale oppression of our people being perpetrated by a group of smelly girls?

They must see the consequences. They must see what they get. They must see what they get when they mess with the otters. And though they might be wild women, we are screaming otters. And otters never give up.

Our resolve will be put to the test, but we shall prevail over the tyranny we face.

And then we shall dance.

With this document, therefore, we men of Sorin College hereby declare war on Walsh Hall.

Premier Soriano will be given all chances to yield sovereignty, but this cession need be timely (and for our own purposes, only digital clocks will be used). At 0900 hours tomorrow (that means sometime around noon, if you can't read army time), vanguard forces will mobilize, and the annexation of Walsh Hall will be inevitable, unstoppable, irreversible, unceasing, and kind of sexy... in an otter kind of way.

In closing, please understand that we are really, really serious and if you don't believe us, you should ask somebody from Sorin.

Signed,
The Otters

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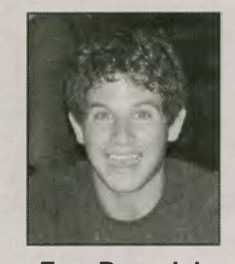
CORRECTIONS

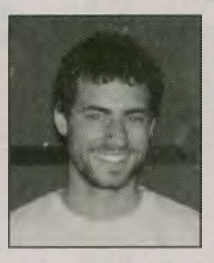
The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

Question of the Day: *If the Huddle could sell anything, what would you want it to sell and why?*



Tom Banasiak
freshman
Knott

"Bouncy balls, because they keep on giving."



Aaron Martinuzzi
senior
off-campus

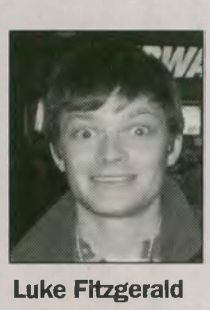
"Alcohol, tobacco and firearms, so the ATF will stop sending me letters about international transactions."

Leah Miller
junior
Lewis

"Wool socks — for the days when weather.com is wrong."

Jenni Fong
senior
Pangborn

"Stamps so they stop asking for them here at the info desk."



Luke Fitzgerald
junior
Keough

"Beer, so we can use Domer Dollars and Flex points instead of our own money."

IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

George Mason band director Michael Nickens, aka "Doc Nix," demonstrates that pimpin' ain't easy, but it's necessary during halftime of the Notre Dame-George Mason basketball game on Saturday in the Pepsi Center in Denver, Colo.

Offbeat

Man declared dead feels 'pretty good'

OKLAHOMA CITY — Four months after he was declared brain dead and doctors were about to remove his organs for transplant, Zach Dunlap says he feels "pretty good."

Dunlap was pronounced dead Nov. 19 at United Regional Healthcare System in Wichita Falls, Texas, after he was injured in an all-terrain vehicle accident. His family approved having his organs harvested.

As family members were paying their last respects, he moved his foot and hand. He reacted to a pocketknife scraped across his foot and to pressure applied under a fingernail. After 48 days in the hospital, he was allowed to return home, where he continues to work on his recovery.

On Monday, he and his family were in New York, appearing on NBC's "Today."

"I feel pretty good. but it's just hard ... just ain't got the patience," Dunlap told NBC.

Man drives two cars into post office

RAVENDEN SPRINGS, Ark. — Not only the postman rings twice. A Jackson County man remained in jail Monday after he drove two cars into the post office in Ravenden Springs.

Randolph County Sheriff Gary Tribble said Glenn Irvin Sparling, 65, drove one vehicle into the post office on Sunday, and fled the scene. The sheriff told Jonesboro television station KAIT that the car stopped running. So Sparling went home and got another vehicle, a red antique sports car, and started driving back to the post office.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

In Brief

Notre Dame's **College Democrats** will host a **question and answer session** with presidential candidate Hillary Clinton's daughter **Chelsea Clinton** and actor **Sean Astin today** at **10:30 a.m.** in **Legends restaurant.**

Christian Quendler will discuss **"Theory in Motion: Media Blends in Vachel Lindsay's The Art of the Moving Picture (1915/22)"**, a lecture examining the pioneering American film theorist Vachel Lindsay's foundational role in the development of a theoretical framework for the study of film at the beginning of the twentieth century **today** at **4:30 p.m.** in **119 O'Shaughnessy Hall.**

There will be **information sessions** regarding the **Irish Guard tonight** and **tomorrow** at **7 p.m.** in the **Band Building**. All students are welcome.

A group of advanced students from the **Department of Music** will give a **short classical concert** in **Penote Performers Hall** in **DeBartolo Performing Arts Center** on **Thursday** at **12:10 p.m.** Admission is free, but tickets are required.

Breen-Phillips Hall is hosting the fifth annual **Princess for a Night** event **Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Donated prom dresses will be given to local girls who attend the event at the **College Football Hall of Fame.**

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	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Spanish, Sociology clubs ask for trip funds

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
News Writer

Two co-sponsorships were presented at the Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Tuesday evening as representatives from the Sociology Department and Spanish Club attended the meeting to ask BOG to help fund some of their upcoming events

Nicole Loughridge, a senior in the sociology department, asked for money to help fund attendance for her and four students at the North Central Sociology Association (NCSA) Conference, March 27-29 in Cincinnati, Ohio, with three other seniors. Three of the students are going to present their senior comprehensives, two of which have already won prizes.

"That is exciting for Saint Mary's as a whole," Loughridge said.

The seniors will be showing their comprehensives to sociology professionals and students from colleges from seven different states in the Midwest.

Since 2004, Saint Mary's has been awarded the first, second or third place prize, Loughridge said. The women attending want to gain recognition for Saint Mary's

Junior Spanish Club treasurer Becca Mason was also at Tuesday's meeting in search of funds for a symposium the club is setting up for gender bias. The symposium will take place on Oct. 2-3.

The club will be showing a film on the first day along with several guest speakers on both days. Professors from Rutgers University and Ohio State, as well as professors from Saint Mary's, will speak. Topics will range from the effect the Iraq war has on women, the displacement of women in Africa and the trafficking of women in Eastern Europe, Mason said.

In other BOG news:

◆Mickey Gruscinski, the student body president-elect, and Sarah Falvey, the student body vice president-elect attended the meeting in preparation for the turnover at next Tuesday's meeting.

◆Cassie Quaglia, president of the Residence Hall Association, said Le Mans Hall will be selling sweatshirts in the Student Center Atrium during lunch and dinner.

◆Student body president Kim Hodges said there will be birthday cake in the Student Center Atrium Wednesday at 11 a.m. through lunch for Feb. and March birthdays. Everyone is welcome to help themselves.

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on campus through different student government groups and they all plan on incorporating the things they learned through those organizations and in their classes.

Barnes agreed with her and said that she has already begun to share her experiences with her Critical Issues in Mass Communications course.

"We all definitely plan on implementing what we learned at Saint Mary's," Barnes said. "I'm talking to my class about what I observed about the media in Dubai."

Each of the women who attended the conference are applicants for the new CWIL Certificate for Intercultural Learning which debuted this year.

"For the last couple years we've really been developing the structure and process [of the certificate]," said Evans, who is also one of the key leaders of the program. The leaders did work on the certificate for about two years until they were ready to run what she called a "pilot year."

Participants of the program are required to attend a kick-off retreat, peer-mentoring meetings, advising meetings, the capstone retreat, and mentoring meetings with an international leader and a local community leader. There is also a study abroad requirement, 50 hours of community-based service required, and a catalyst trip, also according to the certificate's Web site.

All this must then be included in an inclusive leadership project and finally in the e-portfolio, according to the Web site. The portfolio highlights students' experiences studying abroad, reflection papers, power points, video clips, and digital essays, Evans said.

"It's the idea that they're practicing their leadership and they're practicing the values of the certificate program, as well," she said.

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Joy Evans
Program advisor

Evans said that while studying abroad is a requirement of receiving the certificate attending a conference of this magnitude is not.

"This group of students got together and decided that they wanted to go to the conference," Evans said. "It was not paid for by the [certificate] program at all."

The group received most of its funding from CWIL, but also wrote grant proposals to the Board of Governance and Student Diversity Board.

Rodriguez said it took a couple of months to prepare for the trip because they had to get the grants in order and then study the culture and language of Dubai through several documents that the group read.

Barnes said the group also talked to the mother of another Saint Mary's student who is from Morocco.

"[The mother] talked to us about the culture and taught us basic Arabic phrases, which was so helpful," she said. "When we were in Dubai, we knew what to expect a lot of the time because of all the advice she gave us."

Barnes said she learned a lot at the conference but the most important thing she learned was to try to be less ethnocentric.

"[The conference] taught me to understand a culture before trying to 'help' them," Barnes said. "People are often too ethnocentric and quick to impose their values on other cultures. A mutual understanding has to be reached before you can make any progress."

Rodriguez said the trip was very informative and she is going to try to focus on people's similarities rather than differences in the future.

"No matter what your culture, religion, ethnicity or background we all have so many things in common with one another," she said.

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Center for Asian Studies, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, East Asian Languages & Cultures, and the Provost Office's Asia Initiatives Present:

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Introduction and Q&A following the film by Emily Liu, Notre Dame alumna and the film's producer and actress

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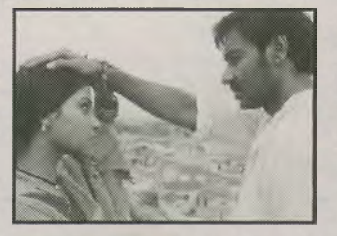

Omkara (2006)
Hindi and Assamese languages with English subtitles
Saturday, 3/29 at 10:00 p.m.

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Toll Road

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them Tuesday.

Freshman Khai Thomas, who fit the description of the suspect, said NDSP asked him several questions in connection with the case at 3 a.m. on Sunday morning.

"I was coming from the basement of Alumni Hall with a couple friends of mine when I saw a couple police officers walking through the hall," he said. "They followed me to my room and asked me to come out of my room. The proceeded to question me for five or ten minutes."

> *"From what they said they were looking for a black male wearing jeans and a white shirt, possibly a do-rag."*
>
> **Khai Thomas**
> **Freshman**

Thomas said officers asked to see his student ID and if he was outside recently.

"From what they said they were looking for a black male wearing jeans and a white shirt, possibly a do-rag," he said. "That's all they gave me."

After realizing that Thomas was a University student, NDSP allowed him to return to his room.

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Wednesday, March 26

7:00-8:30 p.m.

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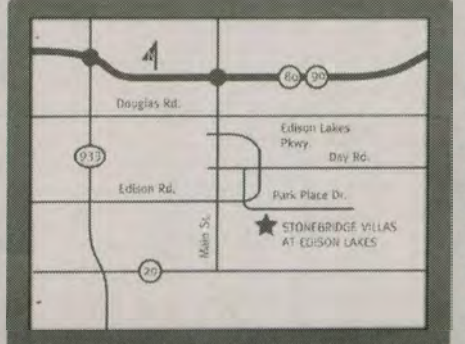

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WORLD & NATION

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

At least 9 killed in drug shootout

GUATEMALA CITY — Police say at least nine people have been killed and seven wounded in a shootout in eastern Guatemala that is likely tied to drug traffickers.

Interior Ministry spokesman Ricardo Gatica Trejo says the nine people killed were apparently ambushed Tuesday in the town of Teculutan.

Trejo says police have arrested three Mexicans and three Guatemalans who were carrying an arsenal of automatic rifles and grenades near the shootout. Investigators are still trying to determine if those arrested are linked to the attack.

Saudi king calls for religious dialogue

RIYADH — The Saudi king has made an impassioned plea for dialogue among Muslims, Christians and Jews — the first such proposal from a nation with no diplomatic ties to Israel and a ban on non-Muslim religious services and symbols.

The message from King Abdullah, which was welcomed by Jewish, Christian and Muslim leaders, comes at a time of stalled peace initiatives and escalating tensions in the region.

Muslims have been angered by cartoons published in European papers seen as insulting the Prophet Muhammad and by the pope's baptizing on Easter of a Muslim journalist who had converted to Catholicism.

The arrests ended an ordeal that began Monday morning with a botched bank robbery in this town southeast of Caracas. The hostage standoff at the Banco Provincial branch was the longest in at least a decade in Venezuela.had stopped active work on a nuclear weapons program in 2003.

NATIONAL NEWS

Crews rid water of salmonella bacteria

ALAMOSA, Colo. — Crews started pumping chlorine through this southern Colorado city's water system Tuesday to rid it of salmonella bacteria that has sickened nearly 250 people.

Residents will not be able to drink the water until the last of the disinfecting chemical washes out of the water system, possibly a couple of weeks, officials said. Bathing with it may be allowed within a couple of days.

Dozens seriously injured in train crash

CANTON, Mass. — A train car loaded with lumber hit a stationary commuter train during the Tuesday afternoon rush hour, injuring dozens of people, authorities said.

About 50 people reported mostly minor injuries, and 10 passengers and crew members were taken to hospitals, said Scott Farmelant, a spokesman for Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail. He said he did not know the extent of those injuries.

The commuter train's locomotive was not moving when it was hit by a CSX freight car that had rolled from a branch onto a main track south of Boston, said Joe Pesaturo, spokesman for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. The commuter train's engineer was among those injured, he said.

LOCAL NEWS

Man charged with murder to go on trial

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indianapolis man charged with killing two women and their children during an attempted drug robbery was scheduled Tuesday to go to trial next year.

Thirty-year-old Ronald L. Davis was scheduled to go on trial on Oct. 5, 2009, for murder and other charges connected to the Jan. 14 shooting deaths of Andrea Yarrell and Gina Hunt, both 24, and their children, 4-month-old Charlii Yarrell and 23-month-old Jordan Hunt.

Marion Superior Court Judge Mark D. Stoner also scheduled a June 23 trial date for Tommy Warren, 24, who was charged with conspiracy to commit robbery in connection with the killings.

Three other men facing charges in the slayings were negotiating possible plea agreements with prosecutors, said David Wyser, the chief trial deputy for the Marion County prosecutor's office.

Accident kills 2 workers, injures 5

Crane plummets 30 floors on a construction site, smashing nearby home

Associated Press

MIAMI — A 20-foot-long chunk of construction crane plummeted 30 floors at the site of a high-rise condominium Tuesday, killing two workers and smashing into a home that the contractor used for storage, police said.

Five other workers were injured, one critically, at the site of the 40-plus-story luxury condo tower on Biscayne Bay.

The part that fell was a section workers had been raising to extend the equipment's reach, Miami fire spokesman Ignatius Carroll said. The crane's main vertical section was intact.

The section smashed through the Spanish-tiled roof of the two-story home, which Moss said had been used in the 1998 comedy film "There's Something About Mary."

