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Unions shake Indiana legislation

Democrats and Republicans battle for control of public employees' labor organizations



Union workers demonstrations in Indianapolis reflect a stronger upset among unions nationwide. The walkout in Indiana disrupted a legislative session in the House of Representatives.

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Editor

Indiana State Democrats' walkout of the Statehouse last week is part of a larger trend in politics, Notre Dame professor Jack Colwell said.

While many Notre Dame students are not familiar with Indiana politics, the current issues are relevant on a national level, said Colwell, adjunct professor of American Studies at

Notre Dame and political columnist for the South Bend Tribune.

"And similar things may well be going on in [students'] own states," he said. "Either [it is happening] now, or it will happen in the future, because it is a real battle with Republican

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governors seeking, among other things, to control the public employees' unions, which had become pretty strong."

Many Republicans blame labor unions for states' fiscal problems, Colwell said, while Democrats argue that economic issues are more complex than union power. "That battle's going to be going on in a lot of states," Colwell said. "And it's part of the battle going on in Congress, too."

Colwell said the walkout in Indiana disrupted what many

believed would be a short legislative session.

"The session of the Indiana General Assembly, I don't think, was getting much public attention at all," Colwell said. "But low and behold, the Democrats in the House had different ideas."

The 40 Democrats in the Indiana House of Representatives did not have the power to affect the outcome of Republicans' votes on legislation, but there

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Gans and Zupancic win office

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

Juniors Nicole Gans and Jackie Zupancic earned 37.2 percent of the votes to win last week's three-ticket race for Student Government Association (SGA) president and vice president at Saint Mary's.

Gans and Zupancic will take office as president and vice president, respectively, April 1.

"[The election] was so exciting," Zupancic said. "It was great to see our hard work in campaigning pay off, and to see how much support we had. All of the candidates did such a great job, and everyone was very well qualified, so it was a very tough competition."

Gans and Zupancic said their major goals are those that will directly impact the student body.

"The major goals of our platform were to help Saint Mary's become more ecologically friendly, increase pride in Saint Mary's and help develop better communication of policies and procedures, such as the allotment process," Zupancic said.

The pair said they want to focus on both the student body and the individual.

"Through each initiative we start, we want to focus on how it will bring the student body-

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Council tickets run today for election

By JOHN CAMERON,
MELISSA FLANAGAN,
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LLORENS and
SAM STRYKER
News Writers

The election committee approved 13 tickets to run for Class Council. Seven tickets are running for Sophomore Class Council, while Junior and Senior Class Councils have three tickets each. Elections will take place online today from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sophomore Class Council
◆ Rayven Moore, Romel Nicholas, Johnny Romano, Grace Foster

Class unity lies at the heart of the platform presented by Rayven Moore, Romel Nicholas, Johnny Romano and Grace Foster.

"My ticket's main focus is to get the entire class involved in decision-making processes and to hold events that everyone can enjoy," Moore said.

Many of their ideas, including a class service trip to a disaster

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'YOU ARE NOT ALONE' RECEPTION



Student organizations, residence halls, departments and offices created quilt squares as a part of Sexual Assault Awareness Week Friday in the LaFortune Student Center.

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What is your favorite book?

Roche: Harry Potter, even though I think it's unrealistic. A ginger kind with two friends? Get real.

What is your favorite joke?

Roche: What do you call a dog with no legs? Doesn't matter what you call him. He's not going to come.

What is your favorite word?

Roche: Gobsmacked.
No, wait.
Unitard.

Describe your life goals.

Roche: I plan on living forever ... so far, so good.

What was your imaginary friend's name?

Roche: Bob. Blue octopus. Great guy.

Who is your celebrity crush?

Roche: Carrot Top

ICE BREAKER

Monday Meltdown



Tierney Roche

sophomore
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Know someone chill for Monday's Icebreaker? E-mail obsphoto@gmail.com



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Notre Dame freshman Anastasia Hansen, right, attempts to block a throw from a Florida opponent during Sunday's game, which was a part of the Women's Water Polo Irish Invitational.

OFFBEAT

Scouts barred from selling cookies at historic house

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Girl Scouts are no longer able to sell their famous cookies outside the historic Savannah home of the woman who founded the organization almost a century ago.

A complaint last year ended the longtime practice of selling the cookies on the public sidewalk outside the home of Juliette Gordon Low at the busy intersection of Bull Street and Oglethorpe Avenue. Peddling on a public sidewalk is a violation of city ordinance. One city alderman said he thinks the city should consider a temporary exception for cookie

season.

The city's zoning administrator, Randolph Scott, said he investigated the matter and tried to find a solution. He said he called for a survey, hoping there would be some private space between the home and the sidewalk. He said there wasn't any.

Scott said they also looked at allowing the Scouts to sell from a small courtyard on the side of the house, but fire marshals told the Scouts they would block an exit route. The home is a National Historic Landmark open for tours.

Company to sell an even more 'natural' ice cream

LONDON — Gross or tasty? A London company is

offering an unusual dessert — ice cream made with human breast milk.

Trendy London ice cream parlor The Icecreamists said its "Baby Gaga" ice cream sold out as soon as it launched Friday.

The company paid women who responded to an online ad to donate their breast milk. The milk — which the company said was screened in line with blood donor requirements — is then pasteurized and churned together with vanilla pods and lemon zest. The dish comes in a martini glass and sells for 14 pounds (\$22.50) each.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Student Affairs is now accepting nominations for the **Denny Moore Award for Excellence in Journalism**. Candidates must be seniors, and can be nominated by faculty, staff or fellow students. The nomination form is available online. Deadline is **March 4**.

Leonardo Arriola of the department of political science will lecture **Tuesday** on "Electoral Violence in Democratizing States." The lecture will take place at **12:30 p.m.** in **Room C103** of the **Hesburgh Center**.

Abel Barrera Hernandez, founder and director of the **Tlachinollan Human Rights Center** of the **Montana** in **Guerrero, Mexico**, will lecture **Tuesday** at **4 p.m.** The lecture, "Defending the Rights of the Indigenous and Peasant Peoples in Guerrero, Mexico," will be in the **Hesburgh Center for International Studies**.

Prepare for Carnival with **Festa, Danca e Bate-Papo Tuesday** in **LaFortune ballroom** **6 to 8 p.m.** to celebrate the **Brazilian** tradition.

Professor Emeritus **Michael Crowe** of the program of liberal studies will lecture on **Sherlock Holmes Tuesday** at **7:30 p.m.** The lecture, "Ronald Knox and **Sherlock Holmes: The Origin of Sherlockian Studies**," will be in the **Hesburgh Center for International Studies**.

Janet Kaplan, the **2011 Sandeen Prize** winner, will read from her book of **poety Wednesday** at **7:30 p.m.** in the **Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore**.

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

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SMC honored with Riley room

By CAITLIN HOUSLEY
News Writer

The eighth floor of the newly built Simon Family Tower of the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis will now have even greater significance for Saint Mary's students.

Room W8118, which serves as a patient room for the children's hospital, has been dedicated as the Saint Mary's room, said Katie Fadden, fundraising president of Saint Mary's Dance Marathon.

"There will be a sign outside of the room that reads, 'A gift from Saint Mary's College Dance Marathon,'" Fadden said. "It is quite an honor to have a patient room named on our behalf."

Fadden said Saint Mary's Dance Marathon received the honor because Saint Mary's dancers have raised more than \$320,000 for Riley over the past six years.

"We are so excited to be honored in this way because it is something that all of our hard work and dedication over the past six years can be remembered by," Becca Guerin, the external vice president of the dance marathon, said.

According to Guerin, the mem-

bers of the Saint Mary's Dance Marathon executive board will travel to Indianapolis in April to receive the award, see the room, meet with doctors and visit the patients.

She said all members of the Notre Dame community, not just the Saint Mary's students, should be proud.

"I think that our Dance Marathon reflects very highly of the Notre Dame community because we are all able to come together and raise money for such a great cause," she said.

The marathon first began on campus in 2006, and since then, students have pledged to stay on their feet for 12 hours one day a year to raise awareness and money for the hospital.

"Riley is Indiana's only children's comprehensive hospital and is a leader in providing treatment and research for sick children," Fadden said.

"Most importantly, they will never turn a family away for their inability to pay for their child's treatment. As a result, over 50 percent of their care is uncompensated."

Fadden, along with fundraising chair Kelli Minor, said this lack of compensation is why they urge members of the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's commu-

nity to participate in the event every year.

"As healthy, happy college students having the time of our lives, I think it is important to participate in Dance Marathon, to be able to give back and help others who truly need it," Fadden said.

Minor added: "Riley is an amazing place because, being a Children's Miracle Network hospital, they give away over 50 percent of their services at no cost and never turn away families due to their financial situations. Dance Marathon at Saint Mary's is important in helping keep these services available by providing funds to the hospital to help treat sick children who may not be able to afford their care."

The Dance Marathon event will be held Saturday from noon to midnight.

According to Minor, this year's goal is to improve from last year's \$77,000 raised.

Saint Mary's dancers can still sign up for the event in the Student Center atrium during lunch and dinner hours. Notre Dame students can register online via the pre-professional society website, found at www.nd.edu/~medinfo/

"One of the things I love most about Dance Marathon is that participants have the time of their lives while helping to save lives," Fadden said.

Students, faculty and community members are welcome to take part in the event.

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Innovation Park was awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification.

Buildings awarded LEED certification

By CASEY KENNY
News Writer

The recently completed Purcell Pavilion at the Joyce Center and the two-year-old Innovation Park building were awarded Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold and Silver certification, respectively, by the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), according to a University press release.

"[LEED certification provides] third-party verification that a building or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at improving performance across all the metrics that matter most: energy savings, water efficiency, CO2 emissions reduction, improved indoor environmental quality and stewardship of resources and sensitivity to their impacts," according to the USGBC's website.

"As part of the University's goal to ensure that its Catholic character informs all its endeavors, we seek to minimize the environmental impact of new campus buildings and the act of constructing them," said Doug Marsh, Notre Dame's associate vice president and University architect.

In addition to the two newly certified buildings, Stinson-Remick Hall, Geddes Hall and Ryan Hall have LEED Gold certification. The University is also currently pursuing LEED certification for the Compton Family Center Ice Hockey Arena and Carole Sandner Hall, as well as the Stayer Executive Education Center, a building currently in the planning and design stage.

"We expect to continue to embrace the LEED certification process and seek it for

future new campus buildings," Marsh said. "Most of our design and construction staff in the Office of the University Architect have earned the distinction of LEED Accredited Professionals and continue to track the ever-evolving LEED credit system."

Marsh said the high percentage use of regionally manufactured and harvested construction materials, rapidly renewable materials and building materials made from recycled content, the diversion of construction waste from landfills and the highly efficient energy systems

helped the Purcell Pavilion and Innovation Park building to receive the LEED certification. The LEED certification program promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability, which necessitates the incorporation of collective factors into a building's design and construction.


"It is a fully integrated process that begins with the initial site planning for each building, continues through the detailed design phase, and carries through construction and a post-occupancy survey of building occupants," Marsh said. "Everyone on the design and construction team — architects, engineers, construction managers — must all work together to achieve the goals established by the LEED credit system."

Notre Dame's receipt of the LEED certification for these buildings and its ongoing participation in the rigorous certification process reflects the University's environmental stewardship and its leadership and innovation in regard to sustainability issues, Marsh said.

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Project Pink claims the runway

By ANNA BOARINI
News Writer

Last year, Pangborn raised over \$700 for South Bend's S-O-S Rape Crisis Center with its Project Pink event, and rector Sr. Mary Donnelly was hopeful this year's event would be even more successful.

"Last year we raised a little over \$700," she said. "Hopefully we can hit that or beyond. At the rate funding is being cut, everything we can do helps."

The fourth annual Project Pink was held Friday at Legends. The commissioners of the event, sophomore Kathleen Kastenholz and senior Rebecca Palacios, said they have been planning the event since before Christmas.

Palacios said the event has evolved since Pangborn adopted it four years ago.

"It started as a vintage fashion show with a retro theme," she said. "We wanted a more diverse selection of items, so we adopted a new theme."

The event raised money for the Center by having a silent

auction to bid on articles of clothing in the fashion show, raffling items and selling Project Pink sunglasses and T-shirts. Many of the silent auction and raffle items were donated, including a gift certificate to local boutique Inspire Me and a pair of pink Crocs from Notre Dame Sports Marketing.

In keeping with the retro theme of the fashion show, Kastenholz began shopping for pink clothes at consignment shops and vintage stores; some of the clothes were also donated. It was Kastenholz who also came up with this year's tagline: "Pink isn't just a color, it's an attitude."

"I saw it on a sign and thought it was perfect," she said.

