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Male close to earning SMC degree

Building attendant Morales listed as student in directory, College says credits only transferable

By LIZ HARTER
St. Mary's Editor

Building attendant Lou Morales has been taking advantage of a Saint Mary's College policy that allows all College employees to take one class per semester for the past five semesters. Now, he claims that he is the first male student enrolled at Saint Mary's.

"I've taken everything for credit," Morales said. "Basically, I'm working toward a degree."

Morales cited the fact that he was listed as a student and not a staff member in the Notre Dame, Saint

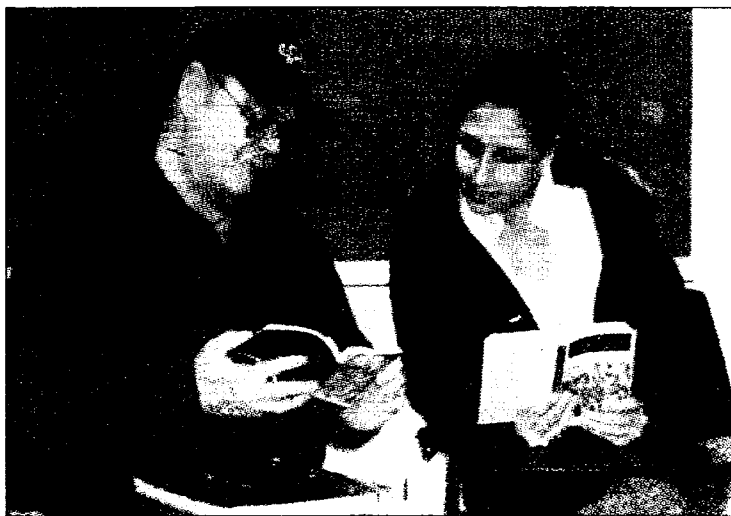
Mary's and Holy Cross College telephone directory.

"If you look under staff [in the directory] you won't find my name, but if you look under students you will find me," he said.

However, Lorraine Kitchner, the College Registrar, said that Morales is not able to earn a degree from the College due to Saint Mary's policy of not allowing men to graduate, but he can earn grades and credits that may be transferable to another institution.

Kitchner said Morales is no different than any of the

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Lou Morales and freshman Julie Hagopian discuss Arthurian literature in a SMC English class.

ND vice president to retire

Kaesebier worked 17 years as general counsel

By BRIAN MCKENZIE
News Writer

Vice president and general counsel of the University of Notre Dame Carol Kaesebier announced her retirement on Thursday.

Kaesebier has worked at the University since June 1988 and held the position of general counsel since July 1991.



Kaesebier

As general counsel, Kaesebier managed all of the University's legal issues.

"I oversaw all legal issues for the University, including employment issues and contract negotiations related to employment, construction or business matters," she said. Kaesebier said that one of her main projects this year has been providing legal services related to the Eddy Street Commons development.

"That's a very complex set of transactions," she said. "We're working with a developer to bring in new retail outlets and restaurants and apartments. This site will provide a great

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Students hold St. Patrick's Day festivities

Irish holiday celebrated on campus, event not during spring break for first time in three years



CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

Juniors Matthew Zell, left, and Brian Simpson celebrate at the Legends St. Patrick's Day Nightclub Saturday night.

By JOSEPH MCMAHON
Assistant News Editor

St. Patrick's Day, the feast day of the patron saint of Ireland, provides millions of Irish-Americans with a time to celebrate their heritage. Over the past several decades, it has grown into a nation-wide festival, including the biggest parade in the world in New York City, where everyone is Irish, at least for the day.

At the University of Notre Dame, where students refer to themselves as the Fighting Irish, St. Patrick's Day is one of the biggest party days of the

year. So much so, that the University often schedules Spring Break during St. Patrick's Day.

"I always pray that [St. Patrick's Day] is over Spring Break," said Bill Kirk, the vice president of Residence Life and Housing, at a meeting of the Community Campus Action Coalition last month. Kirk warned the South Bend Common Council that St. Patrick's Day is often a time when many students choose to binge drink.

However, because Easter falls so early in March this

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College to increase tuition 5 percent

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College Board of Trustees approved a 5 percent tuition increase for the 2008-2009 academic year that will raise tuition to \$27,600. Room and board will increase three percent to \$8,895.

College Vice President for Finance and Administration for the College Laurie Stickelmaier said the increase in tuition will cover most of a proposed 6.5 percent average increase in faculty salaries.

"The reason for the higher increase in faculty salaries for the fiscal year is to bring our fac-

ulty salaries more in line with comparable small liberal arts institutions," she said. "The increase in tuition will allow us to keep pace with market faculty salaries."

According to Stickelmaier, Saint Mary's has maintained low costs compared to other small liberal arts colleges, who will increase costs an average of 6.9 percent.

"For the last four years we've had 4 or 5 percent tuition increases compared to other institutions that have had 6 to 8 percent increases," she said. "We've been able to do this by using improved efficiency, pro-

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Friar discusses health, spirituality

Sulmasy supports views on healing with cancer patient's story

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Franciscan friar Daniel Sulmasy spoke about the similarities between administering health care and living a spiritual life Friday at McKenna Hall.

Sulmasy said that, while he expects most people to disagree that medicine is a spiritual practice, he finds an "infinite space that exists between [physician's] hands and the bodies of the patients that [they] touch" and that there is a "transcendent healing present in that space."

Sulmasy said that the distinction between spirituality

and religion is important in understanding the role of spirituality in health care.

"In one sense, spirituality is broader...[it is] the characteristics and qualities of one's relationship with transcendence," he said. "By contrast, a religion is a specific set of beliefs about transcendence...obviously not everybody has a religion."

Sulmasy said that to heal individuals wholly, it is important to look at how disease affects them spiritually in addition to physically. He related the story of a patient diagnosed with lung cancer last fall to support his view on the connection.

The patient had met

Sulmasy previously at a conference and had been impressed by his lecture. "I know I can't be cured, I want a doctor for when things get bad," the patient said to Sulmasy.

Sulmasy began treating the patient and making house calls — something that he had not done in a long time — once the patient was too sick to come to the hospital. He continued to treat the patient despite his personal dislike of the man and his neediness.

"What did he want from me?" Sulmasy asked his audience. "After all, I have to tell you, I really didn't like him."

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INSIDE COLUMN

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

As we all celebrate our Irish heritage today, the feast day of St. Patrick and the anniversary of his death, I think many of us forget what we are celebrating and how it is celebrated outside the traditional festivities on many college campuses.

St. Patrick wasn't Irish at all. He was born in Britain to a wealthy family around 387, and his real name was Maewyn Succat. At sixteen, he was captured by Irish raiders attacking his family's estate. Maewyn spent six years in captivity as a shepherd away from people, deepening in his Christian faith.

After more than six years, he had a dream in which a voice he believed was God's told him to leave Ireland. He walked over 200 miles to the Irish coast before escaping back home. Once back home, he experienced a second revelation in a dream where an angel told him to return to Ireland as a missionary. He started religious training, was ordained a priest, took the name of Patrick, and was sent to Ireland to minister the Christians already living there and to convert other Irishmen from their native pagan religion.

March 17 has been observed as a religious holiday by the Irish for thousands of years but has moved on to become much more. Since it usually falls in Lent, Irish families would traditionally go to church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. The Lenten ban against eating meat was waived and people would drink, feast on Irish bacon and cabbage, and dance.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in New York City, not in Ireland. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through the city on March 17, 1762. In 1848, a number of New York Irish aid societies decided to unite their parades and formed one New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade. Today it is the largest parade in the U.S., with more than 150,000 people involved.

Obviously, one of the most important figures of St. Patrick's Day and the Irish in general is the leprechaun. The Irish originally called these figures "lobaircin," meaning "small-bodied fellow." In Celtic folktales, these little figures were often cranky tricksters protecting their legendary treasure. The inclusion of these figures in the celebration of Saint Patrick's Day is actually credited to the film *Darby O'Gill & the Little People*, released by Walt Disney in 1959. Giving a view of the leprechaun as a cheerful, friendly figure is an American invention which then spread to become a symbol of Ireland and St. Patrick's Day.



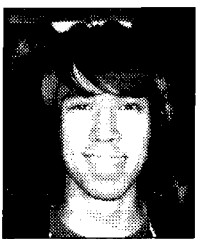



In the end, you may just view today as a reason to go to class drunk, or go out and celebrate with your friends. But in case you did read all of this, I hope you learned a little more about today, and happy St. Patrick's Day!

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
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The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU CARE THAT THEY MOVED ST. PATRICK'S DAY TO LAST SATURDAY?

					
Mike Westrate	Susan Seago	Sean Mallin	Zachary Przystup	Caitlin O'Neill	Anthony Salpino
grad student off-campus	senior off-campus	junior Keough	senior off-campus	junior Lewis	senior off-campus
"It's just another day for work."	"Who moved St. Patrick's Day?"	"I'm not Irish enough to care."	"I'm raging both days, so it doesn't matter to me."	"No, I'm enraged."	"It's a plot by Fr. Poorman to keep students from drinking on a Monday."



Notre Dame hockey fans heckle the Ferris State University goaltender after the fifth Irish goal in a 6-3 Notre Dame win on Saturday. The victory tied the playoff series that the Irish would eventually win, allowing them to advance to the CCHA semifinals.

OFFBEAT

Student punished despite saving school bus

SEASIDE, Calif. — A 15-year-old girl who stopped an out-of-control school bus she was riding on was handed a Saturday detention instead because she was skipping school.

Marina High School student Amanda Rouse was on a bus with 40 elementary school students Wednesday morning when the driver fell out of her seat after a turn and hit her head.

Rouse jumped up and applied the brakes, bringing the bus to a halt after striking two parked cars. No one

was injured.

She said had asked the bus driver for a ride because she felt sick at school.

"She is in trouble with school because she made the wrong decision," said Rouse's grandmother, Sally Correll. "But I can't help but believe that she was where God wanted her to be."

Great-grandmother foils purse snatcher

SANTA FE, N.M. — An 83-year-old great-grandmother thwarted a would-be purse snatcher with a

gas nozzle and an iron grip.

Bernie Garcia said a young man approached her at a gas station as she was buying fuel for her van and asked for money. When she told him she had spent all her spare change on gas, he tried to grab her purse.

She fought back, spraying his shirt with some gasoline. Both of them kept hold of the purse, and he pulled her to the ground and dragged her a short distance until another man confronted him.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The Student Activities Office will host the St. Brackets Day Basketball shoot-out, where students can compete to win a chance for a private NCAA men's basketball National Championship game-watch party for the winner and 25 friends. It will be held at the Fieldhouse Mall today from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Cynthia Robin will deliver her lecture entitled "New Discoveries about the Ancient Maya: Peopling the Past" today from 4:30 to 5:45 p.m. in Hesburgh Center auditorium.

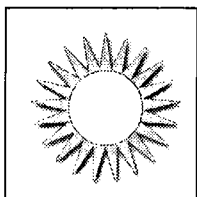
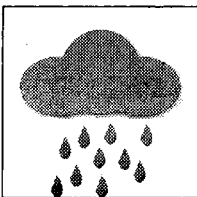
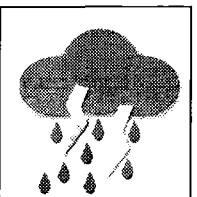
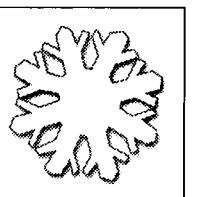
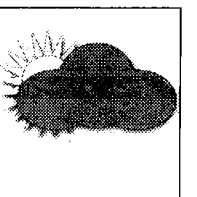
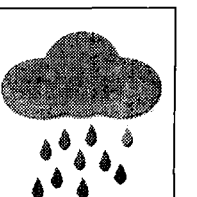
The Notre Dame men's baseball team will play Central Michigan at 5:05 p.m. today at the Eck Baseball Stadium.

Campus Ministry will host a campus-wide Stations of the Cross Tuesday at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. A procession to the Basilica will depart from the Grotto at 7 p.m.

The American Cancer Society Club of Notre Dame will host the Relay for Life Kickoff Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Ballroom.

The film "Persepolis," which tells the story of a young girl living in Iran during the Islamic Revolution, will be shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

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

LOCAL WEATHER	TODAY		TONIGHT		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURDAY		FRIDAY	
												
	HIGH 47	LOW 40	HIGH 40	LOW 36	HIGH 54	LOW 36	HIGH 41	LOW 31	HIGH 43	LOW 28	HIGH 43	LOW 26

Morales

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other men who take transferable credits at Saint Mary's (such as Notre Dame men who take education courses), and she is not aware of any special arrangements for him that will allow him to receive a degree from the College.

"Technically, I don't know if I can graduate," Morales said, citing the same policy as Kitchner, "but I'm enrolled, I have a grade point average and everything."

Morales said that he just wants to be treated like any other student. He actively participates in many extracurricular activities and recently attended an open mike poetry reading for students.

One of his poems is being published in the student literary magazine "Chimes."

In two years, Morales said that he is going to have to start looking at schools to transfer his credits to if he cannot graduate from Saint Mary's.

"I would love to say maybe Saint Mary's will let me graduate," he said. "You can always make the argument that it's not a co-ed college

just because you let a man graduate. We give honorary degrees to men all the time. I myself would just as soon not have any fuss made."

"[I could] Get up there the day of commencement, wipe off the chairs with everyone else in building services, put on my cap and gown and go get my diploma, then take off my cap and gown and start folding chairs and putting them away just like I normally do."

Morales said that, even if his degree won't say "Saint Mary's," he still wants to graduate.

"If worse comes to worse I'll probably end up graduating from Holy Cross College, but I will still consider that I graduated from Saint Mary's," Morales said. "Everyone will have known

that I took all the classes at Saint Mary's. I don't think they've ever had a situation like me. I'm just taking advantage of the opportunity that is offered me."

Morales normally works 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. but comes in

at 5 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays because he has to make up for the hour and a half that he is in class those days. As long as he makes up the time that he spends off the job, building services is very accommodating to his course schedule he said.

He is an English literature major and is currently enrolled in Rosalind Clark's Arthurian Literature class.

In the 1970s Morales took courses at Indiana University South Bend and estimates that he is a second semester junior in terms of credits when he adds the 15 he has received from the College to those he took previously.

He thinks that it will take him about four more years taking one course a semester to meet the requirements of his major in English Literature, but is working on taking the general education requirements as well.

"I took calculus, history, political science, philosophy and sociology at IUSB," Morales said. "That leaves another semester of religious studies and two semesters of a language for my [general education courses]. Then I can work

exclusively on taking courses in the major."

He said he has problems getting into some of the general education courses because many of the first year students try to get as many as possible done in their freshman year so they fill up quickly.

Morales has to receive advanced permission from professors to be able to register for their course because they have the right to refuse to allow Morales to take a class, though he has not encountered a professor who has done so yet.

"Almost all of the professors I have talked to are pleased to have me in the class," he said. "So far all the students are pretty happy to have me there too."

Morales said he offers a different perspective and contribute to classes in ways no other student can. He said he read Marx in his religious studies class and, instead of Marxism and communism being just theories, he offered his view of what growing up with Russia as a Communist power was like, something not even his professor, who was younger than him, could do.

"I contribute pretty well in class," he said. "I've read a lot, which helps, especially in English literature. It's my major, I should do well in it,

that's just how I feel."

Morales said he likes the small class numbers at the College, which is part of the reason that he loves being a student in them.

"I went to IUSB; there you're a number," he said. "This is so different. I know the professors, some of them are my friends."

The students who are also enrolled in Morales' Arthurian Literature class appreciate what Morales adds to the class.

"I think it's awesome having a male in an all-female school," freshman Julie Hagopian said. "I love having

him here."

Morales said he enjoys working with the students at the College in the classroom and outside of it. He worked on a group project for his religious studies course and

came in after work to meet with his group and prepare a presentation with his group.

"I purposely made sure that someone else was in charge of the group," he said. "One thing I like to make sure of, this is a women's college, and women should be leading the discussion. While I participate, I make sure that women are doing the leading in classes and in groups."

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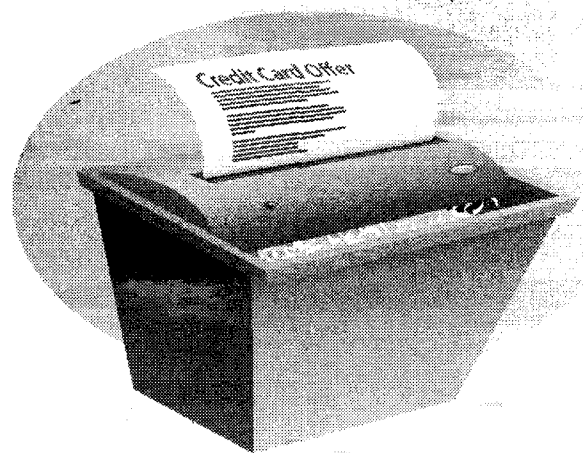
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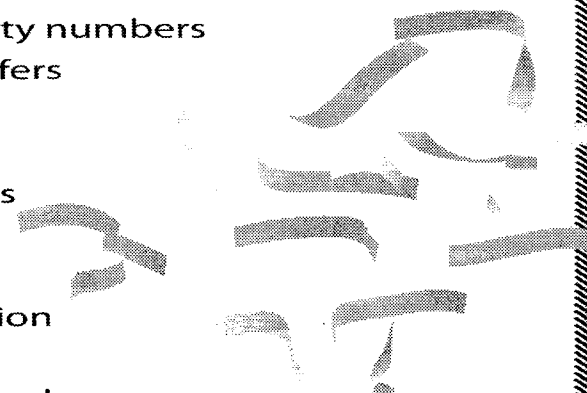
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- ✓ Medical information
- ✓ Grades, old tests, class notes and papers
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When in doubt, shred it!

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Astronauts assemble robot

'Dextre' designed to complete human tasks in spacewalk

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL — The space station's gigantic new robot, Dextre, rose like Frankenstein from its transport bed early Sunday, enabling spacewalking astronauts to attach its 11-foot arms.

With a tug from spacewalking astronaut Richard Linnehan, Dextre's body was rotated up 60 degrees, an ideal position for plugging in its arms. The robot looked as though it was sitting up.

"It's really eerie out here. It's pitch black and there's just this big white kind of humanoid-looking thing below me," Linnehan said.

Dextre's hands were attached to its arms during the first spacewalk of Endeavour's international space station trip. This time, astronauts connected the arms to the shoulders, representing the bulk of the walking and

working machine.