Emergency workers and dogs found no evidence of trapped victims, but fire officials said rescue efforts were hampered because the crane section remained unstable. Rescue workers were trying to secure a severely damaged wall before reentering the house to check for anyone inside.

David Martinez, 31, a pipe fitter, was on the fourth floor of the condo tower eating lunch when the crash occurred.

"It was like a small earthquake," he said. "We looked outside, and we couldn't even see." It took several minutes for the dust to clear, Martinez said.

One of those killed died in the house, and the other died at a hospital, police spokesman Delrish Moss said.

Mary Costello, a senior vice president for Bovis Lend Lease Holdings Inc., which was managing the construction, said the accident occurred when a subcontractor tried to raise the crane section and it came loose.

AP

An injured worker lies on the ground after a crane fell from a Miami construction site Tuesday.

The company is cooperating with investigators, she said.

"Our hearts are heavy at this moment for the two deceased individuals, including one of our own employees and the additional injured workers," she said in a statement.

The subcontractor, Morrow Equipment Co., and the tower developer, Royal Palms Communities, did not return phone messages seeking comment.

The U.S. Office of Safety and Health Administration had two investigators at the site.

Darlene Fossum, an area director for the agency, said Bovis Lend Lease had partnered with OSHA in the past and was considered a company that went "above and beyond" in terms of safety and health.

Fossum added that OSHA issued five violations against Morrow in a December 1999 incident in Florida, but those mostly involved problems with digging and not cranes. The Salem, Ore.-based company has faced 15 inspections nationwide.

The state of Florida does not license or regulate tower cranes or crane operators, but bills moving through both houses of the Legislature would change that.

In 2006, a fatal crane accident in Miami-Dade County prompted local officials to work with industry leaders on an ordinance that would beef up inspections and safety measures for lifting cranes. The law is to go into effect Friday.

Tuesday's accident came 10 days after a 20-story crane toppled at a New York construction site, killing seven people. The crane demolished a four-story town house and damaged several other buildings.

IRAQ

Troops fight Shiite militia for control of oil

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's leaders faced their gravest challenge in months Tuesday as Shiite militiamen loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr battled government forces for control of the southern oil capital, fought U.S. and Iraqi troops in Baghdad and unleashed rockets on the Green Zone.

Armed Mahdi Army militiamen appeared on some Baghdad streets for the first time in more than six months, as al-Sadr's followers announced a nationwide campaign of strikes and demonstrations to protest a government crackdown on their movement. Merchants shuttered their shops in commercial districts in several Baghdad neighborhoods.

U.S. and Iraqi troops backed by helicopters fought Shiite militiamen in Baghdad's Sadr City district after the local office of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Dawa Party came under attack, the U.S. said. Residents of the area reported intermittent explosions and gunfire in the area late Tuesday.

An American soldier was killed in fighting Tuesday afternoon in Baghdad, the U.S. military said. No further details were released, and it was unclear whether Shiite militiamen were responsible.

Although all sides appeared reluctant to trigger a conflagration, Brig. Gen. Ed Cardon, assistant commander of the U.S. task force operating south of Baghdad, said the situation in the south was "very complicated" and "the potential for miscalculation is high."

The burgeoning crisis — part of an intense power struggle among Shiite political factions — has major implications for the United States. An escalation could unravel the cease-fire which al-Sadr proclaimed last August. A resumption of fighting by his militia could kill more U.S. soldiers and threaten — at least in the short run — the security gains Washington has hailed as a sign that Iraq is on the road to recovery.

The confrontation will also test the skill and resolve of Iraq's Shiite-led government in dealing with Shiite militias, with whom the national leadership had maintained close ties.

Abuse

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"Maybe she has a big midterm to study for and she needs to leave and he blocks her exit or pulls her back on the futon — it's the little acts," Adams said.

The abuse may just start with a slap across the face then an immediate apology. The women tend to look past that though.

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Adams related everything she said to the three-step "cycle of violence."

The first step is the "honeymoon" phase, she said. The abuser apologizes for the violence, he promises to go to counseling and sometimes purchases gifts for the woman.

Following that stage is the "tension building" stage, she said. The abuser uses jealousy as a weapon and belittles the person and attacks their self-esteem.

"Many women want to speed up the tension building phase because that is worse than the actual abuse", according to Adams. "Women are nurturing and want to tame the lion so they might instigate the abuse."

The final stage is the "explosion" phase, an extreme increase in physical, verbal or sexual abuse with threats to kill or harm, Adams said.

Often times the honeymoon phase is shortened and the explosion phase is longer as the abuse continues.

Adams said that abuse is about power and control.

"Men play mind games," said Adams, giving the example of a woman leaving their keys in a dish next to the door, the man taking the keys and then acting like he has no idea where they are. When the woman is in another room looking for them, he would then put the keys back and act like they were there the whole time.

In retrospect the abuser knows what he is doing, she said.

"He is always damaging her stuff because he knows it will hurt her more," Adams said.

She also said that anyone can be an abuser because there is not a correct stereotype of what men will abuse a woman.

"It does not matter what size, class or color," she said. "Abusers can be charismatic, intelligent, and religious but they can also be manipulative and justified in that what they do is always ok."

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Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
2,213	84	1,137	4,184,996,414

AMEX	2,233.41	3.78
NASDAQ	2,341.05	14.30
NYSE	8,936.23	-76.62
S&P 500	1,352.99	3.11
NIKKEI (Tokyo)	12,745.22	0.00
FTSE 100 (London)	5,689.10	193.90

COMPANY	%CHANGE	$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECIEIPTS (SPY)	+0.10	+0.13	134.85
SIRIUS SATELLITE (SIRI)	-1.90	-0.06	3.09
FINANCIAL SEL (XLF	-0.30	-0.08	26.58
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	+0.25	+0.25	44.83

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.85	-0.030	3.492
13-WEEK BILL	+23.65	+0.240	1.255
30-YEAR BOND	-0.30	-0.013	4.299
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.27	-0.007	2.593

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl.)	+0.36	101.22
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YEN	101.1100
EURO	0.6390
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IN BRIEF

Fed auctions $50 billion to ease crisis

WASHINGTON — Fighting to ease a dangerous credit crisis, the Federal Reserve has provided a total of $260 billion in short-term loans to squeezed banks since December to help them overcome credit problems.

The central bank on Tuesday announced the results of its most recent auction — the eighth since the program started in December — where commercial banks bid to get a slice of $50 billion in short-term loans.

It's part of an ongoing effort by the central bank to provide relief to a spreading credit crunch that has unnerved financial markets. The situation threatens to push the country into a deep recession. Counting the latest auction results announced Tuesday, the Fed has provided a total of $260 billion in short-term loans to banks since December.

In the most recent auction — which marked the eighth — commercial banks paid an interest rate of 2.615 percent, the lowest rate for any of the auctions of this kind conducted so far.

Housing price drop continues trend

NEW YORK — Home prices plunged by record levels in January from a year ago, with almost no major cities immune from the spiraling market. Analysts worried that even the usually reliable spring selling season would fall flat.

The closely watched Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller index of home prices in 20 cities fell nearly 11 percent in January from a year earlier, the biggest drop in its two-decade history.

Prices were down about 20 percent in Las Vegas and Miami, both paying the price for especially rampant speculation and too much new construction during the housing boom. Fourteen other cities posted record declines in the Tuesday report.

The only bright spot was a 1.8 percent increase in Charlotte, N.C., where real estate agents say prices rose more modestly during the boom years and the regional economy is relatively strong.

Argentina farmers prolong strike

President vows to not give into concessions on 45 percent export tax hike

Associated Press

AP

A farmer blocks the road in Tandil, Argentina, Tuesday. As a part of the farmbelt strike farmers and ranchers are blockading highways and dumping crops.

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But Fernandez appeared undeterred as she delivered a televised address later in the evening. Vowing not to "give in to extortion," the new president declared that her government will not grant any concessions to the striking farm and ranch workers.

Fernandez said farm producers have profited from a boom in commodity prices and it is only fair to tax them more to redistribute wealth to poorer parts of society. "This seems like ... comedy," she said.

Rural workers beat pots and pans in rural communities on the farming pampas to protest the president's speech. Others lit tires on fire after nightfall on blockaded roads and vowed to stiffen their protests.

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The farmers are demanding to sit down and negotiate a rollback on the new taxes, which Buzzi calls "extortion" against farmers. The government says it won't start talks until the protests stop.

Rising food prices bring hunger, riots

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — If you're seeing your grocery bill go up, you're not alone.

From subsistence farmers eating rice in Ecuador to gourmets feasting on escargot in France, consumers worldwide face rising food prices in what analysts call a perfect storm of conditions. Freak weather is a factor. But so are dramatic changes in the global economy, including higher oil prices, lower food reserves and growing consumer demand in China and India.

The world's poorest nations still harbor the greatest hunger risk. Clashes over bread in Egypt killed at least two people last week, and similar food riots broke out in Burkina Faso and Cameroon this month.

But food protests now crop up even in Italy. And while the price of spaghetti has doubled in Haiti, the cost of miso is packing a hit in Japan.

"It's not likely that prices will go back to as low as we're used to," said Abdolreza Abbassian, economist and secretary of the Intergovernmental Group for Grains for the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. "Currently if you're in Haiti, unless the government is subsidizing consumers, consumers have no choice but to cut consumption. It's a very brutal scenario, but that's what it is."

No one knows that better than Eugene Thermilon, 30, a Haitian day laborer who can no longer afford pasta to feed his wife and four children since the price nearly doubled to $0.57 a bag. Their only meal on a recent day was two cans of corn grits.

"Their stomachs were not even full," Thermilon said, walking toward his pink concrete house on the precipice of a garbage-filled ravine. By noon the next day, he still had nothing to feed them for dinner.

Their hunger has had a ripple effect. Haitian food vendor Fabiola Duran Estime, 31, has lost so many customers like Thermilon that she had to pull her daughter, Fyva, out of kindergarten because she can't afford the $20 monthly tuition.

Fyva was just beginning to read.

In the long term, prices are expected to stabilize. Farmers will grow more grain for both fuel and food and eventually bring prices down. Already this is happening with wheat, with more crops to be planted in the U.S., Canada and Europe in the coming year.

However, consumers still face at least 10 years of more expensive food, according to preliminary FAO projections.

Among the driving forces are petroleum prices, which increase the cost of everything from fertilizers to transport to food processing. Rising demand for meat and dairy in rapidly developing countries such as China and India is sending up the cost of grain, used for cattle feed, as is the demand for raw materials to make biofuels.

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project is approximately $61 million, but funding will come from a variety of sources. The University plans to invest $40 million, Indiana $15 million, IBM and the Nanoelectrics Research Initiative $5 million each, and South Bend about $1 million according to the University press release.

According to Lueke, South Bend also plans to invest money in coming years for a facility for nanoelectric commercialization in the city where the old Studebaker car manufacturing buildings once stood.

"This is a great opportunity for new companies to come set up shop in South Bend," Lueke said. He added the initiative could add jobs in the South Bend area.

Brown said South Bend had long pondered the future of the site of what was once South Bend's most lucrative industry.

"The big question has been, 'What can we do with these old buildings?'" Brown said.

Bernhard described nanotechnology as an up and coming field necessary for the updating of computer systems.

"Inside a computer, a lot of things are being stored in memory," Bernhard said. "Calculations are being done with bits and they use lots of devices called transistors."

Bernhard said six million transistors would fit onto the head of a pin

Nanotechnology, Bernhard said, is necessary in the revision of outdated computer systems.

"We need a new way to make [computers] smaller, faster and cooler," said Bernhard, referring to the need for fans to cool off computer engines.

The nanotechnology consortium at the University joins other major universities such as the University of Texas, UCLA and the University of Albany, according to a news release from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

Brown also said that since Notre Dame has a long history with nanotechnology, the establishment of MANA will further the University in its trajectory as a major research University.

Bernhard said that MANA will bring a lot of international focus to both Notre Dame and South Bend.

"There will be a lot of international publicity about the initiative," he said. "The sponsors [on the project] are very significant."

The announcement in the area of scientific research comes as construction continues of Notre Dame's new engineering building, Stinson-Remick, located at the site of the former University Club along Notre Dame Avenue is expected to be completed in late 2009 or early 2010.

According to a University News and Information release, construction of Stinson-Remick will foster more nanotechnology research opportunities like MANA.

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Protest

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we see something opposing it, we have to speak out."

"Notre Dame is an icon of Catholic education in America," said Ritchie, explaining the group's motivation in targeting Notre Dame for protest.

"We're protesting the play at every Catholic campus where it's being held," Ritchie added.

The Vagina Monologues used to be performed at 36 Catholic campuses and is now only performed at 19, Ritchie said, citing protests as a factor that caused several universities to cancel the play.

The protesters held signs with slogans such as, "Honk if you are against the V-Monologues at ND." Over a dozen passing cars honked over the course of fifteen minutes. One woman leaned out her window and called "Thank you" to the protesters. A younger man shouted "Freedom of speech" as he drove past.

This protest was in no way affiliated with any campus groups or anyone from Notre Dame.

"I didn't know anything about this protest," said Mary Kate Daly, a Notre Dame student who is involved in organizing students opposed to the presence of the Vagina Monologues on campus.

"I agree with their reasons for not supporting the Monologues on campus," she said of the protest. But Daly said student protests will be different.

"Today's protest is more confrontational, much more vocal," she said. "Ours is more of a 'silent witness' to a particular standpoint. We hope to give a message to the administration about our disappointment that they are allowing the Monologues to be on campus for seven out of the past eight years."

Daly said that she also wants students to start to think about the play because of the protests.

"We also hope to get students to think about this play," said Daly. "Mainly, though, we are sending a message to the University that it's not a particular group, but rather a student contingent that is opposed to the Monologues on campus."

Daly said that students' reasons for protesting are similar to those that motivated the TFP.

"It is a disgusting, vile play that does nothing to promote the dignity of women. It's also degrading to men since it encourages disrespect of women," said Daly citing the Theology of the Body and John Paul II's apostolic letter as "better ways to approach the topic" which the Monologues address.

"This play only inspires more anger, more hurt. It really doesn't accomplish what it intends," she said.

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Families unsure of Virginia Tech settlement

Associated Press

RICHMOND — Those close to the victims of the Virginia Tech mass shootings offered mixed reactions Tuesday to a proposed multimillion-dollar state settlement and whether it will properly honor their loved ones.

Families of the victims have until Monday to say whether they'll accept the settlement, which would give $100,000 to representatives of each of the 32 killed and ensures that families will have the chance to talk to the governor and university officials about the shootings.

Under the proposal, a copy of which was obtained by The Associated Press, $800,000 would be available to injured victims. They and the families of those killed could seek additional money from a $1.75 million hardship fund.