Project Pink used to also have an event where participants could donate their hair for making wigs, however, Pangborn has since teamed up with "The Bald and the Beautiful," a campus wide event for cancer research.

When planning the fashion show, Palacios was able to bring her experience from an

internship in event planning. Both girls were also responsible for coordinating models and helping the girls put together outfits with the donated clothes. The models were all volunteers from Pangborn.

"I was in the show last year and it was really fun and a really great cause, that's why I applied for commissioner," Kastenholz said.

Both commissioners also were apart of planning prom fashion shows at their high schools and said that experience was helpful in planning Project Pink.

"The Center has so many different services and they are all free of charge," Kastenholz said. "The money we raised to be donated will be used where it can."

The event was not just about the fashion show — BlackMagic, a magic and comedy show featuring junior Eugene Staples and senior Eras Noel, performed, as well as Halftime, a campus a capella group.

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Senior Gabby Tate models a scarf during Pangborn Hall's fourth annual Project Pink fashion show. The event supports the South Bend S-O-S Rape Crisis Center.

Top: Senior Rebecca Palacios models on the runway in Legends. Bottom: Senior Kelly Foster models a vintage dress. Commissioners bought clothing at consignment shops and collected donations.

Summit encourages green purchases

By REBECCA MORIARTY
News Writer

The consumer's impact on the market for sustainable products was discussed at "Purchasing Power," the fourth annual Green Summit presented by the Office of Sustainability, on Friday.

The summit began with a "marketplace," in which participants were given four different options of t-shirts, notebooks and cell phones and asked to choose which of the four options they would most likely buy in a store.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves then welcomed attendees.

"I challenge you to live up to the previous summits," he said.

He said the University is making progress and mentioned the Energy Studies program in engineering, improvements in recycling programs and tray-less days as successful ideas that have

come from past summits.

Affleck-Graves stressed the importance of the entire Notre Dame community in the effort to make Notre Dame greener.

"It affects all of us," he said. "Students, staff and faculty are the only way we will make progress on this front. It's everyone doing their bit."

Rob Kelly, director of Procurement Services, also spoke at the summit, describing Notre Dame's attempts to purchase green products.

"If a change is economically feasible, that's where we want to be," Kelly said.

He said Notre Dame is now looking to make printing and printing equipment more sustainable.

"We have to find a balance between price, quality and sustainability," he said. "At Notre Dame we aren't ready to transition to using brown paper."

Jenny Mish, a professor at the Mendoza College of Business, spoke to participants about the difficulties of

being a green consumer in the marketplace and how to make our purchases most effective as individual consumers.

"Sustainability recognizes that we need to live in a way that doesn't compromise future generations," she said.

She said individuals can make a difference by only consuming only our share of the world's resources and no more.

"If every person in the world consumed the way Americans did, we would need three worlds," she said.

Participants were then given the opportunity to discuss sustainability and the marketplace in small groups. Members were especially interested in how products received "green" labels and how many toxins were already present in their bodies.

All the speakers stressed that the move toward sustainability is a long process and must be accomplished over a long period of time.

"Notre Dame is dedicated to this initiative," Affleck-Graves said.

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were enough of them to break the quorum, Colwell said. By fleeing to Illinois last week, they prevented the Indiana House from holding a vote.

"They did the only thing they could do," Colwell said. "They wanted to kill some of the proposals."

Since House Democrats fled the state, Republicans have declared a right-to-work bill dead. The bill would have cut the power of labor unions. But after Republicans gave up on the bill, Colwell said House Democrats did not return to Indiana because they are hoping for other, similar victories. The Democrats originally wanted to kill at least 10 proposed bills, he said.

"So the Democrats are trying to get some more of those killed," Colwell said. "But I think the main thing they wanted to do was get public attention to what was happening."

The Republicans' other proposals involve union labor and Republican Gov. Mitch Daniels' proposed education reform package, Colwell said. While Republicans may compromise on other issues, Colwell said the education reform package is extremely important to Daniels,

who may run in the 2012 presidential election.

"He wanted a smooth, quick legislative session so he could then tell about his achievements and go to Iowa and New Hampshire and wherever he decides to go to present his presidential possibilities," Colwell said. "This does kind of throw a monkey wrench into that."

Democrats and Republicans will eventually reach a compromise, but Colwell said the current walkout has already lasted longer than other, similar disagreements.

Both Democrats and Republicans have staged walkouts in the past, but Colwell said it is unusual for a walkout to last more than a few days without reaching a compromise. Democrats walked out of the Indiana Statehouse Feb. 21 and have not yet returned.

Indiana's current political climate is also an example of increasing partisanship around the country, Colwell said.

"I think it says that if anybody thought that both parties were going to get a message from the last election that they should be more cooperative and not so divisive, they didn't get that message," he said. "It's more divisive than ever. They aren't moving toward compromise at all."

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They come from **25** different states, with interest in at least **29** different majors. They have about a **million** college options and have to narrow it down to **1** in the next **62** days. We hope they choose Notre Dame.

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together and how it affects each individual person,” Zupancic said.

Gans said the coming weeks will include training from the current SGA president and vice president, seniors Rachael Chesley and Laura Smith, to gain some perspective before entering office.

“[Zupancic] and I will be shadowing and meeting with [Chesley] and [Smith] to learn more about their individual roles and responsibilities,” Gans said. “We will also be talking and meeting with current board members to get feedback on what they thought about the past year, and any changes they would make.”

In their campaign, Gans and Zupancic said they wanted to improve technology on campus, continue the current renovation of Le Mans Hall basement, better communication between students and their government, and

increase community involvement, according to the ticket’s website.

Even though there will only be a little over a month left once they take office, Zupancic said the two do have a couple of goals they would like to see accomplished by the end of the academic year.

“We would like to see at least one printer in one dorm, which is what the current administration is working on accomplishing before turnover,” Zupancic said. “It would be great to continue working on that until the end of the school year.”

Additionally, they hope to continue work on Le Mans Hall basement until May.

During the summer months, Gans said the two will prepare

for another SGA retreat that was started by Chesley and Smith and get organized for the coming academic year.

“[Zupancic] and I hope to become as prepared and organized as possible over the summer by having all of our plans laid out in complete detail,” Gans said.

Overall, the two said they are excited to enter office.

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Photo courtesy of Jacquelyn Zupancic

Juniors Nicole Gans, right, and Jackie Zupancic won last week’s race for Saint Mary’s Student Government Association president and vice president.

Unions demonstrate at Wisconsin Capitol

Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — The occupation of the Wisconsin Capitol by protesters fighting efforts to strip public workers of union bargaining rights carried on Sunday after police decided not to forcibly remove demonstrators and end a nearly two-week-long sit-in.

Roughly three hours after a deadline to vacate the building had passed and as police officers continued to look on quietly, protest coordinator Erika Wolf took to a microphone and announced: “There’s really awesomely good news — that we’re going to be able to stay here tonight.”

A cheer went up from the several hundred protesters who had ignored a request from the state agency that oversees the Capitol to leave by 4 p.m. so that the normally immaculate building could get a thorough cleaning.

“If you want to leave — it’s totally cool, because the doors will be open around 8 a.m.” on Monday, said Wolf, 25, who works with the United Council of University of Wisconsin Students.

But many said they would stay and again sleep inside the Capitol, which protesters have filled with chants, cat-calls and song since their demonstration began on Feb. 15.

“It was a victory for peace. It was a victory for democracy,” said Kara Randall, 46, a massage therapist from Middleton who had already spent five nights at the Capitol.

Demonstrators began camping out inside the Capitol two weeks ago in an effort to fight legislation proposed by Wisconsin’s new Republican governor, Scott Walker, that would strip most of the state’s public employees of the right to collectively bargain.

Labor leaders and Democratic lawmakers say the bill is intended to under-

mine the unions and weaken a key base of Democratic Party voters.

Walker argues the Republican-backed measure would help close a projected \$3.6 billion deficit in the 2011-13 budget, and that freeing local governments from having to collectively bargain with public employee unions would give them the flexibility needed to deal with forthcoming budget cuts.

Wisconsin Capitol Police Chief Charles Tubbs said demonstrators who had occupied all three floors of the Capitol would have to relocate to the ground floor overnight. Anyone who left the building was barred from returning until Monday morning, although police did allow union officials to bring food into the building for the protesters.

No demonstrators would be arrested as long as they continue to obey the law, Tubbs said. By late evening, the air smelled of pizza and lemon-scented disinfectant as demonstrators quietly ate dinner and several janitors worked around them to clean the Capitol’s marble floors.

“People here have acted lawfully and responsibly,” Tubbs said. “There’s no reason to consider arrests.”

Walker’s spokesman declined late Sunday to comment on the police decision to keep the Capitol open to the demonstrators. In an interview earlier in the day on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” Walker said the lengthy protests haven’t eroded his resolve to push forward with his legislative agenda.

“Year after year, governors and legislators before us have kicked the can down the road,” Walker said. “We can’t do that. We’re broke. It’s about time someone stood up and told the truth in our state and said here’s our problem, here’s the solution and let’s do this.”

Walker’s proposal stalled in the state Senate when its 14 Democratic lawmakers fled the state for Illinois, leaving the legislative body one vote short of a quorum. The Democratic senators have vowed to stay away from Wisconsin for as long as it takes.

One of the Democrats, Sen. Lena Taylor, tweeted her support to the protesters who remained: “Thank you for exercising your 1st amend right - I’m glad my actions give you opportunity to stand/sit/express yourself!”

Sue Knetsch, 53, of Waupaca, said she stayed away from the Capitol throughout the nearly two weeks of protests, but that she brought her 21-year-old son, Taylor, to the Capitol on Sunday as a lesson in democracy.

“I just want him to know you can do something — his generation is walking around passively saying, ‘It doesn’t matter,’” said Knetsch, who said she had been arrested at age 17 while protesting the Vietnam War. “This is awesome. I’m a little nostalgic.”

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INSIDE COLUMN

Early pressures

What are you doing this summer? I have no idea where I'll be or what I'll be doing, and it's giving me midterm-level anxiety. Most adults I know — and even some of my professors — don't see this as a problem. One of my former professors recently suggested I sell Mexican blankets on the side of the road — he was kidding, but it sounded far more appealing than filling out yet another internship application.



John Cameron

News
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But I'm in Mendoza, and it seems like the usual list of Notre Dame conversation starters about your dorm, hometown, major and whether you're a double, triple or quintuple legacy, has been expanded to include a dreaded question:

"What are your summer plans? ISSLP in Uganda? Goldman analyst? Congressional page? Oh, you're life-guarding? I guess we can still be friends."

From what I've heard, it seems like years ago, internships happened the summer before senior year. Now, it seems like high school sophomores are expected to work 90-hour weeks at a hedge fund. What's changed?

It might just be another consequence of the increasing competitiveness of the academic and business worlds. Or maybe we're all just spastic.

Either way, somehow our dads managed to avoid chronic unemployment without doing cancer research over their college summers.

I'm a pretty think-in-the-now type of person. Or rather, I like to put off any future-related decisions until, well, the future. Ask anyone who knows me — I submitted my major choice about an hour before the deadline and I accepted admission to Notre Dame with two days to spare. So the concept of finding the time to get an externship for this summer (so I can have a chance at an internship next summer, so I can have a chance at a full-time job the next year) is completely overwhelming.

And let's be real: What skill set could I, or most sophomores, possibly bring to any bank, law firm or advertising agency? Half of us just learned what a cash flow is. Either there is some serious on-the-job training or students with internship offers can look forward to 10 weeks of coffee-fetching and envelope-stuffing (maybe with some sprinkles of financial modeling).

Don't get me wrong. I think getting your foot into the metaphorical career door early can't be a bad thing. I just wonder how much earlier the pressure's going to start hitting Notre Dame students ten years from now. What I do know is, I'm buying my future children Wall Street Journal subscriptions in-utero. I have to go troll Go Irish. Make sure your tots bring their A-game to pre-K.

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A persistent pattern

When the wise speak ...

Elie Wiesel tells the story of a just man who goes into a city and screams continually, trying to get the people in the city to change their ways for the better. At first the people take notice of this new sight, but finally they call him naive; they ignore him. He continues to scream; he continues to fight. A child asks him, "Sir, no one is listening to you, why are you still fighting?" "At first, I wanted to change these people," says the just man, "but now when you hear me scream, it is so that I do not let them change me."



Alex Coccia

Shard of Glass

Now let's move this story to South Bend in a place called the University of Notre Dame. Members of the Campus Labor Action Project have been calling on Notre Dame to divest from HEI, a hotel and resort company which has in the past faced allegations of abuses of worker rights, including staff cuts, eliminating job functions, ignoring breaks mandated by state-law, low wages and limiting work supplies. HEI is being investigated by the National Labor Relations Board — an independent federal agency with the power to protect the rights of workers — on charges including making retaliatory reductions in workers' schedules, prohibiting workers from posting pro-union materials on bulletin boards, conducting unlawful surveillance of workers and interrogating workers about their actions, instructing workers not to

communicate with the public about their working conditions and suspending a worker in Irvine in retaliation for engaging in pro-union activity protected by the National Labor Relations Act. While the University has not yet acted on the calls to action by its students who continue to fight for the rights of workers, perhaps they will listen now that Brown University has spoken on the issue.