"Good work guys," astronaut Robert Behnken called out to his colleagues after they hooked up the first arm. "We've got a one-armed monster now." The second arm went on soon afterward.

Linnehan and his spacewalking partner, Michael Foreman, had to use a pry bar and brute force Saturday night to get one of the robot's arms off the transport bed, where it had been latched down for launch. Two of the bolts wouldn't budge, even when the astronauts banged on them and yanked with all their might.

"We're really having to get medieval on Mr. Dextre," Foreman observed.

Finally, the bolts gave way. But by then, the astronauts had fallen an hour behind in their work.

The nighttime spacewalk — expected to last into the wee hours of Sunday — came close

to being drastically altered or even delayed. For nearly two days, a cable design flaw prevented NASA from getting power to Dextre, lying in pieces on its transport bed.

It wasn't until the astronauts gripped Dextre with the space station's mechanical arm Friday night that the robot got the power it needed to wake up and keep its joints and electronics from freezing.

"Dextre is doing much better," said astronaut Garrett Reisman, who performed the first spacewalk with Linnehan on Thursday night.

"When he's all put together, he looks a lot like a person," he added. "He's got two arms, a body, a head, and he is designed to do basically the same things that we do on a spacewalk."

At the same time, Reisman considers Dextre a little scary and monstrous-looking. Before the flight, he likened it to Frankenstein coming alive.

Tuition

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ductivity, and best practices to reduce or maintain costs. Saint Mary's tuition and room and board increases have not been going up much more than the rate of inflation, as measured by the Higher Education Price Index."

Grants for financial need and merit-based scholarships are expected to increase 9.7 percent with 90 percent of Saint Mary's students receiving some form of financial aid.

In addition to boosting faculty salaries and increasing financial aid, the tuition increase will benefit administrative salaries and improve benefits. It will also help cover rising energy and medical costs.

Although the announcement of the increase comes on the heels

of Notre Dame's increase in tuition, Stickelmaier said, "Notre Dame's increases have no impact on our decision-making process."

According to Stickelmaier, raising tuition is a lengthy and time-consuming process. After considering enrollment numbers, costs

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and Administration

of tuition and fees are then discussed in relation to financial assistance, endowment income, and room and board costs. The revenue and costs are then calculated to see if the total would match the increase in tuition.

"These calculations are continually refined

until the budget for the upcoming year is approved by the College's Board of Trustees at its April meeting," Stickelmaier said.

Stickelmaier has received no complaints about the tuition increase from parents yet.

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new opportunity for students and faculty."

She has also been responsible for reviewing new student policies "to make sure that they comply with our current rules and regulations."

"We also make sure that they are fair procedurally — that's very important," she said.

Although her retirement will go into effect on October 1, her replacement has yet not been named. In a statement, University President Fr. John Jenkins, the University's president, stated that the university would carry out a national search to name a successor.

"I don't think that the search has even begun yet," Kaesebier said.

She decided to retire because she and her husband wanted to move to Alabama to spend more time with their two daughters and six grandchildren.

"Both my husband and I have a lot we wanted to do that we haven't been able to because both worked a very busy schedule," she said.

Kaesebier said that she also wanted to spend time doing volunteer work with the group Earthwatch.

"Earthwatch is a group that deals with all sorts of environmental issues," she said. "Usually they send volunteers somewhere to do work, whether that's ensuring that turtles are able to hatch or helping provide water systems to developing countries."

When asked what advice she had for her replacement, Kaesebier said that "the University is a very complex organization. So, when the general counsel looks at issues, there always very many factors at play," she said. "By contrast, a company's perspective usually focuses exclusively on the bottom line."

She also said that she hoped her replacement would be open-minded and fair.

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Attention Seniors!

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

As part of the Undergraduate Admissions staff, the counselor is expected to make an important contribution to the recruitment and selection of the first-year class by managing relations with the prospective applicants, their parents, high school personnel and alumni in an assigned geographic area.

Responsibilities include extensive planning, travel and communication within the geographic area, assessment and evaluation of applications and conducting group/individual information sessions. Additional responsibilities will be assigned by the Assistant Provost for Enrollment.

Among our candidates, we will specifically seek an **African American Recruitment Coordinator**.

Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree and strong familiarity with all aspects of student life at Notre Dame.

Essential qualities include strong communication and organizational skills, enthusiasm, diplomacy and the willingness to work long hours, including many evenings and Saturday mornings.

Please Note: Interviews will be scheduled after April 1.

Preferred start date is July 1, 2008.

**Please forward your resume to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions
220 Main Building**

Attention: Alisa M. Fisher, Senior Associate Director

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

9 killed by Albanian explosion

TIRANA — Rescue teams worked into the night Sunday to try to locate nine people still missing a day after a chain of massive explosions flattened an Albanian ammunition dump and hundreds of nearby houses, killing at least nine and injuring nearly 300.

Defense Ministry spokesman Igli Hasani said the operation would continue "for as long as needed," but rescuers — assisted by U.S. military explosives experts — were hampered by large quantities of unexploded artillery shells.

"The search operation will continue into the night with limited groups of experts," he said.

Saturday's explosions in the village of Gerdec, about six miles north of Tirana, scattered shells over 2,500 acres, Hasani said.

Prime Minister Sali Berisha said the explosions were an accident: blasts triggered during work to destroy excess ammunition stockpiled during Albania's Communist past.

Conservatives lag in French elections

PARIS — Partial results in France's municipal elections on Sunday showed President Nicolas Sarkozy's conservative party headed toward defeat and losing control of key cities, a new setback for a leader beset by sinking support.

Sarkozy's prime minister insisted, however, that the government would forge ahead with a sweeping reform program despite demands for a change from opposition Socialists buoyed by the early returns.

"You can't change a great country like ours in a few months," Francois Fillon said. "Tenacity is needed to reform."

NATIONAL NEWS

Spitzer may have violated Mann Act

NEW YORK — Among the charges Gov. Eliot Spitzer could face in the call-girl scandal that has cost him his job is one that has been brought against a slew of other prominent men in the past century.

In court papers, Client 9, identified by law enforcement officials as Spitzer, paid for a prostitute to take a train in February from New York to Washington and have sex with him at an upscale hotel.

Spitzer has not been charged with a crime, but four people accused of running the prostitution operation that authorities say he used have been charged with violating the Mann Act, a federal law that bans carrying women or girls across state lines for "prostitution or debauchery, or for any other immoral purpose."

Winter storms damage national parks

YAKIMA, Wash. — Hundreds of trees blown down by wind exceeding 100 mph. Roads and campgrounds washed away by swollen rivers. Damages still unknown to be repaired on backcountry trails.

Winter storms have devastated the Pacific Northwest's popular national parks each of the past two years, causing damage that has run into the millions of dollars.

After last year's enormous repair effort in nearby Mount Rainier National Park, the major repairs this year are taking place in Olympic National Park, which offers visitors miles of Pacific coast in addition to craggy alpine peaks and forested lowlands.

LOCAL NEWS

Sexes separated in juvenile hall

SOUTH BEND — A judge who stopped sending female offenders to a state-run juvenile center because he felt it lacked sufficient staffing and adequate services said he's cautiously optimistic about promised changes.

The Indiana Department of Correction announced last week that it will stop housing both boys and girls at the Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility by the end of March after boys are relocated to the Logansport Juvenile Correctional Facility and other sites.

St. Joseph Probate Court Judge Peter Nemeth wrote an open letter to Gov. Mitch Daniels in December complaining that girls at the Indianapolis facility were being "warehoused" and not adequately supervised.

CHINA

Tibetan protests hit provinces

Demonstrations force mobilization of security forces; Dalai Lama decries "cultural genocide"

Associated Press

TONGREN — Protests spread from Tibet into three neighboring provinces Sunday as Tibetans defied a Chinese government crackdown, while the Dalai Lama decried what he called the "cultural genocide" taking place in his homeland.

Demonstrations widened to Tibetan communities in Sichuan, Qinghai and Gansu provinces, forcing authorities to mobilize security forces across a broad expanse of western China.

In Tongren, riot police sent to prevent protests set off tensions when they took up positions outside a monastery. Dozens of monks, defying a directive not to gather in groups, marched to a hill where they set off fireworks and burned incense in what one monk said was a protest, according to an Associated Press reporter at the scene.

In a sign that authorities were preparing for trouble, AP and other foreign journalists were ordered out of the Tibetan parts of Gansu and Qinghai provinces by police who told them it was for their "safety."

Meanwhile, police in the Tibetan capital, Lhasa, searched buildings as a Monday deadline loomed for people who took part in a violent anti-Chinese uprising last week to surrender or face severe punishment.

Speaking from India, the Dalai Lama, the spiritual leader of Tibetans, called for an international investigation into China's crackdown on demonstrators in Lhasa, which his exiled government claims left 80 people dead. China's state media has said 10 civilians were killed.

"Whether intentionally or unintentionally, some kind of cultural genocide is taking place," the Dalai Lama said, referring to an



Tibetans look at Chinese riot police standing in formation at a Chinese army compound in Xiahe, Gansu Province, China on Sunday.

influx of Chinese migration into Tibetan areas and restrictions on Buddhist practices — policies that have generated deep resentment among Tibetans.

Tensions also boiled over outside the county seat of Aba in Sichuan province when armed police tried to stop Tibetan monks from protesting, according to a witness who refused to give his name.

The witness said a policeman had been killed and three or four police vans had been set on fire. Eight bodies were brought to a nearby monastery while others reported that up to 30 protesters had been shot, according to activist groups the Tibetan

Center for Human Rights and Democracy and the London-based Free Tibet Campaign. The claims could not be confirmed.

Sunday's demonstrations follow nearly a week of protests in Lhasa that escalated into violence Friday, with Tibetans attacking Chinese and torching their shops, in the longest and fiercest challenge to Chinese rule in nearly two decades.

Complicating Beijing's task, the spreading protests fall two weeks before China's celebrations for the Beijing Olympics kick off with the start of the torch relay, which will pass through Tibet.

Though many were small in scale, the widening

Tibetan protests are forcing Beijing to pursue suppression while on the run, from town to town and province to province across its vast western region. Sunday's lockdown in Tongren required police imported from other towns, the locals said.

The Chinese government attempted to control what the public saw and heard about protests that erupted Friday. Access to YouTube.com, usually readily available in China, was blocked after videos appeared on the site Saturday showing foreign news reports about the Lhasa demonstrations, montages of photos, and scenes from Tibet-related protests abroad.

Bayou forsaken after Katrina

Associated Press

GRAND BAYOU, La. — When Ruby Ancar talks about her fishing village on the bayou, she says a divine hand has protected her Atakapa-Ishak kinfolk for generations.

But Grand Bayou is forsaken these days, 30 months after Hurricane Katrina washed over it and dragged one of Louisiana's last authentic outposts of bayou culture into a world defined by insurers, money lenders, building code enforcers and government auditors.

"We're facing a greater hurricane now than we did with Katrina, with the bureaucracy," Ancar, 60, said, ges-

ticulating passionately and flashing a toothy grin as she glided down the bayou in a boat. "The government — that's our hurricane right now that we're in."

Before Katrina, Grand Bayou and its 25-odd families of Atakapa-Ishak American Indians lived in a parallel world, in concert with moon cycles and migrations of shrimp. This living museum, where there are no roads and everyone travels by boat, is facing extinction.

Post-storm government aid has been nearly nonexistent, villagers said, leaving the entire village unable to return to their homes.

"We were hanging onto that little village out there, but I think the hurri-

cane took the last wind out of us," said Louis Thompson, known as "PU."

Thompson commanded the communal boat, a banana-yellow water taxi tied up since the storm. "It was a school boat, medical boat, grocery boat, just about everything else boat," he said.

Grand Bayou's state of despair resembles that of the Lower 9th Ward, 40 miles away in New Orleans. Both are lifeless. Both are poor. Both were colorful enclaves of traditional Louisiana culture.

They are exhibits in a pattern emerging since Katrina struck on Aug. 29, 2005: The widening gap between rich and poor in rebuilding. Ities have to do a lot with economic challenges. If

St. Patrick

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year, students are on campus for the event for the first time in three years, and many students are planning on spending the day celebrating.

Senior Vijen Patel said that he and other seniors were organizing a makeshift St. Patrick's Day parade that would take place at 1 p.m. tomorrow.

"We're doing a parade. We arranged a bunch of instruments, like people who used to play trumpet and instruments like that," he said. "We're having a little party during the day, and at 1 p.m. we're going to proceed to campus from our house. We're going to go through some of the classroom buildings and then heading to South Dining Hall."

Patel said that he was inspired when he heard that his roommate's older brother organized a parade five years ago.

"One of my roommate's older brothers had a parade five years ago. So they gave us this idea and then we ran with it," he said.

In addition, Patel said that a deep appreciation for parades was kindled in him by his family.

"I've always been fascinated with parades. My grandfather, my father, we all love parades," he said.

Sophomore Steve Bold created the Facebook event "Official," a parody of the University of Illinois's "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day during the first week in March. So far, 839 students have joined the event, something Bold didn't initially plan for.

"A bunch of my friends know people down at the University of Illinois and they always have that 'Unofficial' event every year," he said. "A bunch of us just started it as an inside joke that here we are at Notre Dame, we're the Fighting Irish and we're going to be here for St. Patrick's Day."

He said that "Official" helps boost school spirit and provides a time for Notre Dame students to celebrate their Irish heritage.

"It's kind of our holiday at Notre Dame considering that we are the Fighting Irish and it's good to build some school spirit and some pride," he said.

However, Bold warned against the heavy binge drinking that is often associated with St. Patrick's Day.

"We were by no means encouraging people to start drinking in the middle of the day," he said. "It was more to go out and have fun."

Other people around campus are celebrating St. Patrick's Day by starting some new traditions. Freshman Michael Delach said that he and his friends played a game of 16-inch softball in addition to taking part in other festivities.

"We played some 16-inch softball. It's a Chicago sport that my buddies and I play back home — it's just a big ball so no one has to use gloves," he said. "We decided we'd start a St. Patty's Day tradition and we'll be playing every St. Patrick's Day. We had a good time."

Delach said that he would be taking part in festivities tonight, despite Tuesday classes.

"I'm probably going out later that night," he said. "Monday's aren't usually big party night, but I know it's going to be fun for St. Patty's Day."

Some students said that they celebrated the holiday on Saturday — the day the Vatican moved St. Patrick's Day to

in Ireland.

For other students, however, celebrating St. Patrick's Day must take a backseat to school work. Freshman Anna Claire Marrone said that she would have to spend the night studying for a calculus exam and skip the festivities.

"I'll be studying for my calc test," Marrone said. "So, no, I won't be going out."

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Ethics

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Despite his personal feelings, Sulmasy gave the patient his beeper number when he asked for it.

In February, a call between Sulmasy and the patient's home nursing staff confirmed that the patient was dying.

"I visited him for the last time that night," he said.

The next morning, Sulmasy said he took a walk on the beach and could not stop thinking about the patient — even thanking him for teaching him about his own needs, as well as his role in the patient's final months.

After his narrative, Sulmasy reiterated that spirituality is "so far out of what people

seem to think is important about medicine, [but that] these things are so central to people... not just to cope, but just in making sense of it."

Sulmasy, a professor of medicine and the director of the Bioethics Institute of New York Medical College, also holds the Sisters of Charity chair in ethics at St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan. He is the editor-in-chief of the journal "Theoretical Medicine and Bioethics" and has written

four books.

His lecture, Health Care

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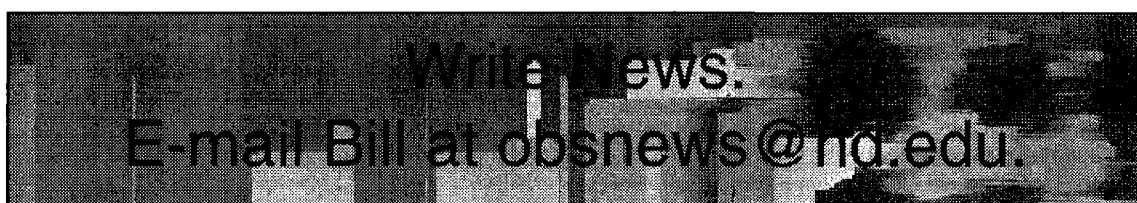
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NYSE	8,635.92	-191.24
S&P 500	1,288.14	-27.34
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FTSE 100 (London)	5,631.70	-60.70

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IN BRIEF

China exports international businesses

Amid the torrent of clothes, electronics and toys surging out of China comes a little-noticed export: international companies.

For centuries, individual Chinese have sought their fortunes abroad, creating Chinatowns around their restaurants and shops. Now, Chinese firms are going global, pushed by a government turned capitalist, pulled by untapped markets and armed with bundles of money from a thriving economy back home.

Auto plants are popping up in Latin America. A sprawling commodity bazaar promises a provincial Swedish city new life. A car parts distributor is snapping up ailing companies in the U.S. Rust Belt, a TV factory hums in South Africa and a high-tech firm is landing contracts to revamp the Persian Gulf's telecommunication networks.

Just as the earlier arrival of Japanese companies changed U.S. manufacturing, over time Chinese companies could affect how their Western rivals approach innovation, competition and business itself.

Technology helps blind perform jobs

NEW YORK — Technology and training have improved to the point that blind people can adeptly perform a dazzling array of jobs — soon to include the governorship of New York. The biggest obstacle still in their way, advocates say, is the negative attitude of many employers.

The most recent available statistics suggest that only about 30 percent of working-age blind people have jobs. That figure was calculated more than 10 years ago, but the major groups lobbying on behalf of blind Americans believe it remains accurate despite numerous technological advances.

"Most people don't know a blind person, so they assume that blind people are not capable of doing most jobs when in fact that's not true," said Chris Danielsén, spokesman for the National Federation of the Blind.

Exhibit A, for the moment, is David Paterson, the legally blind lieutenant governor of New York from Harlem who will be sworn in Monday as governor, replacing scandal-tarnished Eliot Spitzer.

Companies make emergency deal

JPMorgan Chase buys Bear Stearns to avert bankruptcy, financial crisis

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Just four days after Bear Stearns Chief Executive Alan Schwartz assured Wall Street that his company was not in trouble, he was forced on Sunday to sell the investment bank to competitor JPMorgan Chase for a bargain-basement price of \$2 a share, or \$236.2 million.

The stunning last-minute buyout was aimed at averting a Bear Stearns bankruptcy and a spreading crisis of confidence in the global financial system sparked by the collapse in the subprime mortgage market. Bear Stearns was the most exposed to risky bets on the loans; it is now the first major bank to be undone by that market's collapse.