Roger O'Dell, whose son Derek was among two dozen wounded April 16, said while he considers the proposal a very reasonable offer, he is concerned about how the money would be split among the survivors. The proposal only states that the money would be distributed "based on a matrix acceptable to the commonwealth, with a maximum payment of $100,000 to any individual."

"I'm inclined to believe this will not be settled by April 15th," O'Dell said. "I think there are too many question marks in the proposed offer."

Seung-Hui Cho, a mentally disturbed student, killed two people in a dormitory just after 7 a.m. University officials did not send an e-mail alert until more than two hours later — just before Cho killed 30 others in a classroom building across campus and then committed suicide.

Twenty-two families have filed notice with the state that they may sue. They have until April 16 to file. Families of all deceased victims and the survivors would be eligible for a payout under the settlement.

By accepting the proposal, family members would give up the right to sue the state government; Virginia Tech; the town of Blacksburg, where Virginia Tech is located; Montgomery County; and the New River Valley Community Services Board, which provides mental-health services in the area.

Cho had been ruled a danger to himself during a court commitment hearing in 2005 and was ordered to receive outpatient mental health care. He never received the treatment.

Diane Strollo, whose daughter Hilary was shot three times but is back at Virginia Tech, said she believed the negotiations were ongoing.

"The families want accountability, justice and change," she said. "We have yet to see it."

O'Dell said there is no consensus among the families regarding the offer, though many feel it's "good in a number of respects."

"It's totally across the board as to how people feel. Some people feel that there is no wrongdoing and therefore there's no obligation by the state or the university to be paying anybody anything," O'Dell said. "At the other end, there's some who feel that this agreement — proposed settlement agreement — doesn't go nearly far enough and there needs to be much more money put into it."

The total cost of the proposed settlement, including attorneys' fees and a $1.75 million fund for charities, comes to about $8.5 million, plus the cost of reimbursing and paying for medical and psychological treatment for victims' families and survivors.

In October, the families and surviving victims received payments ranging from $11,500 to $208,000 from the Hokie Spirit Memorial Fund, set up in the days after the shootings to handle donations that poured into the school.

In contrast to the Virginia Tech shootings, attorneys say there is little to indicate lawsuits might be pending against Northern Illinois University over its response to a Feb. 14 attack on campus. In that case, former student Steven Kazmierczak, 27, opened fire in a lecture hall, killing five people before killing himself.

Chicago attorney Kathleen Zellner, who has won several high-profile lawsuits, said the school might avoid being sued because there's no indication of glaring shortcomings in its security response.

Police entered the NIU lecture hall just minutes after the shooting began, and the school launched its emergency alert system — sending out e-mails and posting messages on Web sites to notify students a possible gunman was on campus — before authorities could confirm the gunman acted alone and was dead.

Attorney Michael Helfand, who monitors Chicago's legal scene for an online lawyers referral service, said attorneys would have been hotly pursing NIU lawsuits weeks ago if they thought they could win one.

There doesn't appear to be talk about a settlement in NIU's case similar to the one being offered in the Virginia Tech case.

"We have not had any such discussions," NIU spokeswoman Melanie Magara said Tuesday.

She referred other questions to the school's legal department. Messages left at the office were not returned Tuesday afternoon.

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PAKISTAN

New prime minister takes office

Yousaf Raza Gilani calls for a change in Musharraf's military policy

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A key figure in Pakistan's new government told two top U.S. envoys on Tuesday there needs to be a change in President Pervez Musharraf's policy of using the power of the army against Islamic militants.

The call came as a new prime minister, Yousaf Raza Gilani, took office, closing the book on eight years of military rule.

President Bush phoned Gilani after his swearing-in and invited him to Washington at his convenience. Gilani's office quoted the new premier as saying Pakistan would "continue to fight terrorism."

But it was clear Pakistan's civilian rulers are rethinking counterterrorism strategy, amid concern that use of military force against al-Qaida and Taliban has provoked a bloody militant backlash.

Partners in the incoming coalition government have said they would negotiate with some militant groups — an approach that has drawn criticism from Washington, the source of about $10 billion in aid to Pakistan since it joined the war on terror in 2001.

Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte and Assistant Secretary of State for South Asia Richard Boucher held a flurry of meetings with Pakistani leaders Tuesday.

Their first talks were with former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, who was ousted in Musharraf's 1999 coup and is now demanding the president's resignation.

Sharif said he told the American envoys there was "no longer a one-man show in Pakistan" and that the new parliament — elected in February polls that dealt a crushing defeat to Musharraf's allies — would decide after exhaustive debate how Pakistan should approach Islamic extremism.

He lashed out at Musharraf's U.S.-backed policies, saying they had led to a wave of suicide bombings that killed former Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and many others, and argued the security of Pakistan must not be sacrificed to protect other countries.

"It is unacceptable that while giving peace to the world we make our own country a killing field," he told reporters.

"If America wants to see itself clean of terrorism, we also want our villages and towns not to be bombed," he said, alluding to recent airstrikes near the Afghan border apparently carried out by U.S. and allied forces.

The U.S. envoys also met with Musharraf, army chief Gen. Ashfaq Parvez Kayani and Asif Ali Zardari, Bhutto's widower and now chief of her party. Neither Negroponte nor Boucher made public comments on the meetings.

Zaffar Abbas, an editor with Dawn newspaper, said the visit of such a high-profile U.S. delegation was badly timed, coinciding as it did with the inauguration of Gilani as Pakistan's 22nd prime minister.

That would signal to both Islamic extremists and moderates that "here are the Americans, right here in Islamabad, meeting with senior politicians in the new government, trying to dictate terms," Abbas said.

"The problem with the Americans is they don't understand the domestic pressure on the new government," he said. "People are expecting this government to explore other possibilities for a solution to what's happening in the tribal areas."

The U.S. Embassy said the visit was part of a regular dialogue and had been planned for some time. But an official at Pakistan's Foreign Office said the trip was arranged suddenly. The official requested anonymity because of diplomatic protocol.

The visit could add to growing mistrust of Washington here, even among liberals and the Western-educated elite.

ARGENTINA

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Adoration is the answer

Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

Elsewhere, this is Easter Week. At Notre Dame it appears to be The Week of the Vagina Monologues. To the reader's relief, this column will defer discussion of that production. Instead, we suggest a better way to spend your time these next few days and beyond.

One impact of the papacies of John Paul II and Benedict XVI is a dramatic rise in the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes and other venues throughout the world, including Notre Dame. What is it? And why is it such a big deal?

The Eucharist was instituted by Christ at the Last Supper, fulfilling the promise he made as recorded in the sixth chapter of John's Gospel. "In the ... Eucharist, the body and blood, ... soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained. This presence is called 'real,'... not ... to exclude the other types of presence ... but because it is presence in the fullest sense ... it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (Catechism, no. 1374) This is called transubstantiation because the substance of the bread and wine changes while the appearances remain the same. The distinction between substance and appearance is familiar. When the angel appeared to the women at the tomb on Easter, his appearance was that of a man but his substance was that of an angel. Mark 16:1-8.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is possible whenever the consecrated hosts are reserved in the tabernacle, as indicated by the lighted lamp near the tabernacle. The term, Eucharistic Adoration, however, commonly refers to adoration when the Sacrament is exposed to view on the altar. Such exposition is available at Notre Dame, in the Basilica on Friday from noon to 5 p.m., with Benediction at 4:45 p.m., in the Coleman-Morse chapel Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., with Benediction daily at 8:45 p.m. and at various times in some residence halls.

In his apostolic exhortation, Sacramentum Caritatis (Sacrament of Love) (2007), Benedict XVI stresses "the inherent relationship between Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament .... The act of adoration outside Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself. Indeed, 'only in adoration can a profound and genuine reception mature. And it is precisely this personal encounter with the Lord that then strengthens the social mission contained in the Eucharist, which seeks to break down not only the walls that separate the Lord and ourselves, but also and especially the walls that separate us from one another'." No. 66."

Adoration of the Eucharist, therefore, is not some kind of sterile, self-centered devotion. Rather, it has a social impact. "[T]he sacrifice of Christ is for all," Benedict said, "and ... the Eucharist thus compels all who believe in him to become 'bread that is broken' for others, and to work for the building of a more just and fraternal world ... The union with Christ brought about by the Eucharist also brings a newness to our social relations [and] is social in character."

Notre Dame emphasizes the importance of service to others. Benedict notes the role of Christ in the Eucharist as a motivator of such service and concern: "We cannot remain passive before certain processes of globalization which ... increase the gap between the rich and the poor worldwide. We must denounce those who squander the earth's riches, provoking inequalities that cry out to heaven (cf. Jas. 5:4)... The Lord Jesus, the bread of eternal life, spurs us to be mindful of the situations of extreme poverty in which a great part of humanity still lives: these are situations for which human beings bear a clear and disquieting responsibility." SC, Nos. 88-90.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke often of Eucharistic Adoration as a source of power. "When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work, when all seems to go awry," she said, "they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength." Mother Teresa was asked, "What will convert America and save the world?" She replied, "My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."

When he was ordained a priest, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen promised that he would spend an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every day. He kept that promise and described the "holy hour" as not merely a devotion but "a sharing in the work of redemption. He [Jesus] asked for an hour of reparation to combat the hour of evil; an hour of victimal union with the cross to overcome the anti-love of sin."

So adoration of the Eucharist is a very big deal. But no one can cram it down your throat. We are free to accept it or reject it. If you are not convinced that is it true, it might still be worth a visit to check it out. There is no set formula. You don't have to contact anybody. Just show up. Stay for as long or as short a time as you wish. You can pray, read or just think. If you fall asleep, don't worry about it. Archbishop Sheen recounts the time in a church in Paris when he knelt down, promptly fell asleep and "woke up exactly at the end of one hour." He wondered if he had made his promised Hour until he realized "that's the way the Apostles made their first Holy Hour in the Garden."

If you want to do something real for Notre Dame and for yourself, don't waste your time on anything like the Vagina Monologues. Go instead to spend some time with the person who himself really is Truth. And Love.

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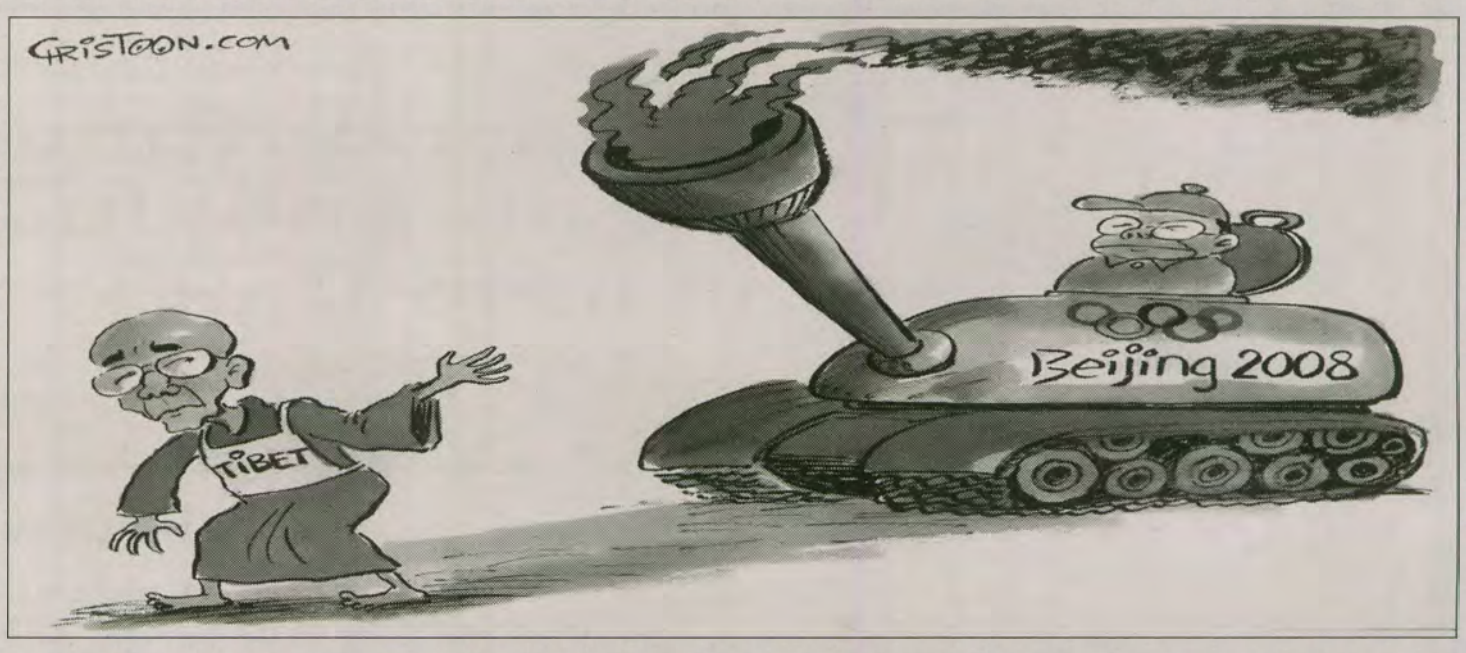

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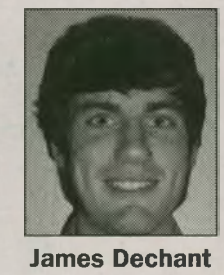
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Those who matter don't mind, and those who mind don't matter."

Bernard Baruch
financier

Royal flush



James Dechant

Foregone Conclusion

The Chinese government is certainly a busy agency. It undoubtedly has trouble finding time to rest in between squashing Tibetan dissenters (led by the savage, incendiary Dalai Lama), blocking YouTube from all Internet traffic, and suing Guns N' Roses for their use of "Chinese Democracy" as the band's 13-years-in-the-making album title. But when the government does have a few spare moments, it turns its attention to the upcoming Olympic games scheduled for this August in Beijing.

Olympic officials recently faced a challenge when they realized that many of the half-million expected foreign visitors will not be accustomed to China's squat toilets, little loos built into the ground that require no skin-to-porcelain contact. The organizers therefore decided to switch many of their squat commodes to Western-style sit-down toilets. This will relieve American visitors accustomed to relaxing on their porcelain thrones, but the switch to sitters also sacrifices some potential water use efficiency.

We here in the West are not lacking in efficient toilet options — we just fail to explore the full range of lavatory alternatives. For example, I attended John Cabot University in Rome last spring and I was much impressed by their dual-flush toilets in the bathrooms there. These rising stars in the toilet industry have two flush options: a low-flow flush for liquid waste and a high-flow option for solid waste disposal. (Apologies to those of you reading this in the dining hall.) Giving the user the option of two flushes offers huge potential for water conservation.