Brown responded to a recommendation from the Advisory Committee on Corporate Responsibility in Investment Policy (ACCRIP) within Brown University which stated: "After thoughtful deliberations, ACCRIP concluded that while HEI had not been found guilty of violations of the labor code, a persistent pattern of allegations involving the company's treatment of workers and interference with their efforts to unionize, combined with repeated settlements ... raised serious questions whether Brown's continued association with HEI would be consistent with the ethical principles governing the university's investments. ACCRIP has recommended, therefore, that Brown University should refrain from reinvesting in HEI until the Corporation is confident that HEI adheres to our high standards regarding respectful and humane treatment of workers, and that workers at HEI-operated hotels are able to seek union representation without fear of intimidation." Brown, a member of the Ivy League and a top-20 national university, has decided not to reinvest with HEI once their current 10-year investment that was begun in 2006 is over.

The significance of Brown's decision is that it lends credence to committed students who have been working at Yale, Princeton, Harvard, Penn, Chicago, Vanderbilt and Notre Dame to help their institutions align necessary

investment with ethical practice. Like the just man, these students have continued to scream, but unlike in the story of the just man someone is finally listening. Brown did not dismiss the opinions of the students. Brown took what they had to say under consideration by its advisory committee who had been pressured again and again by the students, faculty and staff, encouraging them to reexamine their investments.

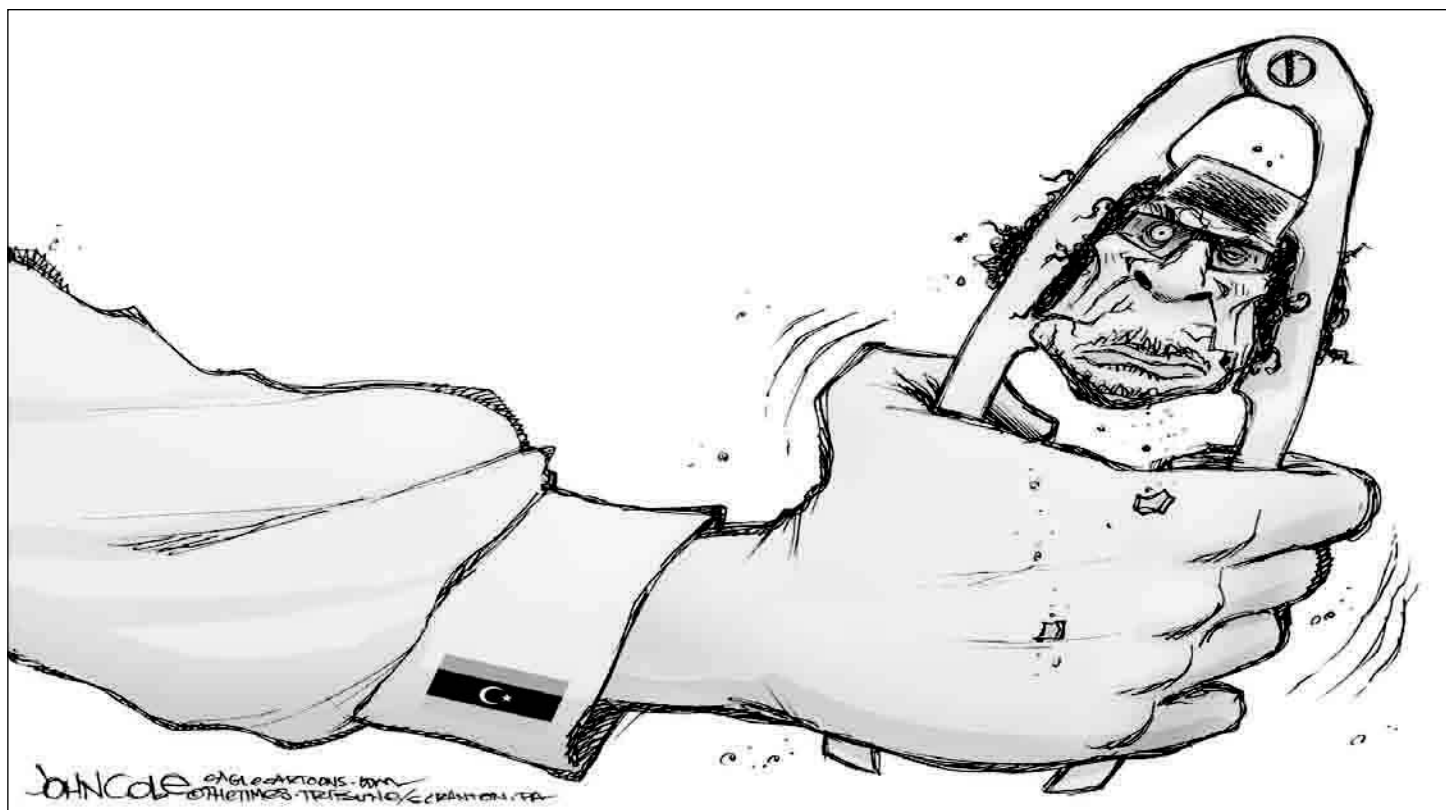
The Notre Dame students fighting for the rights of HEI workers believe that Catholic Social Teaching should require Notre Dame to divest from HEI. Catholic Social Teaching provides for the protection of the dignity of workers. Therefore, it provides for the protection of the rights of workers to be paid a living wage, to organize and join unions. When there are people or entities fighting for basic human rights, it is usually best to listen — whether it is to the Ivy League Brown University, or to the workers themselves who report unfair working conditions, or to the groups like United Students Against Sweatshops or Campus Labor Action Project, or even to individual students. We all should listen to Catholic Social Teaching. Brown's decision should be a further impetus for Notre Dame to thoroughly investigate the status of its investments. There is no doubt that this will take effort on the part of Notre Dame — managing a university's investments is complicated. But following Catholic Social Teaching is not a sacrifice, it is an investment.

... listen.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If 50 million people say a foolish thing, it is still a foolish thing."

Anatole France
French novelist

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"To be conscious that you are ignorant is a great step to knowledge."

Benjamin Disraeli
British politician

The other side

I am a member of the elite group known as Notre Dame Alumni, along with my grandfather, father and two brothers. I have an amazing, loving and supportive family and a group of close friends who I wouldn't trade for the world. I am a second year doctoral student in New Hampshire and have never been happier. But things were not always this way. While attending Notre Dame, I suffered from severe depression and anxiety and I engaged in self-mutilation, anorexia and bulimia. I also became an alcoholic, and I always will be. Although my last drink was on November 10, 2006, my next one could easily be tomorrow if I become complacent. My sobriety must always remain my top priority, and those closest to me understand that.

Cullen Hardy

Guest Columnist

I began my Notre Dame career in the fall of 2000 and graduated in the spring of 2009. I participated in every self-destructive behavior imaginable during my career at Notre Dame and burnt almost every bridge I built. I've hurt my family, friends and many people I didn't know numerous times. My early years at Notre Dame were peppered with Res-Life visits, legal problems, time away from the University, arrests, bouts of depression, countless instances of acting out and feelings of hopelessness and loneliness I wouldn't wish on my

worst enemy. Most days were focused on spreading my own misery. I considered a successful day one where I ruined someone else's. I was a menace and I loved every minute of it. I would smile at others' misfortunes and most everything I said was a lie, especially to those closest to me. I cheated on my girlfriend on a weekly basis and laughed about it the next day. I hated everything about myself and frequently wished for a natural disaster or accident to end it all for me. I knew I was too much of a coward to commit suicide.

Alcoholism, depression and other mental disorders are prevalent on college campuses today, and Notre Dame is no exception. Our "Notre Dame bubble" may be picturesque but many students are suffering. There are alcoholics, cutters, anorexics, bulimics, students suffering from mild, moderate or severe depression and even suicidal students on campus right now and I want to say to those experiencing distress, you are not alone. We need to be aware of these issues and make a greater effort to identify and help those needing assistance. More student sponsored groups should be available that offer peer support in a safe and confidential environment. We also need to educate the student body about mental disorders and addiction so they aren't taboo topics. The reality is that these issues exist and affect many of those around us.

If you feel alcohol is the root of your problems, whether it is in classes, relationships, or other aspects of your life, you have to reach out and ask for help. I thought my mandatory alcohol education classes were a joke and lied on every questionnaire I received about my drinking habits. Change, even positive change, was always a scary prospect for me. I was comfortable being miserable, angry and depressed and I knew these feelings well. I was happy in my own unhappiness. Do not be scared of getting better. I was. It is a frightening experience because you dive right into the depths of your unhappiness, insecurities and self-hatred, but this is the only way to get better.

Ask for help. Talk to a favorite professor, rector, dean, friend, relative, priest or sister and they can help you or accompany you in finding the proper assistance you require. Not only did Professor McKenna and Dean Preacher support and guide my academic career but they also showed care and concern for me as a person during my rehabilitation. I am blessed to have two lifelong friends and I love them both. You don't have to go through this alone.

I have been sober for over four years and am getting a doctorate in clinical psychology. The past ten years have led me to a future career as a therapist where I will be able to use my firsthand experiences, knowledge and insight to help those in need. I often tell

people I'm thankful for being an alcoholic because I never would have found my true calling as a Clinical Psychologist if I never had these difficulties. I also firmly believe that, without going through this journey, I never would have reached a level of such happiness and inner peace. I was fortunate to experience my final year at Notre Dame sober, with an appreciation for life and with feelings of self-love that I had never felt. Notre Dame is truly one of the most beautiful places I have ever seen and we are all blessed to be a part of this great university. I experienced Notre Dame at my lowest and my highest and, no matter how bad things may seem, they don't have to stay that way. Rehabilitation and recovery are the hardest things you will ever do but the inner peace and self-love attained is priceless. You must be honest with yourself, ask for help, and be willing to do the hard work; trust me, it's worth it. As with all recovery, mine is an ongoing process and will take a lifelong commitment — one I'm happy to make. There is light at the end of the dark tunnel many of you or your friends are traveling through and if I can get there, so can you.

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Oil companies responsible

The National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill recommended this month that Congress raise the current \$75 million liability cap for oil companies, but did not offer a specific proposal or dollar amount.

The liability cap limits the amount oil companies are legally obligated to pay those who file claims against them after environmental disasters. Once the cost exceeds the cap, taxpayer dollars fund the recovery.

Lydia Harvey

The Oracle

A bill that aimed to remove the \$75 million cap passed in the House of Representatives last summer, but negotiations regarding a new cap killed the bill in the Senate. Industry allies have argued that removing the cap would make it impossible for smaller companies to afford the insurance required to drill offshore.

But if a company can't afford to clean up its own potential mess, it shouldn't be encouraged to make one in the first place. Any liability cap, no matter how high, is an insult to the people who feel the harshest effects of an oil spill.

According to MSNBC, estimates of the total cost for cleanup and claims in last year's Deepwater Horizon disaster reached \$70 billion. Frank Glaviano, former vice president of Shell Exploration and Production, said to MSNBC that no amount of money will be able to repair the damage that was done by the spill.

According to restorethegulf.gov, the Deepwater Horizon well gushed an estimated 62,000 barrels of oil per day into the Gulf of Mexico at the height of the spill, leaking approximately 4.9 million barrels overall. President Barack Obama described the disaster as the worst the country has faced.

BP set up a \$20 billion claims escrow fund. However, the national commission released a report this month saying that many claimants are dissatisfied with the amounts of their payments. Others received no payments at all after dealing with the messy claims process.

Fishing and tourism bring more than \$120 billion to the area surrounding the Gulf each year, according to MSNBC, and fishing operations were shut down for months during and after the spill. Oil touched 650 miles of coastal land, according to the National Resources Defense Council. The environmental and economic damage is still being tallied.

Additionally, marine toxicologist Riki Ott estimated that 4 to 5 million residents had been exposed to dangerous amounts of oil, according to Bridge the Gulf, a

group supporting environmental justice in the Gulf.

When a spill halts business, transforms industries, impacts the environment and alters human health, the oil company at fault should pay every legitimate claim, even if it goes belly up.

The cap discourages companies from investing in safety innovations, which might cost more than the cap itself.

Sure, if the cap were removed, smaller companies may be discouraged. Higher insurance costs might eventually drive up the price of gas or force companies to move out of the Gulf completely for fear of drilling in risky areas.