The Federal Reserve and the U.S. government swiftly approved the all-stock buyout, showing the urgency of completing the deal before world markets opened. The Fed also essentially made the takeover risk-free by saying it would guarantee up to \$30 billion of the troubled mortgage and other assets that got the nation's fifth-largest investment bank into trouble.

"This is going to go down in very historic terms," said Peter Dunay, chief investment strategist for New York-based Meridian Equity Partners. "This is about credit being overextended, and how bad it is for major financial institutions and for individuals. This is why we're probably heading into a recession."

JPMorgan Chase & Co. said it will guarantee all business — such as trading and investment banking — until Bear Stearns' shareholders approve the deal, which is expected to be completed during the second quarter.

The acquisition includes Bear Stearns' midtown Manhattan headquarters.

JPMorgan Chief Financial Officer Michael Cavanagh did not say what would happen to Bear Stearns' 14,000 employees worldwide or whether the 85-year-old Bear Stearns name would live on after surviving the Great Depression, two World Wars and a slew of recessions. He told analysts and investors on a conference call that JPMorgan was most interested in buying Bear Stearns' prime brokerage

business, which completes trades for big investors such as hedge funds.

At almost the same time as the deal for control of Bear Stearns was announced, the Federal Reserve said it approved a cut in its lending rate to banks to 3.25 percent from 3.50 percent and created another lending facility for big investment banks. The central bank's official meeting is on Tuesday. Before the emergency move to lower the discount rate, which is the rate at which banks lend each other money, the Fed was widely

expected to again cut its headline rate by as much as a full point to 2 percent.

"Having taking Bear Stearns out of the problem category, and the strong action by the Federal Reserve, we would anticipate the market will behave quite differently on Monday than it was Thursday or Friday," Cavanagh said.

Some analysts expected it to be a brutal day for global stocks, nevertheless. Shortly after the news broke, Japan's benchmark Nikkei stock index plunged more than 3 percent in morning trading.



A businessman passes by Bear Stearns in New York Friday. JPMorgan Chase bought the company in an emergency deal Sunday.

Paulson defends Federal Reserve

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration will "do what it takes" to stabilize chaotic markets and minimize the economic damage, Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said Sunday after a tumultuous week capped by the government rescue of a teetering investment bank.

All eyes now are on Wall Street as leading financial advisers prepared for a Monday meeting with President Bush and the Federal Reserve weighs another deep interest rate cut Tuesday to stem even more deterioration.

Paulson, in a series of news show appearances, defended the Federal Reserve's extraordinary step Friday to provide emergency financing to one of Wall Street's most venerable firms, Bear Stearns Cos. The central

bank's intervention was "the right decision," he said.

The treasury chief sidestepped questions about what would have happened if the Fed had not ridden to the rescue, whether other firms are on shaky ground and the possibility of additional bailouts similar to Bear Stearns'.

At the same time, however, Paulson sought to send a calming message that the administration is on top of the turbulent situation. "The government is prepared to do what it takes to maintain the stability of our financial system," he said. "That's our priority."

Bush planned to meet on Monday with his advisory panel on financial markets, whose members include Paulson and Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke. The panel on Thursday recommended stricter regulation of mortgage lenders as part of a broad effort to prevent a repeat of a credit

crisis threatening to drive the country into the first recession since 2001.

Consultations about the Bear Stearns situation continued through the weekend and involved the Treasury Department, the Fed, financial institutions and others. "I've been very involved, you know, been on the phone for a couple days right now helping to work through this," Paulson said. He offered no details.

Economists increasingly believe the spreading fallout from a severe credit crisis has pushed the country into recession. The situation has led to record-high home foreclosures, forced financial companies to take multibillion losses from bad mortgage-linked investments and rocked Wall Street.

"No one is debating the fact that this economy has slowed way down," Paulson said. "We feel it, we know it, the American people know it."

Crane falls across city block

Five dead, rescuers continue search through rubble

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rescuers dug through debris Sunday for three people still missing in the rubble and wreckage left when a construction crane toppled like a tree across a city block and killed at least four construction workers.

Among the missing were two workers and a woman who was staying in an apartment at a townhouse flat-tened by the crane.

"Each passing hour, things get a little more grim," Fire Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta said. Twenty-four others were injured, including 11 first responders, said Mayor Michael Bloomberg. Eight remained hospitalized Sunday, officials said.

The crane rose 19 stories and was attached to an apartment tower under construction when it broke away Saturday and toppled like a tree onto buildings as far as a block away.

On Sunday, crews continued to remove pieces of the crane and piles of debris from the damaged buildings as neighborhood residents and a Manhattan borough official raised concerns about city inspections at the apartment tower.

"I warned the Buildings Department on March 4 that it was not sufficiently braced against the building," said Bruce Silberblatt, a retired contractor and vice president of the Turtle Bay Neighborhood Association.

Retired ironworker Kerry Walker, who with his wife lived in the top-floor apartment of the four-story townhouse and left minutes

before the collapse, had complained that the crane appeared dangerously unstable, his stepson said.

"He knows all about cranes and said this one had no braces, everything was too minimal," John Viscardi said. "He told one friend on the phone that 'if you don't hear from me, it's because the crane fell on my house.'"

City officials said the crane was inspected Friday. At day later, it was being lengthened with a new section, a process known as "jumping," when it fell.

"It is unacceptable for the Department of Buildings to say yesterday that the 13 open violations on this construction were ... business as usual."

Scott Stringer
Manhattan Borough
President

Bloomberg said mechanical failure or human error may have caused the accident. "As far as we can tell, all procedures that were called for were being followed," he said.

Bloomberg said that about 250

cranes are operating in the city on any given day, and the accident should not alarm New Yorkers living near high-rise construction sites.

"Do I think that you should worry if there's a crane across the street? No," Bloomberg said. "This is such a rare thing that I don't think we should worry about it."

The city had issued 13 violations in the past 27 months to the construction site where a 43-story high-rise condominium was going up. "Every large construction site has violations," Bloomberg said.

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer said Bloomberg should form a multi-agency task force to inspect major construction projects.

"It is unacceptable for the Department of Buildings to

say yesterday that the 13 open violations on this construction site were ... business as usual," Stringer said. "We can't keep going on like this."

Killed were construction workers Wayne Bleidner, 51, of Pelham; Brad Cohen, no age or address available; Anthony Mazza, 39; and Aaron Stephens, 45, of New York City, police said.

The missing woman had come from Miami to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and visit a friend who lived in the brownstone, said John LaGreco, owner of Fubar, a saloon on the ground floor.

She was in her friend's second-floor apartment at the time of the collapse, he said. Her friend was rescued, he said.

On Sunday, the Reliance Construction Group, the project's contractor released a statement expressing sympathy to the families of the dead and the injured and said it was cooperating with government investigators.

Reliance said it had subcontracted different parts of the job and that New York Crane owned the crane. A telephone message left with New York Crane Sunday wasn't returned.

The collapse comes amid a building boom in New York City and follows a spate of construction accidents in recent months, including a few involving cranes.

In 2006, a 13-foot piece of a crane mast that was being dismantled fell and crushed a taxi cab.

Obama strategists attack Clinton's accountability

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Strategists for Barack Obama pressed an attack on Hillary Rodham Clinton over accountability and ethics on Sunday, demanding that she release more documents on income taxes and foundation donors. The New York senator's campaign pushed back, accusing her rival of stepping up personal attacks.

"This is a tried and true technique of the Obama campaign that has repeatedly shifted negative when they find the momentum working against them," said senior Clinton strategist Mark Penn. He suggested the Obama campaign was trying to "deflect public opinion from their losses in Ohio and Texas" and faced with Clinton strength in Pennsylvania.

Obama communications director Robert Gibbs called on Clinton to release full post-White House tax returns; disclose all congressional "earmarks," or pet projects she had inserted into spending bills; and to release all documents pertaining to activities to the Clinton Foundation and Clinton Library, including a list of donors.

"What is lurking in those documents?" Gibbs asked as the two campaigns had dueling phone conference calls with reporters. "There are gaps that need to be filled," said senior Obama strategist David Axelrod.

Obama was heading for Pennsylvania on Monday to campaign, with stops later in the week likely in North Carolina and Oregon. Clinton prepared to give a speech on the Iraq war on Monday in Washington.

The Obama campaign's attack on Clinton came after a weekend

in which the Illinois Democrat sought to ease public concerns about his ties to an indicted Chicago developer and to inflammatory statements by his former pastor.

In interviews with Chicago newspapers, a TV appearance and a Saturday speech in Indiana, Obama disavowed racially tinged comments by Rev. Jeremiah Wright, who was Obama's pastor for nearly 20 years before retiring recently.

Obama also worked to distance himself from Antoin "Tony" Rezko, a former fundraiser for the candidate who is currently on trial in Chicago on corruption charges.

Obama's team asserted that Clinton was continuing to shield financial documents from public scrutiny at the same time she was calling for greater accountability.

Clinton has said she will release tax returns for the years after her the end of her husband's presidency before the April 22 primary in Pennsylvania.

When asked if the request for tax information is what they are calling personal attacks, Clinton spokesman Howard Wolfson said: "When you accuse somebody of being disingenuous and question their integrity and their honesty, as they are doing, that constitutes a personal attack."

As to Pennsylvania, Obama strategist Axelrod rejected a suggestion that their campaign was all but giving up on the state and focusing its energies on primaries that come later where they expect to do better.

"We are going to contest vigorously in Pennsylvania," Axelrod said, noting that Obama would be there on Monday and Tuesday.

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IRAQ

McCain visits officials in Iraq

Senator meets with Iraqi, U.S. military, diplomatic personnel on trip

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Sen. John McCain, the likely Republican presidential nominee, arrived in Baghdad on Sunday for a visit with Iraqi and U.S. diplomatic and military officials.

The trip by McCain, who has linked his political future to U.S. military success in the nearly five-year-old war, coincided with the 20th anniversary of a horrific chemical weapons attack in northern Iraq.

McCain met with Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh and planned to meet with Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Iraq, according to the U.S. Embassy. Further details of McCain's visit, which had been anticipated, were not being released for security reasons, the embassy said.

Before leaving the United States, McCain, one of the foremost proponents of the March 2003 U.S.-led invasion, said the trip to the Middle East and Europe was for fact-finding purposes, not a campaign photo opportunity.

But he expressed public worries that militants in Iraq might try to influence the November general election.

"Yes, I worry about it," he said, responding to a question during a campaign appearance in Pennsylvania. "And I know they pay attention, because of the intercepts we have of their communications."

McCain, the senior Republican on the Senate

Armed Services Committee, was accompanied by Sens. Joe Lieberman, an independent from Connecticut, and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., two top supporters of his presidential ambitions.

The weeklong trip will take McCain to Israel, Britain and France, and include his first meeting with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown. He also is expected to meet with French President Nicolas Sarkozy, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and other Israeli officials.

His focus in Iraq was thought to be the drop in sectarian violence and U.S. and civilian casualties since last summer. Exactly what was discussed, however, remained unclear since numerous telephone calls to aides traveling with McCain went unanswered.

Elsewhere, Kurds in northern Iraq commemorated the anniversary of the chemical weapons attack in Halabja, near the Iranian border, with solemn observances. The streets were empty and heavily patrolled by Iraqi security forces.

Saddam Hussein ordered the 1988 attack as part of a scorched-earth campaign to crush a Kurdish rebellion in the north, which was seen as aiding Iran near the end of its war with Iraq. Saddam was executed for other crimes against humanity before he could face trial for the attacks.

McCain's trip to Iraq is his

eighth. Last November, he met with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki during the U.S. Thanksgiving holiday.

On a visit last April, the Arizona senator criticized news reports he said focused unfairly on violence, and said Americans were not getting a "full picture" of progress in the security crackdown in the capital.

McCain was combative toward reporters' questions in the heavily guarded Green Zone, and responded testily to a question about his comment that it was safe to walk some Baghdad streets. He later acknowledged traveling with armed U.S. military escorts.

Violence has dropped throughout the capital since, with an influx of some 30,000 additional U.S. soldiers sent to Iraq last year. The U.S. military has said attacks have fallen by about 60 percent since last February.

Still, violence continues in some parts of the country, according to reports from police officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to speak to the media.

On Sunday, a parked car bomb exploded in western Baghdad's Mansour neighborhood, killing one person and wounding two others. Two civilians and nine others were wounded in Mosul when a suicide bomber detonated his explosive vest, police said. A roadside bomb killed another person in the northwestern city.

VATICAN CITY

Pope calls for peace after bishop's death

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict XVI issued one of his strongest appeals for peace in Iraq on Sunday, days after the body of the kidnapped Chaldean Catholic archbishop was found near the northern city of Mosul.

The pope also denounced the 5-year-long Iraq war, saying it had provoked the complete breakup of Iraqi civilian life.

"Enough with the slaughters. Enough with the violence. Enough with the hatred in Iraq!"

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**Benedict XVI
Pope**

"Enough with the hatred in Iraq!" Benedict said to applause at the end of his Palm Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square.

On Thursday, the body of Archbishop Paulos Faraj Rahho was found near Mosul. He had been abducted on Feb. 29.

Benedict has called Rahho's death an "inhuman act of violence" that offended human dignity.

On Sunday, Benedict praised Rahho for his loyalty to Christ and his refusal to abandon his flock despite many threats and difficulties.

He recalled Rahho's death as the Catholic Church opens Holy Week, the most solemn week in the liturgical calendar in which the faithful

recall the suffering and death of Jesus Christ.

Benedict said Rahho's dedication to the Catholic Church and his death compelled him to "raise a strong and sorrowful cry" to denounce the violence in Iraq spawned by the war that began five years ago this week.

"At the same time, I make an appeal to the Iraqi people, who for the past five years have borne the consequences of a war that provoked the breakup of their civil and social life," Benedict said.

He urged them to raise their heads and reconstruct their life through "reconciliation, forgiveness, justice and coexistence among tribal, ethnic and religious groups."

The Vatican strongly opposed the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq. In its aftermath, Benedict has frequently criticized attacks against Iraqi Christians by Islamic extremists. Last year, he urged President Bush to keep the safety of Iraqi Christians in mind.

Benedict is due to preside over a memorial service at the Vatican on Monday in honor of Rahho. Typically, the pope only presides over such services when a cardinal dies.

IRAN

Conservatives hold majority in election

Associated Press

TEHRAN — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad declared victory Sunday in Iran's parliamentary elections, saying the people had voted to reject the West after nearly complete results showed conservatives holding their majority.

But the conservatives are split. Ahmadinejad's hard-line allies won the largest share of the votes, but a powerful bloc was formed of supporters-turned-critics of the president's fiery, confrontational manner and his handling of the ailing economy.

Reformists, who seek greater democracy in Iran and closer ties with the West, appeared likely to at least retain the small bloc they held in the outgoing parliament.

Reform leaders called the results a success, even though their candidates could not run in at least half the races. The unelected, cleric-led Guardian Council disqualified most — including the most well-known candidates — for insufficient loyalty to Islam

and Iran's 1979 revolution.

The results will likely mean a stormy parliament for Ahmadinejad if his critics try to force him to change his economic policies or end what even conservatives see as his monopoly on decision-making.

The new parliament also could boost the chances of a conservative challenger emerging to run against him next year when he comes up for re-election. A possible contender is Ali Larijani, a new member of parliament who quit as a top nuclear negotiator after differences with Ahmadinejad.

Despite the differences among the conservatives, they all support the rule of Iran's ruling clerical establishment, led by supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Their key priority appeared to be to prevent the reformists, who seek to limit the clerics' political powers, from using widespread discontent over inflation and unemployment to make major gains in Friday's vote.

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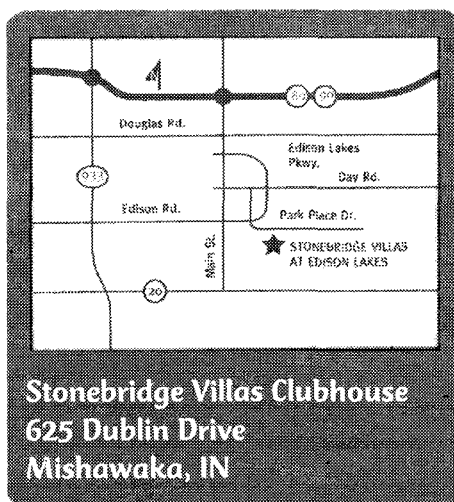
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The play's the thing

Judging by the dialog, such as it is, in the Viewpoint section, spring is apparently the time of year to air out perennial grievances over the University's Catholic mission, whether or not certain dramatic productions (no, this doesn't refer to Letters to the Editor) fulfill that mission and whether the University is letting that mission erode.

According to the University, Notre Dame's Catholic identity depends on the "intellectual interchange" between Catholicism and the totality of human scholarship and thought "through free inquiry and open discussion," a majority of Catholic faculty and the development of "disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit." The rationale is, of course, that any retreat from this stated mission, however small, will ultimately lead to the secularization of the University and the loss of what makes Notre Dame so unique.

Thus we might imagine that the reasons for the prohibition or sanctioning of the charged events described above would clearly stem from this mission statement. Let's begin at the beginning, then. Father Jenkins' 2006 banning of the Vagina Monologues rests on an administrative technicality: The play is "inconsistent with the fundamental values of a Catholic university," and producing it would be tantamount to the University sponsoring it in some sense — they may as well have had the Board of Trustees putting on the play, according to that line of reasoning.

Even the most verbose critics of the decision were more eager to raise the specter of militant political correctness than point out that the administration was sidestepping the issue and instead using a loophole to weasel its way out of a difficult position.

Last Monday, Father Jenkins took a stand in favor of open and free discussion, conducted in dialogue with Catholic thought. "It is an indispensable part of the mission of a Catholic university to provide a forum in which multiple viewpoints are debated in reasoned and respectful exchange," he wrote, and once again okayed the play, simultaneously opening the floodgates of criticism.

Here, once again, is the University's mission statement. "No genuine search for the truth in the human or the cosmic order is alien to the life of faith." That seems to me to be a pretty good case against categorical censorship of the Monologues. People might find them distasteful, banal, even inimical to their way of life (and they might not), but in a community whose mission is to look at the world through an intersection of Catholic teachings and the totality of human creativity — artistic, scholarly and otherwise — we should be free to see and judge for ourselves, especially in conjunction with the many points of view of the Notre Dame community.