The American industry standard for toilet water consumption is 1.6 gallons per flush on all toilets since 1992. Older toilets gulp 3.5 or even 4.5 gallons of water every flush. The dual-flush toilet, in contrast to these water hogs, uses between .8 and 1.1 gallons for low-flow flushes and from 1.3 to 1.6 gallons for high-flow flushes, yielding an average of about 1.2 gallons per flush. That gives a 25 percent savings each and every time you plop down to read the newspaper.

The prospective water conservation on campus that a move to dual-flush toilets would bring is staggering. If the University wants to appear serious in its environmental efforts, it should — after chopping off the power plant smokestack — make a commitment to dual-flush toilets. (It could be the "No. 2" priority. Pardon the pun.) Allow me to — forgive me — dump some figures on you.

The Notre Dame Facilities Operations Web site tells us there are over 2,000 campus toilets cleaned by Building Services every day. Now, I realize that some of those toilets are male-use urinals. In my section's bathrooms in Siegfried Hall, we have two urinals and five toilets, or two urinals for every seven working toilets. Assuming that campus toilet facilities are evenly split between genders, we have 1,000 toilets for use by males. Applying the urinal:toilet ratio of 2:7 to this number, we find that roughly 300 (or 286 for you fraction sticklers) of the male toilets are urinals. That does not even take into account the urinal troughs of the Stadium, quite active during football weekends. Subtracting this from the overall 2,000 potties gives us a working figure of roughly 1,700 sitter toilets with the potential for a dual-flush overhaul.

The average person flushes about six times per day. Returning to my case study of Siegfried: The residence hall has about 50 toilets (five toilets and two urinals for six sections, plus AR, rector, and first-floor bathrooms). If the dorm's 240 residents each flush six times daily, the collective 1,440 flushes spread out over 50 toilets yields 28.8 flushes per toilet per day. Taking into account high-traffic latrines in classroom buildings, we can allow for a conservative estimate of 30 uses of a toilet throughout the day. Multiplying the 30 by the 1,700 campus sitters gives us 51,000 flushes of the john every single day.

Using conventional water closets, we go through roughly 81,600 gallons of water to dispose of our waste every day (51,000 flushes times 1.6 gallons per flush.) Now if we return to our earlier figure of a twenty-five percent savings gained from dual-flush toilets, we find we can potentially save over 20,000 gallons of water per day. That means over seven million gallons of water saved annually.

I realize, of course, that not all wastewater is irretrievably lost. Sewage treatment facilities can reclaim a great deal of the water we bid adieu, but the figure of seven million gallons nevertheless demands attention. Many bodies of water contain less. I would guess, based on no scientific calculations whatsoever, that you could empty one of the campus lakes and fill it up again with the 7 million gallons we can save every year.

Here at Notre Dame, we don't have to worry about Olympic preparations or Tibetan protesters or YouTube censorship, and Guns N' Roses only occasionally wreaks havoc. With all the time we have, we ought to explore installing a sophisticated network of dual-flush toilets, saving the precious natural resource of water. The Dalai Lama would approve.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boycott Beijing

Last week's events in Tibet reminded the world what China really is. Behind the mask of new economic prosperity and porous borders lies a nightmare of human rights violations, zero freedom of the press, and frequent hostile military action in the face of peaceful protest.

In an effort to extend economic interest and "open" a closed world, the international community ignored a patterned history of irresponsible and egregious behavior and awarded China the 2008 Winter Olympic Games. The Olympics holds to a mantra of respecting universal fundamental ethical principles and preserving human dignity. From 1989 Tiananmen Square to last week in Tibet, China has repeatedly ignored human rights, and crushed human dignity within their country. China is in complete discord with the Olympic Movement.

Contrary to President Bush's statement, the Olympics is much more than sport. Awarding the 2008 Winter Games to China was a deep oversight. China's lack of responsibility spreads beyond their borders. The country's economic interest in Africa coupled with its permanent spot on the U.N. Security Council has helped to extend the conflict in Darfur (leading to the popular label "Genocide Olympics").

In addition, the country's complete disregard for the environment threatens the entire world. The hopes that the Olympic Games would lead to a new order in China has been exposed as farce. China's human rights record stands as a mockery to the Olympic Games. I ask Olympic athletes and viewers alike to "Boycott Beijing!"; boycott the Genocide Olympics.

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Support the troops, not the war

My name is Chris, I am the student who was directly referred to in the letter to the editor ("protesters Out of Line," Mar. 20). During the Iraq War protest last Wednesday at the Fieldhouse Mall, I asked Meghan, the author of the letter, and her ROTC boyfriend to join the protest last Wednesday. Meghan, upon seeing you and your boyfriend, him in his military gear, my first impulse was to thank him for his service. I thanked him and offered, not yelled, for him to join us in opposition to the war, as I had every person that walked by the protest.

I understand you thought I was an ungrateful college student spitting on the soldiers on a mindless quest to peace. I want you to know that is not who I am and that is not what I represented on campus last Wednesday. Your anger seems justified since you believed we were holding signs, "complaining of Iraqi deaths brought about by American soldiers." The sign read "655,000 Iraqis killed." This number is of civilians, not opposition insurgents. We were by no means condemning the soldiers for their actions; we were calling attention to the collateral damage of war.

We do not blame the soldiers for that, we know they are doing the best job they can to protect the innocent in Iraq. Meghan, I have sent e-mails to soldiers thanking them, prior to yesterday, and will continue to do so (anysoldier.com). I am thrilled that you called this campus to action to do something to give back to the soldiers! But I will not allow you to condemn me for protesting this war.

Are you claiming that the war supporters on campus who crumpled up my flyers, or those in town that gave me the finger are somehow better than those of us protesting the war? I would be interested to see how many pro-war people on this campus have sent care packages or emails when it would take just a minute of their time amidst hours of Facebook, ESPN, and partying on the weekends.

Supporting the troops is not always supporting a war. It is about making sure this administration backs up its patriotism by offering health care and benefits to those affected by the war. It is about realizing that one in three homeless in this country are veterans. It is about understanding the political implications of our involvement in Iraq, and the long history of violence there that makes "victory" a very ambiguous term.

There are extremist protesters that make other protesters look bad, but there are also thousands of people protesting the war because a family member was killed overseas, because they are veterans of past wars, or because they believe in getting our troops out of a civil war.

It is time we stopped profiling all anti-war protesters, liberals, or anyone else who believes in some sort of withdrawal of troops, as country-hating, troop-hating extremists. These are people who care about their country, the reputation of their country around the world, and most of all the lives of their men and women in the military. "Support the Troops, Not the War

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No "Darko" Love for Southland Tales

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Writer-Director Richard Kelly had to wait until his first film "Donnie Darko" came out on DVD before it rose to popularity and gained iconic cult status.

However, for such to happen with his second film, "Southland Tales," he may have to wait a little longer.

"Southland Tales" released on DVD March 18, after a dismal run in the late November 2007 box office, where it grossed less than $400,000. The film stars a broad ensemble, beginning with Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, who plays Boxer Santaros, a movie star who suddenly disappears and then turns up in the desert with his memory wiped. It also stars Seann William Scott, in a double role as Officer Roland Taverner and another character who we are suspiciously led to believe is his brother; Sarah Michelle Gellar as porn star; Krysta Now who takes in amnesia-plagued Santaros; Justin Timberlake as Pilot Abilene, an Iraq War veteran with a wicked scar across his face; Mandy Moore as Madeline Frost, Santaro's wife and daughter of the prominent Senator Bobby Frost (Holmes Osborne); and a number of people who you might recognize from "Saturday Night Live."

"Southland Tales" is a movie that might be too vast for its own good. Like "Donnie Darko," it tries to explore realms of the fourth dimension.

The story begins in 2005 and alters history a bit, beginning with a nuclear explosion in Abilene, Tex. The attack starts World War III and the U.S. goes to war in the Middle East and North Korea. Homeland security and the price of oil go through the roof. This inflation leads to the discovery of a new energy source, Fluid Karma, which somehow draws energy out of the ocean's waves and wirelessly channels it out in an electrical field. We're told that the invention was used on U.S. soldiers, including in Abilene, as an enhancing drug, but with sketchy results.

The film then cuts to 2008 in which an election between the Democratic and Republican Party has come down to the state of California where the Republican ticket of Elliot/Frost is scrambling to locate the vanished Santaros, fearing his disappearance to have been an attack on the Republican Party. And it is.

There are quite a few other bits of altered history. After the nuclear attack, the Republican Party helped start this program called US-IDENT, a means for monitoring internet and television activity. This didn't sit well with a semi-terrorist group called the Neo-Marxists and they are bent on bringing down Senator Frost and his wife, who heads US-IDENT. The Neo-Marxists capture Officer Taverner and his identical brother, planning to use them in an elaborate scheme to make the government look bad. But things don't go as planned and the story shoots off in an array of different directions.

The rest of the story is made up of a blur of confusing plot twists involving a screenplay Santaros supposedly wrote which keeps predicting the future in a countdown to the apocalypse, the truth behind the dual nature of Officer Taverner and his brother, and a drugged-up musical interlude by Abilene.

A longer version of the film debuted at Cannes in 2006 and received very little love. To combat what many critics called "a disastrous mess," Kelly shortened "Southland Tales" and added a running narration by Timberlake's character, made up of recitations from the Book of Revelations. Whether or not the additions and subtractions provide any more cohesion to the story is debatable. It's still ridiculously hard to follow and leaves many of its questions unanswered.

"Southland Tales" is movie that might be too vast for its own good. Like "Donnie Darko," it tries to explore realms of the fourth dimension and possibilities of time travel, while questioning human purpose. Unfortunately it waits until the final 15 minutes of the two and half hour film to let us know what's really going on, and that might be a bit too long for an audience to wait.

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Southland Tales
Detination/Sony Pictures
Director: Richard Kelly
Written by: Richard Kelly
Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Sarah Michelle Gellar, Seann William Scott, Mandy Moore

Straight from the Sixties comes She & Him

By MYCHAL STANLEY
Scene Writer

You might know Zooey Deschanel from movies like "Elf" and "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," but did you know she can sing? She can sing quite well, and together with indie folkster M. Ward, she just put out a very solid record under the name She & Him.

In this collaboration, Deschanel takes care of the lyrics and vocals, while Ward supplies pretty much everything else. He plays all the necessary instruments and produces. Through his fantastic production, he makes the work of just two people sound like a full band.

Usually, a two-person band makes pretty simple arrangements, but Ward's production allows for some impressive layering. In songs like "Sentimental Heart," Ward uses multiple tracks of Deschanel's voice to create harmonies and fill out the empty spaces, and transforms the song into something that could be recorded by a five-piece girl group from the 60s.

They work to emulate the sound produced by the female country singers and the Brill Building work of Carole King and Gerry Goffin from that time period.

Using multiple tracks might seem like a way to account for Deschanel's lack of range or vocal prowess, but one listen to the 50s country throw back track "Change Is Hard" is all one needs to recognize that the girl can sing. She may not have the greatest voice in the world, or the best range, but her full-bodied and impressively expressive vocals deliver.

As you can probably tell from the last two tracks mentioned, the pair's music is essentially trying to recapture the pop and country sounds from the 50's and 60's.

Instead of trying to innovate and add anything new, they work to emulate the sound produced by the female country singers and the Brill Building work of Carole King and Gerry Goffin from that time period.

Fortunately, they do it to perfection, and pop tracks like "I Was Made For You" mix fantastically with woeful country tunes like "Take It Back." The record presents a very vintage feel while still sounding fresh.

Deschanel also provides the lyrics to all the original songs on the record. In the style of the genres the duo emulates, most of the songs are about being swept away by love or being hurt by it. In "Sentimental Heart," she sings of "crying all night until there was nothing left." In Black Hole, she's "alone, on a bicycle for two." But then in "I Was Made For You," she sings about "waitin' for a long, long time for a boy like you." The innocence and charm of these simple lyrics are very disarming and fit the music so well.

There are also two covers on the album. The first is Smokey Robinson's "You Really Got a Hold on Me." Unfortunately, it's probably the weakest song on the album. It adds nothing to the original, and is played straight the entire song through. The second is a cover of The Beatles' "I Should Have Known Better" which is a standout on the album. Deschanel and Ward slow it down, and allow the tune and melody a little more space to breathe. It's a fantastic interpretation of a classic early Beatles song.

"Volume One" is a refreshing window into the simpler, more innocent songs of the past. While She & Him branched out into a few more styles and themes (a bonus track rendition of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariots" show the promise of Deschanel's voice in gospel music), there's always time for that in "Volume Two." And at just 35 minutes, the album does not overstay its welcome, but provides a brief respite for lovely escapism into the past.

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Volume One
She & Him

Label: Merge Records
Recommended Tracks: "Sentimental Heart" "I Was Made For You:" "I Should Have Known Better"

MARY CECILIA MITSCH/Observer Graphic

CLUB SPORTS

Men's frisbee reaches semis

Women's water polo earns No. 1 ranking; rugby falls to IU

Special to The Observer

Both the men's and women's teams made the trip to Statesboro, Ga., to participate in the College Southerns tournament over the weekend. The men fell in the semifinals while the women finished in fifth place.

The men entered Saturday's pool play with the No. 3 seed, drawing Oberlin in its opener. Junior Daniel Reimer proved to be a dangerous deep threat in both a 13-9 win over Oberlin and a 13-8 victory over Florida State — games that were both a little tighter than initially anticipated.

Notre Dame finally got things clicking in its third game, a 13-4 win over Charleston, thanks to the steady handling of junior Thomas Rivas. In Saturday's fourth and final game, a matchup that would determine the pool winner and Sunday's bracket seeding, Notre Dame demolished Marquette 13-1 thanks to a fast start and the stifling defense of grad student Steve Kurtz.

The Irish opened Sunday's round of 16 against Chicago, and senior Eric Morin sparked the club en route to a 15-8 victory, setting up a matchup against a tough Iowa squad.

After winning a close battle in the round of 16, the Hawkeyes maintained their momentum and intensity to establish an early advantage against Notre Dame. The Irish eliminated the mistakes that allowed Iowa to gain an edge in the first half. Once it regained the lead, Notre Dame rolled to a 13-9 victory, thanks to sophomore Bill Carson's cutting.

The Irish were finally stopped in their semifinal tussle with Tufts, which sprinted out of the gate to grab a 6-0 lead — a hole Notre Dame was never able to dig out of. Junior Danny Collom led the Irish charge to get back into the game, but their efforts fell short in a 13-10 loss.

Senior captains Nick Chambers and Mike Florack were a steady presence all weekend.

On the women's side, the Irish won their first two games easily, beating Columbia 13-1 and Ohio 12-5 as sophomore Allie Keuthen and freshman Megan Franke led the offensive attack with great cuts and puts.

