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Sexual Assault Awareness Week begins

Gender Relations Center hosts events to foster discussion, education on campus

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

The Gender Relations Center is hosting events to increase awareness about sexual assault and spark discussion during this week's Sexual Assault Awareness Week, said Laura Lauck, the student assistant at the Gender Relations Center.

Lauck said the posters displayed around campus for Sexual Assault Awareness Week represent the goals of the week because the posters are of a face without eyes and an X in place of a mouth.

"The lack of eyes [means] we need to be aware and open our

eyes to the problem that sexual assault causes," Lauck said. "The X is like we need to talk about it. And don't be afraid to talk about it just because it is Notre Dame."

A prayer service for sexual assault survivors will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at the Log Chapel. Following the prayer service will be a march around campus and a bonfire on Holy Cross Hill where students will have a "speak out," student assistant for the Gender Relations Center Patrick Tighe said.

A "speak out" is about "breaking the silence," Tighe said, who said it will be a time for sur-

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Sexual Assault Awareness Week Schedule

February 23: Notre Dame Take Back the Night

Includes a prayer service at 7 p.m. in the Log Chapel, a march, and a Speak Out bonfire at 8 p.m. at Holy Cross

February 24 - 26: Resource tables in North and South dining halls and LaFortune Student Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

February 25: Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention (CSAP) student forum at 7 p.m. in the Reckers Hospitality Room

February 27: "A Time to Heal" Dinner

with speakers from 5 to 7 p.m. at Legends; RSVP by February 23 to grc@nd.edu or 574.631.9340

MARY CECILIA MITSCH/The Observer

Parents on campus for JPW

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

For junior Mary Beth Lee, Junior Parents Weekend (JPW) allowed her to introduce her parents to life at Notre Dame and reflect on the past two and a half years on campus.

"In college, you have two different homes and two different families," Lee said. "You finally get to have your ND family meet your biological family."

Lee said her favorite event was the President's Dinner, which took place on Saturday, mostly because of University President Fr. Jenkins' funny and insightful address.

In the speech, Jenkins drew comparisons between the biblical story, "The Boy Jesus in the Temple" — where Jesus' parents lose him only to find him later preaching in the temple — and the evolution from child to adult that happens in college, she said.

"His point was that we are evolving and changing at school, and our parents come to JPW to find us all grown up," Lee said.

Along with attending the President's Dinner, Lee said she was able to give her parents a tour of campus, and they went out to dinner at Polito's Restaurant.

The speakers at the dinner and the homily by Fr. Mark Poorman, vice president for student affairs, at the JPW mass

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Student research published in new journal

By TESS CIVANTOS
News Writer

The College of Arts and Letters has a Journal of Undergraduate Research, but students in the College of Science had no place to publish their research — until now.

College of Science students and faculty are planning Scientia, Notre Dame's first-ever journal for undergraduate research devoted exclusively to science, for release this semester.

"There are so many students in the College of Science doing all these awesome research projects, and there's no outlet for them," said sophomore Ryan Renacci, the submissions editor for Scientia. "We want these students to be able to let other students see what they've done."

A journal for undergraduate science research is a natural fit for Notre Dame's expanding science and research programs. Edwin Siu, a graduate student in biological sciences and advisor to Scientia, was surprised that such a publication did not already exist.

"When I started school here, I looked to see if there was a publication in the College of Science for student research," Siu said. "With Notre Dame's focus on undergraduate education, it seemed strange that there wasn't one."

A key feature of Scientia, Latin for "knowledge," is that it will be completely student-run. Another is that it will be an online publication, with only one print copy issued yearly.

"The advantage of online publication is that it reduces our burden on the planet, it allows for a rolling applica-

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Students safe after Cairo bomb blast

Notre Dame study abroad site not in vicinity of explosion

By JENN METZ
News Editor

Though the eight Notre Dame students currently studying abroad in Cairo were not directly affected by Sunday's bomb explosion in the Khan el-Khalili neighborhood of the city, they have concerns about their safety and unanswered questions about the attack.

The blast, which hit one of the city's famed bazaars packed with tourists, killed a French woman and wounded at least 21 people — most of them foreigners — according to a report by The

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Egyptian police attend to scene outside the Khan el-Khalili market following a blast, in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday.

Saint Mary's College celebrates women

Week of events designed to show appreciation for female contributions to world

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Diversity Board (SDB) is sponsoring Women's Appreciation Week, a celebration of "all ways in which women make a difference in the world," said senior Leslie Lau, the chair of the event.

Lau, along with co-chair Mara Martinez have been planning events throughout the year that they hope all students at Saint Mary's will attend.

"We hope that with the variety of events that we have organized we will

invite women with different interests to our events," Lau said.

The events of the week will be kicked off today with an Appreciate Women in Art Exhibit. Lau said that this would give women in the art department a chance to be acknowledged by the rest of the student body.

"As an artist, I knew that the Art Department was having their faculty show and I approached them asking if they were willing to talk about their work and how they were influenced by their gender," Lau said.

The faculty was extremely accommodating and the SDB hopes that this will be

a great way to ensure a large turnout by inviting a new crowd of students, Lau said.

The SDB is hosting the event "Yellow is the Color of Freedom" Tuesday afternoon. The event was inspired by the suffragists and legislators who wore yellow roses to support the passing of the 19th amendment.

SDB will be in the Student Atrium handing out yellow roses with quotations by these famous suffragists to students.

"We hope that from these inspirational quotations women will be reminded that we can achieve great

things when we all come together under a common cause, to promote the freedom of women and sexual discrimination," Lau said.

Other events that will occur during the week include a panel on Wednesday that will be presented by four Women's Studies professors. On Thursday, there is an interactive workshop presented by Terri Russ, the author of "Bi***in' Bodies."

Lau said that it was unlikely that they will see a large turnout at all of the events, but said they do expect some of their activi-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Alternate options

Like many Notre Dame students, you may feel pressure to "succeed" in the conventional way by finding a high-paying job, a like-minded spouse and a suburban home within a 10-mile radius of either a country club or Catholic church.

That road is well-traveled, and it's no sure thing given the state of the economy, so here are some alternative, recession-proof career options that you can't look up on Go Irish and won't hear about from your parents' friends.

Robert Singer

News Production Editor

◆ **MMA Fighter/Ultimate Fighting Championship:** This is a burgeoning field because of a rise in frustration due to a poor economy and the widespread crackdown on school bullying; as people are forced to seek new outlets for their repressed hatred for the world, fighting circles are opening up everywhere. It's the one blue-collar job that isn't being outsourced. Plus, there is no drug testing for the amateur bouts. Couple this with the fact that Mixed Martial Arts rewards rage as much as athleticism and you'll have an almost guaranteed shot at success if you "line up" the right kind of pre-game routine. Go to GladiatorElite.com for more details. Men and women can apply.

◆ **Farmer/The Midwest:** Land will be cheap in the Midwest if there is a mass exile due to a collapse in auto manufacturing. Also, if you're enamored with Catholic doctrine, no career is more accommodating than farming. Birth control is a hindrance when you can always use more hands to shovel the hog pen or husk the corn.

Considering the quality of schools in most parts of the Midwest, your crew of child laborers will be around to support the family business long after they are rejected from their dream schools and decide joining the military is too risky given the five wars simultaneously being fought in the Middle East. If you're interested in buying farm acreage, call Jeff at 614-989-9394.

◆ **Friar/Franciscans of Primitive Observance:** It won't help to pay off that \$200,000 bill from Notre Dame, as this strict brotherhood of monks rejects all use of money, but it assuredly won't put you in the awkward situation of worrying about troublesome concepts like social justice from a 40th floor office in Goldman Sachs. Instead, you'll be down on the streets as one of society's sufferers. Wearing a rough wool habit and living in a wooden cell, you can toss aside the tired tradition of rugged individualism and depend on someone else for a change — Divine Providence. Begging and hitchhiking and relying on the guilt — er, inspired goodwill — of other people will be your only options, since this order denies itself the use of cars and commerce. If interested, write Brother Andrew at Co-Redemptrix Friary, 20 Trinity Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts 01841.

If you're at Notre Dame, chances are good that your parents made more conventional career decisions. But who's to say that's the only way to find satisfaction in life?

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT SONG DO YOU CURRENTLY HAVE STUCK IN YOUR HEAD?



Ryan Quillard
freshman
Dillon

"Matt Nathanson's 'Romeo and Juliet.'"



Megan Flaherty
freshman
Le Mans

"That Flo Rida song!"



Billy Belrne
freshman
Seigfried

"'New Math' by Bo Burnham (thanks to Grace for showing me him)."



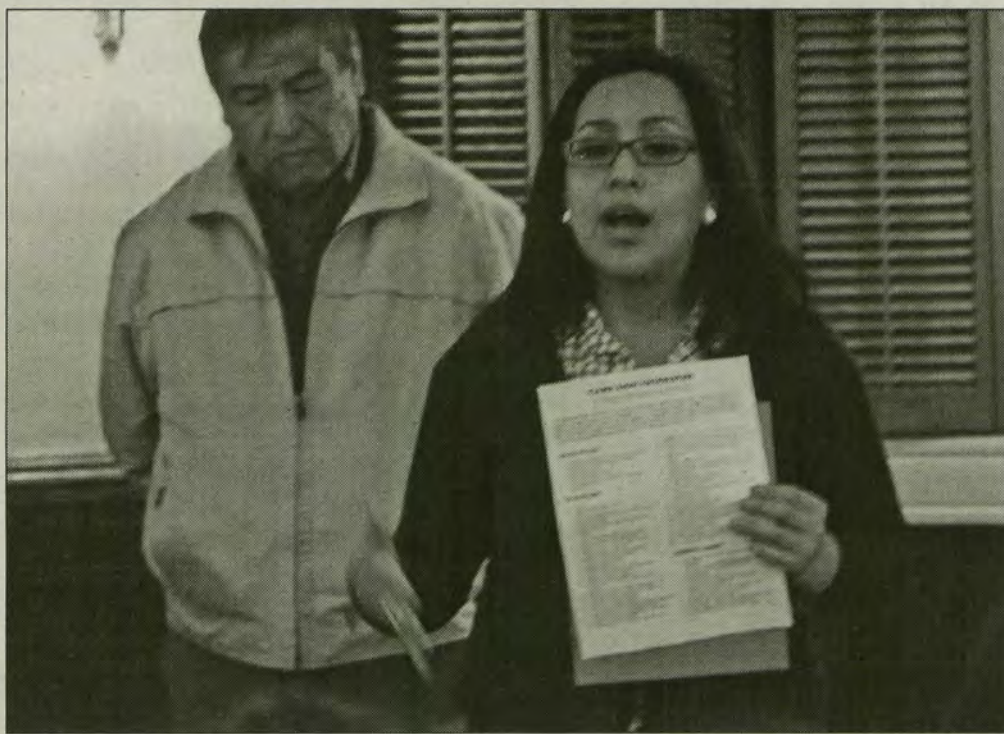
Stephen Shaver
freshman
Alumni

"'I am on a boat,' by Lonely Island."



Henry Shine
freshman
Stanford

"'Wasting Time,' by Dave Matthews."



PAT COVENEY/The Observer

Unite Here union organizer Maria Vivanca speaks Thursday at a Progressive Students Association event to raise awareness about the struggles of HEI Hotels and Resorts workers.

IN BRIEF

The **Bookstore Basketball Tipoff** will be held today from 7 p.m. to 9 in **Rolfs Rec Sports Center** to celebrate the opening of Bookstore registration. Notre Dame professor **Carl Ackermann**, former player **Tom Timmermans** and University President Emeritus **Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy** will make appearances.

Semi-finals for **Bengal Bouts** will take place tomorrow starting at 6:30 p.m. in the **Joyce Center Fieldhouse**. Contact the Joyce Center ticket office for tickets.

Mass for **Ash Wednesday** will be celebrated **Wednesday** in the **Basilica of the Sacred Heart** at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Wendy Falk MacGregor, the Chief Marketing Officer for **Feeding American** and **Lisa Jaworski**, the Chief Executive Officer for the **Food Bank of Northern Indiana** will give a talk titled **"Hunger in America and South Bend: Responding to Unprecedented Demand"** at 5 p.m. in **136 DeBartolo**. All are welcome.

The **51st Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival** will take place in **Washington Hall** from 7 to 11 p.m. Top college jazz bands will perform while being judged by five highly acclaimed jazz artists. **Students** at Notre Dame, St. Mary's and Holy Cross are **admitted free of charge** but must obtain tickets from the **LaFortune Ticket Office**.

Bengal Bouts finals take place **Saturday** at 7 p.m. in the **Joyce Center**.

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

OFFBEAT

Woman receives invitation 22 years late

LA GRANDE, Ore. — An Oregon woman finally received an invitation to her nephew's high school graduation in New Jersey, but she may be a little late — it was in 1987.

Theresa Schlossarek, of La Grande, found the invitation last week in her mailbox. The envelope, which had been opened, was postmarked June 2, 1987, from Toms River, N.J., where her brother, Hermann Inseher, lives.

Inseher said the lack of response from his sister was noticed but dismissed.

"We just thought that she lived so far away, she couldn't come," Inseher said. "She usually would send money, though, so we did joke about that later on, that maybe she could send some and add interest for the years passed."

Peter Hass, spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service's Portland district, called the delay "very unusual and very unfortunate."

Inmate accused of again impersonating officer

MADISON, Wis. — A Madison man already serving time for impersonating an officer apparently has-

n't learned his lesson.

Thirty-year-old Joshua D. Kay is charged with a new count of impersonating an officer. At an initial court appearance Friday he stood mute so the court entered a plea of not guilty.

Prosecutors say Kay has been telling other inmates he's actually a sheriff's deputy, working undercover to investigate other deputies.

Online court records didn't list an attorney for Kay on Saturday.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 26 LOW 7	HIGH 20 LOW 3	HIGH 33 LOW 25	HIGH 41 LOW 34	HIGH 42 LOW 29	HIGH 32 LOW 21

Atlanta 52 / 28 Boston 39 / 20 Chicago 25 / 14 Denver 64 / 36 Houston 67 / 53 Los Angeles 71 / 52 Minneapolis 22 / 15 New York 34 / 22 Philadelphia 36 / 20 Phoenix 83 / 57 Seattle 51 / 43 St. Louis 37 / 25 Tampa 66 / 43 Washington 38 / 21

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Choir plans tour of Midwest, Canada

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College Women's choir will tour March 9-15 in the Midwest and Canada, continuing the tradition that has continued every other year for the past 25 years. The choir will perform in Fort Wayne, Ind.; Toledo, Ohio; Ann Arbor, Detroit and Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; and Guelph and Toronto, Ontario in Canada.

In preparation for the tour, the Women's Choir members have been diligently practicing four hours per week, said Choir Director Nancy Menk. Their dedication to this tour is not just based on a desire to present an aesthetic experience for audiences; this tour has significant purposes, Menk said.

"One purpose of this tour is to promote Saint Mary's College and, in particular, the Music Department and the Women's Choir to prospective students, alumnae, and the general public," Menk said.

The tour also benefits the choral program at Saint Mary's College through promotion of their music.

"This tour will promote quality choral singing, especially music for women's voices, including the new pieces in our

choral series," Menk said. "It will promote the quality of our choral program and make our CDs available to our audiences."

During this tour, the Women's Choir will perform in conjunction with other university, high school, and community treble choirs. The choirs who will be performing with the Women's Choir are the Fort Wayne Children's Choir at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, the Ann Arbor Youth Chorale and Huron High School Bel Canto at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, and the University of Guelph and the University of Toronto Women's Choirs at Harcourt Memorial United Church.

The choir will conclude the tour with a homecoming concert March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church of Our Lady of Loretto on campus.

Ultimately, the tour is a developmental experience for the girls participating.

"This tour is meant to build musicality and rapport among the members of the Choir and to strengthen our performing abilities and to have fun while making great music together," Menk said. "The Choir always improves immensely by the end of the tour."

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ND biologist explores circadian clock gene

Special to The Observer

Scientists have long known that interrupting the 24-hour circadian rhythm plays havoc with the lives and health of medical, military and airline personnel, factory employees and travelers.