But the countless animals that suffered from suffocation, hypothermia, pneumonia, drowning, starvation, cancer, chemical burns, ulcers, digestive tract bleeding, infection, diarrhea, kidney damage, liver damage, anemia, intestinal disorders and painful deaths would likely approve of unlimited liability's side effects.

The scary part is that 27,000 wells are currently abandoned and unchecked in the Gulf of Mexico, according to the Associated Press. Many have been abandoned since the '40s, '50s and '60s.

BP alone has abandoned 600 wells.

According to the AP, tens of thousands may be badly sealed, because they were drilled before strict regulations or the operating companies violated rules.

After wells are abandoned, no one checks for leaks. Environmental Protection Agency data shows that 17 percent of wells on land had been improperly plugged. If that percentage is synonymous offshore, 4,600 wells in the Gulf could be defectively plugged.

Shoddy plugs, age, corrosion and natural changes below the sea level can cause a well to fail. Petroleum engineer John Getty said to the AP that abandoned wells may eventually leak after decades of aging.

Since 1978, poor cement jobs have been cited 34 times in accident and incident reports on offshore wells, according to an AP review.

Oil companies are taking risks to make enormous profit. They should be held limitlessly accountable for mistakes that could harm an entire region for generations. Those who can't afford the responsibility that comes with putting an entire ecosystem in harm's way should not consider going into such a dangerous business.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Healthy conversation

Monday evening at Saint Mary's College, I climbed the stairs of Carroll Auditorium's stage in teetering, leopard print wedges. With a pink golfball clutched in my hand to ease my nerves, I gritted my teeth, gave one last hair toss and praised God I did not trip. I then looked out into the audience of nearly 150 strangers and friends and took a deep breath. My hands shook and my voice crackled as I began speaking about my journey through an illness which almost claimed my life.

Speaking publically about my battle with anorexia was not something I ever intended to do. Until recently, I vowed I would always keep the matter private to avoid the eating disorder from defining my identity. The majority of society has little insight into these baffling illnesses, but one thing is clear: As we have neglected to talk openly about eating disorders, the number of sufferers has risen to an estimated 25 million in America alone. So I tossed my preference for privacy out of my third-floor window in hopes that it would be enough to help even just one person in even the smallest of ways.

I was apprehensive as to how the audience would react. But in the days following the event, I have been met with more words of gratitude and encouragement than I could have ever imagined. The response has been overwhelmingly positive and has really and truly warmed my heart. I wish I had a guestbook so I could send personal thank you notes to each and every one of you.

I am lucky, and very grateful, to have survived. My life has resumed with color, meaning and yes, food. But throughout this entire journey, I have never felt as uplifted as I do now. So to the very special people who filled the room on Monday night and/or shared words of encouragement, know your support and kindness have made a huge difference in my life. It has reaffirmed why I chose to share my story in the first place and made me feel more committed to my recovery. I hope my initiative will spark further conversation with regards to eating disorder awareness in this community in the time to come.

Thank you from every nook and cranny of my heart.

Christina Grasso

senior

Le Mans Hall

Feb. 24

ND LITERARY FESTIVAL PRESENTS: WILLIAM PAUL YOUNG

By **MARIELLE HAMPE**
Scene Writer

William Paul Young, author of the best-selling spiritual novel "The Shack," will speak at Notre Dame Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Eck Visitors Center Auditorium. Since its publication in 2007, "The Shack" has sold nearly 14 million copies in print and remained No. 1 on the New York Times Bestseller list for 49 weeks.

"The Shack" went largely unnoticed for a year after its publication, but in the summer of 2008 it debuted atop the Times' paperback fiction list. "The Shack" can attribute its success to promotion in churches and on Christian-themed websites and publications. The book has enjoyed international acclaim and has been translated into many languages, including Spanish, German and Croatian.

"The Shack" explores a father's spiritual journey as he tries to understand his youngest daughter's abduction and murder. The father, Mack, goes to a shack for a weekend and encounters manifestations of God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

"The Shack" points people back to the Bible and ultimately to the love of God for us all," said senior Felicia Aguirre, chair of the Literary Festival.

"I wanted to bring William Young to ND because I feel like he's an important writer for our generation," Aguirre said. "'The Shack' was a book that inspired millions. I found it fascinating that people of different ages and of different faiths could read and talk about this book together. It really takes the idea of God, and specifically the Holy Trinity, to a very understandable, relatable level. I think many people, and particularly Notre Dame students, have similar experiences with 'The Shack' as I did, and from the moment I got involved with the Literary Festival, I knew William Young was a speaker I wanted to invite."

"The Shack" has sparked conversations about God around the world, and there have been many criticisms and responses to the book. While some evangelists have condemned the book, other theologians have responded sympathetically to the por-

trayal of God. Theologian Randal Rauser responds to many critics' objections and explores several of the book's controversial issues in his book, "Finding God in the Shack."

Copies of "The Shack" will be available for purchase at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, and a dessert reception and book signing will follow Young's speech. The event is a part of Notre Dame Literary Festival.

The Notre Dame Literary Festival began in 1967 as the dream of J. Richard Rossi. Rossi organized a symposium of literary scholars to celebrate the life and works of William Faulkner. The Festival gained support, and the following year Joseph Heller, author of "Catch 22," and Ralph Ellison, author of "Invisible Man," attended the festival.

Throughout its 44-year history, the festival has taken many forms. While in some years all of the events occur during one week, this year, Aguirre said she wanted to "spread our speakers out over the course of the entire school year so that students who wanted to attend multiple festival events would have more time."

The Notre Dame Literary Festival includes four events this year. George Saunders and Craig Nova have already spoken, and Audrey Niffenegger, author of "The Time Traveler's Wife," will speak at Notre Dame April 13. If you are a fan of "The Shack," or if you enjoy novels discussing spirituality and faith, then join the Notre Dame Literary Festival on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Eck Visitors Center Auditorium for Young's speech and reception.

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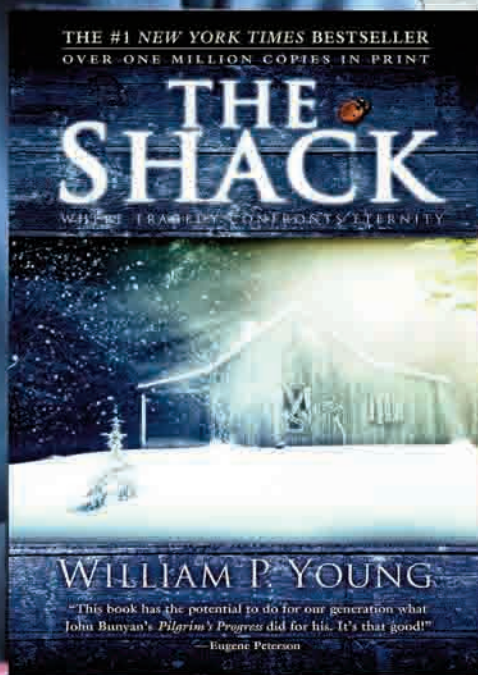
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By MARIA FERNANDEZ
Scene Writer

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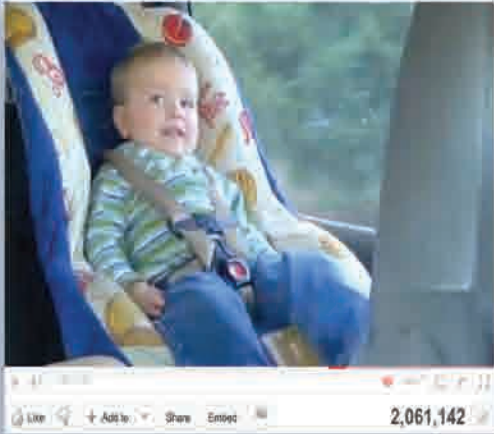
Jenny was heading to Bond Hall when I found her wearing this really cool outfit. She combines a light camel button-down shirt with a black coat and some light washed jeans. Her dark lace-up boots are very much in style right now and her printed scarf and glasses complete the look perfectly. With coffee in hand, Jenny is ready to study and finish her architecture projects. She looks great!

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Amazing Babies

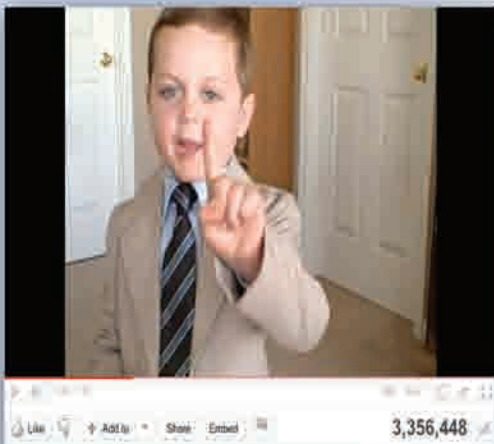


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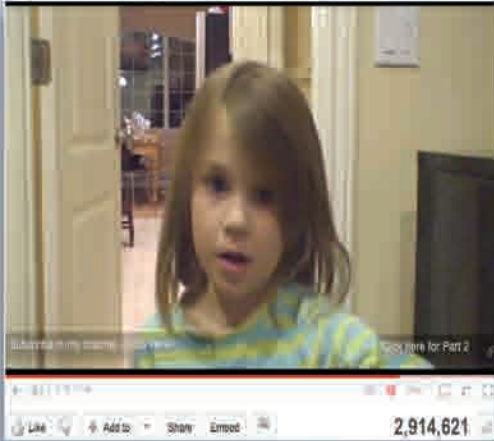
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There's a
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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Louisville records overtime win against Pittsburgh

Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Kyle Kuric scored 12 points, including two big baskets in overtime, to lead No. 16 Louisville past No. 4 Pittsburgh 62-59 on Sunday.

Kuric had a potential game-winning layup blocked at the end of regulation, but atoned by hitting a 3-pointer early in the extra session then adding the clinching dunk with less than a second on the clock.

Then things got a little bizarre.

The clock didn't stop after the basket, which put the Cardinals up 62-57, and the horn sounded. Some Louisville cheerleaders on the baseline raced onto the floor, with one male cheerleader grabbing the ball and tossing it in the air.

Officials called Louisville for a delay of game technical foul and put .5 seconds back on the clock. Pitt's Ashton Gibbs knocked down two free throws and the Panthers had one last chance to tie, but Gibbs couldn't get off a desperation heave in time.

Peyton Siva led the Cardinals (22-7, 11-5 Big East) with 14 points and Mike Marra added 11 off the bench for Louisville, which remained unbeaten at home

in conference play and knocked off a top-five team for the second time this season.

Gilbert Brown scored 20 points and Brad Wanamaker had 13 points, 12 rebounds and six assists for the Panthers (25-4, 13-3), but Pitt turned it over three times and missed all three of its field goal attempts in overtime.

The most painful miss came with about 5 seconds to go when Wanamaker passed up a 3-pointer with the Panthers trailing by three and tried to hit Brown under the basket instead. The ball rolled out and Louisville's Terrence Jennings came away with it.

Jennings hit Siva with an outlet pass, who fed Kuric for the dunk.

Gibbs' final heave was a fitting end to a tough day — he finished with 14 points on 3-of-11 shooting.

The Cardinals played the nation's best rebounding team even on the glass. Pitt, whose plus-11 rebounding margin is tops in the country, outrebounded the Cardinals by just one, 39-38.

Still, the Panthers had their chances thanks to Wanamaker, who did a little bit of everything. He hit three big shots in the second half as Pitt erased a 12-point deficit

to tie the game three times in the final 3:37.

The last one, a confident 18-footer, knotted the game at 56 with 17.1 to play.

Siva drove the lane but his shot was swatted out of bounds by Gary McGhee. The Cardinals ran a back screen for Kuric, who hit a game-winning layup against Marquette from the same spot Jan. 15.

Not this time. Wanamaker swallowed it and sent the game to overtime.

Kuric hardly looked bothered. He calmly drilled a 3-pointer on Louisville's second possession of the extra period, and the Panthers self-destructed.

Brown was called for a charge, then Siva swiped the ball from Travon Woodall. Officials called McGhee for traveling on Pittsburgh's next trip, allowing the Cardinals to continue to drain the clock.

Pitt's second loss in its last three games means the Panthers have just a one-game lead over Notre Dame heading into the final week of the season. The Panthers travel to South Florida on Wednesday and close the season at home against Villanova on March 5.

Pitt will need to finish ahead of the Irish in the



Louisville coach Rick Pitino and the No. 16 Cardinals defeated No. 4 Pittsburgh in overtime in Louisville, Ky., on Sunday.

standings to win the title. Notre Dame beat the Panthers 56-51 on Jan. 24.

Louisville held its own against the bigger, stronger Panthers from the outset. The Cardinals extended their matchup zone in an effort to get Gibbs out of rhythm, and it worked.

