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Law profs anticipate Supreme Court case

Justices' decision on Gonzales v. Carhart could have major effect on current abortion law

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

With the U.S. Supreme Court poised to hear a case challenging a federal partial birth abortion act, Notre Dame legal experts say the case may seriously affect current abortion law and the future of abortion-related jurisprudence.

The Court said on Feb. 21 it will hear the case Gonzales v. Carhart and decide upon the constitutionality of the federal Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003.

The 2003 act bans late-term abortions in which a viable fetus is partially delivered before being aborted, except in cases when necessary to save the mother's life.

It does not, however, include an exception for the health of the mother — the point that led an appellate court to rule it unconstitutional.

Gonzales will give the Court an opportunity to reconsider its 5-4 decision to strike down a Nebraska law banning partial birth abortions in the 2000 case Stenberg v. Carhart — a possibility political science professor Donald Kommers said makes Gonzales a very significant case.

"A reversal of that decision would result in effectively sustaining the constitutionality of similar statutes passed by many other states," Kommers said Friday.

The Stenberg ruling struck down 30 state partial birth abortion bans because although they allowed for an exception if needed to save the life of the mother — like the federal act — there was no exception made for the mother's health, law professor O. Carter Snead said Friday.

In its monumental 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion, the Court said any limit on abortion must include exceptions for both the health and the life of the mother. In Doe v. Bolton — Roe's companion decision — Snead said the Court defined health expansively so that it encompasses many factors only tangentially related to a woman's physical health.

"The bottom line," Snead said, "is the state and federal government may not ban abortions before viability,"

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New leaders set goals for the year

At ND, Shappell and Andrichik promise 'proactive' leadership

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Student body president Lizzi Shappell and student body vice president Bill Andrichik savored the first day of their term in sweatpants as they settled into their new offices Saturday as the chief leaders of the student body.

"I think it's gonna take a few days for it to sink in that it's Bill and I and not [former student body president] Dave [Baron] and I, which has been the norm for me," said Shappell, who was student body vice president under Baron. "We've taken over [at] a time where there's some big issues."

The former co-rec football teammates describe their administration as a "working

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Above, CLAIRE KELLEY; Below, KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Above, ND student body vice president Bill Andrichik, left, and student body president Lizzi Shappell talk about their plans for the year. Below, SMC student body vice president Maggie Siefert, left, and student body president Susan McIlduff discuss long-term goals.

SMC's McIlduff and Siefert hope for more student feedback

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Saturday's student government turnover marked a new era of leadership at Saint Mary's as junior Susan McIlduff and sophomore Maggie Siefert took over as student body president and vice president.

The traditional April 1 turnover marked the end of senior Kellye Mitros' presidency and the beginning of McIlduff's term leading the student body after serving as student body vice president for the past year.

McIlduff, a business and communication studies double major from Leetonia, Ohio and student body vice president Siefert, a sophomore studio art major with an education endorsement from Lisle, Ill. said their

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Students seek jobs for break

Center can help find last-minute options

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

While many Notre Dame students have already landed internships in their hometowns, in new cities, or even in foreign countries, it isn't too late to find the perfect summer job.

Susanne Thorup, manager of internship development at the Career Center, said while most employers have already hired their interns for the summer, some are still looking for qualified students to fill positions.

"It's the end of recruiting season, but we can still help students tap into lots of resources," Thorup said. "There are still lots of local internships available for students who will be staying on campus this summer."

Hundreds of employers have interviewed students on campus in the Career Center during the past few months, Thorup said. Most of those were for business majors, but the Career Center prides itself on its wide variety of resources for all majors, particularly on its Web site, she said.

The Web site features GoIrish, a database where students can search for hundreds of internships across the country, and Hot Internships, a site focusing on particular internships that might attract students.

Summer internships are not limited to business majors and those in other career-specific fields, Thorup said.