With a pair of losses, 13-4 to Emory and 13-6 to Tufts, Notre Dame finished the day at 2-2, good for third in its pool despite the tough defense of freshman Colleen Harris.

Notre Dame started strong Sunday morning, defeating Williams 10-8. Sophomore Erin Maxwell and senior Shields Duss, who had stepped up all weekend in the absence of several of the Irish's normal handlers, made the difference on the offense for the Irish. The squad then fell to Iowa State, 14-7, before rebounding to defeat Wellesley 11-4 and Virginia 13-8.

Women's Water Polo

Despite being off this weekend, the team made news by earning the club's first ever No. 1 national ranking. The team is 18-0 against club competition and 7-4 against varsity opponents, many of which were ranked, for an overall record of 25-4.

Rugby

Notre Dame dropped a pair of contests at Indiana this weekend as the A-side lost 48-14, while the B-side fell 29-22. Don Greiwe and Bob Huguelet each scored a try for the top squad, with Greiwe successful on both conversions. It was the first venture into Div. I competition for the Irish.

Chris Liedl, David Bray, Tom Riley and Andy O'Conner each scored a try for the B-side. O'Conner managed the only conversion.

Men's Water Polo

No. 21 Notre Dame ventured west for the weekend, where it played in the perennially competitive Las Vegas Open.

The Irish received a tough draw in pool play, falling to UC-Davis, the tournament's eventual runner-up, 25-17, 23-25, 15-9. Notre Dame was able to establish an early lead, but a mid-game lapse cost the Irish dearly in the first game. Thanks to outside hitter Dan Zibton's performance, the Irish took the second game but couldn't maintain that momentum in the third.

No. 6 Utah Valley State then disposed of the Irish, taking the match in two games despite the superb passing of senior John Tibble.

Notre Dame closed out pool play against Cal State San Marcos in one of the tournament's most interesting storylines. San Marcos, despite its mismatched jerseys, beat the Irish in two games, handing them a last-place finish in the pool. But following the match, Notre Dame's fortunes turned when the tournament director announced that San Marcos had professional beach players on the team that did not attend the school. San Marcos was disqualified, and Notre Dame was awarded the victory.

With a respectable finish still within reach, Notre Dame refocused for the second day. The Irish opened the double-elimination bracket against No. 22 Michigan State. Despite a bout with food poisoning, sophomore Mike Nejedly excelled at the net, capitalizing with a kill on nearly every set he received in Notre Dame's 25-19 first-game win. After falling in the second game, the Irish stormed out to a 9-4 lead in the rubber game and never looked back.

In the second round, the Irish faced No. 17 Texas A&M. The Aggies were no match for the Irish, as Notre Dame blew by the Aggies in straight sets, 25-15 and 25-21.

For the right to go to the bracket championship, the Irish then faced the varsity squad from Holy Names University. Strong right side attacking by senior Tim Goldsmith controlled the tempo of the match, allowing the Irish to build comfortable leads throughout. The Hawks were able to steal the second game, but the Irish won the third and advanced.

In the bracket's championship, the Irish found themselves against No. 11 Central Florida. Notre Dame created large leads in both games behind Mark Iandolo. Strong serving by the Knights broke down the Irish offense, however, allowing UCF to crawl back into both games and eventually take both games.

ND SOFTBALL

Bargar, Irish look to stay hot against IUPUI

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has won eight of their last nine games and will try to carry that momentum through their home opener against IUPUI this evening.

Junior pitcher Brittany Bargar has been instrumental in the recent run. She was recently named Big East pitcher of the Week for the second week in a row. Bargar had a three-appearance stretch at the Charleston Southern University Lowcountry Softball Invitational in which she registered a 0.41 ERA, earned three victories, allowed only 13 hits in 17.1 innings, struck out 12 batters, and allowed only one earned run. Following that feat, she stepped into the circle against Western Michigan last Thursday to lead the Irish to their most recent victory.

In that outing, Bargar pitched the full seven innings, gave up only two hits, and struck out nine Broncos en route to a shutout that moved her record on the season to 12-5 and the team's record to 15-9.

Western Michigan's Kyla Sullivan walked in one run and gave up a solo home run to senior Katie Laing, and those two runs wound up being more than enough for Bargar.

In her 18 appearances this season, Bargar has held the opposition without an earned run an astounding twelve times, including the win over the Broncos.

In tonight's home opener, the Irish will face an IUPUI squad with a record of 1-8 to start the season. The Jaguars are coming off a split with Dayton in which they were able to notch their first win of the season.

Senior Meaghan Raynes pitched a complete game and allowed only four hits in getting the first win of her career. She helped her own cause by going 2-2 at the plate and scored one of the Jaguars' three runs.

Notre Dame has already played 24 games this season, but this will be the first time the Irish will get to play in front of a home crowd. For a team with plenty of contributing freshmen, it could give a fresh feel to a season that began over a month ago.

The first pitch is set to leave the circle at 6:00 p.m. at Ivy Field.

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MEN'S GOLF

Sandman's top-10 finish leads Irish

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

Junior Josh Sandman has led the Irish all year, and was at it again at the National Invitational Tournament in Greensboro, N.C., this week.

"[Josh] is a strong ball striker"

Jim Kubinski
Irish coach

The junior finished in the top-10 for the third straight tournament, and his two-under 214 helped the team tie for 10th with a score of 883, 19-over par.

"[Josh] is a strong ball-striker and has great skills around the greens," coach Jim Kubinski said. "When his putting gains consistency, the sky is the limit."

Sophomore Doug Fortner was also solid, finishing 34th on the heels of an impressive third round in which he shot even-par. Fellow sophomore Carl Santos-Ocampo finished 48th with a 224 overall score.

The next event for the Irish is the Notre Dame Spring Invitational on April 5 at Notre Dame campus.

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NCAA Men's Baseball
USA Today/ESPN Top 25

rank	*team*	*record*	*points*
1	Arizona State Florida	22-1	773
2	State	19-2	705
3	Miami (Fl.)	17-2	680
4	North Carolina	18-4	659
5	Long Beach State	16-3	626
6	Missouri	18-2	607
7	UC Irvine	16-2	561
8	Arizona	13-5	541
9	South Carolina	15-5	499
10	Texas	16-6	419
11	Wichita State	14-3	372
12	Rice	17-6	370
13	Vanderbilt	14-6	321
14	Kentucky	20-2	308
15	Virginia	19-4	281
16	Ole Miss	15-8	268
17	Nebraska	17-3-1	247
18	Florida	17-4	225
19	California	15-4-1	217
20	Coastal Carolina	18-4	188
21	Stanford	9-5	171
22	Texas A&M	17-6	145
23	San Diego	16-7	117
24	UCLA	10-8	108
25	CS Fullerton	12-8	106

NCAA Softball
ESPN.com/USA Softball Top 25

rank	*team*	*record*	*points*
1	UCLA	26-3	481
2	Arizona State	34-2	479
3	Alabama	27-3	463
4	Florida	35-2	444
5	Stanford	31-2	422
6	Michigan	25-3	398
7	Texas A&M	31-6	370
8	LSU	27-4	352
9	Tennessee	28-5	326
10	Arizona	21-8	301
11	Houston	28-4	299
12	Fresno State	30-5	287
13	Oklahoma	27-8	278
14	Long Beach State	24-9	193
15	UL Lafayette	20-8	191
16	Northwestern	13-9	178
17	Hawaii	24-10	134
18	Georgia	30-8	128
19	Baylor	18-8	125
20	North Carolina	27-6-1	115
21	Mississippi State	26-9	100
22	San Diego State	27-10	97
23	California	29-10	85
24	DePaul	19-9	83
25	Washington	21-9-1	66

MIAA Women's Softball
Conference Standings

team	*league*	*overall*
Adrian	0-0	3-8
Albion	0-0	8-2
Alma	0-0	6-5
Calvin	0-0	4-7
Hope	0-0	9-4
Kalamazoo	0-0	1-3
Olivet	0-0	4-10
SAINT MARY'S	0-0	8-2
Tri-State	0-0	9-1

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AP

Former Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens is sworn in before testifying before Congress on Feb. 13. The top Republican on the Congressional commitee investigating his use of steroids released a report questioning if he lied in his testimony.

Rep. questions original report

Associated Press

WASHINGTON —The top Republican on the congressional committee that investigated whether Roger Clemens used performance-enhancing drugs released a report Tuesday questioning the Democratic majority's conclusion that the seven-time Cy Young Award winner might have lied in his testimony before the panel last month.

The 109-page report, obtained by The Associated Press, contains details Rep. Tom Davis believes could challenge the credibility of Brian McNamee, the personal trainer who testified under oath he injected Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone from 1998-01.

Republican staff from the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform will pass along additional information to the Justice Department. The FBI is investigating whether Clemens lied to Congress.

"Did Roger Clemens lie to us?" Davis said in a release accompanying the report.

"Some of the evidence seems to say he did; other information suggests he told the truth," the Virginia Republican said. "It's a far more complicated picture than some may want to believe. Memories fade and recollections differ. That's human nature, not criminal conduct. My concern is the integrity of sworn statements made to Congress. At this point, the Justice Department is best equipped to investigate that central question and reach a fair conclusion."

The report includes portions of previously undisclosed interviews with new witnesses and addresses issues such as whether Clemens attended a party at then-teammate Jose Canseco's house in 1998; information about injections of vitamin B-12; and whether Clemens developed an abscess on his buttocks.

The report — "Weighing the Committee Record: A Balanced Review of the Evidence Regarding Performance Enhancing Drugs in Baseball" — stands as a counterpoint to the 18-page memo released Feb. 27 by chairman Henry Waxman.

That was the day Waxman and Davis asked Attorney General Michael Mukasey to open an investigation into whether Clemens committed perjury. The following day, the Justice Department told the FBI to take up the matter.

IN BRIEF

Red Sox fans wake early, watch season opener on TV

BOSTON — Red Sox fans ate their sausages with eggs and hash browns instead of peppers and onions, and bars were opened so early they couldn't legally serve beer.

And that was just the start of a unique opening day for Boston, where fans rose before the sun to watch the Red Sox defeat the Oakland Athletics in the land of the rising sun.

Bars around Fenway Park and elsewhere catered to big breakfast crowds as the season officially started in Japan at about 6:05 a.m. Eastern time on Tuesday.

Terry Boccelli of Stoneham said she would have made the trip to Boston to watch the defending World Series champions, no matter what time of day or night.

"I could not wait for the Red Sox," said Boccelli, who was at the Cask'n Flagon. "I have withdrawal all winter long."

Pacers' Walsh not clear about future plans

INDIANAPOLIS —The Indiana Pacers insist Donnie Walsh has not agreed to oversee basketball operations for the New York Knicks after the season.

"Donnie said this morning there's nothing clear about his future," Pacers spokesman David Benner said Tuesday. "When there is he'll make a statement. He hasn't agreed to anything with anybody."

Walsh, the Pacers' chief executive and president since 1988, said Monday he would step aside after this season, but he would not comment on his future. The Pacers have turned over operation of the troubled franchise to Hall of Famer Larry Bird.

The Associated Press left a message with Walsh's office, but his secretary said he would not respond to the inquiries.

IU opens spring practice, star quarterback suspended

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana's offense just got a whole lot faster, even with caretaker quarterback Ben Chappell calling the signals.

The Hoosiers, who last season realized their goal of playing in a postseason bowl game, opened spring football practice Tuesday with Chappell directing a new no-huddle offense while star quarterback Kellen Lewis serves a suspension for an undisclosed violation of team rules. Lewis is not expected back before the start of training camp this summer.

"It was better than could be expected, really, putting in the new offense," said Chappell, a sophomore who appeared in just three games as a backup last season and completed one of two passes. "No huddle, man, we're going fast, we're on the line, ready to go. We're playing fast but under control. So that's the goal for this spring."

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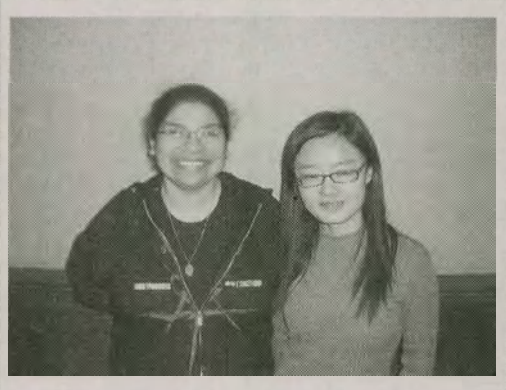

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At the Easter Vigil this past Saturday night, these eight members of the Notre Dame community were fully initiated into the Catholic Church. At this liturgy they received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please join us in congratulating them and welcoming them into our faith community.

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Sweet 16

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me."

Sooners center Courtney Paris had 24 points, 16 rebounds and five blocks, and guard Jenna Plumley hit 6-of-10 3-point attempts en route to 18 points. Forward Amanda Thompson had 19 points, eight rebounds and eight assists.

Irish guard Ashley Barlow had 16 points, and guard Tulyah Gaines had seven assists on the night.

Allen almost destroyed the night she had so beautifully crafted. After Irish guard Lindsay Schrader rebounded Barlow's missed 3-point attempt, Gaines and Allen played keep-away until, with 44 seconds left, Allen lost control of the ball. It bounced out of bounds and gave Oklahoma possession.

The Sooners took immediate advantage of the miscue. A tight Notre Dame defense kept them from getting a good outside look, but they found Courtney Paris in the paint for an easy bank shot to tie the score at 65 with 9.9 seconds left, forcing overtime. Plumley hit her sixth 3-pointer of the game and forward Amanda Thompson hit a jumper to put Notre Dame down five to start overtime. But Allen hit a 3-pointer and helped force a steal, which Barlow converted into a layup, to tie the score at 70 with three minutes left.

"Basketball is a game of runs, they had a 5-0 run," Allen said. "We had to come out and match that, and we did. We won."

With under a minute left in overtime and the shot clock expiring, Gaines raced after a loose ball and threw it towards the rim to avoid a shot clock violation. Robinson fouled her on the play, and Gaines hit one of two free throws.

"I was thinking, the shot clocks about to go out, so throw it up," Gaines said. "Thank God they called the foul."

With 38 seconds left, Barlow stole a pass near mid-court. Forward Nyeshia Stevenson fouled her to prevent the easy basket, but Barlow made both shots. Thompson's 3-point attempt missed, but she got another chance and sank it. Schrader threw the inbounds pass to Barlow across mid-court, where Barlow was fouled and made both free throws to seal the game.

"We handled their run when they went up five," Barlow said. "They're a good team. We just handled their run, got out and made our free throws at the end of the game."

The Irish hit 57 percent of their shots in the first half, but only 30 percent in the second. It was their free-throw shooting, however, that won them the game. They made 22-of-24 free throws, or 91.7 percent.