He missed all five of his field goal attempts in the first half. Then again, his teammates weren't much better. Pittsburgh went more than 10 minutes without a basket as Louisville built a 24-12 lead.

Wanamaker ended the

drought with a runner, and for a brief moment, the Panthers woke up. They closed to within 26-22 on a jumper from Brown, but Marra responded with a 3-pointer and Siva added a pair of free throws just before the horn to give Louisville a 31-22 lead at the break. The nine-point deficit was the second-largest for the Panthers this season, behind a 12-point hole they faced in a loss to Tennessee back in December.

Wanamaker almost led the Panthers all the way back. Almost.

NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

Calhoun returns as Huskies beat Cincinnati

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Don't get Kemba Walker riled.

Walker scored 11 of his 16 points in the second half, after a courtside fan took to taunting him, and 14th-ranked Connecticut snapped out of its slump by beating Cincinnati 67-59 on Sunday.

The Huskies (21-7, 9-7 Big East) were coming off back-to-back losses, including an overtime defeat at Marquette on Thursday without coach Jim Calhoun. The 68-year-old coach was with his family in New Hampshire after the death of his sister-in-law.

UConn hadn't dropped three in a row all season and came out with a little extra determination against Cincinnati (22-7, 9-7), which was on a hot streak.

The Huskies led for all but

29 seconds.

"We basically had to act like we had something to prove," said Shabazz Napier, who had 11 points and six assists. "We got a lead and kept on going with it."

Walker, who leads the conference in scoring at 23 points per game, had only nine when a fan sitting courtside started taunting him. Walker made three consecutive baskets that built Connecticut's lead to 11 points, then smiled at the fan as he went down the court.

"I missed a shot and he said, 'Chris Paul wouldn't miss that shot,'" Walker said, referring to the New Orleans guard. "That's all right. I came down and made the next one. It was fun."

Jeremy Lamb added 17 for the Huskies, who went 10 of 19 from behind the 3-point arc. Cincinnati set its defense

to deny Walker, leaving openings on the perimeter.

"They were so worried about me, the other guys were able to get shots and they took it to them," Walker said.

Yancy Gates had 14 points for Cincinnati, which has lost three of its last four home games. The Bearcats had won their last three overall, including victories over Louisville and Georgetown that put them in position to make the NCAA tournament for the first time since Bob Huggins was coach.

Their guards couldn't keep up with the inspired Walker and company.

"Our guards got as outplayed as you possibly could today," coach Mick Cronin said.

Walker got rolling against the league's stingiest defense when a fan sitting in the courtside seats started taunt-

ing him in the second half. Walker made a 3-pointer from the top of the key a few seconds later, turned and smiled at the fan as he ran down the court. He had a steal for a fast-break score, then made another jumper for a 56-45 lead and said something to the fan, who wouldn't taunt him again.

It was a rough week for Calhoun, who took responsibility Friday for recruiting violations. The school was put on three years' probation, lost scholarships and received recruiting restrictions. Calhoun got a three-game suspension that he will serve at the start of the 2011-12 Big East season.

Calhoun referred to the emotional week and praised his young players for coming through.

"I've had some very good

teams over the last few years," Calhoun said. "This is one of my favorite teams of all time."

The Huskies appeared to be in trouble when Walker picked up his third foul with 16:37 to go and Cashmere Wright made both free throws for a 33-32 lead, Cincinnati's only one in the game. It didn't last long.

The 3 got UConn back ahead. Roscoe Smith and Napier made shots from behind the arc during a 12-2 run that gave the Huskies their biggest lead, 47-37, with 12:18 to go. Then Walker made his three consecutive shots to put UConn in control the rest of the way.

The long-range shooting was quite out of character. Connecticut ranks 12th in the Big East, making 33.5 percent of its 3-point attempts.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Thomas leads No. 2 Buckeyes past Hoosiers

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A lot of things were going Indiana's way before a native son did in the Hoosiers.

Deshaun Thomas, last year's Indiana Mr. Basketball, came out of a slump with 22 points to lead No. 2 Ohio State past Indiana 82-61 on Sunday.

Thomas scored all the points during a 14-3 first-half run that spanned 3:36 and turned the game into a rout. He had managed just 13 points in his last seven games.

"After I hit my first two 3s, I felt kind of warm," said Thomas, a 6-foot-6 freshman who's prepared to pump up shots the minute he jumps out of bed. "I felt kind of comfortable."

Thomas, who Indiana coach Tom Crean had tried to recruit after he had verbally committed to Ohio State, was the story for the Buckeyes in the first half. He gave them a lift after starters Jared Sullinger, David Lighty and Dallas Lauderdale got in early foul trouble.

"Deshaun came in and gave us a tremendous boost," Ohio State coach Thad Matta said. "He hit a couple of shots and I told him during a timeout that I liked him making shots but I thought he was really playing hard on defense as well. That was a big focus coming into

this game."

Thomas finished his career at Fort Wayne's Bishop Luers High School with 3,018 points, third most among all Indiana schoolboys behind Damon Bailey and Marion Pierce.

Indiana, which hasn't beaten a Top 25 team on the road in more than nine years, led 8-7 after Derek Elston scissored through the lane for a layup at the 16:35 mark, but didn't score again for almost 8 minutes until Elston scored again on a short jumper.

Then Thomas took over, hitting two foul shots and swishing back-to-back 3-pointers. He took an assist pass from Lauderdale for another bucket inside, then spun in a reverse layup and ended the run with another reverse move off glass.

"He was hitting open shots. Give credit to him," Crean said. "He made big plays. He's one of the all-time leading scorers in the history of Indiana, so he can score. And today it was his day and we didn't do a good enough job of guarding him."

The Buckeyes led 38-23 at the half, with Thomas totaling 16 points on 6-of-7 shooting from the field, his only miss coming on a shot behind the arc.

Indiana never seriously threatened again.

Even though Thomas has

seen only sparse playing time the past few weeks, his teammates know he can light it up. He's been known to string together 3s when he gets "warm."

"We see it every day in practice," said David Lighty, who had 11 points for the Buckeyes (27-2, 14-2 Big Ten). "Once he gets it going, there's really no way to stop him — just try to keep it out of his hands."

Thomas speaks of his scoring ability as if it's a power that overtakes him.

"It's a God-given gift," he said. "I just did what I had to do."

William Buford added 15 points and Jon Diebler had 11 for the Buckeyes, likely to ascend to No. 1 next week after top-ranked Duke lost at Virginia Tech on Saturday night. The defeat was Indiana's sixth in a row to Ohio State.

Matta didn't shy away from talk about being No. 1.

"Honestly, it's just something that comes along with it," he said. "The one thing I've always said — I think I said it in October when you guys asked me about our ranking — is that we really want to be there in the end."

Sullinger, leading Ohio State in scoring (17.8) and rebounding (9.9), was limited to five points and seven rebounds in



Ohio State's Deshaun Thomas goes up for a layup against Indiana during the Buckeyes' 82-61 victory over the Hoosiers Sunday.

just 13 minutes.

The victory helped Ohio State maintain a one-game lead in the Big Ten with two games remaining — at Penn State on Tuesday night and home against Wisconsin on Sunday. It was Wisconsin that hung the first loss on the Buckeyes on Feb. 12 in Madison.

Verdell Jones III had 14 points for the Hoosiers (12-17, 3-13), who have lost six in a row and remain the only Big Ten team without a road win this season (0-10). They were playing consecutive games against top-10 teams for the first time since 2004 after losing to No. 8 Purdue on

Wednesday night, 72-61.

Crean's temper flared when Matta spoke to the officials at the end of the half. Crean made sure he also joined the conversation.

"I don't do it and I don't think coaches should get a free conference with the officials at halftime," he said. "That's happened to us, nothing was done about it, and I wasn't going to stand back and not be a part of that. Whether it's gamesmanship, whatever it is, it's the way that it is. The half is over. The officials are supposed to be leaving the floor, as are the teams, and that didn't happen."

NFL

Lockout causes rookies challenges

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Florida defensive back Ahmad Black would prefer to focus on football.

Instead, he's getting a crash course in labor negotiations, lockout rules, even the possible implementation of a rookie wage scale.

These new obstacles are threatening to make the transition from college football to the NFL more complicated than usual, even if the players don't want to admit it.

"Hey, it's better than doing it for free," Black said Sunday at the NFL's annual scouting combine. "I'm going to get a little bit of something (in a contract)."

Black, like most of the 329 draft prospects in Indianapolis this weekend, is trying to stay away from the discussion that has overshadowed one of the league's biggest and busiest off-season events.

Normally, the discussion in Indy centers on 40-yard dash times and bench press repetitions.

This year, the showcase has expanded to multiple venues. There's been a steady stream of meetings in hotel hallways, at the convention center, even at the Colts' complex. Everyone from owners to coaches to agents have been briefed about negotiations that could avert the looming lockout, which could begin Friday.

And the potential draft picks find themselves caught in the middle.

If the expected lockout begins, teams will be prohibited from

communicating with veterans or negotiating player contracts. Free agency will be put on hold and teams cannot cut players from their current rosters.

Rookies, however, will still have their regularly scheduled pro days, still be able to interview with team officials and still get picked in April's draft.

That's when the landscape changes for the rookies.

They will not be able to negotiate deals until a new CBA is in place, and, perhaps more importantly, will not be allowed to get playbooks, go through the usual minicamps or the team's off-season workouts.

Some analysts suggest it's enough to make this a lost draft class. NFL officials disagree.

"It's difficult being a rookie as it is," Kansas City Chiefs general manager Scott Pioli said. "I think it's really up to the individual. They're all at different points, but they're going to have to develop. If it's going to be an issue, though, it's going to be an issue for everybody."

That's not necessarily what the players want to hear.

"I don't think it would set us back," Miami cornerback DeMarcus Van Dyke said. "It would make us hungrier when we get into camp. It will probably cut down all the long contracts and just get guys right into camp."

But it could affect how much of an impact the rookies make next season.

Without a playbook and minicamps, the learning curve likely will get steeper. And history has shown how tough it can be.

Rob Morris, the Colts' first-

round pick in 2000, often said his rookie holdout stunted his development. Former Ohio State running back Maurice Clarett didn't even make the Denver roster after missing two college seasons, and former Southern California receiver Mike Williams, another former first-round pick, had only 44 catches in his first three NFL seasons after sitting out the 2004 season.

The players in Indy want to avoid those mistakes.

"It's always a setback because you want to be able to learn as much as you can and get that jump on everybody," UCLA safety Rahim Moore said. "I hope there's a minicamp so I can get the playbook and learn as fast as I can. If you try to rely on a training camp, it can be a bad thing."

There's even a possibility that the league's first work stoppage since 1987 could lead to condensed training camps, the cancellation of games or, as unlikely as it seems, the loss of an entire season.

"At the end of the day, those guys are going to have to come up with an agreement because you can't cancel the game of football forever," said LSU's Patrick Peterson, currently projected as the draft's top-rated cornerback.

The other big issue will be contracts.

If the owners get the rookie wage scale they want, the days of record-breaking rookie contracts will be history. Last year's top overall pick, Sam Bradford, signed a six-year deal worth \$78 million with \$50 million guaranteed.

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NBA

Anthony, Knicks rally from 15-point deficit to stun Heat

Associated Press

MIAMI — With the game on the line, LeBron James got past Carmelo Anthony.

Not Amare Stoudemire, however.

And just like that, the New York Knicks — with defense, no less — knocked off the Miami Heat.

Chauncey Billups made the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:01 left, Stoudemire blocked James' layup try with 7 seconds remaining to protect a one-point lead, and the Knicks finished with a 13-2 run to beat the Heat 91-86 on Sunday night.

"The bigger the game, the bigger the stage, the bigger they play," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said.

Anthony scored 29 points and Stoudemire added 16 points and 10 rebounds. Billups had 16 points for the Knicks, who rallied from a 15-point, first-half deficit and improved to 2-1 since the megatrade with Denver that dramatically changed their roster.

"These games like this are fun," Anthony said. "It brings the best out of everybody."

James scored 27 for Miami, which had won seven straight at home. Chris Bosh added 20 points and 12 rebounds, and Dwyane Wade finished with only 12 points for the Heat — who had 20 turnovers, matching the fourth-most forced by New York this season.

"We will have our breakthrough," Heat coach Erik

Spoelstra said. "And as painful as this is right now, there will be a time that we break through and we're able to execute and win a game like this against a quality opponent going down the stretch. What you hope is that the pain of a game like this resonates enough to make a change."

With New York up by one, Bill Walker turned the ball over with 12.7 seconds left when he was unable to handle an inbound pass, and Miami had its chance.

James drove on Anthony down the left side of the lane, but Stoudemire swatted the two-time reigning MVP's try away.

"I watched it the whole way," Stoudemire said. "I knew what he was going to do."