There is, however, something to be lost by the categorical denial of artistic expression, especially when the administration uses a technicality to weasel out of taking a firm stance. It seems more insulting than anything that the voices clamoring for the ban-

ning of the Monologues don't trust students to make their own judgments for themselves, and instead preempt any dialogue about the play altogether. However provocative the play is, at least with the attached panel discussion we can approach it as an intellectual exercise and judge its merits in the sort of open forum that the mission statement of the University values. It is no more dangerous to the University's Catholic identity than the discussion of atheistic or irreligious ideas in the classroom. There doesn't have to be a zero-sum competition between open discussion and Catholic identity. Surely those faculty members who disapprove of the play are doubting neither their own ability to engage students in conversation nor the ability of students to make their own judgments.

The fact that Notre Dame is a university puts us in a unique position. An educational institution doesn't deal in received morality — there are plenty of places to find that. Instead, it allows its students to actively take part in their personal growth, whether inside or outside the classroom. It's the difference between a lecture and a seminar: No matter how good a lecture is, isn't it more fulfilling to be able to take part in a conversation about a topic, and by doing so, engage with it?

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Coco Chanel
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where's the 3 in Bookstore?

As the start of the Bookstore Basketball tournament draws closer, dreams of a Cinderella run by a little known team are born. The largest five-on-five outdoor basketball tournament in the world has its handful of great, good, and yes, pretty awful basketball players. But the one thing the tournament does not have is the 3-point shot.

In a sport dominated by big men, the 3-point shot allows the smaller sharpshooter to become a deadly threat from behind the line. While the big men shoot their jump hooks and lay-ups inside, the smaller guards bomb treys from the outside. In NCAA basketball, the 3-point shot was added in 1986 and next season the 3-point line will be moved a foot back.

Today, when a shot is made from beyond 19'9", the basket counts as three points. Anything inside this range is two. In pickup basketball, the three is two, and everything else is one. But in Bookstore Basketball, this aspect of the game is mysteriously disregarded, levying a heavy advantage to bigger teams. No longer can the guard shoot a three from a foot behind the 3-point line and have it be worth more than the pathetic big man lay-up. It's all worth one. This makes sense right? The shot 6 inches away from the basket is worth the same as the one made from 21 feet away. When Shaq nearly pulls the hoop down with a dunk, it is worth the same as Kobe's fade away 3-pointer from the top of the key. It seems to make perfect sense to the Bookstore Basketball organizers. Every other league in basketball has the 3-point shot, but for some reason it is not included in Bookstore.

Imagine telling the Notre Dame basketball team that the 3-point shot just counts as two. Kyle McAlarney would probably break down and cry for a week. Ryan Ayers and Luke Zeller would give each other a long, sobbing hug. Tory Jackson would celebrate, but that's beside the point. No 3-point shots for the Notre Dame basketball team would mean more losses and no NCAA tournament. Sorry Reggie Miller, those back-to-back 3-pointers you hit against the Knicks with 15 seconds left actually did not tie the game. You lose. Sorry Gilbert Arenas, those clutch 3-pointers you hit at the end of games to win do not actually count as three. You lose too.

So, Bookstore Basketball organizers, I want to thank you. Thanks for taking away the one thing the shooting guard does best and giving the already freakishly tall big man another advantage. Thanks for taking away a Cinderella run by a small team because they can shoot the lights out. No really, I do not know how to express such an overflowing feeling of emotion. Maybe in the tournament I will dribble down the court, point to you in your red fleece with the clipboard, pull up from behind the 3-point line (there is a reason why it's called that) and drain a long range bomb for you. And yeah, buddy with the clipboard that should be worth two, not one.

Kevin Snyder
sophomore
Sorin Hall
Mar. 16

Sheen doesn't deserve Laetare Medal

As a high school senior deciding where to make my home for the next four years, I chose Notre Dame for many reasons. Chief among them was my belief that Notre Dame was far more than a great academic institution and a storied athletic powerhouse. I believed that it truly stood for something. The commitment to the values and ethics championed by our university is what I believe sets us apart from many other schools around the country.

However, I believe Notre Dame's mission conflicts with the recent decision to award actor Martin Sheen the Laetare Medal for his "humanitarian work." The Laetare Medal is annually awarded to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the church and enriched the heritage of humanity." Apparently, Sheen illustrates the ideals of the same church we belong to and enriches humanity by consistently condemning American policy at home and abroad by: Signing the "Statement of Conscience" of Not In Our Name, a radical anti-war group that has continually protested American response to the 9/11 attacks and for combating militant Islam; promoting a ludicrous conspiracy theory that claims President Bush, not Osama bin Laden, is responsible for the loss of over 3,000 lives at the World Trade Center and Pentagon; supporting ANSWER, a socialist/Marxist group that has praised terrorist organizations such as Hamas and Hezbollah, and extreme left-wing environmentalist organizations such as the Earth Island Institute; finally, touring Nicaragua during the Cold War in support of the anti-American Sandinista government.

Father Jenkins, a man for whom I have a tremendous amount of respect, said he "welcomes the opportunity to lift up [Sheen's] example for our church, our country and our students." Jenkins uses several examples to describe Sheen's "accomplishments," noting (among others) Sheen's stance on "the waging of unjust war [in Iraq]," — or what Sheen spoke of as "the dogs of war slouching toward Baghdad." It would be nice if Sheen would remember that the only reason he is able to say such outrageous things at all is because of those "dogs of war," by which I mean American soldiers, fighting overseas. Frankly, I am disappointed Notre Dame could not have found another Catholic "genius" to bestow such an honor upon than one with so many questionable views and inexcusable stances.

Jay Rowley
freshman
Morrissey Manor
Mar. 10

Save sex for marriage

Recent Letters to the Editor have brought up the issue of sexuality and its proper expression in our lives. I know many readers will disagree with the following assertion, yet despite its controversial nature, I've found that it makes the most sense and is the most helpful for living a contented life: Sex is designed for marriage. When two people are publicly and privately committed to one another in the bond of marriage, when they have the stability needed to create their own family, when their love has been found to be lasting and undying, then and only then does sex live up to its full potential.

Despite this, sex certainly remains very pleasurable outside of marriage. Yet without the lifelong commitment, love and openness to children that marriage provides, it is cheapened. To a much lesser degree, it is a bit like opening up your Christmas gift on Dec. 22, or eating lots of dessert before dinner. Christmas gifts are pleasurable to open early, yet they offer more pleasure and more meaning when opened at Christmas. Dessert is very tasty when eaten before dinner, but much more satisfying at the end. Granted, sex is much more important than Christmas presents and dessert.

A bit of reflection shows that sex is designed for three purposes: to give pleasure to the couple, to create deep

bonds between the couple, and to bring about the conception of children. Any sexual activity outside of marriage, whether pre-marital sex, extra-marital sex, masturbation, etc., cheats one of the true meaning of sex. It may seem hard to believe, but sex between two married people who love one another and have opened their hearts and homes to children really is better, more meaningful and more satisfying than sex away from marriage. Of course if this is true, this puts us unmarried college students in quite the dilemma. Do we fight the heroic struggle of saving our sexuality for our future spouse, knowing the rewards will be great, or do we cheat by enjoying it now, either a bit or a lot? To do the former is in no way easy, but neither is accomplishing other lofty goals like getting into Notre Dame or winning a national championship. I know this letter won't change everyone's mind, but at least be open to the ideas that sex really is best when in the context of marriage and that saving yourself for your spouse really is worth the challenge.

Chris Spellman
senior
off campus
Mar. 13

Offer 'better' alternatives

As a Notre Dame basketball fan and a concerned alum, I feel compelled to respond to what I consider a great insult made by your administrators in the Mar. 14 article, "NDSP inconsistent with 'Breytopia.'" Is it possible for your administrators, namely Bill Kirk, to answer simple questions and be accountable for their decisions without running off a litany of excuses that cite "safety" or "security" as principle motives for enforcing inapplicable rules? Newsflash: Providing a reasonable answer to a viable question is not the same as putting together vague words into a statement — this is what your administrators and university spokespeople did last week when they lent no real insight into why they stood behind NDSP's decision to ban excited fans from lining up pre-game for general admission seating. It's like feeding a dog a full colon and calling it a steak and then expecting him to believe it's a steak.

The main reason why this all bothers me is that when I came to my first home basketball game in fall 2001, the atmosphere in the Joyce Center was laughable. Over the next four years — with the support of the athletic department, winning seasons provided by the team, Coach Brey's enthusiasm, Student Activities' funding and initiative on the students' part — we created a home court atmosphere that rivals the nation's best college basketball programs. It took all of these key components and none of it would have been achieved without all of them. Now your administrators seem to think that enforcing a silly, inapplicable rule is more important than maintaining this lofty status (being undefeated at home the last two seasons says a lot).

Here is my thesis: If Bill Kirk (or any other administrator) says that there are "better," "safer" or more "secure" ways to show support for your team than assembling hours or even days prior to gametime (while they still support utilizing a general admissions seating scheme), then I say tell students what it is exactly you would like for them to do. It's very easy to say that things can be better, but until you actually figure out anything that supports this team, this program and this university, I refuse to give credence to that argument.

Along with other students, I spent a lot of time and energy working with the groups mentioned earlier to build the excitement to where it is now. At no time did anyone from the Office of Residence Life and Housing offer any words of encouragement, support or "better" ideas to aid us in the cause — which is a noble one and one which is in line with the mission of the university. In no way is it appropriate for that office or administration to criticize operations afoot which are neither unsafe or insecure. In my estimation, the only thing that is insecure in all of this is that office's ability to control the lives of students at Notre Dame and that is exactly why they chose to make an example of these hard working students who do more than most to support their team, their program and their university.

Drew Updike
alumnus
Class of 2005
Mar. 16

Sarcasm

During the spring semester of my freshman year, the Vagina Monologues challenged my Catholic values, and my values definitely lost. Even after 18 years of masses, Catholic schooling, and a good home upbringing, my world shattered. After attending the performance, I stopped going to mass and instead began engaging in all kinds of sexual activity with anyone and anything. I had countless abortions, became an alcoholic and, worst of all, failed theology. Twice. Sure, I had seen SUB movies showcasing people doing things that would definitely get them at least kicked out of Notre Dame (parietals) and probably the Catholic church (murders), but they never phased me. However, upon sight of the Vagina Monologues, my faith crumbled into nothingness. All of the priests in the world could not have prepared me for it. How dare Notre Dame force me (yes, I was dragged to the performance by NDSP) to engage in this terrible production that would completely destroy my faith? I came here to grow intellectually as well as spiritually, but have found it impossible to do so after watching such a blatant display of open female sexuality. The Vagina Monologues must be stopped, or the Catholic church may collapse.

Meghan O'Donoghue
junior
Badin Hall
Mar. 13

Owner serves up new cuisine

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

Jim Herter knows the ins and outs of the restaurant business. That's because he's been working in one, in some capacity or another, for the past 35 years. After starting with part-time and summer jobs while he was still in school, Herter took a job with Taco Bell from 1980-88, working his way up from an hourly employee in 1980 to the position of District Manager in 1986. He left the company two years later for the position of business manager with Notre Dame Food Services, where he remained for 17 years before leaving to start Rico's Filling Station in December 2005.

Over the course of his career, Herter has traveled far and wide in the pursuit of culinary perfection. Rico's Filling Station represents his latest venture into the restaurant industry. The name says it all.

"I was looking to partner with a local Arby's franchisee to develop some regional franchise restaurant concepts that were up and coming in the national restaurant picture," Herter said.

After tossing around ideas, Herter decided that his own ideas might work best and set out to create his own restaurant. His partner supplied a vacant space in an Arby's that had closed a year earlier.

"His name is Richard, so 'Rico' popped into my head — short, simple and representative," he said. "Besides, 'Ricardo' sounded too much like a Mexican restaurant and we want to be known for all the cultures of the Gulf and Caribbean."

"It took on a life of its own after that. What became very fitting was the Latin meaning of rico (rich). [It] really became a manifestation of the rich cultures and cuisines and also the personification of my traveling and adventuring spirit."

Rather than pigeonhole his unique collection of culinary offerings into the category of Mexican food, Herter describes his dishes as "MesoAmericano."

"We have those familiar Southwestern items that rival or better the national brands way out in Mishawaka," he said, "but we are decidedly different with affordable other items from Meso America. We use that term loosely to define a geographical area."

That geographical area encompasses a variety of flavors drawn from cultures spanning the American Southwest to Latin America to the Caribbean.

In Rico's, Herter has brought back many of those flavors and assembled them under one roof. And while he may have gone to great lengths to procure new dishes and recipes, he stresses that he decided to locate his restaurant close to campus so Notre Dame students wouldn't have to. "The convenience and proximity to campus [is] important to [Notre Dame students who frequent Rico's]," he said.

In Rico's Filling Station, Notre Dame students now have a new one-stop shop for all things MesoAmericano.

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Rico's Filling Station spices up

Move over Chipotle — there's a new sheriff in town. Rico's Filling Station — where they don't actually pump gas — is the new head-honcho 'round these parts. The restaurant's weapon of choice? Flavor.

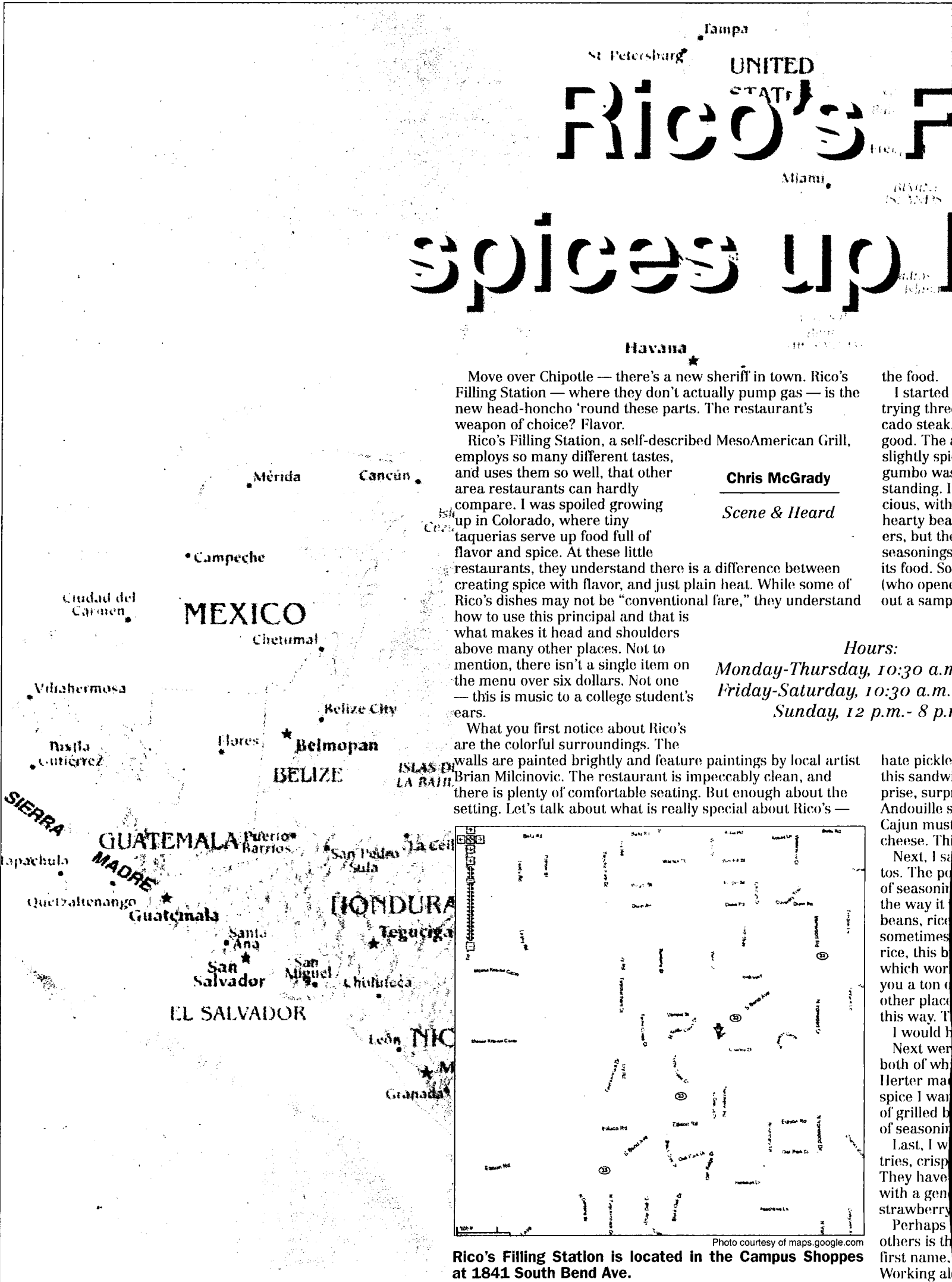
Rico's Filling Station, a self-described MesoAmerican Grill, employs so many different tastes, and uses them so well, that other area restaurants can hardly compare. I was spoiled growing up in Colorado, where tiny taquerias serve up food full of flavor and spice. At these little restaurants, they understand there is a difference between creating spice with flavor, and just plain heat. While some of Rico's dishes may not be "conventional fare," they understand how to use this principal and that is what makes it head and shoulders above many other places. Not to mention, there isn't a single item on the menu over six dollars. Not one — this is music to a college student's ears.

What you first notice about Rico's are the colorful surroundings. The walls are painted brightly and feature paintings by local artist Brian Milcinovic. The restaurant is impeccably clean, and there is plenty of comfortable seating. But enough about the setting. Let's talk about what is really special about Rico's —

Chris McGrady

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THE BAHAMAS

Local food scene

out with a little something to prime my appetite, the different kinds of soup — a black-bean, an avocado and a gumbo. All three of these soups were very avocado steak (a special that day) had a smoky and creamy flavor and big, hearty chunks of steak. The soup was equally good. The black-bean, however, was outstanding. I am no big fan of legumes, but this soup was delicious. A great Mexican-inspired flavor and plenty of beans. All three soups were served with oyster crackers. The black-bean had even been coated with a special blend of cheese, hinting at the detail Rico's employs in so much of its food, so very, very good. Next, owner Jim Herter (who bought the restaurant on Nov. 30 of last year) brought out two of the restaurant's signature dishes — the Cubano sandwich and the Andouille sausage sandwich. The Cubano sandwich accounts for 25 percent of Rico's total sales, and for good reason. It features shredded pork and ham, Rico's signature two-cheese queso sauce, crisp dill pickles, and a homemade mustard sauce, all on pressed bread. Here's the thing — I love my sandwich and I hate mustard. But I loved this. All of the flavors work perfectly together (surprise) and it makes for quite the tasty treat. The Andouille is slightly spicy, and is served with a hard-boiled egg (amazingly, I liked it again) and shredded cheese. This may have been my favorite thing on the menu. I sampled one of the carnitas (shredded pork) burritos. The pork was tender and juicy and just the right amount of fat. Perhaps the best thing about the burrito was the cheese. It was made up. It features just the right amount of cheese, lettuce and cheese. Unlike at Chipotle, where you bite into your burrito only to get a mouthful of rice and beans and make the burrito as big as possible, and I will," Herter said, "but I think it is better when the flavors all work together, and it's better."