"We have helped students find all types of internships,"

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Holtz speaks to full house on competition, Catholicism

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Senior Staff Writer

Greeted on stage by a hearty "Lou, Lou" chant, the man who coached the Irish to their most recent national football championship told his audience in Stepan Center Friday night that Catholics must approach their faith life with the same dedication and perseverance as an athlete on a field.

As individuals in the roughly 300-member audience snapped pictures, Lou Holtz said both faith and athletic pursuits require "total commitment." He encouraged his listeners to let go of past mistakes and focus on the possibilities of the future.

"I don't worry about the past because God forgives the past ... and I don't worry about the future because I know what is going to happen if I [live my] life the right way," Holtz said.

Addressing the theme of the evening — Catholicism and competition — Holtz said he does not see a conflict but rather a strong correlation between the two. Becoming a successful athlete and a Catholic takes sacrifice and discipline, Holtz said.

"You are going to do without things other people do," Holtz said.

Holtz described how on the eve of Notre Dame's 1988 matchup against rival USC in Los Angeles he suspended his two biggest offensive threats, Ricky Watters and Tony Brooks, for disciplinary reasons.

"The next morning we put them on the plane. I told myself, 'Lou Holtz, that was a mistake. Next time I will put them on the bus.'

"That's Notre Dame. Notre Dame stands for something. When they say something they mean it. It all goes back to discipline."

In 1987, as the team prepared

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Former Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz shares coaching stories Friday in a talk at the Stepan Center.

Inside Column

Project takes you state by state

Jarred Wafer

Graphics Designer

He is a Michigan native who claims to be a graphic designer, an amateur seamster, a crocheter of ski caps and a writer of short fiction. He played whistles for the Michigan folk quartet, Marzuki, and released a noise pop electronica album inspired by the Animals of the Chinese Zodiac.

He has released four other solo albums that he recorded, produced, and engineered all but one ("Seven Swans"), and he is a man who also plays most of 20 or more instruments incorporated into his music.

Many of you have heard his successful and very hyped indie album "Illinois," the second installation of his epic conception — a CD about each of the 50 states that aims to capture different experiences, histories, and feelings of each region through music.

He is Sufjan Stevens.

"Illinois" is the second release of Sufjan's 50 state project, the first embracing his home state, Michigan ("Greetings from Michigan, The Great Lakes State"). Stevens draws from personal experiences, state heritage, regional history, and political and social issues for his "Greetings from Michigan, the Great Lakes State" with songs about snowmobiles, Henry Ford, the Detroit Race Riots and love.

He has said he plans on approaching other states by doing a lot of observing, listening and research and then using personal experiences, relationships and history along with borrowing stereotypes — the same stuff he says he does for fiction writing.

Sufjan is passing on history through the oral tradition of song, which is such a rich and mystic way to tell a culture about itself. It's not a textbook or a movie, but it's personal interspection about coming to terms with being america in a way that is "a serious effort to combine history and myth and geographical color with stories in song."

Sufjan wants to expand the project into other forms. He is contemplating a Christmas CD most likely for Vermont, and an EP or split 7-inch for Rhode Island.

Which state will come next is a mystery to us all, and if it is even possible to put out 50 releases, as this concept has eagerly claimed, it is absolutely ridiculous. This is a monumental artistic endeavor that I promise will be nothing short of brilliant. I know that I am going to buy each release, and I'll be waiting anxiously for California.

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Corrections

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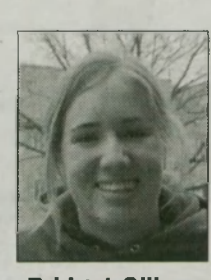
Question of the Day: *What do you expect from the new student government administration?*

Brandon Faus
sophomore Morrissey
"The demolition of Morrissey."

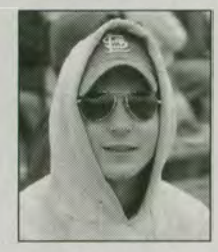
Tom Hoffman
freshman O'Neill
"Wise decisions."

Sarah Boeding
freshman Pangborn
"Better Grab-and-Go."