Said James: "I felt like I got enough room around 'Melo ... and he just got a piece of it."

James had another chance, but his potentially tiebreaking 3-pointer missed with 2 seconds left, and the Knicks leaped in celebration.

Miami is now tied with Chicago in the loss column, each with 17 in the tight race in the East. The Heat do have three more wins, but fell a half-game behind Boston for the top spot in the conference.

And it was there for the Heat's taking, after holding an 84-78 lead with 3:05 left.

New York, as it had all night, came back quickly.

A 9-2 run over the next 3 minutes, capped by Billups' 3-pointer over Wade's outstretched arm

with 1:01 left, gave the Knicks an 85-84 edge — and few people in the sellout crowd remained seated at that point.

"Mr. Big Shot" lived up to his name, again. James said before the game that he found it comical that some may have considered Billups to be an ancillary part of the Knicks-Nuggets deal.

Down the stretch, Billups took over.

"It's a shot that I like to shoot," Billups said. "It's kind of a far shot, but it's in my range and I knocked it down."

Billups added a steal on the next Miami possession and set up Shawne Williams for two free throws and an 87-84 lead. James answered with two free throws, getting the Heat within one again, but Stoudemire's block kept them at bay.

"I don't think we played badly," Bosh said. "I think we controlled the whole game. ... We had control of the game. We just didn't execute down the stretch."

Mike Miller scored 10 for Miami. Walker had 10 for the Knicks, who won despite shooting 39 percent.

"There's a reason we keep losing these close games," Wade said. "So we've got to figure it out."

It was the fourth and final regular-season meeting for the Knicks and Heat, and Wade could only point to one reason why Sunday night seemed so different.

"Melo," he said before the game.



Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony drives to the basket during New York's 91-86 win over Miami Sunday.

True, but the scene was anything but mellow.

Predictably, it was a double-feature of sorts — part showdown, part show.

Knicks superfan Spike Lee was having a conversation with Landry Fields during pregame warmups. Actor Michael Clarke Duncan and soccer star Thierry Henry had prime seats, tennis star Venus Williams appeared and Miami's notoriously late-settling crowd was in place in plenty of time to lustily boo New York's starters as they were introduced.

"The atmosphere was crazy," Knicks guard Anthony Carter said.

Oh, there was a game, too.

Shawne Williams blocked Erick Dampier down low 2 minutes into the game. No problem — James simply knocked the ball away from Stoudemire, then threw a no-look, backward-over-his-head pass to Dampier for a dunk. A minute later, James dribbled behind his back to get clear of Billups, slapped the ball to Wade, then received an alley-oop pass back and slammed it with his left hand.

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the Broncos up 2-1 at 14:40 mark in the second period. Johnson was unable to corral the puck in the crease, and it popped out to Campbell at the right edge of the goal. With Johnson out of position, Campbell coolly lifted the puck into the net.

Despite being down, Irish sophomore Billy Maday said the team didn't lose focus.

"I think we were for the most part pretty calm," Maday said. "We've been down before throughout the season, had some pretty significant comebacks. I think our experience in that department helped with our composure, and I think we were still confident on the bench that somebody would step up."

At 4:07 of the third period, Irish freshman Jeff Costello made a nice individual play down the right side of the ice, shifted the puck to his forehand, and fired the puck over Kuhn's shoulder to even the game at 2.

"We've shown that we can come back this season two or three times, and it was just a matter of being patient and not trying to force the issue," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said.

With just over six minutes left in the game, Western Michigan's Matt Tennyson was sent to the box for high sticking. With time ticking down on the power play, Maday fired a shot into a crowd in front of the net. The puck deflected off Lee's skate and into

the net. The officials reviewed the play, but ruled that Lee did not kick the puck and the Irish took a 3-2 lead with 4:57 left in the game. Maday said the Irish knew they had to take advantage of their chance on the power play.

"I think we went out with the mentality that we were just going to shoot pucks and get a goal any way we could, so that was kind of my philosophy there," he said. "I looked up, saw Anders was tied up with a guy in front, figured he's probably going to win more battles than not with his big frame, so luckily it went off his skate and we got a goal out of it."

Jackson said Lee was effective at using his body to create chances down low.

"One of the biggest things about being in that position is having no fear," Jackson said. "You've got to be smart to get good body position, but you can't have any fear because you're going to get hit there."

From there the Irish held off Western Michigan's attack to claim a 3-2 win and move within a game of the CCHA regular season crown.

A championship wasn't in the cards, though. A slow start for Notre Dame and a stagnant offense spelled doom for the Irish, leading to a 2-0 loss to Western Michigan on Saturday, snapping an eight game unbeaten streak.

The Irish tried to rally late, but could not muster any goals against the Broncos. The loss, combined with Michigan's 5-0 win over Northern Michigan, allowed the Wolverines to leapfrog the Irish for the CCHA

crown.

Irish freshman goalie Steven Summerhays, replacing Friday's starter sophomore Mike Johnson, kept the Irish in the contest early with a flurry of saves on two Western Michigan power plays during the first nine minutes.

But the Broncos took the lead with 10:09 left in the period, after Ian Slater stole the puck behind the Irish net and slipped it past Summerhays. Less than two minutes later, Trevor Elias put the Broncos up 2-0 after winning a race to the puck in the offensive zone and beating Summerhays top shelf.

The Irish's woes continued as the period progressed, when junior right wing Billy Maday was assessed a five-minute major penalty and a game misconduct for checking from behind. The ejection forced Irish coach Jeff Jackson to adjust his lines and Notre Dame was outshot 15-6 after the first twenty minutes.

"It's tough to get down 2-0 early in the game," Irish senior left wing Calle Ridderwall said. "When everyone starts feeling you're down a little bit, you start [attempting to make plays] that maybe aren't there."

The slow start prompted Jackson to put in Johnson for the second and third periods, in an attempt to spark some life into his team.

"I thought [Summerhays] held us in there," Jackson said. "The score could have potentially been 4-0. The coaches sometimes make goalie changes to change the focus of their team. It had nothing to do with his perform-



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Freshman center Bryan Rust dekes around a defender in a 2-0 loss to Western Michigan Saturday at the Joyce Center.

ance."

The Irish appeared to score three minutes into the second period, but the goal was waved off after officials ruled freshman center Anders Lee batted the puck into the goal with a high stick. With less than two minutes in the period, the Irish seemed to score again, but the officials denied the goal once more, blowing the whistle before the puck crossed the line.

"I don't have the same view [as the officials]," Jackson said. "I can't see from the overhead perspective. There were so many conferences going on the ice, I don't think anybody knew."

With 30 seconds left in the game, a likely Irish goal was prevented when a WMU defenseman knocked the net out of position

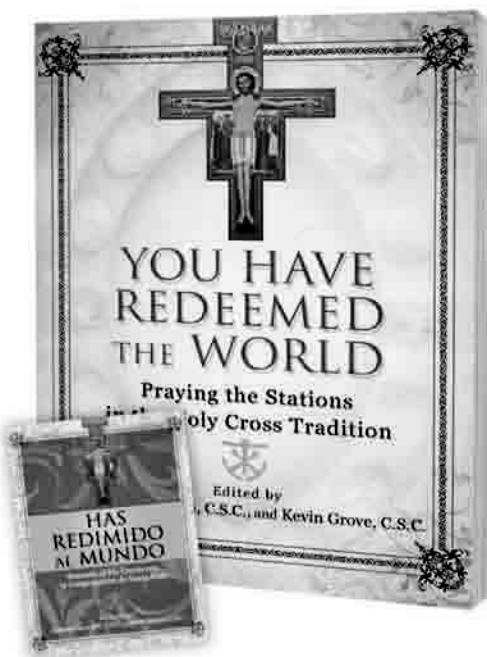
just before the puck went in. The Irish were awarded a penalty shot, but freshman center T.J. Tynan was denied by Jerry Kuhn, effectively ending any chance at a comeback.

Though the Irish could not win the regular season conference championship, Jackson said the team was still looking forward to the CCHA Tournament and potentially the NCAA Tournament.

"I felt bad for our guys tonight," Jackson said. "This senior class deserved to finish [the regular season] on a positive note, but as I told them, this is a three-legged race, and we're just through the first leg and we did pretty well."

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SMC TENNIS

Belles drop one match, grab win in Cleveland

By JACK HEFFERON
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fell to Case Western despite a tough effort on Saturday but bounced back with a resounding win over John Carroll Sunday to end their weekend in Cleveland with success.

The Belles (1-2) entered their first match of the weekend knowing that they were in for a challenge against the Spartans (4-2), specifically their doubles tandem of Erika Lim and Emily Pham.

"[Case Western] was a very tough team," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "They had a nationally ranked No. 1 doubles team and some very skilled players. They played very well strategically, too."

The Spartans prevailed 7-2, sweeping the doubles matches and claiming the top four singles spots as well. Despite the large margin of victory, the Belles turned in several strong performances. Senior Mary Therese Lee stepped up in a tiebreaker late to win No. 5 singles 6-3, 1-6, 10-8, and freshman Kathleen Klauer won in straight sets at No. 6 singles, 6-2, 6-3.

"We definitely took some positives out of our match on Saturday," Campbell said. "Our doubles game improved a lot and we were in a lot of singles matches against a quality opponent, so we felt good going forward."

Saint Mary's then turned their sights to the Blue Streaks. Despite having very little rest, the Belles dominated throughout, and emerged with an 8-1

victory, their first of the season. The team swept all six singles matches, and displayed their improvement in doubles play, winning two of those three matches as well. Several Belles turned in solid performances, from the dominance of senior Kate Grabarek, who lost just two games in a 6-0, 6-2 win, to the clutch play of senior Jessica Kosinski who overcame a one set deficit to win in a tiebreaker, 3-6, 6-4, 10-7. Klauer had another nice match as well, breaking serve late in the second set to pull off a dramatic 7-6, 7-5 win.

"We kept getting better in our double games. We're getting more aggressive, which is good, and our teamwork is getting a lot better as well," Campbell said.

With the majority of the season still to come, Saint Mary's will hope to build on this newfound momentum and find even more success. With their home opener against Saint Mary's (MN) over a week away, the Belles will use the next week for some practice and much needed rest.

"We're looking forward to a bit of a break," Campbell said. "We have to work on some of the strategy and nuances of the singles game, and how to adjust that in the middle of a match. We've also had some injuries that need some time to heal up. [Senior captain] Franca Peluso was one of our best players last year, and we're looking forward to getting her back. We just need to keep improving."

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give the Irish a 3-1 advantage entering halftime.

The Nittany Lions scored once more in the third quarter before the Irish slammed the door shut in the fourth. For Notre Dame, defense was key, as the team forced sixteen turnovers and generally stifled Penn State's offense. Sophomore goalie John Kemp recorded 8 saves in the game.

"I think we knew what they were going to try to do on offense," Irving said. "It was just a really great defensive effort from everyone on our team."

Corrigan appreciates the job his defense did in denying Penn State of scoring opportunities.

"Penn State was very patient offensively," he said, "waiting for what they wanted but they just weren't getting many good looks at it, and when they did, John Kemp came up big."

With the win, the Irish improve their record in the month of February to 19-3 under Corrigan. Having benefited from their previous experiences with strong starts, the Irish are sure to not let their guard down only two games into the season.

"We really understand from last year that every game matters," Irving said. "It's not just the games in the [beginning or] end that matter, but the games in the middle of the season are just as important, so every game is important."

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BASEBALL

ND drops two of three to Seattle on the road

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

After opening the season by taking two out of three games in the Big East/Big Ten Challenge last weekend, Notre Dame took a step backward by dropping two of three to Seattle over the weekend.

Senior pitcher Brian Dupra blanked the Redhawks in six shutout innings, as the Irish picked up a 5-0 win on Friday. Seattle bounced back on Saturday to sweep the Irish in a doubleheader by scores of 1-0 and 7-2.

Dupra struck out a career-high 11 batters and scattered just four hits in the series opener, picking up the win to improve to 1-1 on the year and give Notre Dame (3-3) its third consecutive win. Although the Irish only mustered six hits on the day, none were more important than the back-to-back two out hits from sophomore catcher Joe Hudson and freshman first baseman Trey Mancini in the eighth inning. Hudson belted a two-run double, while Mancini scorched a two-run home run, his second of the season.

Although the Irish offense provided clutch support in the opener, it did not fare as well on Saturday, squandering top pitching performances from senior right-handers Cole Johnson and Todd Miller. The Irish could only muster two runs on seven hits during Saturday's doubleheader, dropping the twinbill despite quality start from Johnson and Miller.

Locked in a pitcher's duel with Redhawks' right-hander Brandon Kizer, Johnson yielded just one run and one walk over seven and one-third shutout innings, but took the loss to move to 1-1 on the season. Kizer kept Notre Dame off balance over eight shutout innings, striking out two

without issuing a single walk in the 1-0 Irish loss.