I have to agree. The jambalaya and the Jamaican jerk chicken, which were very well done. I asked for them spicy, but he was sure to tell us we could control just how much heat. They were each served with a generous slice of bread. Once again, Rico's impressed with their use of bread and both of these dishes were excellent. I was able to sample the churros — straw-like pastries on the outside and gooey delicious in the middle. Plain, strawberry, and caramel and are served with a generous dollop of whipped cream. I was partial to the plain, but I have to admit they were all delicious. The last thing that sets the restaurant above the rest is the owner. Herter knows most of his customers by name and greets them with a smile when they come in. Alongside his wife, he'll come by and ask you how

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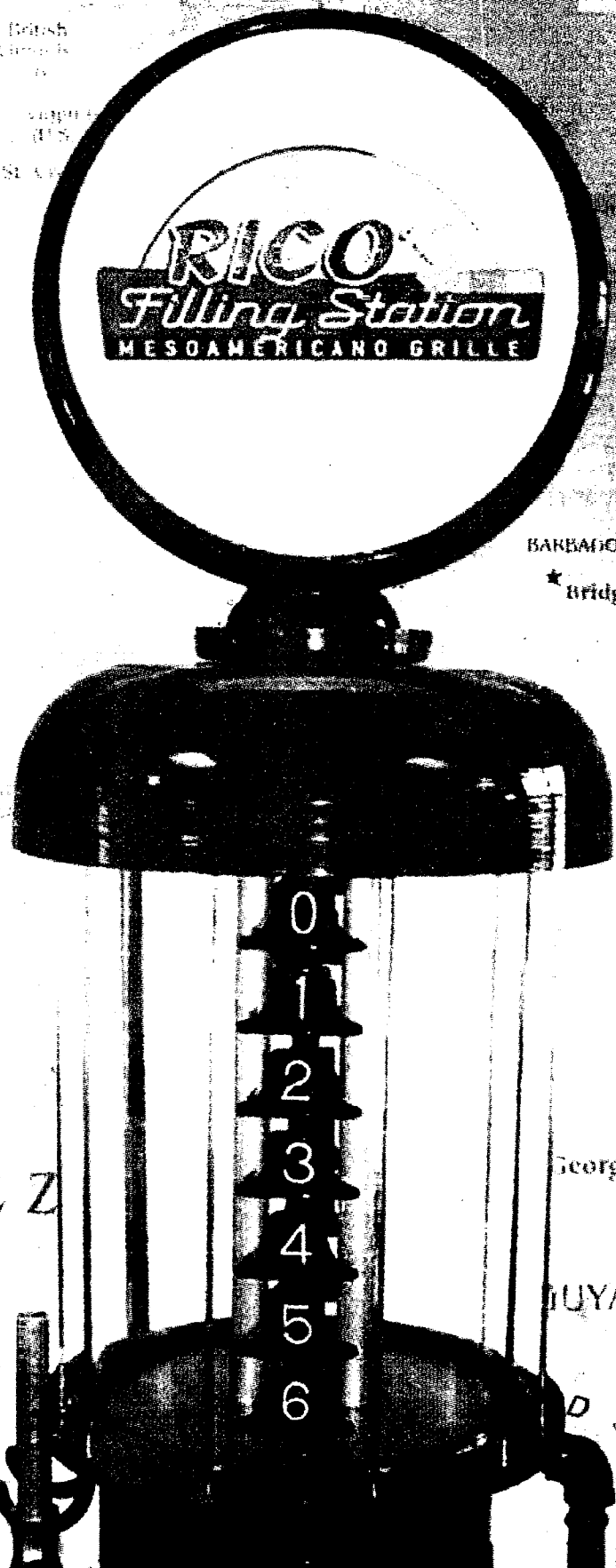
Rico's Filling Station offers a variety of Meso-American food at reasonable prices students can afford.

your food is, and fix anything that's not right (which isn't likely). When I went back the next day with my friends (yes, I went back...and then once more the next day), he came by our table and brought us all a complimentary round of churros. That's just the type of guy he is.

All in all, Rico's Filling Station is an amazing restaurant, and was criminally empty while I was there. It is located close to campus (just across the parking lot from Between the Buns on South Bend Ave.) and serves up some of the tastiest food I have had in my four years here. They serve up beer and wine, and even have drink specials. So if you are looking for great, inexpensive food, close to campus, where ND students are more than welcome — Rico's Filling Station is just the place.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Hansbrough, UNC capture ACC title again

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — One by one, North Carolina's players climbed onto the platform to snip a piece of the net to celebrate their Atlantic Coast Conference tournament championship. There were plenty of smiles and laughter, yet the victory party seemed somehow subdued.

After all, the top-ranked Tar Heels figure they have bigger dreams still to chase.

"We just go to the point where we realized we reached a goal," junior Marcus Ginyard said. "But at the same time, we know there is more for us."

That attitude hovered over their 86-81 win over Clemson in Sunday's tournament final, a victory that locked up the overall No. 1 seed in the NCAA field of 65 while giving the program a record 17th ACC title. The Tar Heels got another strong-willed performance inside from All-America Tyler Hansbrough and a stellar outing on the

perimeter from Wayne Ellington to outlast the Tigers for a third time this season and close a tough tournament run in which North Carolina didn't win a game by more than 12 points.

Now North Carolina (32-2) can turn its attention to living up to the lofty expectations that have followed the Tar Heels all season, even as they allowed themselves the small indulgence of a businesslike celebration.

"We didn't dance around and climb on top of backboards and things like that," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "It was a great feeling and a very satisfying feeling for us."

North Carolina opens the NCAA tournament in Raleigh against the winner of the opening-round game between Coppin State and Mount St. Mary's.

Ellington finished with 24 points for North Carolina, which has won consecutive ACC tournaments for the fifth time. Hansbrough was named the tournament's most valu-

able player after finishing with 18 points and 11 rebounds while scrapping inside the entire game against the third-seeded Tigers (24-9), following up on his 26-point day that included the last-second jumper to beat Virginia Tech 68-66 in Saturday's semifinals.

Ellington, a 6-foot-4 sophomore, continued his season-long torture of Clemson, finishing 10-for-13 from the field to go with four rebounds and four assists. In January, he had a career-high 36 points and hit a last-second 3-pointer to give the Tar Heels' a 90-88 overtime road win. A month later, he finished with 28 points as North Carolina rallied from 15 points down to beat Clemson 103-93 in double overtime, a loss that dropped the Tigers to 0-53 all-time in Chapel Hill.

This time, Ellington hit his first five shots to outduel Clemson's K.C. Rivers in a back-and-forth game that was in doubt until the final seconds.



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North Carolina coach Roy Williams celebrates with his team after defeating Clemson 86-81 to win the ACC tournament Sunday.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish lose Big East opener in OT heartbreaker to Syracuse

By MATT GAMBER

Associate Sports Editor

No. 12 Notre Dame opened Big East play with a heartbreaking 16-13 overtime loss to No. 6 Syracuse yesterday in the Loftus Center.

Senior captain Caitlin McKinney led the Irish (5-3, 0-1) with four goals and two assists, as Notre Dame overcame a three-goal halftime deficit with a dominating second half effort that fell short in the extra periods.

"Well, [the loss] stinks because we came back and when we were in the huddle, I really think everyone truly believed we were going to win it," McKinney said. "We had the heart and the effort, that was all there, but sometimes I feel like you don't catch a break in certain situations, and we didn't catch one today."

The Irish and the Orange (5-1, 1-0) traded scoring runs throughout the game.

Orange attack Katie Rowan put away four goals in the first half to extend the Syracuse lead to 7-3 with 13 minutes left to play.

Notre Dame scored four unanswered goals over the next five minutes to knot the game up, but Syracuse struck right back, scoring three more times to take a 10-7 halftime lead.

"I think sometimes you have to assess your opponent, so going into the game we thought one thing and then I think we made some adjustments," Irish head coach Tracy Coyne said. "I think when we adjust we usually do pretty well."

Those adjustments, especially those to improve Notre Dame's draw control, paid off in the second half, as the Irish made the Orange offense a non-factor by controlling possession for 12 straight minutes and scoring four straight goals to take an 11-10 edge. The teams traded goals from there, though,

with Syracuse tying it at 13-13 with 6:39 to play.

"We knew it was going to be a possession game," Coyne said. "We both have very high powered offenses, so I think when you face two teams like that you know it's going to be high scoring and every possession's going to count."

Syracuse played in overtime the way the Irish did for much of the second half, and Notre Dame never mustered so much as a shot on goal in the two three-minute bonus periods. The visitors controlled the opening draw and scored on its initial possession of the first overtime, and then the Orange buried the Irish by finding the net twice more in the second.

"I think with overtime, it's a lot of emotion and momentum, and the ball was bouncing a lot to them," McKinney said of the Irish's inability to pounce on any groundball opportunities in overtime. "I think in overtime, even

though you probably shouldn't, you kind of go into do-or-die mode, and when the ball keeps bouncing toward them, it gets hard to get that edge."

Despite being out-shot 35-27 — including 17-6 in the second half — the Orange were the more efficient team, scoring on all three of its free-position opportunities. Syracuse was heavily penalized throughout the match, committing 27 fouls to Notre Dame's 15, but the Irish were only able to convert on five of its 10 free-position shots.

The Irish controlled the first four draws of the second half but were outdrawn 8-3 from there — a frustrating statistic for Coyne, who has been forced to reemphasize the importance of the draw control during the intermission of Notre Dame's last two games.

Not all is lost for the Irish, though, as they showed resiliency and marked improvement from their

struggles over spring break.

"I think we've come along way since the California week, and I think we've proven that we can play with the top teams," Coyne said. "So I think it's just about refocusing over these next couple weeks. We have a lot of big games on our schedule, a lot of ranked teams on our schedule. We have the Big East tournament, and we have a lot of things we can focus on in terms of working to get better."

But the Irish are not moving past the Orange yet.

"The good thing to come out of it is that we'll be playing them again in the Big East tournament in our stadium," McKinney said. "I think the generated emotion and rivalry will only [serve us well] when we go against them again, so let them have this one but they're not getting the next."

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Where did all the Jelly go?

Ohio State didn't make the tourney. South Alabama, Temple, and Villanova did. Therefore, South Alabama, Temple, and 'Nova > OSU

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Men's College Basketball Final Poll

ESPN/USA Today

	team	record	votes
1	North Carolina	32-2	767
2	UCLA	31-3	735
3	Memphis	33-1	728
4	Kansas	31-3	682
5	Wisconsin	29-4	630
6	Tennessee	29-4	616
7	Texas	28-6	581
8	Georgetown	27-5	538
9	Duke	27-5	535
10	Butler	29-3	499
11	Stanford	26-7	476
12	Xavier	27-6	373
13	Louisville	24-8	358
14	Drake	28-4	310
15	Notre Dame	24-7	309
16	Vanderbilt	26-7	246
17	Connecticut	24-8	239
18	Purdue	24-8	218
19	Pittsburgh	26-9	216
20	Michigan State	25-8	194
21	Washington State	24-8	149
22	Clemson	24-9	123
23	Davidson	26-6	108
24	Indiana	25-7	106
25	Marquette	24-9	106

National Hockey League Standings

Western Conference

team	record	points	last ro
New Jersey	42-24	90	6-3-1
Montreal	40-24	89	7-3-0
Carolina	39-30	83	8-2-0
Pittsburgh	41-24	89	6-3-1
Ottawa	40-26	87	4-5-1
NY Rangers	37-26	83	7-2-1
Boston	37-27	83	3-4-3
Philadelphia	35-28	80	4-3-3
Buffalo	34-28	79	4-4-2
Washington	35-30	78	7-3-0
Florida	35-31	78	7-2-1
Toronto	35-31	74	6-3-1
NY Islanders	32-34	71	2-8-0
Atlanta	31-35	70	2-4-4
Tampa Bay	29-35	66	4-5-1

Eastern Conference

team	record	points	last ro
Detroit	47-20	100	4-5-1
San Jose	42-21	93	9-0-1
Minnesota	38-26	84	4-3-3
Anaheim	41-25	90	7-2-1
Dallas	42-27	89	5-5-0
Calgary	37-25	84	5-3-2
Colorado	39-28	84	8-2-0
Vancouver	36-26	82	4-4-2
Nashville	36-29	80	4-6-0
Phoenix	36-31	77	5-5-0
Edmonton	36-32	77	8-2-0
Columbus	32-29	75	5-3-2
Chicago	34-32	75	4-5-1
St. Louis	29-32	69	1-8-1
Los Angeles	28-39	62	2-5-3

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PGA



Tiger Woods, left, is congratulated by Arnold Palmer after sinking a 25-foot birdie putt on the 72nd hole to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational at the Bay Hill Club in Orlando, Fla. — his third win of 2008.

Tiger continues perfect year at Bay Hill

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Tiger Woods made a 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole Sunday to win the Arnold Palmer Invitational by one shot, extending his PGA Tour winning streak to five and keeping intact a perfect season in golf.

In his biggest challenge since this streak began seven months ago, Woods outlasted 45-year-old Bart Bryant and won with a birdie putt on the final hole for the first time in seven years. He turned and slammed his cap to the ground, letting out a roar to celebrate his 64th career victory, tying Ben Hogan at

No. 3 on the PGA Tour list.

"I turned a mediocre tournament into a good one," Woods said.

Woods closed with a 6-under 66 and won Bay Hill for the fifth time in his career, becoming the first player in PGA Tour history to win four tournaments at least five times. The others are the Buick Invitational, Bridgestone Invitational and the CA Championship, where he plays next week at Doral as the three-time defending champion.

No wonder some are starting to question whether he will lose again.

Bryant felt hopeless, no different from so many other victims of Woods. He hit all

the right shots on the back nine to keep pressure on the world's No. 1 player, and was sitting in the scoring trailer when he heard the loudest cheer of the afternoon.

"That's why he's Tiger Woods," Bryant said. "He has an incredible way of pulling off the shot or the putt when he needs to. He's done it before. He'll do it again."

Not since Bay Hill in 2001 against Phil Mickelson has Woods won a PGA Tour event with a birdie on the 72nd hole to win by a shot, and this was so meaningful that Woods ripped off his cap and slung it to the ground, something he has

never done.

"I kept telling myself, 'I've done this before. I did it against Phil, and this time it's a little bit deeper into the green and the putt has a little bit more break and it has a little more grain. I've done it before, and I can do it again.'"

And he did.

Woods has won six straight times worldwide, which includes a thrilling rally in Dubai last month.

His average score during the PGA Tour streak is 66.13, and his dominance is such that he now has more career victories than Mickelson and Vijay Singh combined.

IN BRIEF

Last-place Georgia wins SEC title, tourney bid

ATLANTA — Georgia completed its remarkable run through the Southeastern Conference tournament on Sunday, building a big lead in the first half and holding on to beat Arkansas 66-57 in the championship game, earning its first trip to the NCAAs since 2002.

[A] devastating tornado, which rumbled over the Georgia Dome and wreaked havoc downtown, forced a postponement of Georgia's quarterfinal game against Kentucky.

The revised schedule, which was vehemently opposed by Felton, forced the Georgia-Kentucky winner to play two games on Saturday. Amazingly, the Bulldogs knocked off the Wildcats for the first time ever in the tournament, then came back six hours later to beat SEC West champion Mississippi State.

Two wrecks at Bristol give Burton first victory

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Tony Stewart should have won the race. And when he didn't, it gave Denny Hamlin a clear shot at victory.

But the Joe Gibbs Racing drivers failed to seal the deal — again — at Bristol Motor Speedway, and Jeff Burton and his Richard Childress Racing teammates were there to capitalize.

Burton scored his first victory at Bristol Motor Speedway, leading teammates Kevin Harvick and Clint Bowyer to the first 1-2-3 sweep in RCR history by pouncing when the JGR drivers faltered at the very end Sunday.

Busch's power steering failed, causing him to crash while he was leading midway through the race. Then Harvick wrecked Stewart with two laps to go, setting up a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish.

Badgers hold off Illini to claim Big Ten conference title

INDIANAPOLIS — Wisconsin won the Big Ten tournament with stout defense, and coach Bo Ryan said that's what will carry the Badgers if they make a deep run in the NCAA tournament.

Brian Butch scored 12 points, and No. 8 Wisconsin beat upstart Illinois 61-48 on Sunday to sweep the Big Ten regular-season and tournament titles for the first time.

Wisconsin won all three games against the Illini this season by double digits, and will enter the NCAA tournament on a 10-game winning streak.

Illinois would have been the second team to qualify for the NCAA field with a losing record this season.

The Illini also would have been the lowest seed to win the Big Ten

SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's falls to Division II foe

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fell to 4-4 on the year this weekend when it lost to Division II Indiana Wesleyan this Saturday, 6-3. The No. 16 Wildcats move to 2-1 for the spring season, and 14-1 for the year.

Saturday's match was the first for the Belles since coming back from spring break, and their first dual match of the spring. Saint Mary's coach Chuck Rubino was looking for Saturday to give his team another chance at competing against a strong team before the Belles take on conference foe Albion to open their MIAA season.

"I think we benefited as a team from the match against IWU," sophomore Camille Gebert said. "They were a very solid team, and we stepped up our games, despite our loss. All of the matches were tight, and it's just a matter of getting over the hump. Playing a team of that caliber is good preparation for our first MIAA dual match on Tuesday."

One of Saint Mary's goals for Saturday was improving its doubles play, an area the young Belles squad struggled with over break.

"We definitely still need work on our doubles," Gebert said. "Our singles matches take care of themselves. However, in close team matches, getting the doubles points will be crucial."

The pair of sophomore Lisa Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed were the only successful doubles duo for the Belles on Saturday,

earning their third win together and took down Wildcats Eva Delk and Lisa Massey, 8-4. Rubino and Reed are now at 3-3 as Saint Mary's No. 2 doubles pair.