"I give credit to Notre Dame, they were terrific from the free throw line," Sooners coach Sherri Coale said.

When Oklahoma had a 56-49 lead with 7:26 remaining, Allen had enough. She made straight four foul shots during a three-minute span when she scored 10 points.

After a steal in the offensive end, center Erica Williamson hit two free throws. Allen helped force a steal in the full-court press and made an awkward baseline and hit two more foul shots to make the score 61-58 with 3:57 remaining.

The press, along with the Notre Dame fan contingent, increased its energy and hassled the Sooner offense more than previously. The Irish had struggled to find quality shots in the second half, but by getting the double bonus they battled back from the foul line.

Notre Dame led by as many as nine in the first half, but the Sooners fought to keep close and finished the first half down four.

Notre Dame 75, SMU 62

With Erica Williamson in foul trouble, freshman forward Becca Bruszewski scored a career-high 16 points off the bench during No. 5-seed Notre Dame's win over No. 12-seed Southern Methodist in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

"I thought Becca Bruszewski was phenomenal off the bench," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "You don't expect a freshman to show up in the NCAA Tournament and get a career-high, and that's just what she did today."

Ashley Barlow had 20 points and 12 rebounds, and Charel Allen had 14 points.

The Irish jumped out to a 25-8 lead in the first half, but the Mustangs pulled to within four by halftime.

In the second half, Southern Methodist tied the game at 57 when Allen a fade-away jump shot to give the Irish the lead. They went on a 12-0 run full of layups and free throws and never allowed the Mustangs back in the game.

Notre Dame out rebounded Southern Methodist 49-26 and had 24 offensive rebounds.

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ND Women's Golf

Irish brave weather, come away with fifth

By MIKE BLASCO
Sports Writer

On a day when the wind was blowing everyone away, Notre Dame was just glad to hold on.

In wet and blustery conditions, No. 25 Notre Dame eked out a fifth-place finish with a 36-hole total of 642, 51 over-par, at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Tex. Irish freshman So-Hyun Park carded her seventh top-10 finish in eight contests with a 12 over-par 156, ending up seventh overall.

The inclement weather wreaked havoc in Austin, shortening the tournament by forcing the University of Texas Golf Club to cancel the second round of competition and driving scores up across the board.

"The conditions made it very tough," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "You knew the scores were going to be high today, but I was shocked with how high they were."

The tournament featured some nation's best, as the field of 18 featured five top-25 teams. No. 22 New Mexico led throughout the tournament, clinching a first-place finish with a 32 over-par 623. No. 5 Florida finished one shot back while Texas (630) and No. 6 Arkansas (632) finished third and fourth, respectively. Notre Dame and No. 24 TCU tied for fifth, rounding out the top five.

Coach Holt accepted her team's finish, especially considering the competition and weather.

"There were some good teams here and [the weather] affected everyone," Coach Holt said. "I just told our team to keep grinding. I feel like we made the best of the situation by tying for fifth. It could have been worse but we grinded it out."

Behind Park, fellow freshman Katie Conway shot her third top-10 finish of the season for Notre Dame, finishing play with a 13-over 157 in a three-way tie for 10th. Co-captain Lisa Maunu carded a 21 over-par 165 to finish tied for 51st overall.

Notre Dame returns to competition April 6-8 at the Canes & Cards Classic in Miami, Fla. The tournament will be the Irish's last contest before the Big East tournament.

"We should play well [in Miami] and hopefully that'll give us some momentum heading into the Big East tournament," Holt said. "You just kind of have to toss this tournament aside and move on and that's what we'll do when we go to Miami."

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BASEBALL

Weather cooperates, Irish win home opener

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

It was worth the wait.

After having its first two home games postponed due to rain last week, Notre Dame scored at least a run in each inning from the third through the sixth as the Irish defeated Ball State 6-4 Tuesday. Evan Sharpley and Billy Boockford both went deep in the team's first full contest at Frank Eck Stadium.

"That was a good ballgame," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "We've been playing well; we've won five out of six and continued today."

Ball State got on the scoreboard first but the Irish offense maintained the momentum it accumulated while scoring 38 runs in three games against Georgetown over the weekend.

"That's the strength of our team right now, just playing good 'D'. We tell our pitchers if we just let [other teams] hit it, we'll make the plays."

Dave Schrage
Irish coach

Irish starting pitcher Brian Dupra, who worked six innings and gave up just two runs, allowed Ball State to plate the first run of the game in the top of the third.

But Notre Dame responded in its half of the inning. With one out, shortstop Brett Lilley drew a walk and stole second base. It looked like Lilley would be stranded after David Mills lined out to center, but Irish sophomore A.J. Pollock singled up the middle to drive home Lilley and tie the game at 1-1.

"That's a big lift," Dupra said. "You're working your hardest to pretty much keep a lead and keep zeroes on the board, so when the team picks you up like that, it's a big lift."

Ball State scratched out another run in the next frame when Cardinals left fielder Nate Fields hit a sacrifice fly to drive in first baseman Matt Stoeklen for a 2-1 edge.

But Dupra kept the Cardinals at bay for the remainder of his outing to pick up the first win of his Irish career.

"I give [Dupra] a lot of credit for battling through it today," Schrage said. "[Ball State has] a great hitting team and the wind [was] blowing out, and we didn't give up any home runs... just a great job by him."

The Irish offense had a big fourth inning to take the lead for good. Senior Tyler Pritchard replaced Cardinals starter Brenden Stines to begin the frame and Irish second baseman Jeremy Barnes greeted him by scorching a single to left field. Irish left fielder Ross Brezovsky and catcher Sean Gaston then reached on consecutive walks. Barnes scored when Boockford dribbled a grounder down the third base line for the first out of the inning. The next hitter, Greg Sherry, hit a long sacrifice fly to center field to push across Brezovsky and give Notre Dame a 3-2 advantage.

Sharpley, the reigning Big East player of the week, hit a solo home run with two outs in the fifth inning. He smacked his sixth homer of the season as his drive just cleared Fields' outstretched glove and flew over the left field fence.

Boockford clobbered a solo shot of his own to lead off the sixth inning and give the Irish another insurance run. The right fielder hit a mammoth blast off the screen in left-centerfield for a 5-2 lead.

Boockford's run and the one scored by Irish third baseman Mick Doyle later in the inning proved crucial as Irish right-hander Kyle Weiland ran into trouble in the ninth inning.

Weiland surrendered a pair of runs on three hits before closing out the Cardinals.

Schrage said he is happy with the play of his team's defense, which did not commit an error.

"That's the strength of our team right now, just playing good 'D,'" Schrage said. "We tell our pitchers if we just let [other teams] hit it, we'll make the plays."

Barnes had two diving stops that prevented Ball State hits.

"There were a couple of great plays," Dupra said. "Jeremy Barnes had some highlight-reel type things."

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Cougars

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and it marked the final game for Kurz, who finished with eight points and three rebounds.

"I have a lot of great memories with these guys," Kurz said. "It's been a wonderful year. We had so many great wins and great successes, but obviously this one really hurts."

Kurz helped instill a tireless work ethic into his teammates, and many of them said throughout the season Notre Dame wouldn't have made it this far without him.

"I wish we could have extended his season," Brey said. "I will always be indebted to his leadership, how he set the tone as an example of a worker in our program, a guy who made himself better."

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Mike Brey
Irish coach

But no amount of hard work could have saved Notre Dame from the offensive woes it had Saturday. Washington state held the Irish to just 13-for-53 shooting for the game, including 3-for-17 from 3-point land, and held Big East player of the year Luke Harangody to just 10 points on 3-for-17 shooting. Harangody did pull down a career-high 22 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to counter his team's miserable day shooting. The Cougars employed on-and-off double teams to surprise Harangody and contested each shot he took.

"I think maybe [the double-teams] frustrated them a little bit," Washington State forward Robbie Cowgill said. "The guards did a great job of rotating. I think also the refs let us play. They let us be physical in there. Sometimes he tries to create contact and get some of those. That didn't happen [Saturday]."

Washington State wouldn't just double-team Harangody, however. When the Irish drove to the basket, at least two Cougars defenders greeted them and made shooting or passing out of the trap difficult. Coming off screens, the Cougars hedged or beat Notre Dame around them and made it hard for the Irish to use the screens well.

Brey said even though Washington State's double-teams affected the Irish early in the game his team was able to get some open looks — they just didn't fall.

"Why didn't we shoot the ball well? No. 1, they play defense," Brey said. "No. 2, you're a little tired because you play defense against them for 25 seconds."

After falling behind 38-24 with 15:52 left to play in the game, the Irish mounted a small comeback. Junior forward Zach Hillesland and Harangody each hit a pair of free throws and Notre Dame managed to string together a few defensive stops. Junior guard Kyle McAlarney, who led Notre Dame with 12 points on 5-for-13 shooting, then hit a three after a Harangody offensive rebound to cut the Cougars lead to seven with 13:49 to play. After a jumper by Cougars guard Derrick Low brought the lead back up to nine, McAlarney had a chance to cut the lead to six, but his three-pointer went in-and-out.

After trading baskets the next few possessions, Washington State went on a 12-2 run to put the game out of reach. Cowgill started it off by hitting two consecutive perimeter jumpers. After guard Tory Jackson turned it over on Notre Dame's end, Washington State guard Kyle Weaver had Kyle McAlarney beat by a step on a fast-break to the basket. But McAlarney didn't let Weaver have the easy bucket, and reached out to grab Weaver as he went up for the shot.

Only, the referees whistled McAlarney for an intentional foul. Weaver hit both free throws and then hit one-of-two after the Cougars got the ball back and he got fouled again. On the Cougars next possession, guard Derrick Low hit a three to put the his team up 52-35 with 8:34 left and end any hope of an Irish comeback. Notre Dame never got closer than 17 the rest of the game.

The Cougars hardly put on an offensive clinic of their own, managing to shoot a middling 24-for-54 from the floor and just 4-for-17 from beyond the arc, but Low and Weaver proved a handful for Notre Dame to guard. Low finished with a game-high 18 points and the 6-foot-6 Weaver were a tough matchup Notre Dame, finishing with 15 points and nine rebounds while Cougars guard Taylor Rochestie finished with seven assists. Low and Weaver each had three steals as well.

"[Low and Weaver] are very good wings. They're threats. They can either go to the hoop, or they can shoot the three or a jump shot. So you have to be aware of that. They were coming off all those screens. The big guys were setting good screens for them and the were curling or fading. They're very versatile and multi-threats."

Things began promising enough for Notre Dame, Tory Jackson began his second straight game with a three-pointer and McAlarney added one of his patented runners in the lane to put the Irish up 5-0 with 18:24 left to play in the first half.

But things quickly went downhill from there. Notre Dame managed just two points over the next 8:42 and Washington State jumped out to a 17-9 lead with 9:42 left. During that stretch, Low scored six points and Weaver poured in four. Notre Dame would pull within six after a pair of free throws from Kurz, but Washington State then went on an 11-2 run, capped off by a three from Low.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Freshman wins twice in ND loss

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

No. 27 Notre Dame (10-7) dropped its third straight on Tuesday at No. 50 Kentucky, falling 4-2.

The Irish lost two of the three doubles matches, as freshmen Stephen Havens and Tyler Davis earned an 8-4 victory to improve to 10-3 on the year. Notre Dame's top pair, junior Brett Helgeson and senior Sheeva Parbhu, lost its second straight.

The Irish got on the scoreboard when Havens won his match, 7-6, 6-3. Havens was the only Irish player who recorded two wins on the day, and he improved his singles record to 17-14 on the year.

Helgeson fell at the No. 1 singles spot, allowing Kentucky to open up a 3-1 lead. After jumping out to a 4-3 lead in the second set, he lost the next three games and lost the third 2-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Parbhu kept the Irish in the match with a straight set win at No. 2 singles, improving his record to 21-9.

With the loss, the Irish dropped to 10-7 on the season. Notre Dame plays host to No. 2 Ohio State on Friday.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish notch win over Drexel

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

No. 7 Notre Dame (6-1) added another win to its record with a 13-6 victory over No. 11 Drexel Tuesday night.

The Dragons entered the match on a seven-game winning streak with their only loss coming from their first match of the season against No. 3 Virginia. Their streak was easily broken by the effective Irish offense, led by junior attack Duncan Swezey, who recorded five points on the match with three goals and two assists. Senior attack Alex Wharton notched three goals and one assist on the evening, and senior midfielder Michael Podgajny added one goal and four assists to the team effort.

"I felt like today might have been our best game all around," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We did a lot of things well today and I feel pretty good about the way the offense played."

The game began with a Drexel goal three and a half minutes into play. The Irish offense quickly retaliated within 21 seconds when Wharton assisted Grant Krebs for the first Irish goal. Three minutes later, Podgajny assisted junior attack Ryan Hoff to give the Irish a 2-1 lead.

The Irish dominated play in the Drexel half of the field during the second quarter, scoring four more goals to conclude the half with a lead of 6-2. Junior midfielders Dan Gibson Peter Christman, each scored while Swezey contributed two more goals for the Irish in the second quarter.

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Kevin Corrigan
Irish coach

"The defense gave up one goal early on off a rebound," Corrigan said. "[Drexel] had a really tough time generating any offense for most of the rest of the game."

The Irish returned from the half and continued their goal run during the third period. A goal by Krebs and two by Wharton pushed the Irish lead out to 9-2. Drexel freshman attack Scott Perri scored a goal and sophomore midfielder/attack Greg Casey scored two goals before the Irish concluded the period with a final goal by Podgajny.

The Irish headed into the final period of play with a 10-5 edge. Another goal by Wharton at the 8:56 mark preceded the final Drexel goal of the game. The Irish finished out the game with strong offense and three consecutive goals by Swezey and Hoff to finally defeat the Dragons 16-5.

"I was very happy with our guys today with how efficiently they played at both ends of the field and in terms of executing what we wanted to do," Corrigan said. "It was another step forward for us we're off to a great start and ready to begin conference play."

While the Irish were prepared to open its Great Western Lacrosse League conference schedule in Colorado Springs versus Air Force on Saturday March 22, the game was postponed due to inclement weather in Chicago that prevented the team from flying. A make-up date for the game is yet to be determined.

The Irish instead will open conference play this Saturday when they travel to Louisville, Ky., to compete against Bellarmine. Bellarmine currently sits behind the Irish in the No. 3 spot in the conference with a record of 6-2. The Irish defeated Bellarmine 11-3 at home during the 2007 season. The game will begin at 1 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame continues winning ways in Texas

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

No. 24 Notre Dame extended its winning streak to five games over the Easter weekend, ousting two solid opponents from the Lone Star State. The Irish beat No. 27 Texas A&M and SMU on the two-game road swing.