A new paper by University of Notre Dame biologist Giles Duffield and a team of researchers that appears in this month's edition of the journal *Current Biology* sheds new light on circadian timing systems and focuses on a key gene that seems to regulate the response of the circadian clock to light signals.

"Circadian rhythms are important and exciting because they pervade many aspects of biochemistry, physiology and behavior, either subtly or overtly," Duffield said. "For example, the human sleep-wake cycle is a very obvious rhythm and tightly gated to the night, while perhaps less obvious is that virtually all hormones oscillate with a 24-hour rhythm and up to 10 percent of genes in each cell are rhythmically controlled."

An estimated 16 percent of the U.S. working population is involved in rotational shift work, and a significant population is affected by jet lag and related sleep-wake disorders. The impact of the large shifts in the

body's internal clock that these individuals experience can be profound, contributing to increased accident rates, medical errors and the development of particular illnesses.

"Both the Three Mile Island disaster in 1979 and the Chernobyl disaster in 1986 occurred late at night or early in the morning," Duffield said. "Most truck accidents occur around 2 a.m. Incidents of cancer and cardiovascular disease are elevated in trans-Atlantic airline staff and in shift workers."

The master circadian clock in the human resides within the suprachiasmatic nucleus of the hypothalamic brain and receives direct input from the retina (eye) through which the clock can be reset or synchronized on a daily basis to the prevailing light-dark cycle. This provides both time of day and also time of year information to the brain and body. Things can go wrong with the internal clocks when either the clock system or its light input pathway is disrupted.

Using DNA microarray techniques, Duffield and the other researchers identified an important gene called the "Inhibitor of DNA-binding 2" (Id2) and found that the gene is rhythmically expressed in various tissues including the suprachiasmatic nucleus.

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offered perspective on the past years at Notre Dame and the years to come, she said.

"We talked about how there are only two and a half semesters left, and carpe diem," she said. "We need to make the most of our last semesters."

Junior Greg Wallingford said he enjoyed having a beer with his dad at Fiddler's Hearth.

"It was hilarious," Wallingford said. "It was almost all kids and parents at Fiddler's Hearth."

Wallingford also said he welcomed the chance to give his parents a glimpse of his everyday life at Notre Dame.

"It was great showing them what you actually do here," he said. "You get used to things, but showing them to your parents, they seem newer."

Junior Rosemary Peterson said she most enjoyed Lou Holtz's speech at the closing brunch.

"He's a really amazing speaker," Peterson said. "His advice was to go through life excited and find something to be passionate about."

JPW is generally thought of as an important weekend for juniors, but since the event is during the spring semester, many juniors studying abroad miss out, especially the entire junior class in the Architecture School.

Senior architecture major Tereza Schaible said the school offers a program akin to JPW called Expo Roma for the seniors because they missed JPW, as every junior in the school studies abroad in Rome for the

year. Expo Roma takes place on the same weekend as JPW every year, she said.

"Any senior who was abroad last spring was invited to JPW, including the archies, but we put on something called Expo Roma, which is like our own JPW since everyone was abroad in Rome," she said. "So we have our own thing just for archies."

The weekend included a reception with Michael Lykoudis, the dean of the Architecture school, a lecture from a professor the students had in Rome, a dinner at Tippecanoe Restaurant in South Bend and a Mass to close the weekend.

Schaible said the main objective of the weekend is to tell the parents about the students' experience in Rome the previous year.

"We decorated the whole first floor of Bond Hall with our paintings and drawings from Rome and the pictures we took there," she said. "There's also a lunch with our parents with a video yearbook along with a slide show with music, pictures and videos that covered our whole year in Rome."

Although Expo Roma occurs every year on JPW, Schaible said their event is unique from JPW because the weekend was focused about remembering the year in Rome.

"It was a great opportunity to show our parents how much we did last year and what our experience in Rome was. It really brought back so many memories for all of us," she said. "It was a really nostalgic weekend."

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tions process, and it makes the journal more easily accessible," said professor Dominic Chaloner, Scientia's faculty advisor.

Editors oversee each of Scientia's five departments: biology, chemistry, pre-professional, physics and math. Each department also includes volunteer undergraduates who will help prepare submitted articles for publication as peer reviewers.

"We wanted Scientia to represent every major in the College of Science," Renacci said.

Scientia will incorporate news articles about Notre Dame science

along with student-written research pieces.

"Most Notre Dame students know another student who's working in a lab, but you don't know what it is they're actually doing," Siu said. "Scientia will include a news section so students at Notre Dame can know what their peers are researching and see that they're actively involved in research that's significant."

Scientia will feature a rolling application process and online submission of articles, making it easy to submit research. Its editors are eager to get to work on the first articles.

"We're looking for people to submit articles, and we could always use more editors," Renacci said. "When we receive articles, a

reviewer will work with the writer, sending the article back and forth to make sure it's publication-worthy. We're focusing on research that the student has done over a summer or over a semester."

College of Science students can look forward to the exposure their work will get through Scientia. The journal will be an outlet for the research that most students already do.

"Most science majors do some sort of research," Siu said. "It seems a bit of a shame to put in all those hours and not have something to show for it, and this gives closure to their research."

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vivors to account their experiences with sexual assault or rape.

"Anyone is welcome to come. You don't have to be a sexual assault survivor. It can be supporters, allies, friends ... anyone," he said.

Lauck said the Gender Relations Center will have a resource table set up Tuesday through Thursday in both dining halls and in LaFortune. The tables will provide information not only to survivors of sexual assault, but also their friends and family, or anyone looking for general education on the topic.

There will be a forum Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in

the Reckers Hospitality Room to "address issues of sexual assault and rape here on campus," Tighe said. The forum is hosted by the Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention and will bring together students, members of the Notre Dame Security Police and the Counseling Center to discuss the issue of sexual assault, Tighe said.

"You just go there and you see the current policy and there will be a discussion on your thoughts on the policy," Tighe said. The discussion will also include what changes are needed in the University's sexual assault policy. Stacy Nadeau from the Dove Campaign for Real Beauty will speak in DeBartolo 102 at 7 p.m. Thursday, Lauck said.

A faculty and student dinner will take place Friday at

Legends from 5 to 7:30 p.m., Lauck said. The dinner is called "A Time to Heal," which is named after a verse from the Bible, she said.

"Faculty will be speaking," Lauck said. "And then a couple student survivors of sexual assault will also be speaking at it."

Lauck said everyone is invited to attend the dinner, but those who are interested should RSVP to the Gender Relations Center via e-mail today.

"Here at Notre Dame, it is a Catholic institution. But [sexual assault] happens and we can't deny that it happens," Lauck said. "We need to make sure help is getting out to [survivors]."

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JUST DANCE

Date: Friday February 27

Time: 9 pm - 12

Where: Hagger Parlour

@ Saint Marys College

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraq to operate nuclear power plant

TEHRAN — Iran's first nuclear plant will begin long-delayed pilot operations on Wednesday, the state atomic energy agency said.

A nuclear official in Russia, which is helping build the plant, however, said no major milestone is expected on that day.

"The pilot stage operation of the power plant will start on Wednesday," Iranian atomic agency spokesman Mohsen Delaviz told the state news agency on Sunday.

He added that the preliminary phase will take place during a visit by Sergei Kiriyeenko, the head of Russia's state nuclear agency.

The long-awaited 1,000-megawatt light-water reactor, which was built in the southern Iranian port of Bushehr with the help of Russia under a \$1 billion contract, was previously scheduled to become operational in fall 2008. Some 700 Iranian engineers were trained in Russia to operate the power plant.

Two escape from Greek prison

ATHENS — For the second time in their lives, two robbers escaped from a high-security prison Sunday by scaling a rope ladder to a hovering helicopter amid a gun battle with guards.

The men remained missing late Sunday night. They had been scheduled to appear before a magistrate Monday about their first escape — from the same prison — three years ago.

The shaken government quickly dismissed three Justice Ministry officials, and the prime minister scheduled an emergency meeting of part of his cabinet Monday to discuss the country's prisons.

"This was an insult which I will not accept ... I will take measures as harsh as necessary," Justice Minister Nikos Dendias announced.

NATIONAL NEWS

Fifth-grader accused of murder

WAMPUM — Fifth-grader Jordan Brown boarded the bus and headed to school like he does most other mornings in this rural western Pennsylvania community.

But Friday was no typical morning. Before he left his rented farmhouse, authorities say, the 11-year-old fatally shot his father's pregnant fiancée in the back of the head as she lay in bed. He then put his youth model 20-gauge shotgun back in his room and went out to catch his bus, police say.

Brown was charged Saturday as an adult in the death of 26-year-old Kenzie Marie Houk, who was eight months pregnant, Lawrence County District Attorney John Bongivengo said. Houk's fetus died within minutes due to a lack of oxygen, Lawrence County Coroner Russell Noga said.

Swarthmore names new president

SWARTHMORE — Swarthmore College has named Rebecca Chopp as its new president, making her the first woman to hold the position in the elite liberal-arts school's 145-year history.

Chopp, president of Colgate University since 2002, was selected by Swarthmore's board of managers on Saturday.

She succeeds Alfred Bloom, Swarthmore's president since 1991, who announced in May that he would step down. He is becoming vice chancellor of New York University Abu Dhabi.

LOCAL NEWS

Man accused of hosting "sex parties"

LINTON — A convicted sex offender faces sexual misconduct charges alleging that he hosted teenage "sex parties" at his home during which he gave youngsters alcohol and encouraged them to engage in sex acts.

Vincent Tyrone Carter, 43, was charged this week with sexual misconduct with a minor, two counts of child solicitation and furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors.

A Greene County judge set a \$75,000 bond for Carter, a convicted sex offender, and appointed a public defender to represent him. He remained jail Saturday at the Greene County Jail.

Hawaii gov't debates civil union law

State becomes newest battleground in the fight to legalize same-sex civil unions

Associated Press

HONOLULU — Hawaii, the state that adopted the nation's first "defense of marriage" constitutional amendment a decade ago, has now become the latest battleground in the fight for same-sex civil unions.

It would become the fifth state to legalize the alternative to gay marriage if the Democrat-dominated Legislature and Republican governor approve a civil union law. The measure was passed by the state House this month but it now faces the Senate, where a divided committee is to vote Tuesday.

Republican Gov. Linda Lingle has declined to comment on the issue and it's unclear whether she would veto the bill.

Gay rights organizations argue that civil unions would promote basic equality in the nation's most ethnically diverse state, but opponents fear the erosion of an island culture that values conventional family ties.

"Society in general is becoming more accepting," said Suzanne King, a real estate office manager who is raising her 9-year-old daughter, Shylar Young, with her partner of nearly 28 years, Tambry Young. "It's not unusual to come upon a gay family. There isn't this fear that by giving us rights, it's going to reduce the traditional family."

King and Young said they want a civil union law so gay couples can more easily adopt children, share health benefits and gain hospital visitation rights. They plan to enter into a civil union if the measure becomes law.

Religious groups have been taking out newspaper ads, setting up Web sites and holding rallies urging lawmakers to preserve traditional marriage.

One anti-gay Web site includes photos of two men kissing each other and others apparently in gay pride parades. It warns of a bad



Suzanne King, Shylar Young and Tambry Young walk along the shore at Ala Moana Park in Honolulu on Thursday. Hawaii's Senate will vote on a civil union law on Tuesday.

influence on Hawaii "keiki," the Hawaiian word for children.

The Mormon church, which campaigned in California last year for a gay marriage ban, has not openly rallied opposition to civil unions in Hawaii this year. But some members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints have been sharing e-mails urging people to call their legislators opposing the bill.

"In Hawaii, people still believe in traditional marriage and the sanctity of marriage," said Dennis Arakaki, executive director of the Hawaii Family Forum, which also represents the Hawaii Catholic Conference. "There's no indication that values or perspectives have

changed."

Only Massachusetts and Connecticut allow gay marriage, while Vermont, Connecticut, New Jersey and New Hampshire allow civil unions. Californians voted in November to overturn a court ruling that allowed gay marriage, but the state still offers domestic partnerships that guarantee the same rights as marriage.

That means Hawaii could become the only Western state to give governmental blessing to same-sex unions.

"Our wedding industry would have a huge potential increase in business purely because there are people who would rather come to the islands rather than go to the East Coast to have a civil union performed," said the

Rev. Mike John Hough of Kauai Island Weddings. "Some people say it's just marriage by another name, and that may be true. It's a perfect compromise."

In 1998, nearly 70 percent of Hawaii voters approved a constitutional amendment granting the state Legislature the power to reserve marriage for opposite-sex couples. The "defense of marriage" amendment, now in more than half of state constitutions, resulted in a law banning gay marriage in Hawaii but left the door open for civil unions.

The amendment negated a 1993 Hawaii Supreme Court ruling that found refusing to grant marriage licenses to same-sex couples was discriminatory.

Federal judge to go on trial for sex crime

Associated Press

HOUSTON — U.S. District Judge Samuel Kent will be making judicial history when he enters a courtroom Monday — but it won't be the kind he'll want to remember.

Kent will join the handful of federal judges who have taken part in a trial as a defendant, and he will be the first to face trial on a sex crime charge.

The 59-year-old judge is accused of fondling two female court employees as he tried to force himself on the women and have them perform sex acts.

Jury selection in his trial was set to begin Monday. If convicted, he

faces up to life in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Kent has pleaded innocent to five charges related to federal sex crimes and to one alleging obstruction of justice, in which he is accused of lying to an investigative committee.

His nearly 19 years on the bench might buy him some credibility with the jury, said Barry Pollack, an attorney not connected to the case.

"What you might see happen is the jury take the presumption of innocence a little more seriously," said Pollack, with the Washington firm of Miller & Chevalier. "But if the allegations are proven, the jury would be very offended a federal

judge engaged in that conduct."

A gag order in the case has prevented prosecutors, defense attorneys and others connected to the case from commenting outside court.

Kent wants to testify, his attorney, Dick DeGuerin, said during a hearing last week in which he unsuccessfully tried to have the obstruction charge thrown out or severed.

"Judge Kent believes his conduct with both of the (women) was mutual and consensual," said DeGuerin, who has represented such high-profile clients as former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and Branch Davidian sect leader David Koresh.

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ties to be extremely popular. "The reason why I tried to come up with events that vary across the board is to have a larger turnout and to make the week more inclusive," Lau said. "Everyone on campus has different interests and we hoped that being able to offer a variety of events would make them feel like they are invited to at least one even."

Women's Appreciation Week is an annual week of events put on by the SDB, but the members of the board are constantly working to come up with new ideas for activities.

"It is the responsibility of the chair and co-chair of the event, who are new every year, to put their personal touch on the week and bring something new," Lau said.

The only event carried over from last year's week is the

handing out of roses on Tuesday.

In order to coordinate the activities for the event, Lau said that she tried to address the interests of as many students on campus as possible.

"As an Art and Women's Studies minor it was important for me to pull in ideas from different departments so I collaborated with about 10 of the professors from both of these departments," Lau said.

Lau said that she feels that this week is extremely important to the students of Saint Mary's, especially because the school is an all-girls college.

"Because Saint Mary's is an all women's college, it is important for us to celebrate all the achievements that women have had in the past and how we can address contemporary issues in order to rise above them," she said.

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Vegas, Midwest seek funding for trains

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Republicans attacking President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package point to a project they dub the "Sin Express" — a high speed rail link between Anaheim, Calif., site of Disneyland, and Las Vegas.

Not so fast. In fact, competition for the \$8 billion in mass transit construction is just beginning. Backers of numerous other planned high-speed rail corridors around the country are making their case for the money.

They notably include a Midwest initiative long supported by someone with even more clout than Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., who strongly supports the Anaheim-Las Vegas line. That would be former Illinois Sen. Obama.

It was Obama's White House

that, in the final hours of negotiations over the \$787 billion stimulus bill, sought and won the big sum for high-speed rail projects, far above what either the House or Senate had passed. Reid was happy to agree but there's no guarantee the Anaheim-Las Vegas line will win dollars, to be determined by the Transportation Department.