Sophomore Camille Gebert and freshman Jillian Hurley, the No. 1 doubles pair for the Belles, lost 8-4 on Saturday, moving them to 3-5 for this spring. No. 3 doubles of freshmen Jessica Camp and Jessica Kosinski lost 8-6 to Wesleyan's Courtney Kooyers and Laura Helm, putting them at 4-4.

On the singles side, Saint Mary's had a stronger showing, but not by much. No. 1 singles Gebert defeated Wesleyan's Sarah Bauss 6-2, 6-2, putting her singles record at 4-4 on the season. Freshmen Jillian Hurley kept up her momentum from spring break, where she went 6-1. Hurley overcame Wesleyan's Julia Hodgebeth 6-3, 5-7, 6-3, bringing her to 7-1 overall for singles. That was the Belles' last win on the day, as freshmen Reed, Kosinski, Camp and sophomore Rubino all fell.

Saint Mary's prepares to start their conference season this Tuesday at Albion, last season's MIAA co-champion.

"It was a challenging team to play for our first match, post-spring break, however we held our own," Gebert said. "We might not have won on paper, but we are starting to gradually pull everything together, and the improvement is starting to show. I am excited to see what we can do within our conference."

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MEN'S GOLF

ND ties for 12th at Schenkel Invitational

By PAT STYNES
Sports Writer

After producing his best performance in nearly two years at the USC Collegiate Invitational last week, junior Josh Sandman might have outdone himself yet again.

Sandman showed why he earned all-Big East honors last year as he posted another impressive performance at the Schenkel E-Z-GO Invitational with a score of 212 (4-under par), helping Notre Dame finish in a tie for 12th place with a combined score of 888 (24-over par).

The strong finish placed them ahead of rival Michigan State, who is ranked No. 15 in the country. Alabama finished with first place honors with an impressive score of 849 (15-below par).

Individually Sandman tied for sixth overall, just four shots behind individual champion George Bryan IV from South Carolina. The junior's performance singlehandedly improved the Irish from a 16th-place finish to a 12th-place mark. Needless to say, Sandman has done an impressive job replac-

ing last year's co-captain Cole Isban, who graduated last spring.

Isban's school-record career stroke average of 73.76 is in danger of being broken if Sandman can consistently finish as strong as he has been doing.

Sophomore Carl Santos-Ocampo finished second on the team with a solid 222 (6-over par). The underclassman has been somewhat overlooked this past year, yet he currently is fourth-best on the team in terms of stroke average, and is quietly becoming a top-flight player.

"Carl is another example of what our program is about," coach Jim Kubinski. "He is making progress and gaining consistency with his changes. Carl impresses in many ways but is bit underrated at times. It's only when you add up the score at the end of the day that players realize how competitive he is. I expect more that this season."

The team's next event is the National Invitational Tournament at the Arizona National Golf Club March 23-25.

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ND SOFTBALL

Bats spur Irish to four victories

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

After relying heavily on its pitching staff for the first part of the 2008 season, Notre Dame's offense broke through in a big way, giving the team a 4-1 record on the weekend in the Lowcountry Softball Invitational at Charleston Southern University.

The Irish carried a three-game winning streak into the invitational, and they used that momentum to pick up convincing victories in Friday's games against Towson and Charleston Southern. While the offensive output was impressive in both games, the pitching staff held up its end of the bargain as neither opponent was able to notch an earned run in Friday's action.

Notre Dame 7, Towson 0

The opening matchup against Towson ended in a victory for Notre Dame. Junior Brittany Bargar, fresh off being named Big East Pitcher of the Week, turned in another solid performance, going five innings while giving up only four hits. Christine Ferrell relived Bargar and allowed only one hit in her two innings of work.

Four of the seven runs

against Towson resulted from two-run homers — one from sophomore Ashley Ellis and the other from sophomore Christine Lux. Senior Katie Laing had two hits and scored two runs, and freshman Erin Marrone contributed an RBI double.

Notre Dame 16, Charleston Southern 2

In game two on Friday, the Irish jumped on Charleston Southern early on with an eight-run second inning, which was as much as freshman pitcher Jody Valdivia would need in the contest that ended after five innings. Lux launched two home runs in the game, while Laing came up with five hits and five RBIs to lead the potent Irish offense.

Notre Dame 5, Campbell 0

Bargar returned to the circle Saturday morning and was once again nearly flawless, pitching a complete game shutout to lead the Irish to a victory over Campbell.

Leading the way for the offense was senior Sarah Smith who had two RBI singles. The offense managed ten hits in the game, all of which were singles.

Towson 6, Notre Dame 2

The Irish would suffer their only loss of the week-

end in the next game, a defeat in a rematch with Towson. Notre Dame took a 1-0 lead into the fifth inning, but that lead was erased by a six-run fifth inning put together by Towson that included a base clearing double by Towson's Nina Navarro and two errors by the Irish defense. Valdivia took the loss despite pitching a complete game and striking out eight batters.

Notre Dame 10, Charleston Southern 2

The Irish rebounded quickly and closed out the weekend on a high note, defeating Charleston Southern one more time. In the top of the third, the Irish used nine hits to post ten runs and wipe out a 2-0 Charleston Southern lead. Freshman Sadie Pitzenberger notched a single, a triple and two runs scored in the decisive inning. Bargar was dominant once again, allowing only one earned run on four hits and striking out six.

Notre Dame will be back in action Wednesday as they travel to Western Michigan for a double header. The first game is set to begin at 3:30 p.m.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish easily defeat WMU

By DAN MASTERTON
Sports Writer

No. 23 Notre Dame made it look easy, sweeping Western Michigan 7-0 on Saturday to extend the Irish win streak to three dual match.

During the streak, Notre Dame (10-7) has won 20-of-21 match points and 26-of-27 matches.

The sweep began with the Irish winning their fourth straight doubles point. In a minor lineup switch, junior Katie Potts teamed up with sophomore Kali Krisik rather than freshman Kristen Rafael, a lineup Notre Dame has used a few times before.

Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback made the change to get his players different reps and give him flexibility with lineups.

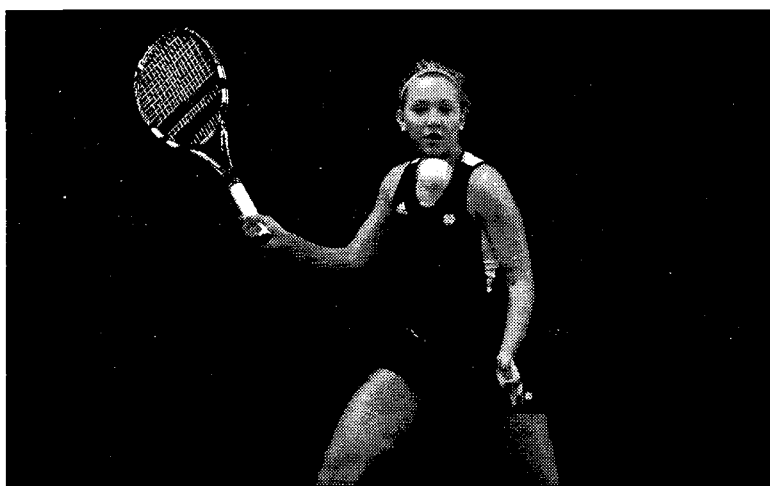
"We just wanted to get Kristen some singles and Katie some doubles. Coming up, we're going to need each of them to play in singles and doubles," he said.

The lineup tweak worked seamlessly as the pair triumphed 8-1.

Senior Brook Buck and junior Kelcy Tefft, the No. 1 doubles team in the nation, improved to 3-0 as the nation's top-ranked pair. Their 8-5 win clinched the doubles point for Notre Dame.

Sophomore pair Cosmina Ciobanu and Colleen Rielley won the final doubles match 8-4 to keep the momentum on the side of the Irish.

Singles play started off strong with Rielley, coming off a tough loss in an abbreviated match against Illinois, cruising to victory. The sophomore blanked Western Michigan's Emily Dudzik, 6-0, 6-0.



IAN GAVLICK/The Observer

Junior Kelcy Tefft makes a return volley against Ohio State on February 14 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The Irish won 5-2.

Louderback was impressed with Rielley's resilience in bouncing back strong.

"She was not too happy about losing at Illinois, and she wanted to go out and win. She was the first one off the court. It was a first win," Louderback said.

Next off the court was Rafael, playing from the No. 6 position often filled by Potts. The freshman won her match 6-0, 6-1 to notch her third singles victory of the dual season. As a team, the Irish players in the No. 6 slot are 15-2.

Ciobanu clinched the match for Notre Dame with a 6-0, 6-2 win, and Buck continued the trend of first-set shutouts, also winning 6-0, 6-2.

No. 113 Krisik improved to 3-0 since becoming nationally ranked. The sophomore defeated the Broncos' Ashley Moccia 6-3, 6-3.

The toughest point for the Irish was the last one. The Broncos' No. 120 Kerstin Paul pushed Tefft but ultimately failed to take a set.

No. 39 Tefft battled through ties and lead changes to prevail with a 6-4, 7-5 victory, improving her singles record to 15-3 for the dual season.

"[Paul] is a big, tall kid who's had some great wins. She hits a big ball and comes up and volleys really well. It was good match," Louderback said.

The Irish are now amidst an eight-day layoff, and besides hoping his team stays hot, Louderback is also hoping for some good weather.

"We're hoping to get outdoors as much as we can. We're at Texas A&M Saturday, and it will be outdoors for sure. So we are going to try to get some work in," Louderback said.

The Irish face the Aggies on Saturday, March 22 at 1:30 PM as part of a two-game trip to the Lone Star State that also includes a match at SMU.

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INDOOR TRACK

Three Irish Athletes named All-Americans

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Notre Dame earned three all-American honors — two men and one woman — and obtained 36th place on the men's side at the NCAA Indoor National Championships at Fayetteville, Ark., this past weekend.

Senior Kurt Benninger earned his sixth all-American honors with his fifth-place finish in the 3,000-meter race with a time of 8:03.61. He added to his long list of accomplishments in the NCAA meet including a fourth place finish in the mile and the anchor leg of the distance medley relay (DMR) in 2006.

Junior Patrick Smyth also ran in the race running to a 13th place finish overall with an 8:10.33 time.

Senior Jake Watson earned his second consecutive all-American honors in the mile with a time of 4:05.51. In a close finish, Watson ended up sixth in the race, missing fifth by .01 seconds.

Watson was quite pleased with his performance, but realizes that there is still room for improvement.

"The improvement over last has been incredible. My knowledge of championship racing has gone up tenfold," Watson said. "In that way I was happy with my race, although I believe there are some things I could have done better, which means there is still a lot of room for improvement."

The senior spoke about the strategy behind the race that enabled his opponents to perform as well as they did.

"I thought the guys who got second and third [Jake Morse of Texas and AJ Acosta of Oregon] raced very well," Watson said. "I did not expect them to race as smart and as well as they did but I also knew they were both very talented so for them to place that high was not out of the question."

The DMR finished ahead of their seed, even with junior Dan Clark replacing Benninger in the anchor leg. The DMR team of Clark, sophomore Blake Choplin and seniors Austin Wechter and Adam Currie finished in 10th place with a time of 9:45.51.

Benninger and Watson earned four and three points respectively to have the first Notre Dame top-40 finish in the last seven seasons.

Alyssa Hasan was the only Irish woman to compete at the NCAA meet this weekend.

She made up for that lack of quantity by posting a quality performance on the biggest stage of the season at the NCAA Championships.

The 5-foot-9 junior became Notre Dame's first-ever multi-event All-American by finishing eighth in the pentathlon.

Hasan scored a school-record and career-best 4,069 points, breaking her previous record of 3,969 set at the Akron Open earlier this season.

The NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships mark the end of the indoor track season, as the Irish will now begin preparation for the outdoor season that begins March 27 with the Arizona multi-events Invitational and the Arizona State Invitational.

Looking ahead to the outdoor season, Watson has set a series of goals, regarding where he envisions himself developing to close the year.

"For the outdoor season I am looking to be in the top five at the 1500 meters in the NCAA, and to make the finals of the 1500 meters at Olympic trials in July," Watson said. "The 1500 outdoors will be a little bit of a tougher event, due to some more athletes coming to run it who were not around indoors or ran other events indoors, but I think the training I will do between now and then will prepare me very well and I will be ready."

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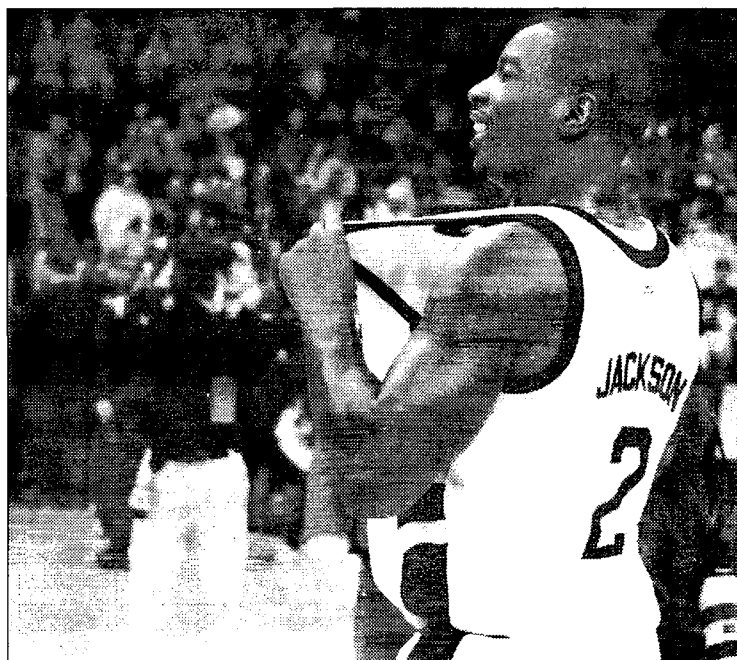
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Sophomore guard Tory Jackson celebrates after Notre Dame defeated Pittsburgh on Feb. 21. The Irish will face George Mason on Thursday in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

MEN'S TENNIS

Irish drop two at Blue-Gray

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

This weekend, No. 30 Notre Dame traveled to Montgomery, Ala., to compete in the Blue-Gray Tennis Classic. Against some of the top competition in the country, the Irish dropped two of their three matches on the weekend.

Notre Dame 4, North Carolina State 3

The Irish began competition on Thursday against North Carolina State. The match was tightly contested, as five of the six singles matches went to three sets. Notre Dame clinched the match when freshman Tyler Davis won in the No. 6 singles slot.

The Irish won the doubles point against the Wolfpack despite a loss from the Irish pair of junior Brett Helgeson and senior Sheeva Parbhu.

The Wolfpack then won the first singles match to tie the score at 1. The Irish followed that loss with two singles wins from Helgeson and Parbhu to make the score 3-1, and Notre Dame seemed to be on the way to an easy win.

But Irish senior Andrew Roth dropped his match at

the No. 3 slot and Irish freshman Dan Stahl lost at the No. 5 slot to even the match at 3-3. The two losses set the stage for Davis's clincher.

Davis defeated Wolfpack freshman David Chermak in three sets. Davis won the first set 7-5 but dropped the second set in a tiebreak. Davis rallied from a 3-2 deficit in the third set to secure a 7-5 win.

Tulsa 4, Notre Dame 0

In the second round on Friday, No. 8 Tulsa defeated Notre Dame with relative ease. Because of rain delays, the singles matches were played first, and the doubles were only to be played if necessary.

The Irish woes started early as Tulsa junior Arnau Bragues upset national No. 17 Helgeson in straight sets, 6-4, 6-3. The loss was only Helgeson's sixth of the season and only the third to a lower ranked opponent. Irish freshman Stephen Havens then lost for the second straight day, 6-4, 6-2 in the second singles match to Tulsa senior Will Gray.

Tulsa picked up its third singles point when Roth fell to Tulsa freshman Viktor Kolik, 6-3, 7-5.

Davis put forth a valiant, three-set effort against Tulsa

junior Ross Cunningham. Davis dropped the first set 7-5, but he rallied to win the second set 6-3 before he fell in the third set 6-4.

Boise State 4, Notre Dame 3

After the disappointing loss to Tulsa, the Irish dropped a close one to No. 33 Boise State.

The loss was Notre Dame's first 4-3 loss of the season, and they had been 5-0 in 4-3 matches prior to the loss.

The Irish won the doubles point, but they quickly found themselves in a hole after Boise State won the first three singles matches. Facing a 3-1 deficit, the Irish rallied behind three set victories from Helgeson and Roth. The rally ended, however, after a thrilling three set match in which Stahl dropped the third set in a tiebreaker.

After this weekend's action, the Irish sit at 10-5 on the season. The losses to Tulsa and Boise State were Notre Dame's first consecutive losses of the season.

The Irish look to return to the win column when they travel to Kentucky on March 25.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

ND bounces back to blowout Dartmouth

By GRIFFIN DASSATTI
Sports Writer

Using a balanced attack that included 12 different scorers, Notre Dame bounced back from their first loss of the season by beating Dartmouth 19-7 last Saturday.

The Irish (5-1), ranked No. 7 in the most recent Nike/Inside Lacrosse poll, came out firing early on in the contest, which was held at The Lovett School in Atlanta. Junior attack Ryan Hoff scored just 18 seconds into the first quarter and began a five-goal run for the Irish. Hoff's goal, the first of his three, was followed up just over three minutes later by senior midfielder Michael Podgajny, who scored the first of his game-high four goals on an assist from junior attack Duncan Swezey.

It wasn't until the beginning of the second quarter that the Big Green got on the board thanks to sophomore Josh

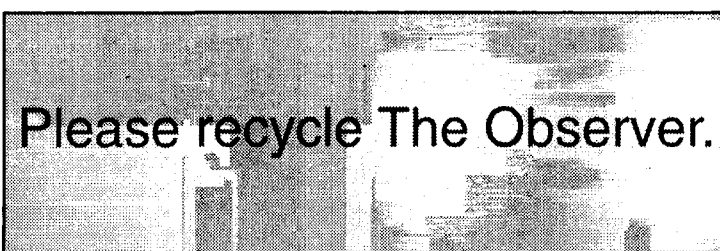
Gillam. Gillam's goal, his first of the season, sparked a 3-0 Dartmouth run which brought the score to 5-3. This was the closest Dartmouth would get, and the Irish separated themselves with a potent offensive attack.

The Irish began the second half much like they did the first, with three straight goals, one each for Podgajny, Hoff and senior midfielder Taylor Clagett. From there, the team was able to fend off three second half goals from the Big Green, thanks in large part to a 5-0 run to close out the fourth quarter.