In a tight contest, the Irish had to rely on some singles performances to pull out the win over the Aggies. Sticking to its strength, Notre Dame used impressive doubles play to start the match off with the important doubles point, sweeping all three matches.

The No. 1 tandem of senior Brook Buck and Kelcy Tefft continued their dominating play, winning their tenth match in a row — a streak dating back to Valentine's Day.

With Notre Dame nursing a 1-0 lead, singles play would prove to be more challenging. No. 38 Tefft looked in top shape, handling sophomore Elze Potgieter, 6-3, 6-0, improving the junior's record to 15-3 in dual match play. More importantly, however, the Irish took a 2-0 lead in the contest.

After the Irish dropped the first point, Rielley quickly put Notre Dame up 3-1 with her 6-1, 6-3 victory.

The Aggies took the next two matches to even the score at 3-3, so it all came down to Buck.

With the pressure of the match riding on her shoulders, Buck endured through a hard-fought, three-set 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 win clinching the match for Notre Dame. After dropping the first set, Buck took the final two sets, marking her fourth-consecutive singles win at the No. 2 spot.

Against SMU, for the first time since becoming the nation's top-ranked doubles duo, Buck and Tefft lost their match at the hands of junior Natalia Bubien and sophomore Pavi Francis, 8-7, 7-4. The hard-fought tiebreak match also ended their ten-game win streak as a team.

Tefft's four-game win streak at No. 1 singles ended at the hands of Bubien, 7-5, 6-3, tying the score at 1-1, and marking the only point the Mustangs would get all match.

The Irish benefited from a short-handed SMU squad that could not field any players in the No. 4-6 doubles, giving Notre Dame three points, clinching the match at 5-1.

Buck and Francis were engaged in a close match, but as the dual match had already been decided, both teams chose to leave the match unfinished.

Notre Dame returns home Sunday to face Indiana at noon.

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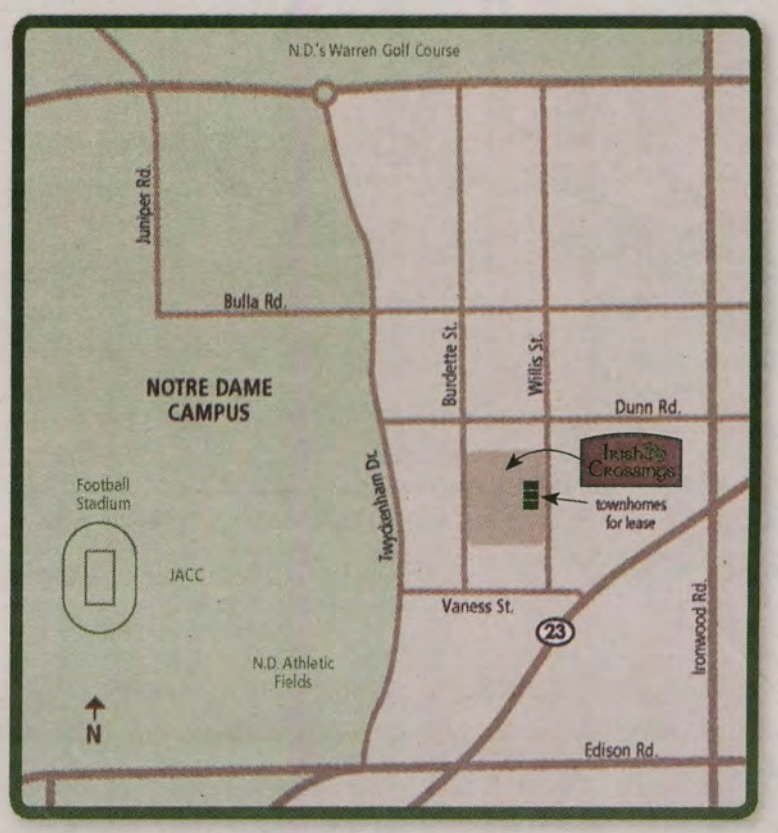

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Taste

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simply ran into a wall and that wall came in the form of a superior, more experienced opponent.

The Cougars suffocated the Irish offense like no other team came close to doing this season. And their guard-play showed Tory Jackson and Kyle McAlarney what another year of playing together can do for them. Washington State seniors Kyle Weaver and Derrick Low picked apart the Irish man-to-man defense. Weaver, a perimeter-oriented forward, worked the baseline like a good artist works the canvas, routinely shaking his man and finding his way to the hoop.

Low also proved to be much more than the Irish could handle. He controlled the pace of the game and orchestrated an offense that committed just seven turnovers.

Washington State illustrated the need to play 40 solid minutes to do serious damage in March. All season long, the Irish relied on offensive explosions to win games. That is not necessarily a bad thing, but the team runs into serious trouble when those runs don't come.

On Saturday, Notre Dame was forced to constantly play from behind so the team was unable to find any kind of rhythm.

The Irish did make one of their patented runs midway through the second half. Luke Harangody absolutely out-willed everyone else on the court to come up with a loose ball before finding Kyle McAlarney for an open 3-pointer. The play capped a 9-0 Notre Dame run and cut Washington State's lead to 38-31. But the Irish were spent.

The sequence illustrated the danger of living and dying by random offensive spurts. The Irish had a poor shooting night and that led to many of their problems. But they also came up against a solid team that prevented them from ever really catching fire. After cutting the deficit to seven, Notre Dame was exhausted from merely trying to catch up.

Obviously, what made Notre Dame so high-powered and fun to watch was its run-and-gun style. But sometimes (especially during the grind that defines March Madness), a team is forced to slow it down. The Irish would be well-advised to learn from the Cougars' patience on both ends of the floor.

And they will learn. The team has made gigantic strides in each of the past two seasons. They improved from an NIT team to an NCAA Tournament bid recipient last year. And this season, they advanced one round further than they did last year. They will return every player with the exception of Rob Kurz (see bottom of column) and there is no reason to suspect they will not markedly improve once again.

But the Irish need to learn several lessons from this season's Tournament exit. They must improve in the half-court game to compete with plodders like Washington State. And they must play consistent basketball for entire games, shaking their habit of counting on mega-runs to lift them over good opponents.

Otherwise, on nights when they shoot well under their average percentage, they will leave with their mouths tasting like stale whiskey and vodka.

Some Other Thoughts

◆Regardless of all the points I just made, the Irish had little chance of winning anyway because of one statistic. That would be Luke Harangody's 3-for-17 finish from the floor. Harangody did pull down 22 rebounds but many of those can be attributed to Notre Dame's atrocious shooting. Seven of his boards came on the offensive glass.

If your superstar has a game where he struggles offensively, you're not beating anyone in March.

After the game, Harangody said he felt like he let his teammates down. Expect his season-ending performance to make him even more driven this off-season. Look for him to play like a man possessed next year.

◆When Jackson knocked down a 3-pointer to put Notre Dame on the scoreboard for the second straight game, I thought it was a good omen. In retrospect, it wasn't.

Jackson had just four points and two assists the rest of the way.

◆The Irish are going to miss Rob Kurz.

Kurz was everything you could ask for in a captain, someone who deflected credit for wins after doing much of the dirty work those victories entailed. Even in the locker room after the loss Saturday, the team's lone senior directed the conversation toward next season. He said he hoped his younger teammates would learn from this year and use that experience to advance further in the Tournament next year.

The empty spot vacated by No. 31 will not be easily filled next year.

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SMC Tennis

Belles look to bounce back in home opener

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
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Saint Mary's (4-5, 0-1 MIAA) continues conference play Wednesday when it hosts Calvin in its home opener at Notre Dame's Eck Tennis Center at 5 p.m.

"I am really excited to see what we can do against Calvin tomorrow," sophomore captain Camille Gebert said. "Calvin will be a team very much like us — young and of similar talent level — so it will be a good chance to see how well we can perform."

Gebert and freshmen Jillian Hurley, the Belles No. 1 doubles team that beat Albion in their last action, aren't the only Saint Mary's doubles who have been improving since the Belles came back from spring break. The duos of sophomore Lisa Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed and freshmen Jessica Kosinski and Jessica Camp have all progressed recently.

"I am excited that our doubles are doing better," Gebert said. "In order to win tomorrow we are going to need to win at least two or the three doubles matches, hopefully three. If we start off strong, our singles will finish the win off."

No. 1 and No. 2 singles players Gebert and Hurley currently sit at 4-5 and 7-1, respectively, on the season. Reed and Kosinski have also been strong in singles for the Belles.

"Our entire team has really been doing well," Gebert said. "Each player has stepped it up when need be, including the players not currently in the lineup. Tomorrow will be a good test for our team. If we can pull the win our, which I have faith that we will, we will be in good shape for the rest of the conference season."

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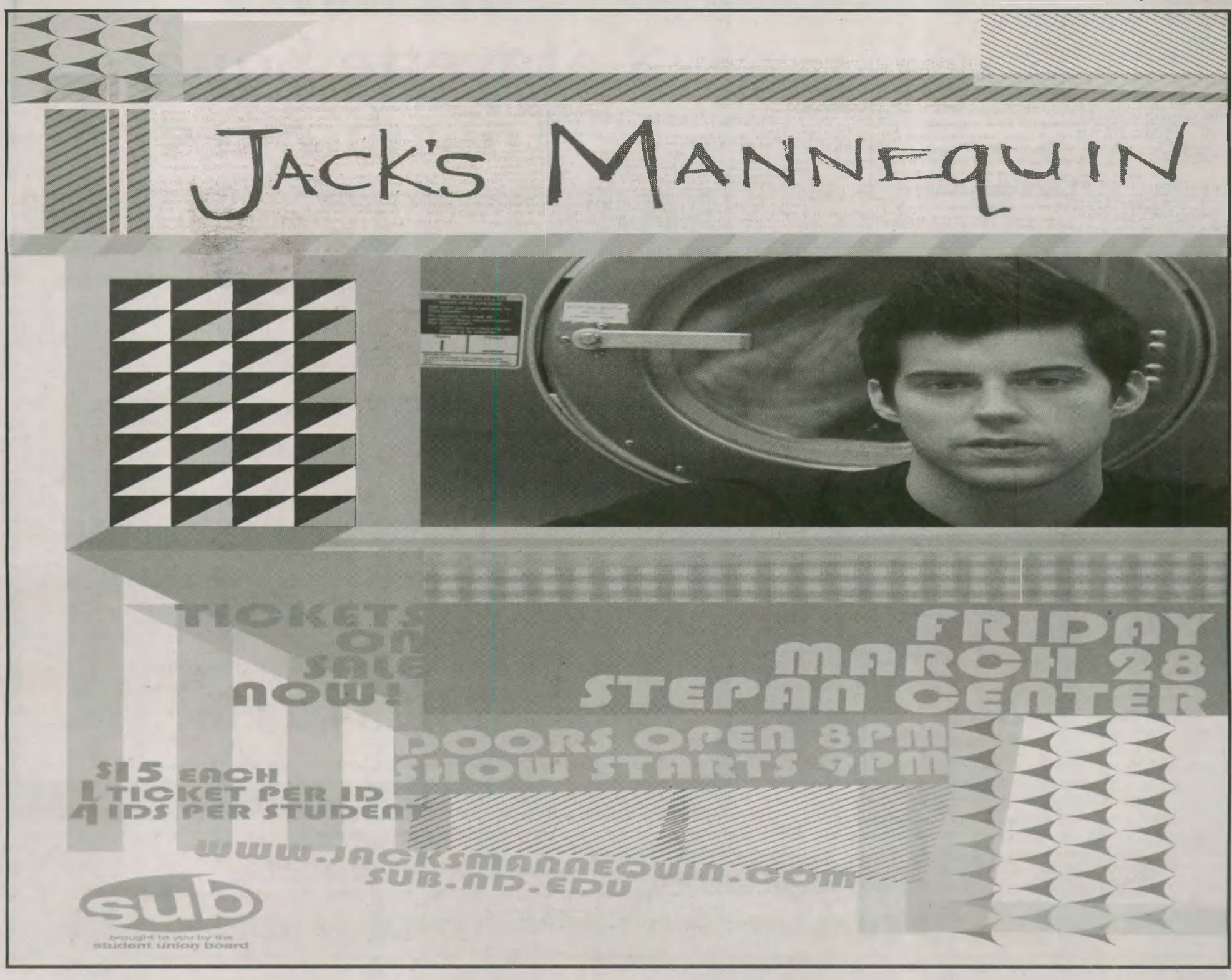

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Tournament.

"It was a great feeling," junior left wing Garrett Regan said. "It's what you work for all year, and that was definitely one of our objectives to make the NCAA Tournament. We made it there, and now we have a chance to win a championship, so we've got to make the best out of our opportunity."

Notre Dame, the No. 4-seed, will face New Hampshire, the top seed in the West regional, on Friday afternoon in Colorado Springs, Colo., with the opportunity to take on the winner of Friday's Colorado College-Michigan State match-up.

Though the Irish will certainly be the underdog, they believe they can make up for their poor second-half showing by pulling off the upset Friday.

"We've got to realize how lucky we are [to still be playing]. Only 16 teams get this opportunity every year, so you can't pass up one chance," senior captain Mark Van Guilder said. "The thing is, it doesn't really matter what we did last weekend, it doesn't matter what we did in the first half or second half — it's one game. It's one and done or one and move on. ... We have to put all our eggs in one basket and just go for it, because anything can happen here."

RedHawks 2, Irish 1 (OT)

In a loss coach Jeff Jackson could only describe as "devastating", the Irish held a high-powered Miami attack scoreless until Mitch Ganzak beat Notre Dame goalie Jordan Pearce — who was otherwise sensational with 28 saves — stick-side through traffic with 3.4 seconds remaining in regulation.

"The positives are that we executed exactly what we wanted to," Van Guilder said. "We weathered the storm in the first period, and Pearce was awesome. We frustrated them, and that was our goal going into the game, and then just waiting for our chances. Unfortunately, we got a couple tough breaks there, and the negative is that we weren't able to close it out with a one-goal lead in the third period."

Senior forward Evan Rankin put Notre Dame on the board with just 4:30 to play in the game with a backhander from the slot. That goal came just two minutes after Van Guilder's power-play goal was called off when the officials ruled that it never crossed the goal line.

Miami defenseman Alec Martinez won it for the RedHawks when he fired a shot by Pearce from the left point, deflating Notre Dame's hopes of returning to Saturday's title game.

"We showed that we can play with anybody," Jackson said. "We were on our heels a little bit early in the game ... but as the game went on, we got better and better. In the third period, we controlled the tempo of the game, and I think Miami's as good a team as there is in the country, so we should have a lot of confidence because we're getting closer to finishing it off. Hopefully this makes us stronger in the long run."

Wildcats 2, Irish 1

For the first time all year, the Irish lost a game in which they led after two periods.