Also in the running are proposed high-speed corridors in the Northeast, the Northwest, Florida and the South.

Howard Learner, president of the Chicago-based Environmental Law and Policy Center, a group promoting a Midwest high-speed rail network, said his area is in excellent position to capture a good chunk of that money. The Federal Railroad Administration, he said, has recognized the Midwest initiative connecting Chicago and 11 metropolitan areas within 400

miles as the system most ready to go.

He and others brushed aside claims that the \$8 billion was set aside for Reid's favorite. Obama, who expressed strong interest in high-speed rail investment during the campaign, and his chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, are both from Chicago. Obama's transportation secretary, Ray LaHood, also is from Illinois. So is the Senate's no. 2 Democrat, Richard Durbin.

Quentin Kopp, chairman of the California High-Speed Rail Authority, said he was "delighted to see that the momentum has shifted in favor of high-speed train transportation." He outlined \$2 billion in state projects that could be initiated before the Sept. 30, 2012, deadline for committing the \$8 billion. Those include electrification of the line from San Jose to San Francisco, home to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Cairo

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Associated Press. A government statement said a homemade bomb was placed under a bench in the main plaza, the AP reported.

The wounded included three Saudis, a German, 13 French and four Egyptians, including a child, the report said.

The explosion took place in the main plaza at the Khan el-Khaili, a bazaar near the Hussein mosque, one of Cairo's most revered shrines.

According to the report, the bombing in Cairo Sunday may have been a response to Israel's offensive in Gaza, and the attack was the first on tourists in three years.

Judy Hutchinson, assistant director of the Office of International Studies, told The Observer in an e-mail she contacted the students in studying abroad in Egypt, who attend the American University in Cairo.

She said in the e-mail she is "assured that none of them were in the area of the blast."

Three students from the program responded to Observer e-mails despite the seven-hour time difference between Egypt and Indiana.

Juniors Jim Genovese, Cassandra Barbee and Mark McGuire said the eight Notre Dame students at the American University in Cairo in New Cairo did not witness the attack. In Egypt, the weekend runs Friday and Saturday and the school week begins on Sunday to observe the Muslim day of prayer. Their dormitories, located in the northwest side of the city, are a distance from Khan el-Khaili, located in the southeastern portion of Cairo; however Notre Dame students have been sightseeing in the Khan el-Khaili area of the city in the past, Genovese said.

Genovese, a Program of Liberal Studies major at Notre Dame who is currently studying Arabic, said "an explosion in the city is cause for concern."

However, the students' location and the rarity of the attack have helped to assuage worry.

"I feel relatively safe and secure," he said. "Zamalek [the neighborhood where the dormitories are located] is a more affluent part of the city and is usually not a prominent destination for tourists."

Barbee said she did not hear the explosion Sunday and only

heard about it hours later by word of mouth.

"At this point I don't feel in danger at all, though I will admit that I do feel a little bit uneasy about the situation. I think that as more details surface we will be more able to accurately assess the current situation and take any necessary actions," she said.

At this point, Barbee, an Arabic major, said "things are continuing as normal."

McGuire said his "prayers are with the victims of this atrocity," but he does not think his personal safety is at risk; he told The Observer in an e-mail he feels "more likely to be a victim of a shooting on the streets of Chicago than a victim of a terrorist attack in Cairo."

Genovese said Cairo is a relatively safe city: "there are police officers stationed with guns on every street."

McGuire added the security on the American University in Cairo's campus and in the dormitories is very thorough.

The situation surrounding the attack "is still unclear," Genovese said. However, since tourism is one of the nation's largest sources of revenue, he said, security efforts will most likely escalate to ensure another attack does not occur.

Genovese, who said he chose to study abroad in Cairo because of a long-time interest in Middle Eastern culture, a desire to obtain a government job after graduation and a chance for a "completely different" cultural experience, did not have "any significant concerns about violence in Egypt" before his semester began.

He said past Cairo program participants informed him "the Egyptian government and

police force goes out of their way to protect American tourists" for two primary reasons: the importance of tourism to the nation's economy and Egypt's reputation in terms of foreign relations with the United States.

"Egypt is actually quite liberal for a Middle Eastern country and is much more receptive to Americans and foreigners than many of the other countries in the Middle East," Genovese said.

Barbee said though she had some initial concerns "about what life would look like for me as a woman studying abroad in a Middle Eastern country," she was never worried about violence in the city before she came abroad.

The students said they have

not been contacted about being removed from the city because of the violence; McGuire, a political science and Arabic double major who went to the Middle East to focus his study on the region's politics, does not expect such a phone call or e-mail.

"I would consider any talk about removing us from Cairo as being premature and unfitting to the situation here," he said.

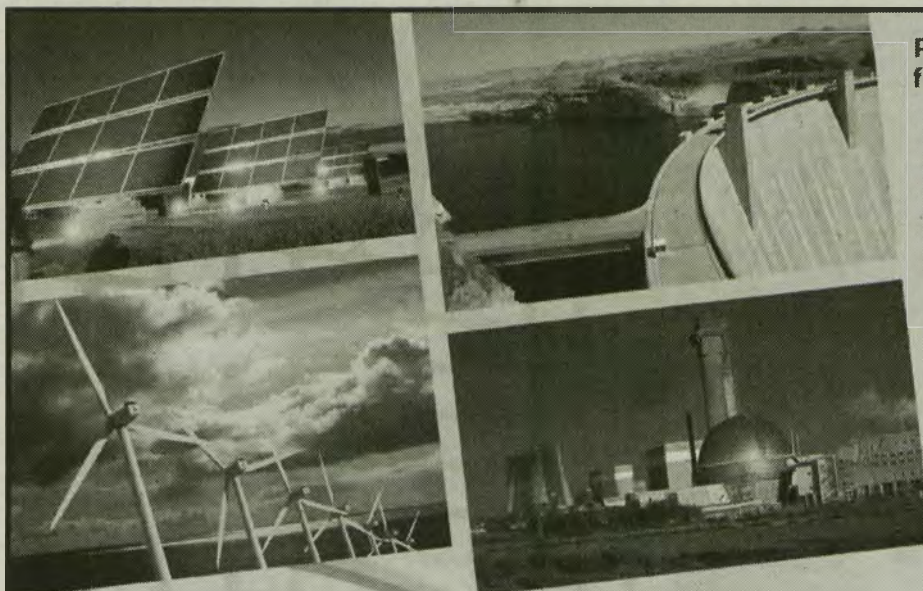
"Realistically," Genovese said, "I don't think there will be any more attacks."

Barbee said her "hope is that this was simply an isolated incident and that we can continue on with the rest of our semester here."

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Governors unsure about stimulus money

WASHINGTON — Governors usually don't argue about whether they should take money from the federal government, just how much they should get. Yet some chief executives are divided over President Barack Obama's economic stimulus plan and whether the billions it offers is always a good deal.

Gov. Haley Barbour, R-Miss., has said he is considering turning down millions of dollars in unemployment aid because it would force his state to raise taxes when the stimulus money runs out by putting in place a tax on employers. Louisiana Republican Gov. Bobby Jindal shares that concern about strings attached to stimulus dollars as well as the plan's overall approach to dealing with the economic crisis.

"I don't think the best way to do that is for the government to tax and borrow more money," Jindal said Sunday on "Meet the Press" on NBC. "If all they do is borrow federal money and give it to the states, all we're really doing is delaying the inevitable. We're eventually going to have to make these hard choices anyway."

Republican governors in town for the National Governor's Association meeting played down a split over the stimulus plan. Florida Gov. Charlie Crist was among those who said they are behind the plan even if they have qualms about it.

Montana asbestos case goes to trial

MISSOULA — After years of delays, the people of a Montana mining town are getting their day in court to see a major chemical company face federal charges accusing it of poisoning their homes and schools with asbestos.

Opening statements are scheduled for Monday in the case of U.S. vs. W.R. Grace and Co. and five of its executives, who are charged with knowingly exposing the residents of the small town of Libby to the fibrous mineral linked to cancer.

Prosecutors have had to overcome legal challenges that went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"This trial is one of the most complex and creative criminal prosecutions in the history of environmental regulation," said Andrew King-Ries, an assistant professor at the University of Montana School of Law.

Red flags present in Stanford scandal

SEC overlooked warning signs in fraud case involving billionaire R. Allen Stanford

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For years, there were red flags — so many they could have massed into a crimson blanket.

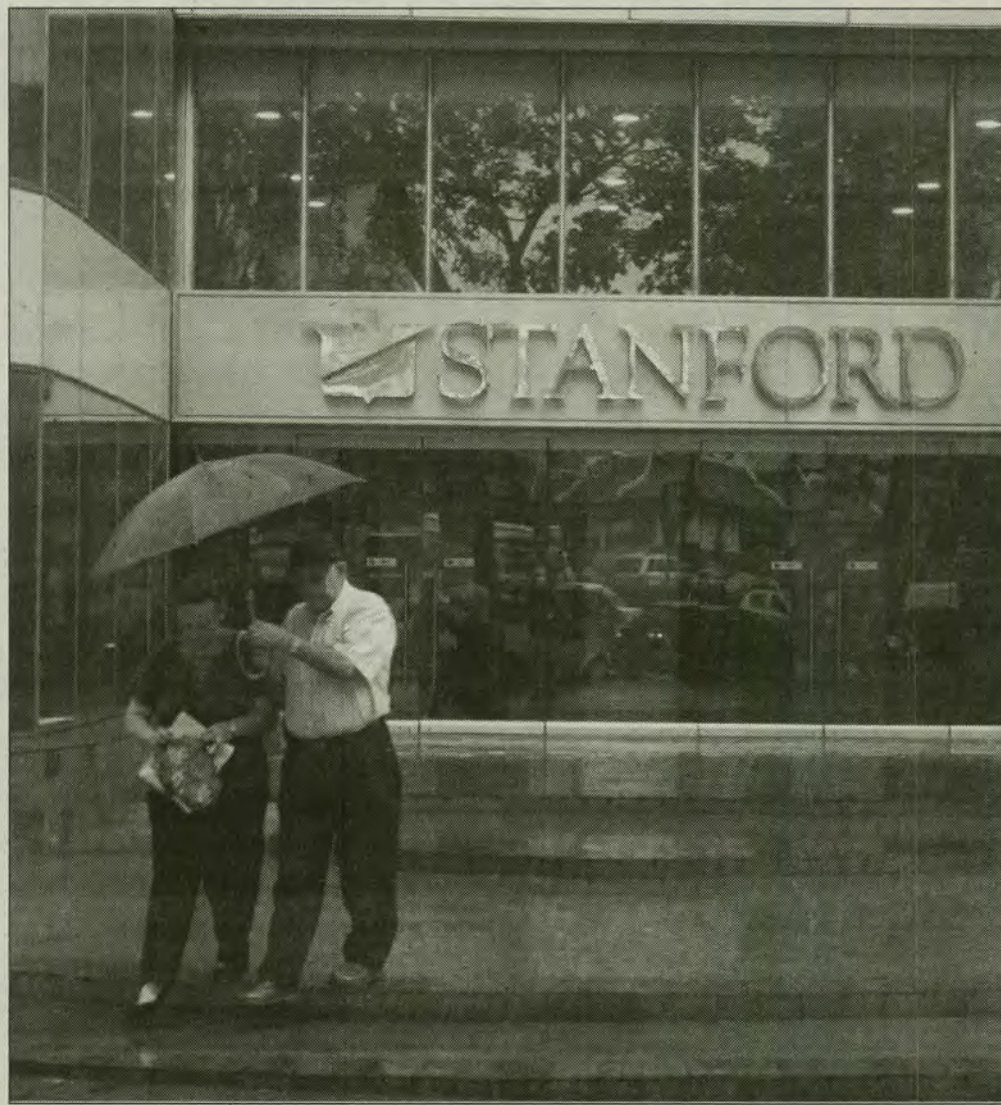
As with the Bernard Madoff case, the scandal surrounding billionaire R. Allen Stanford now seems clear and obvious in hindsight. Yet Stanford managed to run his alleged scheme while the Securities and Exchange Commission and other regulators stood by, well after he arose on their radar screens.

From his tiny accounting firm's office near a North London fish-and-chips shop to certificates of deposit promising outsized returns sold by a bank in Antigua, ample warning signs over the years suggested Stanford's business wasn't what it seemed.

Among them: —A finding by regulators in June 2007 that Stanford's company lacked enough capital to function properly as a securities brokerage firm. The company paid \$20,000 to settle charges by the National Association of Securities Dealers without admitting or denying them.

—Stanford's businesses were inspected and investigated several times, starting in 2006 by the SEC and in 2004 by the NASD, the brokerage industry's self-policing group, now called the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA. NASD's scrutiny resulted in several disciplinary actions: the regulator fined his brokerage company four times, with penalties totaling \$70,000, for violations that included misleading investors in sales materials about the risks of the CDs.

—A 2006 lawsuit by a former employee alleging that Stanford's company ran a Ponzi scheme. Two other ex-employees asserted in a suit in January 2008 that Stanford's



Customers of Stanford Bank walk past its Caracas, Venezuela office on Thursday, February 19. The bank's founder was served legal papers last week and is suspected of fraud.

Antigua bank, Stanford International Bank Ltd., sold CDs based on inflated returns and had destroyed documents.

—A board of directors that included Stanford's father, his college roommate and a family friend who remained on the board years after suffering a debilitating stroke.

—The Antigua-based accounting firm that audited the offshore bank was tiny and little known.

—A 1999 Treasury Department advisory that warned U.S. banks to scrutinize transactions involving Antigua. It said a new regulator in Antigua was

essentially a captive of offshore banks it was meant to supervise. (The advisory was lifted in 2001.)

Last week, the SEC accused Stanford in a civil lawsuit of a "massive" fraud. It said he peddled sham promises and funneled investors' money into real estate and other assets not easily turned into cash. FBI agents in Houston are running a parallel investigation.

Stanford, who was served legal papers by FBI agents last week, hasn't been charged with any crime.

The SEC began investigating Stanford's businesses in October 2006 but was

asked by another, unidentified federal agency to suspend its inquiry, an SEC official in Texas told news organizations last week.

"This was an active investigation throughout and it was going on for some time," John Nester, an SEC spokesman in Washington, said Sunday. He wouldn't confirm that the investigation began in October 2006 or identify the other agency. But he said there were complexities in the probe, such as issues of foreign jurisdiction and the SEC's cooperation with other federal agencies, including some with criminal authority.

Devaney named overseer of stimulus plan

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to announce Monday a former Secret Service agent who helped expose lobbyists' corruption at the Interior Department as his pick to oversee the \$787 billion economic stimulus plan.

Obama is set to name Earl Devaney as chairman of the new Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board, an administration official said Sunday. Vice President Joe Biden also will be given a role coordinating oversight of stimulus spending.

The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the White House had not made public the announcement.

Devaney, the inspector general of the Interior Department, helped turn up

disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff's dealings at the department. The department's No. 2 official, Steven Griles, pleaded guilty to charges he lied during congressional testimony based in part on Devaney's investigation.

Italia Federici, co-founder of the Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy, and former Interior Department official Roger Stillwell also pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the Interior investigation.

Obama has pledged the Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board to be an at-large body to oversee how the government spends billions allocated to help the flailing U.S. economy. But with dozens of agencies and departments involved, Obama wanted a central group to independently monitor where those funds are

going.

Obama also planned to tap Biden to meet regularly with Cabinet members, governors and mayors to make sure their efforts were quick and effective. His reports to Obama are expected to be posted at the administration Web site devoted to the bill, Recovery.gov.

Obama was set to announce Devaney during a Monday meeting with governors, who have largely supported the economic stimulus package because it will direct billions to their states for schools, roads and technology.

In addition to the Abramoff investigation, Devaney led a separate investigation into workers at the Minerals Management Service, part of the Interior Department. His review found a "culture of substance abuse and promiscuity" at the Denver and Washington offices of the service.

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Animal doc performs odd surgeries

Associated Press

BOSTON — Michael Pavletic has removed a butcher knife from a dog's stomach and tumors from tiny mice. He's performed plastic surgery on injured hawks.