Bridget Gilloon
freshman Pangborn
"Better weather."

Alex Vossler
sophomore Stanford
"A guaranteed national championship in football."



Jack Laskowitz
senior Dillon
"I like puppies."

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Sophomores Randy Rainosek, left, and Jason Wittenbach rehearse a scene from the play "Miseria e Nobilta" on March 30 in O'Shaughnessy Hall. The Italian department offers a two-credit class that puts on a play. Performances will take place on April 28 and 29.

Offbeat

Thief apprehended by sumo wrestlers

OSAKA, Japan — A Japanese burglar who thought he was lucky to find an unlocked door was shocked to be arrested by 20 massive sumo wrestlers who were staying at the building.

Konoshin Kawabata, 48, was rummaging inside a room in Osaka in the early hours when he was suddenly confronted by wrestler Dewanosato, who stands 180 centimetres and weighs 131 kilograms.

"Without thinking, my body moved," Dewanosato, whose real name is Hideyuki Kawahara, said. "I caught the guy and bear-hugged him."

It was a citizen's arrest, said a police spokesman.

"Mr Dewanosato immediately shouted out 'Hey!' and 'Burglar!' as he arrested the man. Then the other wrestlers woke up and came out to check things out," the spokesman said.

Successful dieters chow down on giant salad

GARY, W.Va. — What better "weigh" to mark the loss of 500 pounds than a 500-pound salad.

The massive salad contained 110 heads of lettuce, 165 pounds of carrots and about 120 cucumbers, and was prepared in a swimming pool.

It took about 2 1/2 hours to prepare and a hungry crowd gobbled it up in about four hours Thursday, said Cheryl Mitchem, coordinator of the weight management program through the Tug River Health Association.

Mitchem said the salad represented the total pounds lost by about 27 people over a five-month period that ended March 1.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

In Brief

Yolanda Martinez-San Miguel, graduate chair for Spanish, will give a lecture titled **"Travesias: Imagining the Hispanic Caribbean from the Diaspora" Tuesday** at **5 p.m.** in **200 McKenna Hall**. The lecture is part of the **Spring 2006 Hispanic Caribbean Lecture Series "Encuentro Caribeño: Puerto Rico isla frontera"** sponsored by the Institute for **Latino Studies**.

Father Willy Raymond, national director of Catholic production company Family Theater Productions, will give a lecture titled **"Young Catholic Hollywood" Tuesday** at **7:30 p.m.** in **127 Hayes-Healy Hall**. It is part of the **Center for Ethics and Culture's Spring Catholic Series "Hollywood: Mission Field or Mission Impossible?"**

The **Annual Archbishop Romero Mass**, in honor of **Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero**, will be celebrated **Tuesday** at **4 p.m.** in the **Church of Loretto** at **Saint Mary's College**.

On **Wednesday, Hector Dad Hirezi**, former deputy in the Salvadoran Assembly, will give a lecture on Romero titled **"Un hombre de Fe en Jesus de Nasaret"** at **8 p.m.** in the **Hesburgh Center Auditorium**.

Barry Sharpless, the 2001 Nobel Prize winner in chemistry, will speak on **"Organic Azides: Later Bloomers" Wednesday** at **4 p.m.** in **127 Nieuwland Science Hall**.

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

Local Weather

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HIGH	48	42	48	56	60	56
LOW	30	28	32	40	49	40

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Africa Week set to begin today

Banquet, speakers, Mass meant to raise awareness and money for region

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Created to educate Notre Dame students about the political and economic struggles of the African continent, Africa Week 2006 kicks off today with a full schedule of speakers and cultural events.

This is the second year for Africa Week, which is put on by Notre Dame's African Faith and Justice Network along with the African Student Association. The African Faith and Justice Network was formed last spring with the goal of raising money for African causes.

"We think there is an interest among students for these issues, but not a lot of places for students to learn about them," said Laura Feeney, co-president and co-founder of the African Faith and Justice Network.