"I think we had a tough time getting over Friday still, and there wasn't a lot of emotion — you could see it wasn't as intense as Friday," Van Guilder said. "That was our fault, we had a little trouble getting up for the game, but we didn't know the [NCAA Tournament] situation. We were just trying to win."

Christian Hanson scored the lone Notre Dame goal midway through the second period, but Northern Michigan's Tim Hartung and Matt Siddall each scored goals in the first four minutes of

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ND Women's Lacrosse

Irish sneak by Hofstra, win second straight

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Things are finally starting to break right for the Irish.

Coming off of a weekend that saw the Irish knock off Loyola, 13-10, No. 13 Notre Dame (7-3) continued its roll on the road in New York, defeating Hofstra 14-13. Tough defense, coach Tracy Coyne said, proved to be the difference.

"We had a huge defensive stop at the end of the game by Rachel Guerrera," Coyne said.

The stop was crucial to the Irish victory, as it turned away the Pride attack as time was winding down. Notre Dame had lost in such a scenario earlier in the season, losing to Oregon on a pair of last-minute goals. This outcome, however, shows that the tide may be turning for the Irish this year.

"That was the turning point of the whole game. It was the Pontiac Game-Changing Performance," said Coyne with a laugh, referring to the popular highlight segment from football season.

The stop was also crucial to offset a slow start for the Irish, something Coyne hopes to avoid in the future.

"I think we need to come out with more intensity," she said. "But I think we played a very good game."

Once again, the Notre Dame offense clicked, notching 14 goals for the eighth time in ten games this season. Junior Jillian Byers led the offensive comeback, scoring all four of her goals in the second half. Freshman Shaylyn Blaney scored two goals, including the game winner with four minutes to play.

"I think we need to come out with more intensity. But I think we played a very good game."

Tracy Coyne
Irish coach

The Irish will play their next game on Saturday in Storrs, Conn., against the Connecticut Huskies, with the hopes of extending their two game winning streak.

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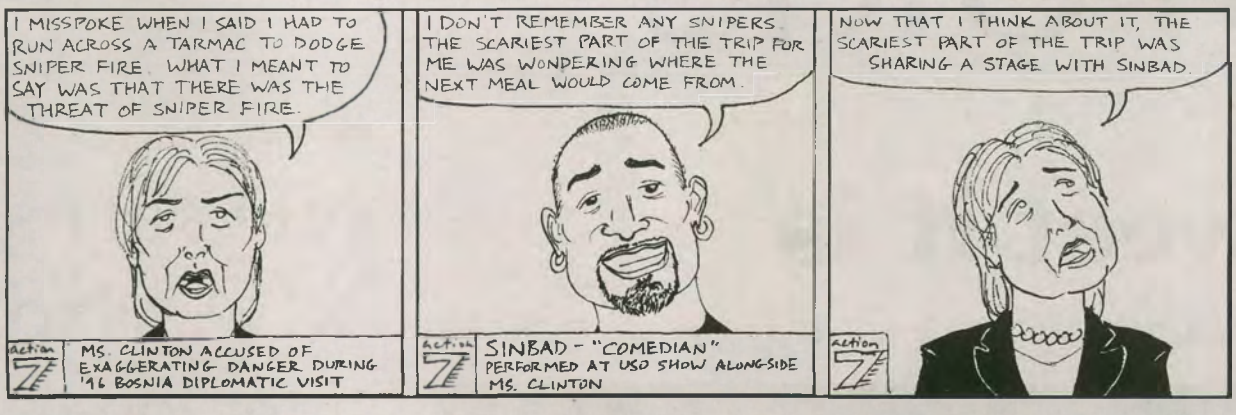

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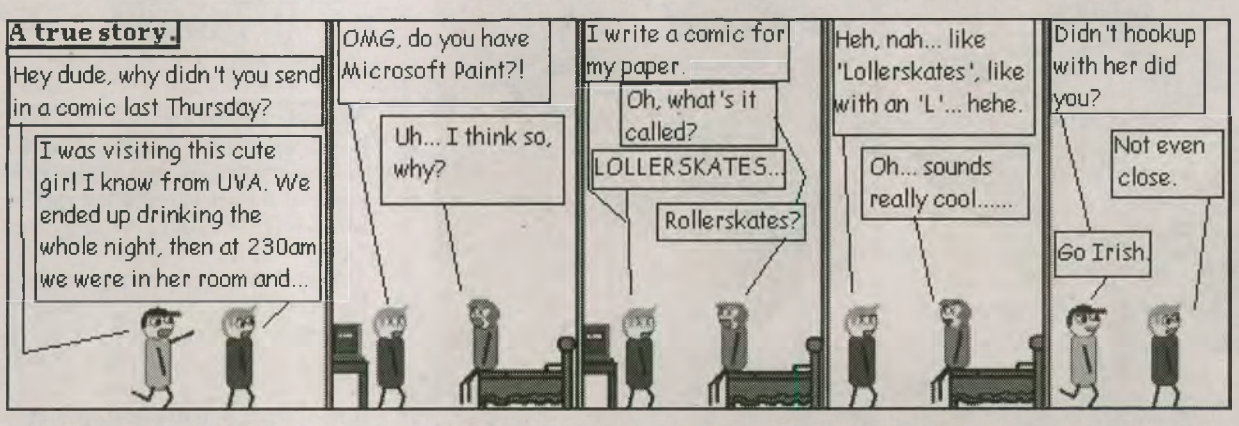

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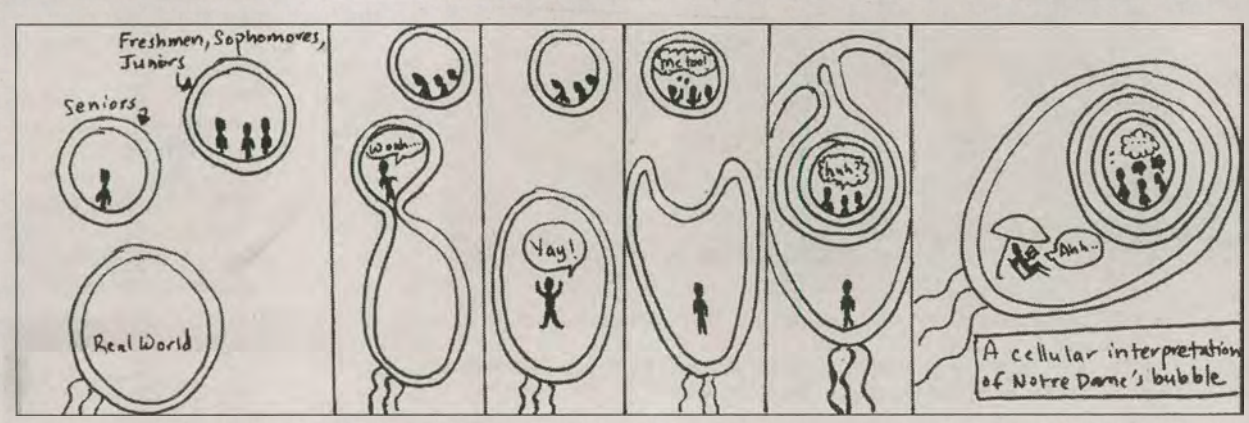

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17 Cat's gripper
18 Violin, viola and cello
20 Hitchcock thriller
21 *Pen
22 Half-and-half quantities
23 Mail at contest central
25 *Cote calls
26 Sound from a frying pan
27 Monastery title
29 Place brushed by a barber
32 Sprites in bottles?
35 Bad marks
37 Knickers wearer
38 From 1- to 67-Across
41 Some A.L. sluggers
42 Jong who wrote "Sappho's Leap"
43 Woodcutter's tool
44 Many a turban wearer
46 Toll rd.
47 Sleek runway model?
48 *Sleep lab purchases
50 Lawn care tool
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56 *Salon styles
58 Drink to excess
59 Aida and Norma, notably
61 Chicago's Dan ___ Expressway
62 Kind of ladder exemplified by the answers to the seven starred clues
63 Backspace over text
64 Astronomy's ___ cloud
65 Finishes, as cartoon artwork, with "in"
66 Blows off steam
67 *Fanatics

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2 Sock material
3 Not suitable
4 Buzzer on "This Old House"
5 Last sign
6 Some saxophones
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8 Sassy one
9 It's issued by the Nippon Ginko
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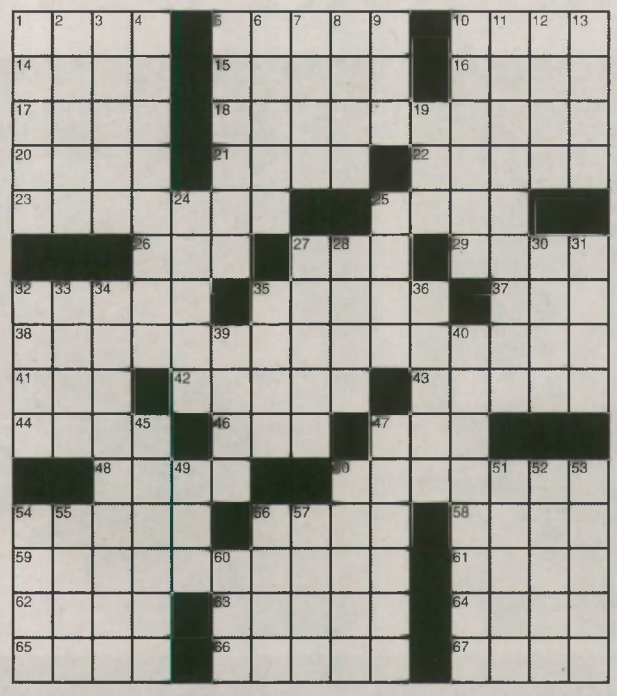

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

How Sweet it is

Allen scores 35 points as Notre Dame beats Oklahoma, advances to Regional semifinals

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WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Charel Allen said before the NCAA Tournament started that the team goal was to reach the Sweet 16. Tuesday night, she saw to it herself that they got there.

Allen scored 35 points during No. 5-seed Notre Dame's 79-75 overtime win over No. 4-seed Oklahoma in the second round of the Tournament.

The Irish, who donned their green uniforms against the Sooners, advanced to the Sweet 16, where they face No. 1 seed Tennessee Sunday. The Volunteers beat Notre Dame 87-63 on Jan. 5 at the Joyce Center.

"The whole team absolutely refused to go home without a victory," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Even when we got down five in the overtime we just kept battling back."

Allen was 10-for-21 from the field, 3-for-3 from 3-point range and 12-for-12 from the free throw line. Still, she said the Tournament meant more.

"It wasn't bad," she said of her night. "We got to the Sweet 16. The 'W' is all that counts for

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Irish senior guard Tulyah Gaines, left, reaches for a loose ball as Sooners guard Danielle Robinson corrals it during Notre Dame's 79-75 overtime victory Tuesday night.

HOCKEY

ND earns NCAA bid after losses

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Rarely is a team that has just lost consecutive one-goal games in its conference tournament as relieved the morning after as the No. 11 Irish (24-15-4) were on Sunday.

After losing an overtime heartbreaker to No. 3 Miami (Ohio) 2-1 on Friday and giving up a pair of third-period goals in a 2-1 loss to Northern Michigan in an emotion-less third-place game the next night, Notre Dame's NCAA Tournament hopes were very much in doubt, especially after the team entered the weekend in Detroit with the expectation that it had to win at least once to guarantee itself a berth.

And yet, when the pairings were announced Sunday morning, there the Irish were — yelling, cheering, but most of all, breathing a gigantic, collective sigh of relief that its dismal record in the season's second half had not ultimately cost them a chance to get back to the

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish fall to Washington St. in second round

Squad manages only 41 points in blowout

By CHRIS HINE
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DENVER — Irish coach Mike Brey said his offense would be comfortable playing with its usual, run-and-gun tempo or battling Washington State in half-court offense. Unfortunately for the Irish, Washington State defended both styles fairly well.

Thanks to a sagging and suffocating man-to-man defense that made the country forget Notre Dame averaged 80.2 points coming into the NCAA Tournament, Washington State sent Notre Dame home for the season and ended senior captain Rob Kurz's career with a 61-41 thumping at the Pepsi Center.

"I think you certainly take your hat off to Washington State," Brey said. "They imposed their will on us."

In the process, the Irish set or tied a few records for offensive futility under Brey - fewest points scored in a game, tied the lowest points for a half (19 in the first half), and lowest field goal percentage for a game (24.5 percent).

The loss was only the second time in school history the Irish have lost by 20 or more points in the NCAA Tournament —

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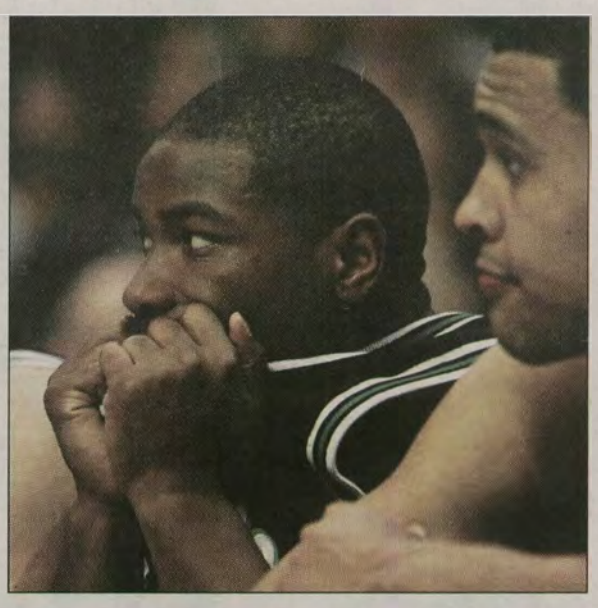

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Top left, forward Rob Kurz takes a jump shot. Top right, point guard Tory Jackson reacts as the final seconds tick off the clock. Bottom, forward Ryan Ayers defends Cougars guard Kyle Weaver.

Season-ending defeat will leave bitter taste

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DENVER — The Irish had a good season but, boy, does that type of loss leave a bad taste in their mouths. Like the dry, putrid taste you have in your mouth after a long night of partying. No amount of toothpaste can fully eradicate that taste.

But for Notre Dame, there are some positives to be taken from its season-ending loss to Washington State. The Irish saw what it takes to advance beyond the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament.

Before the Tourney, I said that anything short of a Sweet 16 berth would be a disappointment for the Irish. I still believe that, but after seeing Washington State dismantle Notre Dame, I now also more fully realize why the Round of 16 is labeled "Sweet." You have to play really, really well to get there. Obviously, the Irish didn't.

But I think Saturday's loss had more to do with Washington State's execution than with Notre Dame's poor showing. The Irish

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