But he draws the line at giving canines body piercings or fat cats liposuction. "That's just not what I do," said the longtime head of surgery at Boston's Angell Animal Medical Center.

The 58-year-old surgeon is known as a pioneer in reconstructive animal surgery and is so skilled at saving severely sick and injured animals he is sought out by worried pet owners from around the world. Pavletic has cared for thousands of animals, including a dog that swallowed an engagement ring right before the wedding, a cat needing a face reattached and a gorilla that required reconstructive surgery on a finger.

He's removed bullets from puppies, performed dental work on wolves, and even tended to snakes with throat problems.

"I've been doing surgery for 30 years and there are very few things I haven't seen," Pavletic said just before going into surgery to remove stones from a cat's bladder.

In the past, animals with very serious injuries may have simply been euthanized to avoid life long pain and because surgical techniques on some injuries had yet to be developed. But advancements in medicine coupled with pets becoming more a part of families have increased the demand for serious animal surgeries.

"If it wasn't for him, my cat wouldn't be alive," said Kristin Gagnon, of Hanson.

Four years ago, Gagnon's Siamese kitten, Max, burned his palate to the bone after chewing an electrical cord. Pavletic reconstructed Max's palate by taking a graft from inside the cat's lip. "What a fantastic job he did," Gagnon said. "He's the only surgeon who could have done this."

For Pavletic, his love for animals started with sick birds and a terrier mutt named Tiger.

As a 6-year-old in Illinois, Pavletic tried to save injured wild birds by giving them water, food and a little attention. It rarely worked. And he was inseparable from his grandparents' terrier until the dog was killed by a neighbor's car.

But he began his journey into animal surgery after finishing veterinary school at the

University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in 1974.

As an intern at Angell, Pavletic came across a cat named John Glenn that had a tumor on his face. At the time, veterinarians couldn't remove such tumors from animals while also closing the wound using conventional methods. Pavletic turned to an older human reconstructive surgery textbook that suggested a simple skin flap might do the trick. He took what was a routine technique in human surgery and tailored the procedure for a cat. It worked.

"My interest in surgery grew from there," he said.

Pavletic held teaching positions at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, La., and Tufts University in North Grafton, Mass., and over the years developed more than 40 surgical techniques. He also authored a textbook, "Atlas of Small Animal Reconstructive Surgery," that is about to go into its third edition.

He returned to Angell in 1988 as head of surgery. That's when the fun started and his reputation grew as a healer of the strangest afflictions. The hospital began seeing oddball cases.

Once there was a dog with severe stomach pains. Pavletic's team found that the dog had swallowed a pair of red panties. They didn't belong to the dog's female owner.

"I don't know what happened to that marriage," said Pavletic.

Another time a family brought in their recently deceased goldfish and asked the team to perform an MRI to determine why it died. The cause: old age.

There was the case of the Labrador retriever who suddenly stopped urinating midway. After various tests, Pavletic discovered that the dog had a pellet stuck in its penis. The bullet had somehow moved down from its bladder after the dog was shot by an unknown assailant. Pavletic surgically removed it — delicately.

Prison closing offers hope to Camden

New Jersey prepares to close jail to cut down on crime, violence in one of nation's poorest cities

Associated Press

CAMDEN, N.J. — The majestic Ben Franklin Bridge slices this city's waterfront into two worlds.

On the south side of the bridge, there's a spiffy red brick minor-league baseball stadium where statues of the Campbell Soup Co.'s Campbell Kids stand sentry and suburban families spend summer evenings. On the north side, chain link fences topped by razor wire surround a cluster of grimly functional buildings that make up Riverfront State Prison.

After years of requests, the state is preparing to close the prison.

Activists see the decision as not only an opportunity to redevelop a 17-acre tract of prime riverfront land with its view of the Philadelphia skyline, but as the catalyst for the rebirth of the original neighborhood in a city that routinely ranks as one of the nation's poorest and most violent.

"The prison needs to be out of there for anything to happen on this waterfront," said community activist Rodney Sadler, a marina owner and president of the advocacy group Save Our Waterfront.

The prison could close by summer, over the objection of the correction workers' unions. Already, the state Corrections Department has scattered inmates among other New Jersey prisons with plans to transfer the staff as well. Fewer than 650 inmates remain at Riverfront, which can accommodate 1,000.

What will happen to the prison property is not set.

Rutgers University, whose Camden campus occupies nearby land on the south side of the bridge, is interested in using some of it.

The prison was never a popular addition to the waterfront. In the early 1980s, the city was in the midst of a long decline and hurting for revenue, and then-Mayor Randy Primas took a deal from the state: \$3.4 million for the land. The state built its prison and Primas tried to persuade residents that it would provide jobs.

The prison was opened in 1985.

From current Mayor Gwendolyn Faison to neighborhood activists, almost no one believes it brought much lasting benefit.

What's more, other sections of the waterfront began changing — making the prison an increasingly incongruous sight in one section of the city that has prospered.

Within a few years of the prison opening, the south waterfront began to change. RCA and Campbell Soup closed their last factories and an aquarium opened. It was the first of several attractions, including the baseball park and an amphitheater, which have turned the area into an entertainment destination. Luxury apartments and an upscale tavern followed.

While those developments might help the city's image, many residents don't see how they help life in the neighborhoods where most of the people live.

Over the decades, the city as a whole has continued its long decline. Things got so bad that in 2002 the state put up \$175 million to jump-start redevelopment and took control of some aspects of the local government.

Educational institutions such as Rutgers and Camden County College have used a mixture of state money and their own to expand, as have hospitals. While there's been some private investment, some of the splashiest private proposals in the residential neighborhoods away from the waterfront have not been realized.

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The secret lives of graduate students

Spring is technically just around the corner, and everywhere people's minds are turning to love — which those cynics among us might put in heavy scare quotes. Last week, British tabloids reported that a thirteen-year-old boy conceived a child with his fifteen-year-old girlfriend; days later, they reported that the father might also have been a sixteen-year-old, or possibly a fourteen-year-old (no word yet whether all four will appear on Maury Povich, though). Closer to home, Bristol Palin gave her first interview to Fox News, during which she said that "everyone should be abstinent or whatever, but it's not realistic at all." Her mother, meanwhile, had some unofficial advice for everyone: "Hey, don't get pregnant. Well, get beyond that when it happens, and then you deal with it." And here at Notre Dame, debates over dating, hooking up and the contravention of parietals have broken out in panels, Letters to the Editor and dining halls. Even the "Info 4 Life" posters in the library bathrooms take time out of their story about E-Reserves to wax romantic.

But lost among the tales of leprechaun love and freshman lust is the graduate student population. After all, we graduate students are just as entitled to think about how we are or

aren't spending our extracurricular time. So it's time to take a good look at the dating life of graduate students — an examination that, by the way, will remain thoroughly academic (i.e., hands-off) for all you non-graduate students out there (see du Lac, p. 126).

Eighty-hour-a-week jobs tend to affect your personality after a while, and graduate school is no exception. Whereas doing finance or i-banking in Manhattan turns even the most staid professional into the fratboy type (though recently, manic-depressive would apply just as well), the long, lonely hours planted in front of a book or a Bunsen burner can sap the extroversion from anyone. Instead of caring about corporate law or Natty Light, though, scholars-in-training direct their energy toward their own area of research; their social side, so badly underused, fuses with their professional side until they start to exist exclusively as extensions of their topics. Parties turn hopelessly academic after a few hours — I once witnessed a group of theologians take turns trying to recite the Nicene Creed as a parlor game of sorts. And, for the sake of full disclosure, I've been known to make a Charlemagne joke or two.

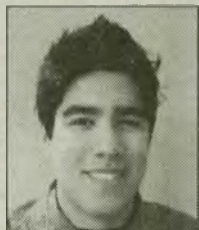
Are you trying to have any meaningful interaction with one? What you might not realize is that when you get beyond small talk with a graduate student, you're not only talking to them, you're talking to their library (or laboratory) as well. So if you, say, go on a date with a psychologist, you're really also dating Jung and Freud and Pinker; with a historian,

let's hope you like Foucault, Hegel and/or Marx. I understand that students of literature are contractually obligated to utter the words "post-modern" and " Sylvia Plath" at least six times an hour. Of course, many of these people are also training to become lecturers and discussion leaders, which means that they will someday be required to hold forth as a supreme authority for about an hour at a time on their topic. Some manage to conceal this side of themselves successfully; others see any social interaction as a chance to practice.

But, the lack of a dental plan notwithstanding, graduate students actually have a pretty good life. They get a steady paycheck, they get summers off and they get to pursue something that, hopefully, they really like. They also get to share their passion with students and with their scholarly peers — and occasionally, such interactions (the latter ones) lead to real romance. After all, who else is suited to understanding all of the personal and professional sacrifices and demands of graduate school and the academic life but another scholar? In fact, graduate students like this life so much, they signed up for it. So in case you feel like graduate students are so pitiable that they need a hug, well, first of all, they aren't, and second, see du Lac, p. 126.

Darryl Campbell would like to remind everyone that, in the words of Marc Cherry, "It's a satire!" He can be contacted at dcampbe6@nd.edu

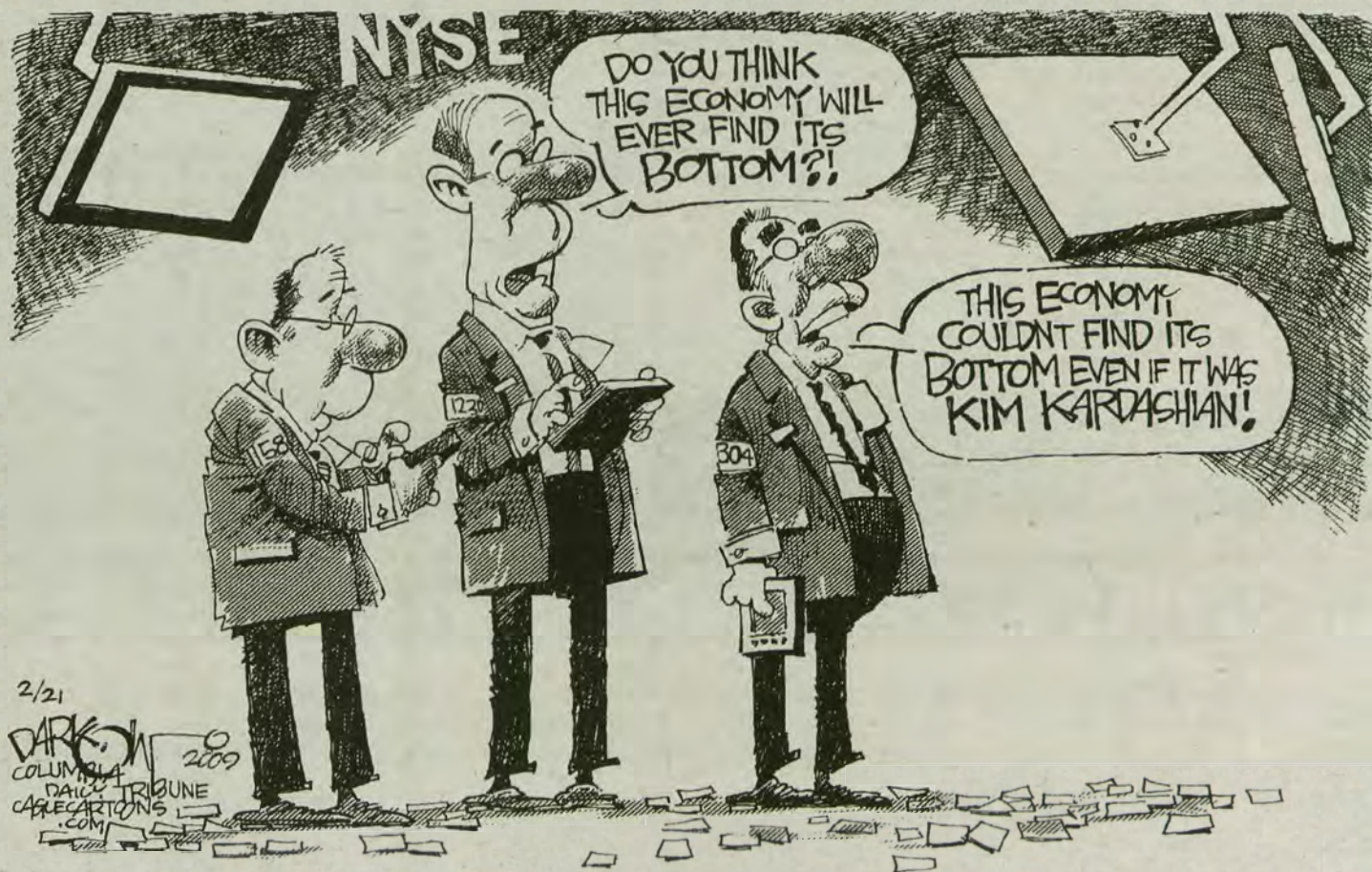
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Darryl Campbell

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The conversational overachiever is someone whose grasp exceeds his reach. This is possible but not attractive."

Fran Lebowitz
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take Back the Night

The week of Feb. 22 to March 1, the Gender Relations Center on campus will be hosting Sexual Assault Awareness week. Along with other events, today, people on campus will be marching to Take Back the Night. Take Back the Night is thought to have begun in the late 1800s when women citizens in London protested the fear and violence they experienced at night. "Reclaim the night" took place in Belgium in 1976 by women who were attending the International Tribunal on Crimes against Women. This included a march with candles to spread the word and honor those who have been sexually abused. This came stateside in 1978 in San Francisco by Women Against Violence in Pornography and Media. The term "Take Back the Night" originated from a memorial read by Anne Pride a year before. The women were marching to protest rape, pornography and to protest all types of sexual violence. Take Back the Night is now done in many cities and locales, and the Gender Relations Center is proud

that the march will be taking place at Our Lady's University. It will be followed by a bonfire and SpeakOut, for all those interested.

Although Take Back the Night originated with women essentially trying to reclaim the night, we hope that the march is attended by both women and men. Sexual violence does not just affect women. Although sexually abused men are a smaller percentage of those affected by sexual violence, men of all ages are affected by the outcomes of sexual violence. The University of Notre Dame prides itself on being a tight-knit community of supporting students and faculty. We hope that this is manifested by support, by both men and women, toward the end of sexual violence.

Laura Lauck
 junior
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 Feb. 18

Basketball cheer in poor taste

I had the opportunity to attend the men's basketball game against USF a week ago with my 14-year-old son. We had seats in the section adjacent to the student section, the "Leprechaun Legion." I was shocked to hear the students' shout "sucks" after each player from the opposing team was introduced. As students of the University of Notre Dame, you are held to higher standards, whether you like it or not. It goes with being enrolled at the finest Catholic University in the land. I enjoy most if not all of your other cheers, (left, right, left, right, sit down for instance). So I ask, please for your own sake and the sake of a proud alum, clean it up!

John Shank
 alum
 Class of 1985
 Feb. 21

Superpower debate ended

There are certain unanswerable questions in this life, but now one can be checked off the list. The answer to "Which superpower would you have?" is telekinesis. Wait, what about super strength or flying? Invisibility has to be up there, doesn't it? All of these powers are encompassed by telekinesis. Super strength is easy, if a need ever arises where heavy things have to be moved, think it and it's done. Superman can't even do that — he actually has to lift it.

Okay, now what about flying? If you don't believe you can apply telekinesis to yourself, then lift your shoes or get on a bike and make it fly (super speed, if you want it). Since telekinesis involves moving matter with your mind, you can then apply it to gasses and liquids. Think of the possibilities! Take yourself to the bottom of the ocean in a bubble! Make it rain by lowering the pressure in the atmosphere! Vanquish foes by moving all their

vital organs out of their bodies!

Alright, but what about invisibility? This is where it gets interesting. If you believe that telekinesis can move all particles, then bending light wouldn't be out of the question. Even if that turns out to be impossible, invisibility is only for peeping toms and robbers.

Besides moving photons, you could also be your own Hadron Collider. If you aspire to be a super villain instead of a super hero why not make a black hole? The possibilities are endless and encompass all the useful superpowers making telekinesis the superior superpower.