Notre Dame jumped to a 2-0 lead in the nightcap thanks to RBI singles from Mancini and senior outfielder Herman Petzold in the top of the first inning, but the Irish did not record another base hit for the remaining eight frames. Redhawks' righty Seafth Howe set down the final 16 batters faced in the game, as Seattle (4-3) retired the final 19 Notre Dame batters in order.

While the Irish were unable to salvage the series with a win on Saturday, several freshmen have stepped into important roles for coach Mik Aoki's squad. In addition to Mancini's bat in the heart of the lineup, freshmen hurlers Anthony McIver, Sean Fitzgerald and Dan Slania earned valuable in-game experience this weekend.

Earlier this season, Aoki said that each would play a significant role in the success of the Irish pitching staff.

"I think [Fitzgerald] and Slaney and McIver are very much guys that will factor into it, and pitch really big and significant innings for us," Aoki said on Feb. 21. "I think McIver in particular might start some of those midweek games once we start playing them."

Although the Irish offense has not found its midseason form yet, the offense typically lags the pitching early in the season, especially for teams that practice in a cold-weather environments and are limited to the batting cages. Nevertheless, Aoki said he believed his team is ready for conference play.

"If we needed to, could we open up in the Big East this week or the week after? Yeah, I think we could," Aoki said.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish go 1-2 over weekend



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Junior Casey Watt tosses the ball for a serve during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Toledo Feb. 6 in the Eck Tennis Center. The Irish went 1-2 in the Blue Gray Classic in Montgomery, Ala., this weekend.

By ANDREW OWENS
Sports Writer

In one of the oldest and most competitive annual tournaments in the nation, the Irish were able to cruise to victory Friday before dropping their matches on Saturday and Sunday.

No. 26 Notre Dame (8-6) won the opening match of the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic in Montgomery, Ala., over Penn State, 4-0. The doubles team of junior Casey Watt and freshman Greg Andrews picked up another important victory for the Irish. With an unfinished match Saturday and a victory over Texas Tech yesterday, the duo continued their unbeaten streak, which dates back to Jan. 23, when the two lost to No. 1 Virginia's 3-doubles team, 8-6.

"They're both really good players," Irish associate head coach Ryan Sachire said. "Only the best teams in the country put out the talent level we are

at that position. They have good chemistry with each other."

Watt anchored the singles lineup as well, picking up a 6-2, 6-2 victory at the No. 1 position over the Nittany Lions' Eddie Bouchier.

"We played well at every position against Penn State," Sachire said.

On Saturday afternoon, the Irish dropped a 4-0 decision to No. 21 Pepperdine. The Waves swept the top three singles points, as Watt earned a rare defeat against sophomore Sebastian Fanselow, the 21st-ranked player in the country.

Pepperdine was also able to win at Notre Dame's strongest position – its doubles teams. Although the No. 3 doubles match was halted before its completion, the Wave won at No. 1 and No. 2 doubles, 9-8 (7-4) and 8-4, respectively.

"We need to get the top of the lineup playing better," Sachire said. "Tennis is a team sport, with seven points on the line in

each match. It's all about working as a seven-cylinder engine, and we haven't been firing on the same page every match."

On the final day of the tournament, the competition did not get any weaker, as the Irish lost 4-0 to No. 17 Texas Tech.

Once again, the top three Notre Dame singles players were swept in straight sets. The reliable Watt-Andrews duo picked up an important win at No. 3 doubles, 8-6, but it was not enough to hold off the Red Raiders.

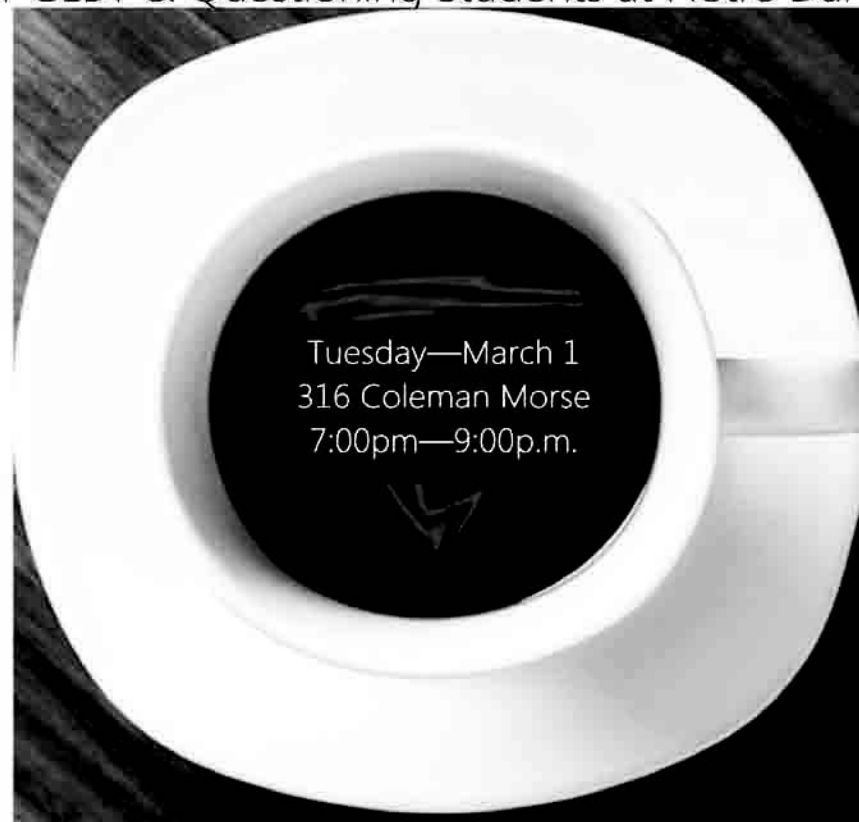
"Casey has taken over a lot with volleys and his athleticism," Sachire said. "Greg hits a hard ball, so they set each other up pretty well."

The Irish have the week off before hosting Texas A&M and Big Ten schools Northwestern and Illinois in a five-day stretch starting Friday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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ND SOFTBALL

Undefeated Irish sweep in Carolina

By KELSEY MANNING
Sports Writer

Unfamiliar opponents were no match for the experienced Irish (9-0) as the team returned from South Carolina still undefeated and in possession of the Notre Dame softball record for best start to a season.

No. 35 Notre Dame cruised to a pair of shutouts on the first day of the non-conference Cougar Classic, taking down host College of Charleston 2-0 and Iowa State 1-0. In the first game senior pitcher Jody Valdivia struck out 11 batters, while freshman pitcher Laura Winter contributed eight of her own against Iowa.

Against Charleston, scoring came from sophomore Amy Buntin — who was driven home on a Winter sacrifice — and junior Alexa Maldonado, who scored off a single from senior captain Heather Johnson. Later in the day, Buntin stepped up again to bring home senior Katie Fleury in the fourth.

Though the first day left the Irish win streak intact, the team was anything but complacent and looked to improve offensively to finish out the weekend.

“We didn’t score as much in the first two games as we could have so I know we wanted to try to get on the upswing,” senior catcher Alexia Clay said. “In the first two games we didn’t really go upward but for the week-end overall we’re definitely going in a positive direction.”

That positive momentum got going on Sunday as the Irish kicked off their first contest against Marist with a Maldonado double that resulted in a run off a Johnson single. The Irish produced seven runs on seven hits in the second inning, an impressive team

effort that put the game out of reach for the Red Foxes. With 13 hits on the day and a two-run fifth inning that enacted the mercy rule, Notre Dame emerged with a dominant 10-1 victory.

Rushed play in the final game of the weekend against Liberty College resulted in seven Irish errors and a closer margin of victory for the team at 6-4.

“Certain people just got ahead of themselves so that was what happened,” Clay said. “There were a couple of key plays when we were moving too quickly but we just needed to pace ourselves.”

Last week’s Big East Player of the Week, Maldonado was once again a major component for the Irish this weekend, standing out most prominently in the Liberty game when she led all players with two runs and three stolen bases. The junior has been vital to the team’s offensive success thus far.

“Personally I’ve been able to stay out of my head,” Maldonado said. “I haven’t been thinking too much which is always better for an athlete. I’ve been feeling confident.”

It was the final close win that gave the team the record for best season start, a record that was previously set during the 2001 season. With some tough matchups ahead next weekend, headlined by a showdown with top-ranked Alabama, the Irish are staying positive.

“We’ve been working a lot on team unity and I feel like it’s paying off on the field,” Maldonado said. “We need to stay consistent. And we just need to go out and play Notre Dame softball because if we do that we can stay in any game against any team.”

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

ND sweeps Blue-Gray Classic

By KATIE HEIT
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The No. 19 Irish dominated this weekend at the Blue-Gray Classic, earning three big wins against some of the top teams in the country.

The strong showing in both doubles and singles play secured 4-0 wins over both Virginia and Utah to go along with a 4-1 defeat over No. 23 Oklahoma.

The No. 2 doubles team of sophomore Chrissie McGaffigan and senior Kristen Rafael secured their first two wins of the season, defeating Oklahoma’s Whitney Ritchie and Maria Kalashnikova and Utah’s Evgenia Kryuchkova and Lexi Provancha.

The doubles team of juniors Kristy Frilling and Shannon Matthews extended their winning streak to four with their defeat of Oklahoma’s top ranked duo, Ana-Maria Constantinescu and Alice Radu.

“Our doubles was key this weekend as we won all three doubles points,” Frilling said. “Hopefully we can keep up this momentum for the rest of the season.”

In singles action, Frilling managed to secure the winning point against both Utah



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Senior Kristen Rafael returns a backhand during a match against Wisconsin Feb. 13 in the Eck Tennis Center.

and Oklahoma, with her defeat of Utah’s Anastasia Putilina and Oklahoma’s Constantinescu. She is now 10-0 on the season.

Matthews, ranked 43rd, won a tough match against Utah’s Kryuchkova, defeated her in three sets.

McGaffigan was able to beat Oklahoma’s Maria Kalashnikova, successfully ending her five match losing streak.

Freshman Jennifer Kellner secured her sixth straight singles win against Oklahoma, and also earned a

pair of doubles wins with partner Julie Sabacinski.


Frilling was proud of her team throughout the tournament.

“We all played really well this weekend,” Frilling said. “We played three tough matches and were happy to come out with a win. It was good for us to get some matches outdoors and play talented teams.”

The Irish will hit the courts again Friday against Indiana.

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Austin Carr Career Highlights



- 2560 Career points
- 38.1 Points per game in 1969-70
- 37.9 Points per game in 1970-1971
- 1971 National Player of the Year
- .528 Career shooting percentage
- 23 Games of more than 40 points
- 22 Double-doubles

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Notre Dame with one specific goal in mind.

“We wanted to put basketball on the map here at the University. That’s what it was all about,” he said. “Then I got here and realized, it’s going to take some work.”

Carr made quick work once he took the court his sophomore season — freshmen were ineligible to play varsity sports at the time by NCAA regulations. The Washington, D.C., native scored 20 or more points in 70 of his 74 career games.

His performance in the NCAA tournament highlighted his junior season. In the first round, Carr poured in his record-setting tally of 61 to top Ohio University, 112-82.

“The last shot, to break the record, it hit the back of the rim, went straight up in the air, and came straight back down,” Carr said of his performance, which will undoubtedly be cited in three weeks when this year’s NCAA tournament begins. “I just put my hands up and said that’s it.”

An urging from Irish coach John Dee to pick up his defen-

sive performance actually sparked Carr’s offensive outburst.

“The only other thing I remember, there was a guy named John Canine — he made his first six shots,” Carr said. “Coach Dee came to me and said, ‘Look, are you going to play defense tonight or just sit there and watch him burn you up?’ ... The rest is history from that point on.”

Three of the top-five all-time scoring performances in NCAA tournament history belong to Carr, as he averaged 52.7 points per game in the 1970 tournament.

Despite his tournament success, Carr said he always preferred to play on Notre Dame’s home floor.

“Some of those games, you almost felt like another power was here,” he said. “When I see players from other schools who played here, they say they always felt there was an extra something in this building that they just couldn’t beat ... Every time I took the floor, it was unbelievable.”

That “extra something” helped the Irish top No. 1 UCLA in January 1971, Carr’s senior year. Carr poured in 46 of Notre Dame’s 89 points that day.

“The UCLA game ... was just off the charts,” he said. “The student body was unbelievable.”

Carr’s numbers remain the benchmark for Irish players, something senior forward Carleton Scott is aware of — especially since the number on his back, 34 — is now in the rafters beneath Carr’s name.

“It’s an honor to wear his number ... He’s a great player to have come through here and he’s a great guy,” Scott said after Notre Dame’s victory Saturday. “Hopefully I can channel some of his Austin Carr.”