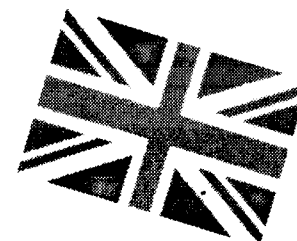
All told, Notre Dame out-shot Dartmouth 49-30 and won 21 of the contest's 29 face-offs.

The Irish will look to take their offensive balance to Colorado Springs, Colo., where they face Air Force next Saturday.

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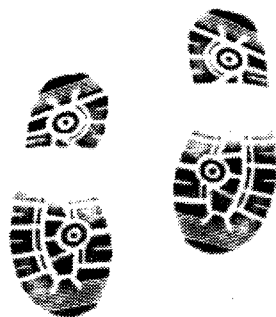
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Intensity

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of-three CCHA quarterfinals, Sunday's sight would have been near impossible to imagine. Notre Dame limped into its playoff series against one of the hottest and most underrated team's in the nation one week removed from a bye and two weeks removed from a split with Western Michigan — the worst team in the league.

Ferris State wasted little time kicking the Irish while they were down Friday night, taking a 2-0 lead early in the first period before eventually winning the game and taking the 1-0 series lead.

It didn't look good. It looked like Notre Dame's five seniors were lacing up their skates Saturday night for the last time.

But then something happened, something kicked in for the Irish in the second game, and the Notre Dame that owned its opponents in the first half of the season suddenly reappeared. The Irish drove Bulldogs into the sheet like ice picks, and the offense — led by defensemen — hit the back of the net with a fury they hadn't possessed since before Christmas.

Irish freshman defenseman Ian Cole played like the first-round draft pick he is, scoring two goals and an assist. Notre Dame enforcer Christiaan Minella, reinserted into the lineup for Saturday's game, made sure the front of his jersey was the last thing most Bulldogs saw before their helmets were introduced to the ice.

And after the last buzzer sounded, Irish coach Jeff Jackson was on a microphone, thanking Irish fans for their heart, noise and dedication. The Irish had destroyed Ferris State 6-3 to even up the series.

It was only a prelude for Sunday night.

With the season on the line for the Irish — a loss meant not only

an early exit from the CCHA tournament but also their removal from any consideration for the NCAA Tournament — the pre-Christmas Notre Dame team showed up for a second night in a row.

Cole once again proved the hero and offensive catalyst, scoring the winning goal only 52 seconds into the second period to power the Irish to the semifinals at Joe Louis Arena with a 2-1 win.

Notre Dame outskated Ferris State from the first period on, beating them to pucks in the corner and pushing the bounces in its favor. The Bulldogs bench wasn't nearly as deep as Notre Dame's and their fatigue showed by the end of the second period in both Saturday and Sunday's games. Even without right wing Erik Condra, who left the game with an injury eight minutes into the first period on Sunday, the four Irish lines held Ferris State to a lone first period goal on Sunday.

The Irish played the last two games of the series with a passion that was missing in the first game, which showed time and again when the referee blew the play dead. On Saturday, and for the first period of Sunday's win, the Irish and Bulldogs fought in front of their goalies, along the boards and in front of the benches.

All the fighting led to numerous coincidental minors, but it also showed that the Irish were tired of getting pushed around. They pushed back, and after Irish goalie Jordan Pearce was mobbed by celebrating teammates Sunday, it was the fans turn to push.

The glass swayed back and forth, the student section no longer seemed partly empty, and the Irish were headed to The Joe with new life and another shot at the NCAA dance.

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Bulldogs

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Jordan Pearce said. "It's going to be exciting to go out there and actually play on the ice myself, playing a top opponent with the Mason Cup on our minds."

With both a conference title and, most likely, their spot in the NCAA Tournament on the line, the Irish know they need to play like the team that advanced to Detroit — not the one that almost gave the chance away.

"We control our own destiny," head coach Jeff Jackson said. "I've been talking to them all week about the importance of trying to build a championship culture here, and we're trying to overcome obstacles.... Everybody's playing to get to the next level."

Ferris State 2, Notre Dame 1

Notre Dame came out Friday night looking like a team that hadn't played a game in two weeks — which it hadn't. A sloppy, turnover-filled first period spelled doom for the Irish, who gave up two goals before even registering a shot on goal.

"It was really disappointing," senior captain Mark Van Guilder said. "I think we were a little bit too jacked up before the game. We kind of hit a wall when we came out in the first period."

Cody Chupp got the Bulldogs on the board first at 4:08 in the first period. After Cole gave up the puck in the slot, Chupp found himself all alone in front of Pearce, who had 26 saves on the night. Chupp proceeded to fire a snap shot that went over Pearce's glove, off the crossbar, and into the net.

Ferris State managed to double its lead 4:24 later. After a flurry of shots on Pearce, Ferris State forward Justin Menke got the puck in the low slot and, with Pearce out of position, tapped the puck into the goal.

"The first ten minutes of the game were the difference," Jackson said. "They were in much better game shape than we were and it showed."

At 13:21 of the period, the Irish got first shot on Bulldog goalie Mitch O'Keefe, who tallied 25 saves in the game. Notre Dame generated some offensive momentum late in the period and, just 11 seconds before the first intermission, cut the Ferris State lead in half. With a 6-on-5 advantage due to a delayed penalty call, Irish forward Kevin Deeth carried the puck all the way up the ice and found forward Ben Ryan in the slot. Ryan slid the puck between O'Keefe's legs to halve the Bulldog lead.

The late goal seemed to inspire the Irish, who looked like a completely different team after the first intermission. Notre Dame began to create sustained offensive pressure but had several good scoring chances foiled by O'Keefe.

"I thought tonight [O'Keefe] did a really good job," Bulldogs coach Bob Daniels said. "Especially those couple of spurts in the second and in the third when they carried the edge in play."

With just over 11 minutes to play in the second, Ben Ryan appeared to tie the game for Notre Dame. After the puck was knocked down by a Ferris State high stick, Ryan controlled the puck in the slot and quickly fired a shot past O'Keefe. But the referee had blown the play dead on

the high stick.

Jackson was visibly upset with referee Keith Sergott, but to no avail; the goal did not count, and the Irish still faced a 2-1 deficit.

For the remainder of the game, Ferris State settled into a very tough defensive style, and the Irish only managed a handful of scoring chances for the rest of the night.

Notre Dame 6, Ferris State 3

In a tilt that saw 33 penalties called, Notre Dame defeated Ferris State handily to even the series at 1-1.

"It was a very chaotic game, to say the least," Jackson said. "But that's the hardest we've competed in a while."

Notre Dame took a 1-0 lead 9:53 into the period thanks to a 4-on-4 goal from freshman forward Calle Ridderwall. After coralling a Van Guilder rebound, Ridderwall deked around O'Keefe and sent a backhand over the goalie's stick and into the net.

"He's been coming and coming and coming," Jackson said of Ridderwall. "Calle's gotten better in the last two months and hopefully he's going to be a huge part of our team in the future."

Despite a combined six power plays in the period, neither team lit the lamp, and the Irish went into the locker room with a 1-0 lead.

However, at 7:15 of the second, Cole gave Notre Dame a 2-0 lead. Cole executed a give-and-go with defenseman Kyle Lawson, and then unleashed a snap shot into the top corner of the net.

Ferris State cut the lead to 2-1 at 11:11 of the period on a Mike Fillinger power play goal, and tied the game at 13:29 thanks to junior Corey Couturier.

The Irish responded quickly

and, at 16:54 of the period, Cole took a pass from Condra at the right circle and shot over O'Keefe's glove, off the crossbar, and in.

Condra and Ryan added insurance goals for the Irish, but Zach Redmond scored at 16:45 of the third to make it 5-3. Lawson capped off the scoring with an empty net goal at 18:24 of the final period.

Eighteen penalties were called against the Bulldogs and 15 on the Irish. Notre Dame had 10 power play attempts and Ferris State 7. Jackson refused to comment on the officiating or the fact that Sergott is a Ferris State alum and played for Daniels in the mid 90's. Jackson said he thought the increased penalty count was due to a more intense style of play.

"It's an emotional environment," Jackson said. "But we have to make sure that our discipline's better tomorrow night."

Notre Dame 2, Ferris State 1

Thanks to Pearce's 24 saves and goals from Kissel and Cole, the Irish took the rubber match, never trailing in the contest that earned them the right to defend their CCHA title.

Kissel got the Notre Dame offense started quickly, scoring just two-and-a-half minutes into the opening period. Ruth belted a slapshot from the point that forced O'Keefe to leave the entire right side of the net exposed, and White found Kissel, who put it home for a 1-0 lead.

The Bulldogs struck back less than two minutes later on a four-on-four situation. O'Keefe stuffed two Irish chances, and Ferris State caught the Irish offguard as right wing Justin Lewandowski received an outlet pass up the left side before dishing it off to center

Adam Miller, who came across Pearce's face and beat the Irish netminder to the inside post.

"After that first goal, I'd say the puck got a lot bigger," Pearce said. "I knew I couldn't let up any more if we wanted to win, so I had to bear down and do what I had to do to keep the puck out of the net."

Later, a scrum occurred in front of the Ferris State net that put a player from each team into the box. Just as the resulting four-on-four ended, Condra was checked hard at center ice, where he remained for a few seconds before being helped off, and he did not return.

After the Bulldogs' next shot went wide, the Ferris State shooter's skate connected with Pearce's mask, causing a fight inside the Irish net.

With two minutes to play in the first, a Ridderwall goal was waved off. Jackson said the referees told him the replay official showed the officials the wrong replay, creating the confusion.

Less than a minute into the second, Cole scored what would prove to be the game-winner after receiving a set-up from Ryan and Lawson in the middle of the Ferris State zone. With a clear path to the net in front of him, Cole delivered a hard wrist shot that beat O'Keefe stick-side for a power play goal and a 2-1 advantage.

"It was really just kind of a broken play," Cole said. "Afterwards, it was unbelievable, especially being tied like that. It was one of those things you dream about as a kid, stepping up and scoring the game-winning goal."

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"SALESIAN LIFE IS VERY APPEALING TO YOUNG MEN WHO SEEK TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS WORLD."

Sean Hogan, Notre Dame '05

I write this to encourage those young men who much like me during my time at Notre Dame yearned for something more than just a job, who yearned for a calling to serve, to give all they had for others. Most especially for those who hope to serve young people and bring them closer to Jesus.

Hi, I'm Sean Hogan class of '04 and still a Keough Roo at heart. After graduating from Notre Dame, I found myself in a small town in China working as a lay missionary with the Salesians of St. John Bosco. When I applied for a year of service and even before I left for China, I knew very little about the Salesians, but being around them for a short time it was easy to see what their life was all about.

I soon realized why this group of men, these Salesian priests and brothers, were the second largest religious order in the Church.

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Finals

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respect between two of the tournament's top performers.

"The kid's an awesome kid and an awesome fighter," Sullivan said. "Once you're done in the ring and everything's settled, it's just cool to share a moment with a kid who you've trained so hard with and have just gone through a war with."

But still, despite all the pair's mutual admiration, there's no denying Sullivan's disappointment.

"It's devastating to lose something that I've poured so much into," he said. "That fight, it hurts to lose something like that because you keep thinking about all the little things you could have done differently that might have changed [the outcome]."

"Maybe in 20 years I'll look back and it'll be a positive experience, but man, it hurts right now."

130: Chris Izzaguirre def. Matthew Conti

In a very fast-paced opening fight, senior veteran Izzaguirre was able to hold off freshman Conti in the finals, picking up a split decision victory. Conti came out aggressively with quick punches right off the bat, but the fight was eventually slowed by a number of wrap ups in the first round, and neither established a clear advantage.

"I was a bit worried," Izzaguirre said of the decision. "You only remember being hit, not hitting the other guy."

Conti came out strong in the second, landing a good combo against the ropes to start. However, Izzaguirre was able to counter, coming out and landing a couple of strong right hooks throughout the second and third round.

"I kept telling myself, 'This is my last fight, this is my last chance to prove it,'" Izzaguirre said.

138: Chris Hartstein def. Bobby Powers

Hartstein used a fast start and a strong finish to defeat Powers, a novice boxer.

"At the end, he was getting tired, so I was able to counter his jabs with straight rights over the top," said Hartstein, who lost in the finals as a freshman a year ago. "That's how I won the fight."

As he did throughout the tournament, Hartstein began the fight on the offensive, going right at the taller Powers. A left jab-right hook combo sent Powers stumbling back in the first 10 seconds, but the freshman responded by landing several blows to keep it close.

In the second round, Powers was able to pick his spots, taking advantage of Hartstein's aggressiveness and using his reach to land jabs as Hartstein went for the knockout with a few big right hooks.

The third turned into a wrestling match as both fighters showed their fatigue by being content to go for the wrap-up instead of the big blow. The fast-paced first round caught up to both boxers, and even when Hartstein went on the offensive, he used Powers' body to brace himself. Still, only Hartstein was able to mount any attack whatsoever, and it gave him enough points to win in a split decision.

"I was alright [going into the fight], and I was more nervous last year," Hartstein said. "Going into the third, my corner said I had to win the round, and I came out strong and did it."

146: Tim Thayer def. Mark Costanzo

Continuing what he has done throughout the tournament, Tim Thayer was able to effectively use his right power punches against Mark Costanzo. Thayer rode the strategy to a unanimous victory.

"I got a little aggressive with [the

right hand] going for the knock-out," said Thayer. "But I was able to bounce back in the third round."

It was a match that showed contrasting styles. Costanzo had the edge in speed and agility, while Thayer showed the advantage in power. Thayer was able to land his right hand often enough to cause a standing eight count for Costanzo. But Costanzo was able to counter right back, cornering Thayer and landing punches at the end of the second.

155: Alex Gonzalez def. Mark Bennett

Alex Gonzalez only had one fight leading up to his final bout against Mark Bennett. Some would think the extra rest would be an advantage for him, but Gonzalez didn't think so.

"Everyone had a week off anyway," said Gonzalez, referring to the week of spring break that landed between the preliminary rounds and the semifinals. "The biggest thing was that I had a lot of spars coming in [during practice]."

Because of that, Gonzalez was able to overcome his lack of ring time and cruised to a unanimous win over Bennett. After an even first frame, Gonzalez went on the offensive in the second round, knocking Bennett's headgear loose and giving him a bloody nose. He landed numerous right hooks throughout the late second and early third round. More uppercuts from Gonzalez in the third led to multiple standing eight counts and all but sealed the win for Gonzalez.

157: Jim Devereaux def. Jordan Bucci

Round one started off as a little bit of a dance, with both fighters feeling each other out. Bucci was able to get close a couple of times and land a few punches to the body.

Round two saw a flurry of attacks from Bucci, which Devereaux was able to fight off with his superior reach. Devereaux countered with a few combinations to Bucci's head.

The third round saw both fighters taking the offensive with the hopes of taking control and earning the decision.

"Winning my division of the Bengal Bouts feels great," Devereaux said. "It mainly took a lot of exercise and a focus on the fundamentals that the captains teach all year that enabled me to be successful. The final was a very close match, but I was able to use my left to stay out of trouble. Bucci came hard all two minutes of each round and it was a fun match."

161: Dan Rodgers def. Matt Hopke

Dan Rodgers was able to overcome his fatigue and finish strong in order to gain a unanimous victory over Matt Hopke. Hopke came in with the advantage, being both tall and left-handed and it was expected that Hopke could keep Rodgers away because of that. However, an even first with a lot of energy and movement left both fighters gasping for air late in the second round.

With both fighters noticeably tired, Rodgers was able to slip underneath Hopke's punches in the third and get close to the lanky lefty. He landed enough punches in the third to take clear control of the fight and cruise the rest of the way to victory.

166: Joseph Meares def. Charlie Gough

Meares began the fight with some powerful rights to the side of Gough's head. Gough attempted to use his jab to keep Meares at arms length. Meares connected on a vicious right hook to Gough's head, which had Gough stunned.

Once the fight recommenced, Meares backed Gough up to the ropes with a flurry of fists and knocked him down. Gough kept

telling the referee that he wanted to continue, but the referee refused and then ended the fight a minute and a half into the round.

"Winning a championship in the Bengal Bouts is such an honor," Meares said. "I've never seen harder work ethics in my life, and I've been around a lot of sports and many great athletes. I have to give a lot of credit to Charlie as well, the ref was ready to stop the fight but he kept saying 'Let me go. Let me go.' I was really impressed by that, I'd hope that in the same situation I would have half the guts he showed on Friday night."

170: Bernardo Garcia def. Ben O'Brien

Freshman Bernardo Garcia was able to fend off veteran Ben O'Brien to come out on top in a unanimous decision. Garcia's main weapon was a punch not often seen by the amateurs in Bengal Bouts — the uppercut.

"Actually, I came into the fight not thinking that I was going to throw any uppercuts," said Garcia. "It opened up, so I used it."

Throughout the fight, Garcia was able to land his uppercut anytime O'Brien came in close. O'Brien attempted to counter by throwing quicker, straighter punches later in the fight, but he could never find a consistent counter that could stop Garcia from throwing the uppercut.

O'Brien made a comeback attempt in the third, but the early lead of Garcia was too much to overcome in the end.

170: Mike Lee def. Andres Villalba

Lee came right at Villalba, trying to surprise him with some quick combinations out of the gates. Villalba countered by landing several blows on Lee's body, as he began to back down Villalba into the corner. The second round began with a flurry from both fighters, with Villalba taking the brunt of it. Villalba was momentarily stunned while the ref made sure he could continue.

Lee stayed on the offensive and backed Villalba into the ropes, knocking him to his knees. Villalba continued to absorb punishment until the end of the round.

The third round saw Lee continue to attack, with Villalba countering with a few combinations. Things slowed down towards the end of the round with both fighters tiring.

"It was an unbelievable honor to win in a program as outstanding and rewarding as Bengal Bouts," Lee said. "Andres is a great fighter with fast, strong punches and a great all-around guy. It was weird going into the ring with a good friend like that, but I caught him with a few punches that made him dizzy and knocked him off his game-plan."

189: Alex Lough def. Leo Rubinkowski

Similar to the 161 finals, the 189 final match featured a tall left-hander, Leo Rubinkowski, against a shorter right-hander, Alex Lough. Much like in the 161 finals, the short righty won in a unanimous decision, despite his disadvantages.

"I knew he was going to be tough since he is so tall and left handed," Lough said.