Jonathan Miller
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 Feb. 18

Thanks for Bouts

This letter is intended for all of those involved in my 2009 Bengal Bouts journey. Thank you. Thank you for making my experience so enjoyable over the last four months. Although a senior, I entered into the Bengal Bouts a lowly novice back in the final weeks of October to begin my training. Since then, I have not only learned the importance of the Bengal Bouts and the Holy Cross missions, but I have also learned a great deal about myself. The Bouts have taught me that no goal is out of reach if you put in the hard work and dedication needed to succeed. In October, not knowing anything about boxing, I set a goal for myself of winning one fight. Thankfully, this past Sunday I was able to accomplish my goal and move into the quarter-final round. Unfortunately, after an unbelievably gutsy and gritty match with sophomore Jack Peterson, my journey in the Bouts came to an end in a split decision. Congratulations Jack, great fight, good luck with the rest of the tournament. It was not until after defeat and discussions with family members that I realized how special the Bouts have been for me. As cliché as it might sound, I worked incredibly hard and devoted myself to becoming the best boxer I could, and I came out not just a better boxer, but a better person.

I have to thank the management staff for all of their work and preparation. You guys (and girls) made the process effortless and allowed the boxers to focus on fund raising and boxing. Captains and coaches, I cannot thank you enough for all of the time and knowledge you devoted to the Bouts. You taught me the importance of hard work and the true meaning of the Bouts. Thank you. Also, I want to say thank you to a handful of friends/boxers that I worked out with every single day. I don't want a shout out enlarging their egos so I will leave their names off, but you know who you are. Thank you. You guys were great. We had a lot of fun, you guys taught me a lot about boxing and we developed great friendships in the process. Finally, thank you to my family. With the exception of my mother, who understandably could not watch her son get knocked around, many of my family members showed up for my first-round match. My father, my four brothers (my oldest brother being the best corner man anyone could ask for), uncles and cousins, my best friends and my roommates, all of the people I consider family ... Thank you. Your support and love during my three minutes and 45 seconds of battle made four months of sweat more than worth it. The Bengal Bouts is a special event and I encourage anyone who has not made it out to the fights to make sure you make it out to the semifinals on Tuesday and the finals Saturday. And again, thank you.

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 Feb. 18

U-WIRE

Landing an internship comes with a price tag

Parents, student and others gladly pay thousands of dollars in college tuition to ensure a financially sound existence after graduation. The American dream is founded on the ideal that if a person works hard enough, he or she can achieve anything. A student must spend countless hours studying, network like crazy, land a few internships along the way, complete a degree and then maybe with some luck a job offer will appear. Persevere, we're told, and it'll pay off. But what if no matter how much effort you put into your aspirations, there were people out there without the grades, ambition or skills who could still snatch up opportunities you deserve?

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Turns out there's a fast track where some students get to skip over all the aches and pains, but still achieve the goals of their more dedicated peers.

Starting-level jobs achieved through internships are a common form of employment for fresh graduates. For most of us, achieving our dream jobs will require a combination of experience, personal zest for a subject and a decent GPA. Pretty soon "a few extra thousand dollars" may be added to that list.

In her article "Internships for Sale" in the Wall Street Journal, Ellen Gamerman exposed the disturbing tactic some are using to get ahead. Rather than applying for an internship position the old-fashioned way, ritzy parents now have the option of buying their child an internship at auctions across the United States. Of course these auctions are usually found at only the most elite universities and high schools. These parents are willing to spend ridiculous amounts of money. For example, a one-week internship at Electronic Arts sold for a whopping \$4,000 during an auction at the Urban School of San Francisco. This is an absolutely unfair advantage.

Sadly, auctions are just the beginning.

Timothy Noah of Slate magazine writes in his article "Opportunity for Sale" that organizations like University of Dreams will guarantee an internship — for a price. Of course, University of Dreams says students are simply paying a "tuition fee" ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000. That's not far from the cost of in-state tuition for a semester at the University of Kansas. As if those who can afford to buy internships aren't already benefiting from their financial stability (i.e., affording the best universities, tutors and housing).

With the current economic situation, many students are feeling the pressure to ensure jobs after graduation. Terrified at the thought of another summer without an internship, desperate students may do whatever it takes to build a resume and eventually land a job, even if it means forking out some extra cash. Companies taking advantage of students' desires to succeed by selling internships is just wrong.

I thought the point of an internship was to give students experience that would assist

them when establishing a career — not put them deeper in debt. I can't imagine how these companies justify exploiting an adolescent's goals.

But the students are at fault, too. After all, what is the point of spending so much money to attend college if you still have to buy your way into the work world? I also can't help but wonder how much respect interns who got their positions via mommy and daddy's money would have if their peers were aware of their situation.

If you can't land an internship on your own, maybe you should re-evaluate your dedication to school and your major — not take opportunities away from qualified individuals or encourage dishonorable companies.

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A Night at the Oscars: Play by Play

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7:55. TV, check. Papa John's breadsticks, check. Diet Pepsi, check. Oscars ... almost.

7:58. Hugh Jackman gives Barbara Walters a lap dance. Interesting lead-in programming.

8:01. We're live from the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, California!

8:05. "Oscars in 25 minutes" alert pops up. Darn it. Ooh, Brad Pitt. Ugh, Miley Cyrus.

8:11. Mikey Rourke mourns the passing of his dog, lamenting the fact that she won't be wearing the tux he had made for her.

8:28. Golden statuettes so close I can smell 'em. Programming goes live.

8:30. Big band music swells, lights come up on a stage framed in Swarovski crystal. Hugh Jackman enters, makes a New Zealand joke.

8:34. Major dance sequence in a comedy show tune parodying the best pic nominees. Anne Hathaway is pulled up on stage and sings a duet with Hugh. Another dance sequence with people in full spandex body suits. I am not so subtly reminded of last year's Doctor Faustus here at Notre Dame.

8:40. Contractual obligation for Hugh to mention Brangelina. Roommate notes how Jennifer Aniston must be throwing chocolates at her TV.

8:41. Hugh is convinced that after 15 nominations, Meryl Streep must be using steroids.

8:45. Whoopi Goldberg proclaims, "It's not easy playing a nun," introducing Anne Hathaway in the Best Supporting Actress category. Each nominee is introduced by a former Best Actress. Penelope Cruz wins.

8:53. Tina Fey arrives. It was only a matter of time. She's joined by Steve Martin. Hilarity ensues. They give the award for Best Screenplay to "Milk." Sean Penn has tears in his eyes. Obligatory plug for gay rights. Crowd goes wild.

9:01. "Slumdog Millionaire" wins for Best Adapted Screenplay.

9:03. Jennifer Aniston presents with Jack Black. ("She's throwing chocolate at him from behind stage!") Jack Black admits he bets everything on Pixar. The crowd shifts uncomfortably after this "everybody's thinking it, I'm just saying it" moment. Pay the man, "WALL-E" wins. Will Andrew Stanton ever get tired of accepting Oscars for his animated movies?

9:10. Japanese guy accepting for Best Animated Short for his French film says, "Domo Arigato, Mr. Roboto." I instantly agree with the Academy's decision.

9:16. Daniel Craig and Sarah Jessica Parker walk on to present Art Direction. "Benjamin Button" wins. "The Duchess" wins for Best Costume Design, proving once again that it isn't called costume drama for nothing. Wait, did something just get bleeped out? The costume designer got censored? Really? Just curious ...

9:23. "Benjamin Button" wins for makeup. Thus begins the longest line of names ever uttered in one speech. Everyone who ever worked on the film is mentioned.

9:26. Robert Pattinson makes a really bad vampire joke. Check. Awesome montage of 2008 movies love scenes set to Coldplay's "Lover's in Japan." HSM 3 had three token clips, which is three clips too many.

9:32. Ben Stiller makes a pointed fashion statement consisting of a large beard and Blues Brothers sunglasses reminiscent of Joaquin Phoenix's current state. Natalie Portman looks fantastic in pink. The Phoenix joke is falling flat. As Portman sincerely introduces the Cinematography nominees, Stiller begins aimlessly walking around the set, and the joke gets funnier.

9:37. The lost doggy finding his way home MasterCard commercial that made me cry during the Oscars five years ago makes me cry again.

9:39. Jessica Biel's hair looks like a certain Scene writer's style from JPW Mass, only the JPW style wasn't so intentional. Is that style points to the JPW fashionista, or does Jessica Biel lose them?

9:44. James Franco and Seth Rogen, playing their "Pineapple Express" selves, lead us through the comedies of 2008. Clever. The Cinematographer from "Saving Private Ryan" makes a cameo. Of course.

9:52. Hugh announces the return of the musical. Oh, sweet Jesus, please tap dance. Cue the ensemble-top-hat-cabaret-style dance number starring Beyonce. It's the greatest hits of all the musicals your high school ever put on. Relevance? Not much. Beyonce starts singing Moulin Rouge, and is it any secret Baz Luhrmann choreographed? Zac Effron and Vanessa Hudgens have just appeared, along with the Mama Mia chick from Mean Girls. Oh, okay, it's all the couples from musicals this year. Hugh yells, "The musical is back!" And you just jinxed it.

10:03. The cast of former Best Supporting Actors arrives. Alert the sob parade, Ledger's coming up. Kevin Kline introduces Heath. Close pan of Ledger's family. He's won it. The crowd rises to an ovation. Mom, dad and sister take the stage. Sean Penn looks like he's going to cry. Again.

10:14. Bill Maher introduces Documentary Feature and makes some tasteless jokes about religion, just like we expected. Winner makes a coin disappear in his hand and balances the Oscar upside-down on his chin.

10:23. Action movies of 2008 montage. Too much Hulk, not enough Ironman.

10:25. Will Smith questions why action movies don't get more respect, seeing as they make all the money. "Benjamin Button" wins for Visual Effects. "Dark Knight" wins for Sound Editing. "Slumdog" wins for Sound Mixing, and Will Smith admits, "Yes, I'm still here. Hugh is napping." Film Editing goes to "Slumdog."

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10:41. Eddie Murphy arrives holding an Oscar to give the Humanitarian Award to Jerry Lewis for his work helping children with multiple sclerosis. Cue another obligatory standing ovation.

10:55. "Slumdog" wins for Best Original Score. Winning composer says he hasn't felt this nervous since getting married.

10:56. A large Indian dance ensemble appears to present the two songs from Slumdog nominated for Best Song. They are separated by the song from "WALL-E," complete with South African gospel choir. "Jai Ho" from "Slumdog" wins. The same guy from the last award comes out to accept and is just as stumped for what to say as last time.

11:10. People In the Movies Who Died This Year montage. Wait, Michael Crichton died?

11:18. President of the Academy thankfully opts not to make a speech. Phew!

11:18. Reese Witherspoon presents the Oscar for Directing to Danny Boyle for "Slumdog Millionaire." His opening joke gets censored. He thanks the poor chum he forgot to put in the credits.

11:27. The Former Best Actress Winners arrive to present the award for Best Actress. The crowd jumps to their feet. Anne Hathaway tears up. Halle Berry's hair is in her face. Older-than-dirt Sophia Loren introduces Meryl Streep. KATE WINS!! Finally, it only took six nominations. "Dad, whistle so then I'll know where you are." He does.

11:37. Round up the Best Actors. SEAN PENN? That's an upset. Poor Mikey. Standing ovation. "You commie homo-loving sons of guns. I did not expect this." Nice shout out to Mikey follows.

11:47. Steven Spielberg up to present Best Picture.

11:53. SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE! They are dancing in the streets of Mumbai tonight. So this is what you get when you merge awkward looking Englishmen with really cute Indian kids.

11:55. "Stay with us and glimpse the movies coming up this year! Goodnight!"

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The Red Carpet Runways

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Intricate beading, much like the Swarovski crystal curtains that fell around the Kodak Theatre's stage, and wrapping creations of tightly cinched material that highlighted only the most perfect of features, bedecked the stars as they took their place on the 81st Academy Award's Red Carpet. From the million-dollar Cartier earrings planted on Anne Hathaway's lovely ears to the multicolored jeweled necklace fastened around Amy Adam's fragile neck, the gems came out of hiding for the Oscars. Unlike this year's Golden Globes where noticeable jewels were a rare find, the biggest awards show of the year dabbled in a mixture of class, elegance, and originality on Sunday evening.

In a sleek midnight black Elie Saab gown that wrapped lithely around her flawlessly toned body, Angelina Jolie owned the red carpet making Brad Pitt look like a dispensable accessory at her side. Balancing her vixen-esque allure in a never-ending array of comparisons was the glowing Jennifer Aniston whose silver gown complimented her radiant smile as she presented awards alongside Jack Black. Amy Adams' red Carolina Herrera gown brought a modern twist to the goddess look with black lining that highlighted her narrow waist and material that flowed

from the center of her bust. Best Actress Winner Kate Winslet made a stunning statement in an embroidered one-shoulder charcoal gray and black Yves Saint Laurent design that left viewers intrigued by the mix of multiple styles and themes classily combined into one shimmering piece.

The night's failures were Jessica Biel who looked like she might fall over in her strapless tapered ivory satin Prada gown that fell short of accentuating her fantastic shape, and Heidi Klum whose origami confection by Roland Mouret and awkwardly slicked back hair made her look like a tacky Malibu Barbie doll.

Impeccable beading and crystal details bedecked the stars as they sauntered into the Academy Awards, a trend capitalized on by Anne Hathaway who wore a strapless champagne Armani Prive dress. Following this trend was Miley Cyrus who finally dressed her age in a Zuhair Murad V-neck gown that cinched at the waste and tiered out like frosted petals near the bottom. Though the gown wasn't the most beautiful one on the red carpet, it was a nice change of pace for the star who constantly seems to be trying to act older than she is.

Freida Pinto, whose blue one-shouldered John Galiano gown explored unique necklines with an unexpected strap that darted across her right collarbone and a see-through lace sleeve that crawled down her left arm, also jumped on the beaded bandwagon.

Sarah Jessica Parker brought a little bit of Carrie Bradshaw with her as she rocked the red carpet in an off-white strapless beaded Dior gown that took a would-be prom look and made it high fashion with a modern center-buckled belt.

Twists and turns, like the exciting performances that kept the night's awards show entertaining throughout, were the other noticeable trend for the evening. Replicated in some of the most important stars of the night's gowns, no one embodied this look better than the young Evan Rachel Wood whose pale ivory Elie Saab haute couture gown made it impossible to look away. Natalie Portman in Rodarte and Alicia Keys in Giorgio Armani shined in the similar pink and plum hues of their strapless twisted and cinched airy gowns.

The Oscars provided a fantastically adequate escape from the recession-ridden world many face every day. The magic of the performances, the people, and most importantly, the fashion were certainly intriguing enough to keep this writer from getting her Politics homework done Sunday night. Sorry professor! But for all who were too busy being good students and didn't get to see the glamour of the evening's events, be sure to catch up with the fashion section of the papers so you too can dive into the fabulous world of the Academy Awards.

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Reactions & Results from the Academy Awards

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Best Picture Winner: "Slumdog Millionaire"

Which Film Should Have Won: "Slumdog Millionaire"

It comes as no surprise that this year's critical darling, "Slumdog Millionaire" took home the big prize last night. It dominated the awards circuit all year and capped off its magical run by dominating the Oscars.

Best Director Winner: Danny Boyle "Slumdog Millionaire"

Who Should Have Won: Danny Boyle "Slumdog Millionaire"

Best director and Best Picture are usually one and the same thing when it comes to the Oscars. That being said, the innovation that went into directing "Slumdog Millionaire" was immense and worked from top to bottom with such calculation that it would have been a downright shame to not have awarded this honor to Danny Boyle.

Best Actor Winner: Sean Penn "Milk"

Who Should Have Won: Mickey Rourke "The Wrestler"

This was the big nail biter all through the awards circuit, and in what was definitely an incredibly close race, Sean Penn captured his second statuette. It's Rourke performance, though, that will be remembered long from now as not only one of the great comeback stories in film history, but as one of the most iconic, true-to-life performances in screen history. Sean Penn may have acted exceptionally, but Rourke did something a whole lot more special — he lived his role.