Carr said the fact that he now inspires athletes like Scott makes him most proud.

“I’m sort of at a loss for words because all I did was play basketball,” he said. “To me, it’s just hard for me to have the opportunity to have other young men who come to this school look at me in that light. I guess that’s what I’m trying to say — this will be an honor that I will always cherish, and I will live up to it until my dying days.”

“I guess we did put basketball on the map.”

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second half.”

Down as much as 11 with 2:55 left in the first half, the Irish scored the last six points of the period, including a buzzer-beating three-pointer by Abromaitis to cut the Pirates’ lead to three going into the break.

“I think everybody was so ready to play, that sometimes you get too up for a game,” Hansbrough said. “You go out there, and people aren’t moving and people aren’t flowing because you’re so ready to play that you kind of lose your focus a little bit.”

After Seton Hall senior forward Jeff Robinson made a layup, was fouled and made his free throw on the first possession of the second half, the Irish went on a 13-0 from which they never looked back.

“I think we had our worst first half of the year, but I think that happens,” Hansbrough said. “It’s not about how you start but how you finish sometimes and we came out in the second half really focused, and it showed.

“I think [the problem] was our offensive flow, because when we did start flowing, we started to get layups at the bucket, three-pointers, rebounds, and I thought we just found a way to win tonight.”

Robinson and fellow senior

Jeremy Hazell led the Pirates in scoring with 16 points and 14 points, respectively. Seton Hall shot just 30 percent from the floor and 26 percent in the second half.

“The second half I thought we were better defensively and more efficient offensively,” Brey said. “In the first half, I didn’t think we did enough tough stuff defensively, and maybe that’s because we didn’t make some shots and hung our head a little. We were very fortunate to only be down three at half. We kind of found our identity in the last 20 minutes, and that’s a great win for us, because human nature is human nature through the course of five months, so I’m proud of us that we maybe learned a lesson a little inexpensively.”

The win over Seton Hall makes Notre Dame a perfect 16-0 at the Purcell Pavilion this season with one home game left, tonight’s contest against No. 14 Villanova. Despite the possibility of finishing the season undefeated at home, Hansbrough said he does not want to think about it.

“It would mean a lot to us, but hey, we haven’t done it yet, so we can’t even talk about it yet,” he said.

The Irish and Wildcats will tip-off tonight at 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast on ESPN.

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ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Irish cruise on Senior Day

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The No. 8 Irish entered Saturday’s game against Cincinnati with nervous excitement and a bit of emotion, but an explosive 21-0 run to start the second half gave Notre Dame a 66-48 win on Senior Day, in forward Becca Brzuszewski’s final game at Purcell Pavilion.

“We were a little giddy, almost, before the game,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “Senior Day for Becca, everybody had a little bit of emotion and they wanted to do well for her. But I think we didn’t have the same type of focus that we normally do.”

However, Brzuszewski still said the game, overall, was “great.”

“It was definitely something I always dreaded as an underclassmen to see the seniors go,” she said.

Brzuszewski’s classmates Devereaux Peters and Brittany Mallory are also senior starters for the Irish (24-5, 13-2 Big East), but both have another year of eligibility.

Brzuszewski made sure to make the day special with 12 points. Peters chipped in with 12 points and 10 rebounds while junior guard Natalie Novosel had 11 points.

“I thought [Peters] came out and had a really good game,” McGraw said. “She played well and I think she carried us through the game,

you know, in the first half with her defense and her rebounding and her scoring.”

Sophomore guard Skylar Diggins also finished with 12 points after giving up her starting position to walk-on senior forward Mary Forr. When McGraw announced that Forr would start, she didn’t know whose spot she would take. Both Peters and Mallory were quick to offer their spots, but Diggins had another idea.

“Everybody was willing to give up their spot for her. Then Skylar came up to me after practice and said ‘You have to start the seniors. [Peters] is a senior and she needs to start and I’ll come off of the bench.’ That kind of was the attitude with the whole team, and I thought was great. It was great for Mary. It was Becca’s day, but I thought it was great for Mary to be out there. I think she got a thrill being a starter.”

Forr finished with two points and two rebounds in 15 minutes of action.

Brzuszewski didn’t mind sharing her day with Forr, but McGraw couldn’t help but single out what Brzuszewski has brought to the Irish team.

“I think her contribution over four years has been outstanding. But her contribution this year from a leadership perspective has surpassed everyone’s expectations. I think she has taken this team and really set the tone the entire year,” McGraw said. “She is the

most amazing competitor I think I have ever coached. She will never ever quit. She just doesn’t have that word in her vocabulary and the team feeds off of that.”

The Irish fed off of Brzuszewski’s energy Saturday, with six players coming off the bench for 11 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore guard Kaila Turner had nine of those 11 points with three 3-pointers in the second half.

Notre Dame entered the half up only eight points, 28-20, but started the second half with a 21-0 run that gave the Irish the boost they needed.

“We wanted to get back to our defense and intensity,” McGraw said about the changes after the break. “I was disappointed, and I think they were, too. So we just talked about what we needed to do, and they went out and did it.”

The Irish will have to do it again tonight when they travel to Chicago to face No. 7 DePaul to close the Big East regular season and determine which team will be the No. 2 seed in the Big East tournament. The Blue Demons (25-5, 12-3) are coming off of a 60-53 loss to No. 24 Marquette on Saturday night and have fallen to Notre Dame the last four times the two teams have met.

The Irish will face the Blue Demons tonight at 9 p.m.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

ND rides strong second half to win over Dukes

By CORY BERNARD
Sports Writer

After a sluggish first half on Sunday, the Irish found their offense in the second frame and rallied past a determined Duquesne squad.

Trailing 7-4 at halftime, No. 10/11 Notre Dame finished strong for the 12-10 victory in snowy Pittsburgh. Originally scheduled for Saturday, the game was pushed back due to inclement weather. The delay seemed to affect the Irish early, as they struggled to find the net against a Dukes team that was content to keep the game at a slow pace.

“They were outplaying us and we just weren’t smooth offensively in the first half,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “The great teams find a way to win, though. In general we weren’t on our ‘A’ game, but we gutted it out.”

With the excitement of playing at home against a nationally ranked foe, Duquesne possessed an energy that the Irish didn’t seem to match until the second half. However, some halftime adjustments from the coaches allowed the game to played more on Notre Dame’s terms.

“Their goalie was just holding the ball, so we had to make some changes,” Coyne said. “We adjusted our transition defense in the second half to force them to do some things.”

The Dukes used a style of play designed to limit the transition attack of Notre Dame. Coyne was quick to praise the efforts of her counterpart Michael Scerbo as his game plan worked well for the first half.

“It was a real slow-down game,” she said. “They weren’t trying to beat us in transition. They were well coached. They

are very organized, with a good system and a staff that’s been there a while.”

The Dukes took an 8-5 lead early in the second half, but the Irish responded with four straight goals. Notre Dame took a 9-8 lead on a goal from senior midfielder Shaylyn Blaney with just over 21 minutes to play. Blaney finished the game with three goals. The Dukes tied the game at 9 with 13:38 to play, but senior midfielder Kaitlin Keena gave the Irish a lead they wouldn’t relinquish three minutes later off an assist from Blaney.

Although the Irish eventually prevailed, Coyne said the Irish would likely see this slow-down tactic more often this season. Coyne says that her squad’s athleticism causes opponents to prepare for the Irish using a more deliberate approach to attacking.


“Tactically, people are trying to take us out of our game,” she said. “They know they can’t necessarily beat us with athleticism, so they slow the game down.”

In addition to the planning and execution of Duquesne, the week of practice leading up to Sunday’s game may have prevented the Irish from starting quickly out of the gates. Coyne said the absence of many players from full practice prevented the team from running their usual rotations.


“We kind of took it easy in practice this week,” Coyne said. “We had a lot of people not practicing so there were some odd number combinations.”

Notre Dame has the week off before hosting Ohio State March 10 at Arlotta Stadium, weather permitting.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Pushing past the Pirates

ND remains unbeaten at Purcell Pavilion

By ERIC PRISTER
Associate Sports Editor

On a night honoring Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer, the Irish struggled to put the ball in the hoop. But 43 combined points from seniors Ben Hansbrough and Tim Abromaitis pushed them to a 60-48 win over Seton Hall Saturday at the Purcell Pavilion.

"We had Austin [Carr] in the locker room, and I told him that I don't think I've ever had more pressure for one game," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "When we bring him back to put him up there, I really felt that I better win this game or I won't hear the end of it for the rest of my career. So we found a way to get out of there with a win."

The Irish shot only 40 percent from the floor and 64 percent from the free-throw line against the Pirates, scoring 15 fewer points than their 75 points per game average.

"We never really got into a flow offensively," Hansbrough said. "As bad as we were defensively, they didn't really score on us a lot. But we never really got into a solid flow except for some spurts in the

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Top: Senior Tim Abromaitis shoots a free throw during Notre Dame's 60-48 win over Seton Hall Saturday. Bottom left: Austin Carr, right, receives an award from Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick. Bottom right: Carr's No. 34 hangs in the rafters.

Austin Carr inducted into Ring of Honor

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

The numbers and accolades speak for themselves: 34.6 points per game in his career, 1971 National Player of the Year, an NCAA tournament-record 61 points in a game, another NCAA tournament-record 41.3 points per game in seven tournament games, the first overall pick in the 1971 NBA Draft.

The number on Irish legend Austin Carr's jersey entered the Purcell Pavilion Ring of Honor Saturday, and the lower concourse of the Pavilion was christened the Austin Carr Concourse.

"When we decided as a part of the renovation of Purcell Pavilion to institute a ring of honor, Austin Carr was the logical first choice, the person whose name immediately came to mind," Notre Dame director of athletics Jack Swarbrick said Saturday afternoon. "It is important to us that [all Irish basketball players] know that the players' concourse at Notre Dame is named after the greatest player to ever play here — Austin Carr."

Carr, the most prolific scorer in Irish history, said he came to

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish beat Penn State for second win in a row

By JOSEPH MONARDO
Sports Writer

Despite a number of missed offensive opportunities, the Irish turned in an impressive defensive performance their 6-2 win over Penn State, extending their winning streak over the Nittany Lions to nine.

No. 4 Notre Dame (2-0) outlasted a Penn State (1-1) team that was powered by an exceptional performance from freshman goalie Austin Kaut, who recorded 15 saves on the day.

"Their goalie played really well," senior captain Andrew Irving said.

To compound the difficulties which Kaut's performance presented, the Irish struggled for most of the game to control their shots and to put the ball on net.

"[Kaut] made some very nice saves," Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We did not do a good job of putting away a lot of opportunities we created, and the combination was enough to keep us in a tough spot for the better

part of the day."

While they undoubtedly hurt themselves with a number of errant shots, the Irish more than made up for it with pure quantity of shots, out-shooting the Nittany Lions 41-19. This persistence paid off eventually, as the Irish netted three goals in the final quarter while holding Penn State scoreless to secure the win.

"Going into the fourth quarter we said ... we're doing everything but putting the ball into the back of the net," Corrigan said. "Luckily we were able to make some of those plays in the fourth quarter."

In the first half, Notre Dame jumped on the board first with junior attack Nicholas Beattie's early goal before Penn State tied it up with a goal from their extra man unit following a Notre Dame penalty. Senior captain Zach Brenneman put the Irish back on top with his goal as the first quarter winded down, and sophomore Ryan Foley added a goal of his own to

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HOCKEY

Broncos shatter title hopes

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After a gutty 3-2 win at Western Michigan Friday, the Irish were just one win away from a CCHA regular season title, an unexpected result for a season that began with so many question marks. It wasn't to be, though, as Notre Dame fell 2-0 to the Broncos at home Saturday on Senior Night.

With Michigan's sweep of Northern Michigan over the weekend, the Wolverines passed the Irish to claim the conference regular season title by just two points.

The Irish erased a 2-1 third-period deficit Friday to pick up their first win at Lawson Ice Arena since 2007. Freshman Anders Lee scored two goals, including the game-winner and sophomore goalie Mike Johnson stopped 16 of 18 Bronco shots to pick up his 16th win of the season.

Notre Dame got on the board quickly against the Broncos, jumping out to a 1-0 lead just 1:31 into the game. Junior defenseman Sean Lorenz ripped a shot from the high slot and Lee battled down low to deflect the puck past Western Michigan



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Sophomore left wing Nick Larson fires a slapshot in a 2-0 home loss to Western Michigan Saturday.

goalie Jerry Kuhn.

Western Michigan's Max Campbell tied it up at 10:09 of the first. After winning the puck in a tie up with Irish senior defenseman Joe Lavin at the Notre Dame

blueline, Campbell generated a 3-on-1 break and fired a wrist shot past Johnson.

Campbell scored again to put

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