"I was able to stay out of his range and block most of his punches and then get inside and land combos," Lough said.

Throughout the fight, Lough was able to use his power advantage and push Rubinkowski into the corner and against the ropes. But, Rubinkowski was generally able to fight his way out of trouble without too much damage.

The fight appeared about even until the late third, where Lough backed Rubinkowski against the ropes one final time and landed a big combination ending with a strong right hand.

206: Andrew Lorenz def. Pat Burns

The fight began with Lorenz coming out fast and attacking Burns with all he had. Burns absorbed the punishment, waiting

for Lorenz to tire. Lorenz took Burns to the ropes twice before Burns started to counterattack, landing several blows to Lorenz's head.

Round two saw things slow down and both fighters settled in. Lorenz took Burns to the ropes multiple times again, but Burns continued to make him pay the price for every step. Both fighters continue to land solid hooks to the opponent's head.

The end of the fight consisted of both fighters attempting to gain some last minute points by landing a few punches. Showing fatigue, both fighters began to lean against each other as the final bell rang, but the damage was already done, and Lorenz picked up the decision.

"I was a little bit more under control than Andrew [Lorenz] was," Burns said.

"He landed a lot more punches than I did. He didn't fall into a pattern and there was nothing for me to exploit. He just out-fought me."

Heavyweight: Will Bourroughs def. Kevin Crepeau

Bourroughs came into the heavyweight finals with two victories under his belt, both by knockout. Though freshman Kevin Crepeau did not end up on the mat, the referee stopped the fight in the third round, giving the match and the championship to Burroughs.

"I was able to catch a rhythm. I exploited his punches and hit him pretty hard," said Burroughs.

Crepeau, a talented rookie, simply could not match up to the size or power of Burroughs, a law school student. Crepeau was able to counter some of Burroughs' combinations early on, but as the fight wore on, Burroughs was able to land his big right power hand. He caused a number of standing eight counts, and after the third, the referee decided that Crepeau could not continue and gave the win to Burroughs.

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women's sabre, and sophomore Kelley Hurley won gold in women's epee.

Borrmann won 18 of her 23 pool bouts to finish in the top four and advance to the two-round tournament for the individual crown. There, she defeated Wayne State's Karolina Budna in the semifinal and Ohio State's Siobhan Byrne in the championship bout.

"Getting to the top four was nerve-racking," the freshman said. "After I made the top four, I was just like, 'I got this far; no point in being nervous now.'"

Hurley, the 2007 national runner-up, erased a two-touch deficit in the final nine seconds of her bizarre semifinal bout against Ohio State's Alexandra Obrazcova to advance to the title contest.

The referee issued yellow-card warnings for passivity to each of the fencers in the second of three 3-minute periods. With the score tied in the third period, the referee once again found the fencers to have violated the rules meant to encourage action and, according to national fencing rules, sent the bout into a one-minute final period.

Hurley won the draw for priority in that period — meaning if the score remained tied at the end of the minute of action, she would earn the victory. But Obrazcova took a 7-5 lead and held it there when there was a stoppage of action with nine seconds remaining. After the referee resumed the bout, Hurley closed to 7-6 with three seconds left and tied it at 7-7 with only one second remaining. When time ran out with the score knotted, Hurley advanced to the final.

She then beat Reka Szele of St. John's to capture the title.

The tournament began Thursday with 14 bouts for all 72 fencers in the three women's draws. Ohio State raced out to a strong lead, but Notre Dame chipped away Friday behind Hurley's near-perfect performance.

The sophomore lost her first three bouts on Thursday but got off to a quick start Friday — literally. Her teammates woke her up at 8:15 a.m. — an hour after her alarm was supposed to wake her — and she scrambled to make the team bus to Ohio State's French Field House.

For Hurley, that was quite all right.

"I felt so much better with an extra hour of sleep," she said.

By Friday afternoon, Ohio State led Notre Dame 101-98, and Columbia was a distant third with 82 pool bout victories.

Irish junior Adrienne Nott finished fourth and freshman Hayley Reese was 11th in foil. Fellow freshman Ewa Nelip took the bronze medal and classmate Eileen Hassett was fifth in women's sabre.

Notre Dame erased Ohio State's lead early Saturday, and the teams exchanged the lead much of the afternoon.

When Sunday arrived, the Buckeyes clung to their two-bout lead.

Ohio State's two male epeeists — Jason Pryor and Sean Harden — were in a group of three with Penn's Benjamin Wieder. That trio faced the trio of Irish senior Greg Howard, Irish junior Karol Kostka and eventual individual champion Slava Zingerman of Wayne State in Sunday's first round.

The Irish and the Buckeyes evenly split their matches against each other, but Notre Dame entered the lead thanks to Zingerman's victories over both Ohio State epeeists and the wins of Howard and Kostka over Wieder.

The Irish contingent in attendance — including fencers who didn't qualify and the women who had finished competing — set off a ruckus with loud chants and hollers that drew a near deafening retort from the Buckeye squad, three score strong.

The reaction to those early bouts paralleled the reality of the fencing: Notre Dame could strike early, but this was Ohio State's day, and the Buckeyes would take control.

Ohio State stormed back and separated itself over the next two rounds from the Irish. The Buckeyes' surge — along with Notre Dame's inexperience — gave Ohio State the decisive margin for the national title.

"Our team didn't stand the pressure that they are getting in the lead now," Bednarski said. "They couldn't finish."

At 11:47 — little over an hour after Notre Dame's jubilant start to the finale — Pryor clinched the title for the Buckeyes with a win in epee.

Howard and Kostka both finished with 13 victories, but Howard earned eighth place — and second-team All-American honors — thanks to his edge over Kostka in overall touch differential, known in fencing as the "indicator."

Irish freshman Barron Nydam earned sixth and junior Billy Thanouser took 13th in men's sabre. Freshman Steve Kubik took eighth in men's foil, and classmate Zach Schirtz was 11th in that event.

"It was a very tough competition," said Bednarski, who admitted to hiding his emotions during the final two days to set a cool example for his team. "One of the toughest I've had in my life."

Total Points

Ohio State 185, Notre Dame 176, Columbia 158, Penn State 155, St. John's 145, Harvard 101.

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Denver

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forward Will Thomas, one of only 16 Division I players to average at least 15 points and 10 rebounds per game this season.

But Irish point guard Tory Jackson said Notre Dame is more concerned with its own play than its opponent.

"We didn't really want to worry about who we played," he said. "We just wanted to worry about our mindset.... You gotta be hungry."

Jackson's backcourt-mate Kyle McAlarney will make his first appearance in the Big Dance after missing the end of last sea-

son due to a university suspension for possession of marijuana.

"I was very excited the whole day," McAlarney said. "I was very excited considering where I was last year, missing out on this whole experience."

The Irish are coming off a loss to Marquette in the quarterfinals of the Big East tournament, but sophomore forward Luke Harangody said their focus is squarely on the upcoming weekend.

"That was a disappointment for us to lose in our first game there in New York," Harangody said. "But I think... it would be better to make a run in this Tournament than in the Big East tournament."

"We just wanted to worry about our mindset.... You gotta be hungry."

Tory Jackson
Irish guard

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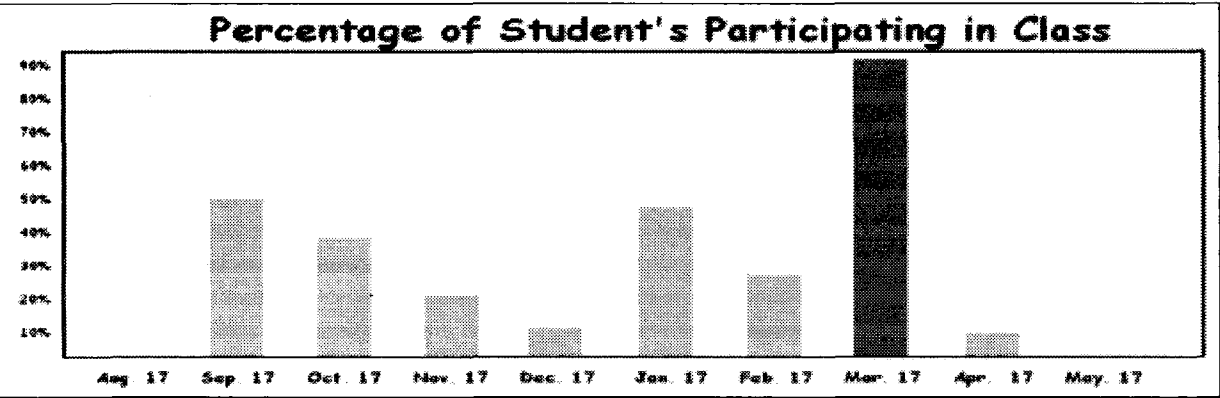
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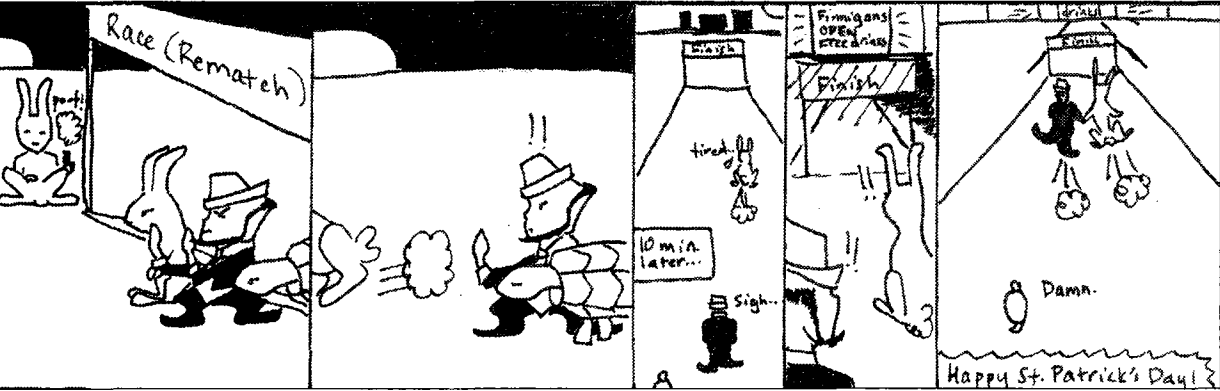
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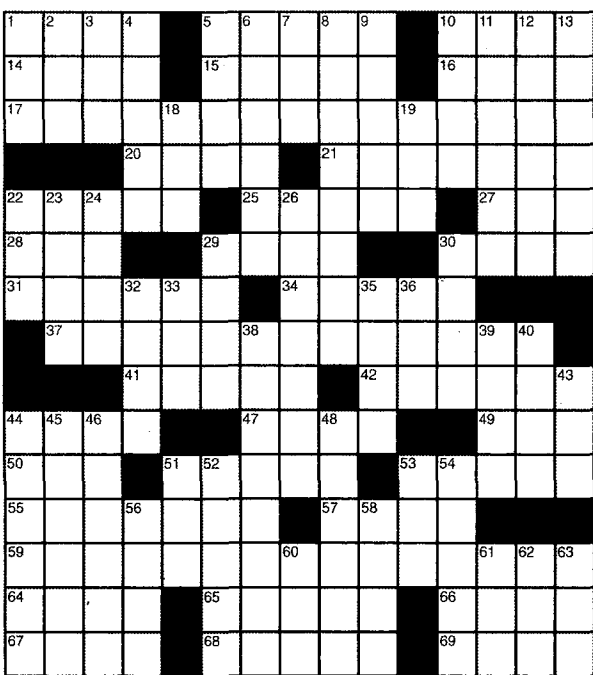
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- 28 Had dinner
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- 30 Coarse file
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be on edge, waiting for things to go wrong or backfire. Your overreacting will cause the biggest setbacks, so refuse to let anyone or anything get to you. Anger, jealousy and stubbornness will work against you. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Take action and start the ball rolling. If there is someone you want to hook up with, put in a call or, if you want to make changes to your home or update your look, today is a great time to begin. Aim for whatever target you set. 4 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): There may be too much going on for you to stay in control. Give your undivided attention to what's most important to you. If you spread yourself too thin, you will fall short of your goals. Criticism can be expected. 5 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let your emotions get the better of you when there is so much going your way. Love, intrigue, travel and a multitude of exciting activities should lead to a very interesting day. Get out and get moving. Plan a passionate evening that will please the one you love. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep everything aboveboard. You don't want to be caught in a lie or questioned about something that may not have been done to proper specifications. Tread carefully, especially around partners or those who can influence your future. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Doors are opening and favors will be granted. Mingle, run your ideas by friends, socialize and take an active role in your community. Love is in the stars and, if you put a little effort into making someone happy, you will get the same in return. 4 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You will cause a ruckus if you are too friendly with too many people. Loyalty will count for something today so don't play with other people's emotions. A personal loss is evident. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A creative twist will give you the edge you need. Don't let someone's emotional hold on you stop you from continuing with your plans. False information may deter you from doing what's right. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): If you let others meddle in your affairs, it will work against you. Keep your personal thoughts and plans a secret. When the time is right, you can move forward without criticism. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You can stabilize your position, your finances and your plans to secure your personal and professional life. You will have some interesting ideas that, if launched properly, can make you a handsome profit. Someone from your past is still interested in a future with you. 3 stars

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FENCING

Buckeyes spoil NCAA Championship dreams

By KEN FOWLER
Senior Sports Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Notre Dame coach Janusz Bednarski knew something — or, rather, someone — had to give.

Ohio State had taken an early lead Thursday in the NCAA Championships, but Notre Dame

stormed back Friday and was within three bouts of the Buckeyes after two of the event's four days.

The Irish seized the momentum and took the lead Saturday with the beginning of the men's competition, only to hand control back over to the host Buckeyes by that afternoon.

An emotional start to the final rounds early Sunday then made

Notre Dame seem ready to parry and riposte with favored Ohio State.

The teams duelled for position, but, just as Bednarski suspected would happen, someone eventually gave.

Unfortunately for the Irish, it was them.

Ohio State tore through its opponents, Notre Dame faltered and

the Buckeyes captured the national title with a decisive 185-176 edge over the freshman-laden Irish.

"Our loss today — I will say it is not a loss," Bednarski said. "I will say it shows where we are. We are the second best team in the nation. How long it takes us to be first, that is the question."

For this Irish team, as Bednarski

hinted, anything short of a national title is at least a disappointment — even for the squad with freshmen occupying seven of its 12 spots in the NCAA Championships.

Still, the Irish had their successes.

Freshman Sarah Borrmann captured the individual title in

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HOCKEY

Biting the Bulldogs

Irish upend Ferris State in best-of-three series

By MATT GAMBER and SAM WERNER
Sports Writers

Finally, Notre Dame can breathe.

After recording a sub-.500 record since Christmas during a disappointing second-half, and after losing Friday's opener to Ferris State in the best-of-three CCHA quarterfinal series, much-maligned No. 12 Notre Dame (24-14-4) has finally earned the weekend getaway it's been fighting for since October.

With wins on Saturday and Sunday nights, the Irish came back to take the series and advance to Detroit's Joe Louis Arena, where they get a chance to defend their conference title.

"Growing up as a kid, I was a big [Colorado] Avalanche fan, so I'd always watch the Avalanche play at The Joe," junior goalie

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Irish freshman forward Calle Ridderwall shoots on goal against Ferris State in a 2-1 Notre Dame win on Sunday. The victory propelled the Irish past the Bulldogs in the quarterfinals of the CCHA playoffs.

Heart, passion both present in series win

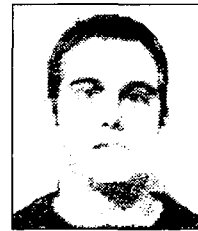
The North Dome was barely three-quarters full Sunday night, but its high, open spaces were rocking like an Original Six rink.

The student section was interspersed with the brown splashes of empty seats, but after Notre Dame executed its last penalty kill with less than two minutes left, the Joyce Center seemed to have the capacity of the Stadium.

For the second straight year, the Irish are headed to The Joe.

For those who saw the Irish lose 2-1 to Ferris State on Friday night in the first game of the best-

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Kyle Cassily

Senior Sports Writer

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Team picks up a 5-seed, will face George Mason

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's hopes were a mile high Sunday after the Irish learned they will head to Denver for the regional portion of the NCAA Tournament.

"We're gonna go to Denver and let it rip in the Rocky Mountains," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "We're not holding back. I think that's how this group has played most of the year — attacking and going for it."

The Irish are the No. 5 in the Charlotte region and will take on Colonial Athletic Conference champion George Mason — the No. 12 seed — in the first round Thursday.

If Notre Dame can defeat the Patriots they will move on to play Saturday against either Washington State or Winthrop. Last year, Winthrop knocked the

Irish out of the Tournament in the first round of play.

"I feel like we'll just approach the game a little bit differently [this year]," senior captain Rob Kurz said. "I feel like having played in the Tournament last year, I think we know what we need to do to be a little bit more successful and to win a first-round game.... I feel like our experience last year really helped us."

Two seasons ago, George Mason gave new meaning to the term 'Cinderella team' when they made a run to the Final Four as the No. 11 seed.

"We understand with George Mason you have a team that has remnants of a Final Four run, a team that knows how to win," Brey said. "Basically, it's like a Big East game, preparing for this basketball team."

The Patriots are led by senior

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BENGAL BOUTS

Perez becomes 3-time champ

By MATT GAMBER, ANDY ZICCARELLI and JARED JEDICK
Sports Writers

Perez narrowly defeated Sullivan by split decision in this highly anticipated match-up of reigning champions that certainly lived up to its billing as the "fight of the night."

"I felt pain. My lungs were burning and it hurt a lot," said Perez, a junior who has now won titles at 130, 140 and 149 pounds. "It was definitely my toughest fight ever. He did what he had to do to win the fight, but it was just my night. I can't describe it in words; all the hard work just paid off."

The smaller, quicker Perez established an early advantage, landing the fight's first few shots with a couple of big right hooks. Sullivan responded, connecting on a few left-right combos that put Perez on the defensive but didn't appear to rattle him.

"He's a hard kid to fight, and he



Junior Kris Perez parries a jab from senior captain Lawrence Sullivan in Perez's championship victory Friday.

probably took me out of my fight [plan] a little bit because of how quick and strong he is," Sullivan said. "I thought I could shed his punches just with my hands, so I didn't move as much and stayed more relaxed than I probably should have."

Once the fight ended, not only

did the fighters share an embrace (as is common between two boxers who have trained together for several months), but Sullivan also walked over to Perez's corner as the scores were being tabulated in another demonstration of the

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