Best Actress Winner: Kate Winslet "The Reader"

Who Should Have Won: Kate Winslet "The Reader"

Talk about owing somebody. Having nominated her six times, the Academy was literally looking for a reason to give Kate Winslet a Best Actress Award. They skipped her performance in "Revolutionary Road," only to bump her up from supporting actress to a lead actress for her role in "The Reader," which was the better of her two performances. This is only the beginning of a growing collection of golden statuettes for Winslet, who is quickly establishing herself as the best actress of this generation.

Best Supporting Actor Winner: Heath Ledger

"The Dark Knight"

Who Should Have Won: Heath Ledger "The Dark Knight"

In perhaps the year's most predictable category, Heath Ledger deservedly became the second person to win a posthumous Oscar. A gifted actor, Ledger's downright frightening presence dominated the screen and propelled "The Dark Knight" from being a great action movie to being something truly special.

Best Supporting Actress Winner: Penelope Cruz "Vicky Christina Barcelona"

Who Deserved To Win: Marissa Tomei "The Wrestler"

Penelope Cruz had been gaining steam in the late stages of the film awards circuit and emerged as an almost clear favorite heading into the Oscars. It also helped that the Academy has been looking for a reason to award the Spanish actress after passing up on her in 2006's "Volver." However, it was Marissa Tomei's stunning turn as an over-the-hill stripper in "The Wrestler" that commanded the screen like no other supporting actress nominated this year.

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SMC SWIMMING

Belles finish fifth at conference meet

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Saint Mary's finished in fifth place at the three-day MIAA Championship meet, losing to fourth place Olivet by only two points.

The two-point margin was decided in the final event of the championships, the 400-yard freestyle relay, in which the Belles fell to Olivet by two and a half seconds.

Despite finishing fifth, the Belles were able to break 15 school records at the meet, including five by freshman Audrey Dalrymple, four by freshman Eva Cavadini and three by sophomore Maggie Williams.

"Due to the closeness of [the loss to Olivet], I believe that next season we will work even harder to accomplish goals as a team, rather than channeling the focus on our individual goals," Dalrymple said. "Although, as a whole everyone swam very well at conference and we broke a lot of school records."

Dalrymple, Cavadini and Williams have performed consistently well for the Belles throughout the season, and provide a good outlook on the Belles' future due to their

youth. Dalrymple cites her dedication to her sport as the reason for her team's and her own success in the championship.

"I find that at a championship swim meet it is a great opportunity to showcase one's hard work over the entire season and channel it into those final races," she said. "I am able to perform at the best of my ability because after training so intensely I can stand behind the blocks knowing that I have done everything in my power to prepare for the swim ahead and all that is left is the race itself, which is the fun part."

Another Belle who had a career day in the tournament was freshman Barbara Beidler. She broke three personal records, including the 50-yard, the 100-yard and the 200-yard freestyle events, along with four other relay events.

This was the final meet for the Belles, but Dalrymple will continue to compete. Her times in the 100-yard and 200-yard breaststroke qualify her for "B" cuts in the Division III Championships, which will be held March 18-21 at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Vaulters qualify for nationals

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The Irish vaulted their way to promising results at the Big East Indoor Track and Field Championships Saturday in New York. The men's team finished second in the conference and the women placed fifth, as Notre Dame pole vaulters led the way for both squads.

After recording two runner-up finishes in the pole vault within the past three Big East Indoor championships, senior Mary Saxer finally won the vaulting championship. Saxer did so in a commanding fashion, vaulting a height of 4.20 meters compared to the second place vaulter, who finished at 3.85 meters.

With such an impressive final height, Saxer also automatically qualified for the NCAA Championships, which will be held March 13-14 at Texas A&M University.

"Automatically qualifying for the NCAA's is terrific," Irish coach Joe Piane said. "She did great. She devastated the field."

On the men's side, the Irish vaulters treated their compe-

tion as a sibling rivalry. Junior Matt Schipper won the pole vault title by clearing 5.35 meters, while his younger brother, freshmen Kevin Schipper, placed second at 5.10 meters.

The elder Schipper joined Saxer in automatically qualifying for the NCAA Championships, and it is likely

that Kevin Schipper's showing on Saturday will allow him to join his brother in Texas.

But the Schipper brothers alone did not deliver a second-place finish for the

Irish.

Sophomore Miklos Szebeny crossed the line third in the 200-meter dash. Freshmen Jordan Rincon took second in the 400-meter dash, with junior Balazs Molnar, less than half a second behind, finishing fifth.

"Rincon ran exceptionally well," Piane said. "If things had broken just a little bit differently, he could have won it."

In the mile, senior Dan Clark used a perfectly-timed lead at the finish line to earn second-place honors, while freshmen Jordan Carlson also won points for the Irish with a

sixth-place finish.

Senior Patrick Smyth performed excellently in his final Big East Indoor Championships, placing second in the 5,000-meter run and sixth in the 3,000-meter run.

The Irish finished only four and a half points behind first place Connecticut.

"It was a great competition," Piane said. "We felt it was going to be a bloodbath, and that is exactly what it was. My hat is off to Connecticut. They did a wonderful job. They competed just as hard as we did, and where we had a few things go wrong, they did not."

The Irish women also put in several memorable performances. Junior Joanna Schultz placed second in the 400-meter dash, and freshmen Natalie Geiger came in seventh in the same race, while sophomore Natalie Johnson finished second in the 500-meter dash.

Freshmen Maddie Buttinger came through for the Irish, finishing third in the pentathlon as well as sixth in the high jump. Also in the field events, senior Anna Weber took third in the weight throw.

"We had a lot of good things happen," Piane said. "We really did."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Squad completes two-game sweep over BYU, Utes

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

The Irish completed a sweep of their two-game road trip with convincing victories over Brigham Young and Utah this weekend in Provo, Utah.

In its first test since rising to the No. 5 spot in the national rankings, Notre Dame easily handled BYU 6-1 on Saturday afternoon behind solid doubles play and a dominating singles performance.

"The team is just beginning to gel," freshman Shannon Mathews said. "While the team is extremely pleased with our success this season, we recognize that we need to work even harder to reach the summit."

The No. 2 ranked doubles squad of senior Kelcy Tefft and junior Kali Krisik clinched the doubles point for the Irish with an 8-3 victory in the No. 1 sin-

gles match after Mathews and junior Colleen Rielley had struck first with their 8-3 victory in the No. 3 match.

In singles play, the Irish got more of the same outstanding play that had first earned them their top-five ranking.

Freshman Kristy Frilling downed her opponent 6-4, 6-3 in the No. 2 singles match to give the Irish a commanding 2-0 lead. After sophomore Kristen Rafael put Notre Dame up 3-0 with a close 7-5, 6-4 victory, Krisik delivered the final blow with a 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 comeback victory to give the Irish the decisive fourth point.

Both Mathews and junior Cosmina Ciobanu won their matches in the No. 6 and No. 5

singles spots, respectively.

A great deal of the Irish's success thus far can be attributed to their coaches' refusal to allow the team to dwell on its previous achievements.

"As coach Louderback and coach Scaringe remind us daily, each of us has room for improvement," Mathews said. "Nobody can rest on laurels, not if we want to be the best."

On Sunday, the Irish coasted to an easy 7-0 win over the Utes. This was Notre Dame's second flawless victory in its last three matches, the first having come earlier in the week against Purdue.

The Irish once again received outstanding doubles play from the squads of

Tefft/Krisik and Rielley/Mathews who each garnered 8-2 victories to clinch the doubles point.

Singles play offered more of the same dominance from the Irish.

Rafael gave Notre Dame its second point of the match with a 6-1, 6-1 victory in the No. 3 match. Mathews and Ciobanu knocked off their respective opponents 6-2, 6-0 to put the team ahead 4-0 and seal a third straight victory for the Irish.

Mathews' victory keeps her undefeated this season with a record of 8-0, though she is quick to yield to her older teammates when it comes to allotting credit for the early season success.

"What has been very exciting about the team thus far is that every team member has made contributions towards our success," she said. "But, our upperclassmen continue to

remind us that we have to bring our best efforts every match."

In the only tightly contested match of the day, Frilling edged her opponent 6-7 (7-1), 6-3, 10-5 in the No. 2 match.

The win moves the Irish to 9-1 overall, with the only loss coming against top-ranked Northwestern.

"It is such a great honor and privilege to represent the team and to continue the Notre Dame tradition of excellence in athletics," Mathews said. "I am fortunate to play with a group of young women who are all focused on improving and giving our best every time we step on the court."

The Irish will host North Carolina in the first match of a three-game home stand Friday at 3 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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11 Cornell	151
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13 Wisconsin	109
14 Minnesota	85
15 Ohio State	21

NBA



Dwayne Wade, right, goes up for a layup Sunday night against the Orlando Magic. Wade scored a career high 50 points against the Magic, but the Miami Heat still lost 122-99 to the Southeastern Division leaders.

Wade's career high not enough

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard had 32 points and 17 rebounds, and the Orlando Magic withstood a career-high 50 points by Dwyane Wade to rout the Miami Heat 122-99 on Sunday.

Hedo Turkoglu had 20 points and Rafer Alston added 12 points and nine assists for the Magic, who have won 12 of the past 15 games against their Sunshine State rival.

Wade was potent from inside and out, scoring with high-flying dunks and soaring jumpers that had even some Magic fans chanting "M-V-P!" Miami's

do-it-all guard had previously scored 48 twice in his career, and had 43 points two times earlier this season.

Wade hit a pair of 3-pointers in an 11-4 Heat run to start the third quarter, closing the gap to 68-57. But the Magic would come back with a series of 3s to go ahead 91-72 at the end of the period to offset Wade's performance.

The Heat never got close in the fourth, and Miami coach Erik Spoelstra cleared most of the bench midway through the period — except for Wade, who was left in until his shot over

Courtney Lee gave him 50 points.

But it was the Magic's newest player that made the biggest difference.

Alston, acquired from Houston last Friday, has taken the ballhandling responsibilities off Orlando's free-shooting perimeter players. The speedy guard has allowed the Magic to return to their usual rotation and play the up-tempo, pick-and-roll style game that had them looking like real title contenders before All-Star point guard Jameer Nelson tore the labrum in his right shoulder Feb. 2.

Nelson has since had

season-ending surgery, and the Magic are counting on Alston to fill the void. He had them rolling from the start against Miami.

Driving and dishing from all angles, Alston had seven assists and a pair of 3-pointers in the opening quarter. Howard converted a 3-point play after a powerful dunk over Wade and Udonis Haslem, the last of 13 straight points by the Magic to open up a 27-12 lead early. Howard's 15 points in the quarter just about canceled out all the acrobatic shots Wade had en route to 16 points in the period.

IN BRIEF

Crabtree to delay surgery until after NFL combine

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Crabtree was quick on his feet Sunday, and if he does the same thing for NFL scouts next month the stress fracture in his left foot might soon be forgotten.

In an odd scene at the league's annual scouting combine, Crabtree strolled quickly across the media room moments after Patriots coach Bill Belichick finished speaking. He walked up a couple of steps, smiled at reporters and then gave a 20-second statement confirming the decision to delay surgery so he could run in front of scouts during next month's personal workout.

"It's an old injury that I've been having, but I never had any pain in it," he said. "I will run my 40, and after that I will have surgery."

With that, Crabtree exited stage left, taking no questions.

Clearly, it was an effort to stem the fallout that began Saturday when it was revealed he needed surgery.

Sooner's Griffin status uncertain after concussion

NORMAN, Okla. — Preseason All-America Blake Griffin's status was uncertain for No. 2 Oklahoma's game against Kansas on Monday night after he sustained a concussion in a loss to Texas.

Sooners coach Jeff Capel said Griffin would be held out of practice Sunday, but he won't know until game day whether his star player will be able to go against the 15th-ranked Jayhawks on Monday night in a game that will give one team the lead in the Big 12 title race.

"The most important thing is him and his future. You don't want to do anything to risk any further damage, so that's the most important thing," Capel said before practice Sunday. "We're going to proceed with caution with this and make sure he's OK."

"And we'll move on whichever way we have to, with him or without."

Mickelson nearly blows biggest lead of career

LOS ANGELES — Phil Mickelson nearly blew the biggest lead of his career, then had to scramble for par to avoid a playoff.

When his roller-coast week at Riviera ended Sunday, the Northern Trust Open turned out to be one of his more satisfying victories.

After watching tee shots sail in every direction, turning a four-shot lead into a two-shot deficit with three holes to play, Mickelson recovered with back-to-back birdies and stepped to the 18th tee with a one-shot lead.

Then, he had to bury some demons.

Two years ago, Mickelson had a one-shot lead until making a sloppy bogey on the historic finishing hole and losing in a playoff. This time, he poured his tee shot down the middle of the fairway and two-putted for par from 60 feet, making a tough 6-footer for the win.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Bucks end team's win streak at five

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sports Writer

No. 25 Notre Dame snapped its five-match winning streak in a big way on Saturday.

The Irish (6-5) fell to No. 3 Ohio State 7-0 in Columbus.

The Irish were forced to take on the high-powered Buckeyes without the help of their usual first singles player, senior Brett Helgeson. Helgeson suffered an injury against Northwestern on Thursday and stayed in South Bend

for treatment. He is currently day-to-day, but coach Bobby Bayliss said he hopes to have him available for Monday's match against Kentucky.

With Helgeson, the team's only upperclassman, out, the Irish played with an especially young lineup. Four sophomores and two freshmen filled the six singles spots. Sophomore Stephen Havens moved up to first singles, and lost 6-4, 6-0 to Ohio State's No. 4 Bryan Koniecko.

Sophomore Daniel Stahl was the only Irish player to force a third set, losing 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 to No. 22 Steven Moneke.

Ohio State also swept dou-

bles, although second and third doubles were kept close, both ending 8-6.

The young team will continue to gain valuable experience against top-notch competition, as its upcoming schedule will feature No. 31 Kentucky, No. 13 Texas A&M and No. 19 Michigan.

Bayliss said he is aware of the unyielding stretch of matches, but that he feels that it is for the best.

"I knew this schedule would be a challenge, but I hoped that our guys would be forced to meet this level," Bayliss said. "Our guys came

to Notre Dame so that they could play against teams like these."

This overwhelming loss could potentially knock the Irish out of the top-25, but once again Bayliss is not concerned.

"If we get caught up in worrying about our ranking we will not be focused on the more important goals, like being ready to compete when it matters," he said.

The Irish will return home today to take on the Kentucky Wildcats at 4 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Facility.

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"Our guys came to Notre Dame so that they could play against teams like these."

Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish unable to overcome Huskies

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame was hanging in against top-ranked, undefeated Connecticut, right up until that 22-1 run in the second half.

An Ashley Barlow layup with 16:11 to go in the second half put the Irish on top 43-41, but the Irish would not make another field goal until forward Becca Bruszewski nailed a jumper at the 9:12 mark.

By the end of the game, the Irish became the Huskies' latest victim, losing 76-66 — Connecticut's smallest margin of victory all season.

"I thought defensively we had a number of breakdowns during that stretch. We were unable to find [Huskies guard Renee] Montgomery and [Huskies forward Mayal] Moore and they hit three or four threes in that stretch, and then we weren't able to score," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "We had a couple of bad shots, a couple of turnovers, and that was obviously the game."

Moore, last year's Big East Player of the Year, had 18 points and eight rebounds in the win. Montgomery had a game-high 20 points and eight assists, compared to only two turnovers.

"[Montgomery is] up for player of the year in the country. She runs her team very intelligently — eight assists, two turnovers, which is just a phenomenal assist-to-turnover ratio," McGraw said. "She shot the ball well, she had a

lot of points, she played great defensively. She's a terrific player."

Despite being down 19 points with less than 10 minutes to play, the Irish refused to give up and quickly fought back to a more manageable deficit. A Lindsay Schrader jumper with 3:42 remaining in the game the Irish only nine points behind.

"I thought we really battled — Schrader and Barlow in particular, and Becca [Bruszewski]. I thought they played really well. I thought they just battled," McGraw said.

McGraw said that she was glad to see her team fight back in the second half, and that it just missed its opportunities to win the game.

"We stayed within our game plan, outside of that run. It's a nine point game with four minutes left," she said. "I thought we had plenty of chances, we just missed a lot of shots — a lot of easy shots."

Barlow led the Irish in scoring with 18 points, while Schrader recorded her second straight double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

As a team, the Irish hung tough on the glass against Connecticut, and outrebounded the Huskies 47-46.

Notre Dame started the game out well, with Barlow nailing a 3-pointer as part of a 6-0 Irish run to start the game. The six-point deficit was Connecticut's largest of the season.

"I thought Ashley got us off to a great start. She hit her first three, and I thought that really helped us gain a little

confidence. And she hit a couple more shots and I thought, in the first half at least, she was shooting the ball well," McGraw said.

The one lesson McGraw said she can take out of the loss was that her team definitely has the tenacious attitude necessary for postseason success.

"I think it's like we've been all year. We're fighting, we don't quit," she said. "I think we're fighters and they're going to work hard and finish strong starting with Tuesday night [against Syracuse]."

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said in his postgame news conference that it will be harder to draw coaching points out of the narrow victory for his squad.

"Like I told the team, you're at somewhat of a disadvantage when you play at Connecticut, because the lessons that you learn to really help you become a better team are when you lose ... you can really learn a lot when you lose, but it's a disadvantage because we almost never lose," he said. "So, how do you teach your guys to learn from wins? That's hard to do."

Note:

◆ The crowd of 14,533 at Sunday's game was the largest crowd for a Connecticut home game this season. The game was played at the XL Center in Hartford — the site of the 2009 Big East tournament — and not the Huskies' usual home court, the Gampel Pavilion in Storrs, Conn.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles win last game of season

Squad heads to conference tournament after record-breaking season

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (15-9) finished a record-setting regular season Saturday afternoon with a 77-47 victory over winless Kalamazoo (0-23) at the Angela Athletic Facility.

The Belles dominated Kalamazoo from start to finish, opening up a 12-2 lead early in the first half. Kalamazoo could not cut the Belles' lead to more than nine for the rest of the game, and the Belles led 39-23 at halftime.

In the second half, the Belles continued to pour it on, led by freshman Kelly Murphy's 14 points off the bench.

Freshman Jessica Centa

added 12 points of her own while senior Erin Newsom and junior Anna Kammrath contributed 10 points each. Newsom also finished with nine rebounds.

The Belles defense held Kalamazoo to just 25 percent shooting.

Nyemad Cooper had a game-high 15 points for the Hornets.

Up next for the Belles is the first round of the MIAA playoffs against Adrian. The Belles defeated Adrian two times during the regular season.

This season, the Belles broke the school records of 11 conference victories and 14 overall victories. The Belles also were in control of the MIAA for most of the season after a victory on Jan. 3 over then No. 1 Hope

College. The Belles remained undefeated in conference play until a Jan. 14 loss to Albion that brought them back into a tie with Hope. A loss to Hope on Jan. 31 dropped the Belles out of first place in the MIAA to second, where they have remained.

Another notable accomplishment for the Belles this season came when seniors Nicole Beier and Newsom were named MIAA player of the week on consecutive weeks for the third and fourth weeks of the season.

The Belles take on Adrian at the Angela Athletic Facility Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

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ND SOFTBALL

Team splits games at Nike Invitational

Notre Dame wins two over Sacramento State, loses two to No. 5 Stanford in California

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame went 2-2 over the weekend spent at Stanford University's Nike Invitational, its second tournament of the young season. The Irish (3-4) had two wins against Sacramento State University, two losses against the No. 5 Stanford Cardinal and a rain-out cancellation against Western Kentucky.

Friday proved to be the best day of the tournament for the Irish, as neither of the day's pitchers, senior Brittney Bargar and sophomore Jody Valdivia, yielded an earned run.

"It felt good, and it was nice to get out there, hav-

ing everything working and good pitches," Bargar said. "It made the game more in control, in my hands."

The first game of the invitational was a 4-1 win over Sacramento State. A strong offensive third inning, contained crucial hits from senior Linda Kohan, freshman Alexa Maldonado and junior Christine Lux.

The second game on Friday was a 2-0 defeat from Stanford University. Notre Dame almost had a chance to come back in the fourth inning when they loaded the bases, but were unable to take advantage of the situation.

On the second day of play, The Irish took on the same two teams in hopes of maintaining their proved dominance over the

Sacramento State Hornets, and getting a little revenge over the Cardinal. In the 5-2 loss to Stanford, Valdivia let up five earned runs in four innings. Offensively, Maldonado, freshman Sadie Pitzenberger and sophomores Erin Marrone and Katie Fleurry each had hits, leading to the two Irish runs of the game, both scored by Maldonado.

"We gave up some big hits in big situations," Bargar said. "In both games, we just came up a little short."

Team morale turned around later in the day, as the Irish defeated the Hornets once again, this time an 11-0 rout. Marrone hit her first home run of the season, and junior infielder Heather Johnson had four RBIs.

"Every single girl down the line was making solid contact," Bargar said.

Due to excessive rain, the scheduled Sunday game against Western Kentucky was terminated just short of three scoreless innings.

"We need all the little pieces of our game to get together more," Marrone said of the coming week's practices. "This week it's a matter of getting everything to click in all the different areas."

The next stop for the team is the Wolfpack Challenge in Raleigh, North Carolina, where they will take on Canisius, Buffalo and the home team, North Carolina State.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Abt scores four goals in Irish win

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

Coming off a tough home loss to No.1 Northwestern, No. 11 Notre Dame defeated Ohio State 14-11 Sunday at the Loftus Sports Center to improve to 2-1 on the season.

"We always expect a good game from Ohio State, and they were as tough as we expected," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "It's early in the season, but we want to earn a spot in the NCAA tournament, so a win over a good regional opponent is important."

Sophomore Kailene Abt paced the Irish with four goals. Sophomore Shaylyn Blaney netted three, as did senior Jill Byers.

Jayne Beard led the Buckeyes to an early 3-1 lead, but the Irish responded at 20:33 with an Abt goal off an assist from junior Gina Scioscia. She tied it up with a score of her own at 16:56 with an assist from sophomore Kaitlin Keena.

Ohio State staged a comeback and tied the game up at 5-5 with an unassisted goal at 6:53. Byers followed seconds later to get the lead back for the Irish. Blaney tallied a goal for a 7-5 lead, but the Buckeyes earned two of their own to tie the game at the end of the period.

Notre Dame opened up the second period with a 5-0 run with goals from Abt, Byers, Scioscia and Blaney in the first five minutes. Ohio State attempted to mount a comeback, bringing the score to 12-9 at 16:42, but sophomore Ansley Stewart notched two goals to secure the win.

"[Blaney] really sparked our offense in the second half," Coyne said. "The run we went on earned a good close game for us."

Senior Erin Goodman earned the win in goal with six saves.

"This showed that we can shake off a tough loss, and come out playing tough soon after," Coyne said. "That kind of back to back competition will be key when we get to tournament time."

The Irish will host the Stanford Cardinal at the Loftus Sports Center Saturday at 2 p.m.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Hicks has seven points as No. 8 Irish defeat Penn State

Junior attackman scores four goals and has three assists to help Notre Dame to 13-8 win over Nittany Lions

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

No. 8 Notre Dame improved to 2-0 on the season with its 13-8 win over Penn State on Sunday in University Park, largely in part to junior attackman Neal Hicks' seven point performance.

Hicks followed up a career day Feb. 14, in which he scored three goals against Loyola, with another scoring barrage against the Nittany Lions. He finished the game with four goals and three assists.

The Irish jumped out to an early lead over Penn State, scoring two man-up goals by senior Ryan Hoff and junior Grant Krebs by the 8:37 mark of the first quarter.

Then Hicks got started. The junior picked up his first goal of the day off an assist by junior Mike Creighton to give the Irish a 3-0 lead, where it stayed for the rest of the first period.

With 10:41 remaining in the first half, the Nittany Lions notched their first goal of the game to make it 3-1, but the Irish responded with a goal by senior Duncan Swezey with 5:24 remaining in the second

period to make the score 4-1. Following Penn State's second goal near the end of the first half, Hicks notched his second goal of the game off a feed from Krebs with 1:56 left in the first half to send the Irish into the half with a 5-2 lead.

The second half started with a scoring frenzy as the two teams combined for five goals in just over four minutes of play. Penn State cut the Irish lead to 5-4 with goals from Conrad Ridgway and Jack Forster. However, the Irish responded with five unanswered goals to take control of the game. The Irish run began with Hoff's second goal of the game, which came with three minutes elapsed in the second half. Sophomore David Earl scored 35 seconds later and Hicks put his third goal in the net off an assist from senior Dan Gibson with 10:55 left in the third period to give the Irish an 8-4 lead.

The Irish opened up a five goal lead off a man-up goal from junior Matt Ciambella, assisted by Hicks, to give Notre Dame a 9-4 lead at the end of the third quarter.

Sophomore Jake Marmul got the Irish to 10 goals for the second time in as many games with his first career

goal early in the fourth quarter. Penn State then responded with two goals of their own to close the Irish lead to four. Krebs put the Irish back up by five with his second goal of the game with 5:44 left in the game, but Penn State rallied once more to make the score 11-8 with just under three min-

utes to play. However, the Irish defense held the Nittany Lions scoreless for the remainder of the game.

Hicks scored his final goal of the game with 1:46 left in the game and then assisted senior Davey Melera with 19 seconds left to arrive at the final score.

Senior goalie Scott

Rodgers was outstanding in the goal with a career-high 20 saves to collect his second win of the season.

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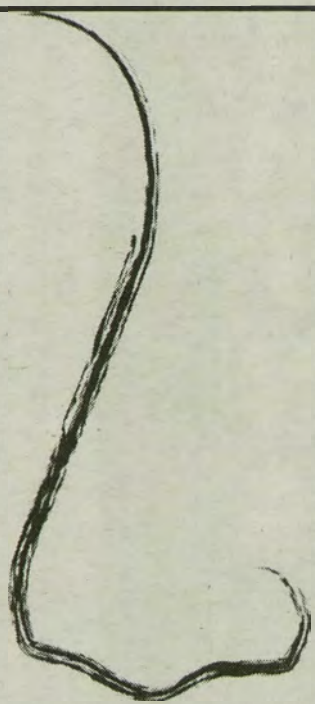
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Bats

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Mick Doyle added an RBI to tie the score at three.

Irish junior starter Eric Maust retired 11 of the next 12 batters after the first inning before walking three straight Illini in the fifth inning. Illinois took advantage of Maust's struggle with his command, capitalizing on a three-run triple from third baseman Dominic Altobelli.

The Irish cut the lead to 7-5 heading into the bottom of the seventh. Junior designated hitter Matt Grosso then belted a two-run homer to tie the game. The next five Notre Dame hitters all reached base, with sophomore catcher Cameron McConnell singling home two go-ahead runs.

After Pollock drove home another run with a sacrifice fly, Barnes broke the game open with a three-run shot over the left field fence. The eight-run explosion in the seventh inning gave the Irish a 13-7 lead they would not relinquish.

Sophomore reliever Cole Johnson picked up the win for Notre Dame, allowing one run in three innings. Maust finished with three earned runs given up on five hits in five innings of work.

The Irish offense was highlighted by Barnes' five and McConnell's three RBI, both of which were career highs. Tate and Doyle each contributed three hits, with Tate scoring three runs.

Notre Dame 9, Purdue 4 (10 innings)

The Irish rallied from a 4-1 eighth inning deficit to force extra innings on Sunday, then scored five runs in the top of the 10th inning for the win over rival Purdue.

Notre Dame struck first in the top of the third after a Jeremy Barnes one-out triple and a wild pitch. The Boilermakers then answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning off sophomore starter Evan Danieli. Purdue then increased their lead to 4-1 in the sixth inning, touching up Irish reliever Todd Miller.

The Irish then showed off their clutch hitting ability in the eighth inning. After two outs to open the inning, McConnell singled and junior Casey Martin walked. Junior Brayden Ashdown then laced a huge pinch-hit single to score both McConnell and Martin to bring Notre Dame within a run.

Ashdown then advanced to second on a wild pitch, and came around to score the tying run on a Doyle single.

The game remained tied until the 10th frame, when Ashdown gave the Irish another clutch RBI single and a 5-4 lead. Tate followed with a two-run double, and junior Ryan Intelkofer and Pollock each drove in a run to stretch the lead to four runs.

Junior reliever Steven Mazur picked up the win for Notre Dame after pitching two scoreless innings. The Irish bullpen held the Boilermakers scoreless over the last four innings.

Four Irish players — Tate, Doyle, Intelkofer, and Barnes — all led the offense with two hits each.

Notre Dame will head south again next weekend, traveling to the Phoenix Classic to take on Gonzaga, Dayton and Creighton.

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Ayers

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go into halftime with a 12-point lead. For the game, Notre Dame finished with 13 treys. Ayers led the way, shooting 7-11 from behind the arc and finishing with 28 points. McAlarney tallied 25 points on the afternoon.

"When you get an open look, take it," Ayers said. "Just go for it."

Although it was Ayers and McAlarney finishing off most Irish possessions, many of their open looks were facilitated by an unlikely source. With starting point guard Tory Jackson dealing with foul trouble, backup Jonathon Peoples stepped in to play 28

minutes and ran Notre Dame's offense to near perfection.

Peoples effectively broke Providence's press and zone defense, registering nine assists and also contributing 14 points of his own. Both were career highs for the junior.

"I think it was probably my best game of my career," Peoples said. "Just trying to make all the right plays. I like when teams press us. Them pressing us, I think it opened it up for me. People were knocking down shots."

"Awesome," Irish coach Mike Brey said of Peoples' game. "You could feel it coming. He was flat-out fabulous."

Peoples' contributions were especially welcome given the

"Awesome. You could feel it coming. He was flat-out fabulous."

Mike Brey
Irish coach
on the play of
sophomore guard
Jonathon Peoples

struggles of Notre Dame's top offensive player early on. Forward Luke Harangody, who entered the game averaging over 24 points per contest, scored only one point in the first half.

The reigning Big East Player of the Year was instrumental, though, in helping the Irish finish the game. Despite picking up his fourth foul with 13:30 remaining, Harangody scored 12 of his 18 points after that moment to help Notre Dame fend off any Providence comeback attempt.

With the win, the Irish move to 6-8 in Big East play one and a half games behind the Friars, who stand at 8-7 in conference. Notre Dame now holds the tie-breaker over Providence, should the two teams finish the season with identical conference marks.

This week the Irish return to the Joyce Center to take on Rutgers Wednesday before heading to Connecticut.

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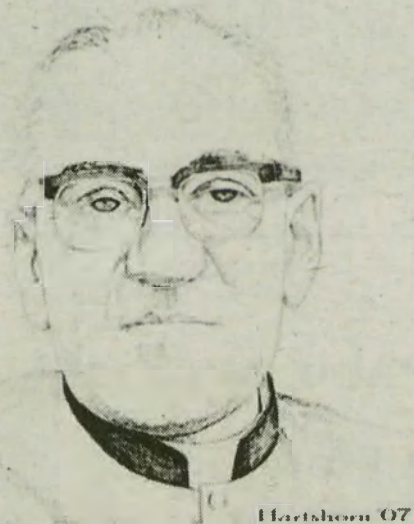
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Irish freshman Richard Ryan fights along the boards during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over Northern Michigan on Feb. 14.

Champs

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based on the entire season. It's kind of a reward for consistency."

Friday night, freshman Billy Maday's goal with 1:21 left in overtime gave the Irish the win in a game they once led 3-1.

Christiaan Minella got Notre Dame on the board just 3:03 into the game, redirecting a Christian Hanson shot from the top of the left circle past Maverick goalie Jeremie DuPont. After Jeric Agosto tied the game at one 39 seconds into the second period, Hanson added a goal of his own.

At 4:32 in the second period, the senior center, playing in his first game back after suffering a concussion against Ohio State on Feb. 13, fired a low wrist shot through DuPont's legs for his team-high 15th goal of the season.

Despite the two points on Friday, Jackson said he thought Hanson played better in the second game of the series.

"I thought he was actually better Saturday night. This time of year you can't just take 10 days off and get back into the heat of battle just like that," Jackson said. "I thought he was not as solid in his own end with the defensive pace Omaha threw at us, and he wasn't quite as good as he normally is on faceoffs either."

Maday added a goal to make the score 3-1, but the Mavericks stormed right back. Just over a minute after Maday's goal, Matt Ambroz swatted a rebound past Irish netminder Jordan Pearce to cut the lead in half at 16:38 of the second stanza. Then, 8:10 into the third period, Nick Fanto tied the game up for Nebraska-Omaha, redirecting a shot past Pearce for the only goal of the period.

The game seemed like a carbon copy of the Feb. 13 game against Northern Michigan, when Notre Dame took a 4-2 lead before the Wildcats tied the game. Jackson said he was concerned with his team's developing habit of letting opponents back into games.

"We're allowing teams to get back into games because of the way we're playing with the puck, in my estimation," he

said. "And I am concerned with that."

The game went into overtime and almost seemed destined for a shootout until Maday took a feed from Kevin Deeth at the bottom of the right circle and fired the puck past DuPont for the win.

The Irish victory, combined with a Miami (OH) loss to Northern Michigan, meant that Notre Dame needed only a tie Saturday night to wrap up the CCHA top spot.

The Irish got even more Saturday, thanks to stellar defensive play and stalwart goaltending from Pearce.

The senior made 17 saves in his fifth shutout of the season, including two key stops in the first and third periods on Maverick odd-man rushes.

"I thought he played a really good game for us," Jackson said. "He looked like he had that confidence where nothing was going in."

The Irish needed every one of Pearce's saves, as the game went through two periods deadlocked at zero. Junior Dan Kissel provided the offense for the game 6:31 into the final period. Skating down the left side of the ice, Kissel took a feed from Erik Condra and pushed the puck into the net for the game-winner.

With three minutes left, the Mavericks appeared to have tied the score, but a penalty called on John Kemp negated the goal and maintained the Irish lead.

Jackson said the experience in close games would be invaluable to his team come playoff time.

"We've played in a lot of games like that this year," he said. "We've played in quite a few one-goal games this year and our kids have handled it pretty well. All these games are important for getting ready for the playoffs."

After next weekend's home-and-home series against Michigan State, the Irish have a first-round bye before hosting a second-round CCHA playoff series. Jackson said that, for now, his team is focusing only on that series.

"We have to worry about getting to the finals first," he said. "Our objective right now is to get to Detroit [for the CCHA Championship], nothing more."

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Thirteen

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In competition on Friday, the Irish set the tone for the day behind the performances of juniors Ashlee Edgell and Megan Farrell in the 400-yard individual medley. The pair tagged up in 4:15.17 and 4:16.42 for the top two spots. Next, in the 100-yard butterfly, sophomore Kellyn Kuhlke ran away from the field in 53.46 for first place, breaking the school record set in the preliminaries set by fellow sophomore Amywren Miller.

Sophomore **Samantha Maxwell** was the next swimmer to steal the show, obliterating both school and conference records to win the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:00.38.

Maxwell was soon followed by junior Maggie Behrens, who set a school record of her own in the 100-yard backstroke in 54.11 to grab second place.

Behrens, Kuhlke, Maxwell and Miller combined in the last event of the day, the 400-yard medley relay. The four star performers once again crushed the school and conference records with a time of 3:36.20 for the win.

On the last day of competition, the Irish continued to bring down the hammer on the rest of the field. To start the day, sophomore distance specialist Lauren Sylvester grabbed third place in the 1,650 freestyle in 16:40.80. Next, Miller added to her

awards with second place in the 100 free in a time of 49.14.

Maxwell wrapped up her championships in the 200-yard breaststroke, where she continued the school and conference record-breaking trend with a speedy 2:10.35 for the win.

Wrapping up the day, junior Natalie Stitt snagged her second win of the meet in the three-meter dive with a score of 294.30, while sophomore Heidi Grossman's 284.30 earned her the third spot.

Junior Zeina Shanata, freshmen Amy Prestinario, senior Christina Riggins and Miller combined for a 3:21.16 third place effort in the 400-yard freestyle relay.

"All season we have talked about swimming well and being confident and working like a team," Barnes said. "It takes more than one or two stars to win a title, and at this meet we performed like a team and won like a team."

"It wasn't easy coming into this team in August with no familiarity with the program, but the team really embraced me," Barnes said. "I am so lucky that I have a motivated group who believes in what I believe in, and we are going to continue to learn and grow."

The Irish will travel next to the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind. to prepare for the NCAA Zone Diving Championships March 13-14 and NCAA Swimming Championships March 19-21.

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Relay

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onships," Irish coach Tim Welsh said. "What is so important about our guys is how much more unified the team became this week. The championship came down to one race, and that time was five seconds faster than last year's time with the same guys. I am so proud of our guys, our team and our program."

Although Notre Dame took a lead into the final day of competition, the Irish suspected that their third title in four years would come down to the wire.

"We told the guys before the meet that it might come down to the last race, and if we were victorious, we would win," Welsh said. "Our guys knew all along it might come to this and they were prepared for it. All I knew is that the guys were going to give it everything they had and we knew we would race well. The seniors and the upperclassmen will remember this forever."

The relay team set one of four Irish records on Saturday. Lytle broke the Notre Dame record in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 43.48 seconds in the preliminaries and went on to best his own time with a 43.46 second performance that earned him second place. Sophomore Michael Sullivan set a school record during his second place

finish in the finals of the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 1:45.10.

In the 200-yard butterfly, junior MacKenzie LeBlanc posted a season-best time of 1:46.53 in the preliminaries, which was an NCAA B-cut time. He later broke the Notre Dame record in the finals during his fourth place finish with a time of 1:45.06. The time was also the fastest ever by a Notre Dame swimmer in the event at the Big East Championships.

Three new Irish records highlighted Friday's action. Sullivan set a school record with his third place finish in the 400-yard individual medley with a time of 3:51.13, which was good for an NCAA B-cut as

well. Lytle set a school record in the preliminaries of the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:37.04. He bested that mark with his first place finish in the finals with a time of 1:35.79. The 400-yard medley relay team of sophomore Joseph Raycroft, senior Mitchell Sherman, LeBlanc and Lytle finished fifth in a time of 3:16.74 to best the old Notre Dame record.

Senior Michael Bulfin led the Irish divers on Friday in the 3-meter event. His second place finish was good enough for All-Big East honors. Sophomore Eric Lex also earned all-conference honors with his third place finish in the event.

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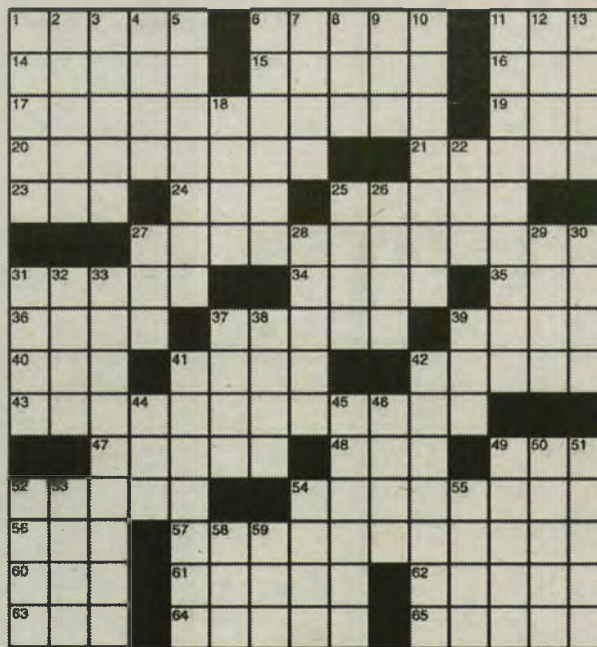


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 - 14 Counting everything
 - 15 Pigeon's perch
 - 16 In favor of
 - 17 "Splendor in the Grass" actress
 - 19 Always, in verse
 - 20 Like raw film
 - 21 Fresh from the shower
 - 23 One of 100 in D.C.
 - 24 "Hold on a _____!"
 - 25 Bleated
 - 27 Telecommuter's need
 - 31 Remove a fastener from
 - 34 Emulates Eminem
 - 35 Tampa Bay baseballer
 - 36 Six years, for a 23-Across
- Down**
- 37 "Lord, _____ this food" (grace words)
 - 39 Kind of car seen at Indy
 - 40 "_____ we there yet?"
 - 41 Blockhead
 - 42 Second-year students, for short
 - 43 Drink with a marshmallow
 - 47 Train's place
 - 48 Pilot's announcement, for short
 - 49 Some AOL communications
 - 52 1993 Aerosmith hit with the lyric "Love is sweet misery"
 - 54 Most kilt wearers
 - 56 Atlanta, for Delta
 - 57 Common remote control holder
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 - 4 Happy
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 - 6 Sheep's coat
 - 7 Smuffy
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 - 9 Freud subject
 - 10 Station porters
 - 11 Ticket locale
 - 12 Geographical statistic
 - 13 Of two minds
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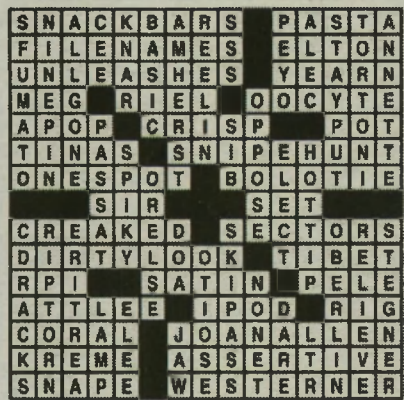


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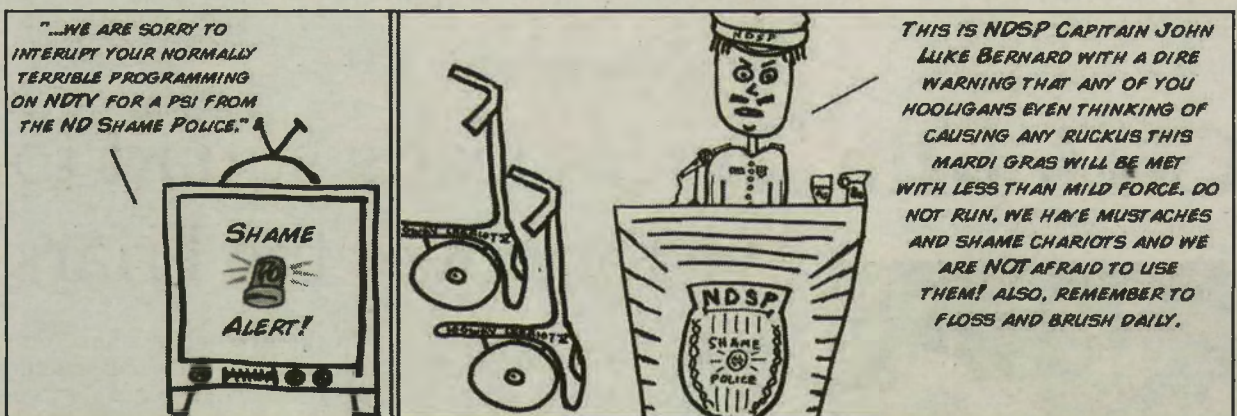
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ND SWIMMING

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Women win Big East record 13th straight

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

There was no stopping Notre Dame this weekend, as the Irish set 11 school records on their way to extending the longest Big East Conference Championship winning streak for any sport with their 13th straight crown.

The squad controlled the meet from start to finish, wrapping up with a total of 828 points, a runaway victory over second place Louisville, who finished with 581.

"We really had a good performance, and it came from everybody," Irish coach Brian Barnes said. "A lot of girls stepped up across the board, and our depth and team commitment was the deciding factor. That's what championship teams do."

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Sophomore Joseph Raycroft and the rest of the Notre Dame team won their second straight Big East Championship and their third in the past four years this weekend.

Relay team seals win in final race of the day

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's run to a second consecutive Big East title came on the heels of one of the most dramatic finishes in the program's history.

In a meet that came down to the final race, the third-seeded 400-yard freestyle relay team entered the race as a seven second underdog to top-seeded Louisville. However, the Irish squad of junior John Lytle, senior Danny Lutkus, sophomore Joshua Nosal and junior Andrew Hoffman were undeterred by the challenge, as Lytle took the lead in the first leg and the Irish never looked back. The win gave the Irish a 9.5-point lead and the Big East title.

"I hardly know what to say ... congratulations to every team that swam in the champi-

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BASEBALL

Irish wake up bats after opening game shutout, win two

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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Notre Dame opened its season by winning two of three games in the inaugural Big East/Big Ten Challenge in Clearwater, Fla. The Irish needed a day to get their bats warmed up, losing in a shutout to Ohio State on Friday before exploding offensively in wins over Illinois and Purdue on Saturday and

Sunday.

Ohio State 2, Notre Dame 0

Despite a strong pitching performance from sophomore pitcher Brian Dupra, the Irish fell to the Buckeyes Friday. Notre Dame stranded five runners in scoring position and failed to get on the scoreboard against Ohio State pitchers Alex Wimmers and Drew Rucinski.

Both starters dominated the game until the fourth inning, when the Buckeyes struck first

on an RBI single from cleanup hitter Justin Miller. Ohio State then scored a key insurance run in the seventh off Dupra, capitalizing on catcher Dan Burkhart's leadoff triple.

Dupra finished 6.1 innings, giving up only two earned runs and six hits, but picked up the loss. Dupra struck out two and walked one, and sophomore Todd Miller pitched the final 1.2 scoreless innings in relief.

While the Irish offense strug-

gled, sophomore left fielder Golden Tate and junior right fielder Billy Boockford each went 2-for-4 to lead the Notre Dame offense. Junior center fielder A.J. Pollock and junior designated hitter David Mills each had a hit apiece.

Notre Dame 14, Illinois 7

The Notre Dame offense exploded Saturday after being stymied Friday against Ohio State, scoring 11 runs in the

final five innings against the Illini.

The game did not begin well for the Irish, with two first inning errors leading to three unearned runs and an early deficit. Notre Dame quickly responded, answering with three runs of its own in the bottom of the inning. Senior shortstop Jeremy Barnes singled home two runs, and sophomore

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HOCKEY

Sweep secures CCHA title

ND wins pair of close games over Nebraska

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

One championship down, two more to go.

Notre Dame clinched the CCHA regular season title this weekend in a sweep of Nebraska-Omaha, winning 4-3 in overtime Friday night and 1-0 Saturday night. The Irish still hope to earn CCHA tournament championship and NCAA championship banners to fly alongside their regular season crown.

"It's probably the championship that gets the least amount of attention," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "But in some ways it's got the most depth to it just because it's

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Irish freshman Billy Maday, left, scored an overtime goal to carry Notre Dame to a 4-3 over Nebraska-Omaha Friday.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ayers leads squad to victory over the Friars

Senior guard heats up for 28 points in win

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Facing the closest thing to a must-win game this season, Notre Dame found an identity that has seemed to elude them for much of the season.

Led by senior sharpshooters Kyle McAlarney and Ryan Ayers, the Irish rained three-pointers down on Providence to the tune of a 103-84 win Saturday. With the victory, Notre Dame ended a seven-game road losing streak and began their climb back towards an NCAA tournament berth.

The Irish relied on what they know best to begin that climb.

On the first possession, Notre Dame passed the ball around until Ayers knocked down a three. One minute later, McAlarney pulled up for another three in transition. The two weren't done.

Ayers and McAlarney put on a shooting clinic, scoring 32 of Notre Dame's first 38 points as the Irish hit nine three-pointers collectively in the first 12 minutes of the game. The Friars, who are last in the Big East in scoring defense, played a zone defense. This allowed the Irish to get into the type of shooting rhythm that opponents have fiercely guarded against for much of the season.

The result was 11 Notre Dame three-pointers in the first half, allowing the Irish to

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