"It doesn't matter if it is far away or if they have different backgrounds — they are still fellow Catholics and fellow people."

Laura Feeney
co-president and co-founder
African Faith and Justice Network

Feeney highlighted the Hunger Banquet for Famine in East Africa and "Mourning a Genocide and Stopping One-Rwanda and Darfur" — the two events of Africa Week she thought would be most vital in addressing the crisis in Africa to students.

The Hunger Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Coleman Morse Lounge. Attendees are asked to make a $5 donation, and proceeds from the banquet will go directly to Oxfam famine relief efforts in East Africa.

The other keynote event, "Mourning Genocide and Stopping One," will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Center for Social Concerns Coffeehouse. The lecture will mark the 12th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide and will address its national and international consequences. It will also focus on the current genocide in Darfur and what steps can be taken to stop it.

In addition to these events, Thomas Mambro, president of the African Student Association, highlighted "Burudika," a night of African style performances, as an important and entertaining cultural event.

The African Student Association is organizing the show that will feature three professional performances, and it will begin at 7 p.m. Friday in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Other events during the week include a special Africa Mass in Dillon Hall Chapel and lectures featuring topics such as trade policies and self-determination in Africa.

Sponsors of Africa Week are the Center for Social Concerns, Student Government, the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Department of Africana Studies, the Office of the President, Student Activities, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the College of Arts and Letters, the Mendoza College of Business and International Students Services and Activities.

Feeney said the week is important to Notre Dame and its students because of its Catholic character.

"One of the reasons for the week is the fact Catholic bishops called Americans to stand in solidarity with Africa," Feeney said.

"It doesn't matter if it is far away or if they have different backgrounds — they are still fellow Catholics and fellow people. There are many Catholics, as well as others, in dire situations that we need to do something about," she added.

Feeney said Americans have the power to change their government's policies toward Africa and to demand more assistance.

"We have the ability to lobby our government to help people out of poverty and to stop wars," she said.

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Research sheds light on antibiotic function

Special to The Observer

For nearly half a century, scientists have known that bacteria possess a cell wall. Since the health and integrity of the cell wall are critical to the survival of these organisms, it is not surprising that many antibiotics work by either impairing biosynthesis of the cell wall, or simply bind to it to inhibit its full structural maturation.

Now, a new research study led by Notre Dame chemist Shahriar Mobashery has provided, for the first time, a clear understanding of the structure of peptidoglycan, the building unit of the cell wall. This knowledge has led to a three-dimensional depiction of the cell wall structure itself, which has, in turn, contributed to an understanding of how certain antibiotics interfere with the functioning of the cell wall.

Roughly 50 years ago, scientists determined that the cell wall of bacteria consists of peptidoglycan, a mesh-like network. Peptidoglycan is the building block of the bacterial cell wall and neighboring peptidoglycans undergo a so-called "cross-linking" reaction to generate the rigid entity known as the cell wall. Since bacteria cannot regulate their internal pressure, bacterial cells would burst apart and die if cross-linking did not occur.

Although scientists recognized the critical role peptidogylcan plays in the bacterial cell wall, they have been unable to determine its exact three-dimensional structure.

"Samples of peptidogylcan did not exist in either sufficient purity or quantity for researchers to be able to describe its structure and that of the bacterial cell wall," said Mobashery, the Navari Family Professor of Life Sciences.

Mobashery and his team were able to finally characterize the framework of peptidoglycan by developing, through a painstaking 37-step procedure, a synthetic fragment of the cell wall in a lab. And, through extensive studies of the fragment, the researchers were able to characterize the structure of the cell wall.

The breakthrough reveals what the cell wall looks like and provides insights into how ß-lactam (e.g., penicillin) and glycopeptide (e.g., vancomycin) antibiotics are able to impair the bacterial cell wall.

"For the first time, we can visualize how this entity that is critical for the survival of bacteria looks and operates," Mobashery said. "And, as the old saying goes, a picture is as good as a thousand words."

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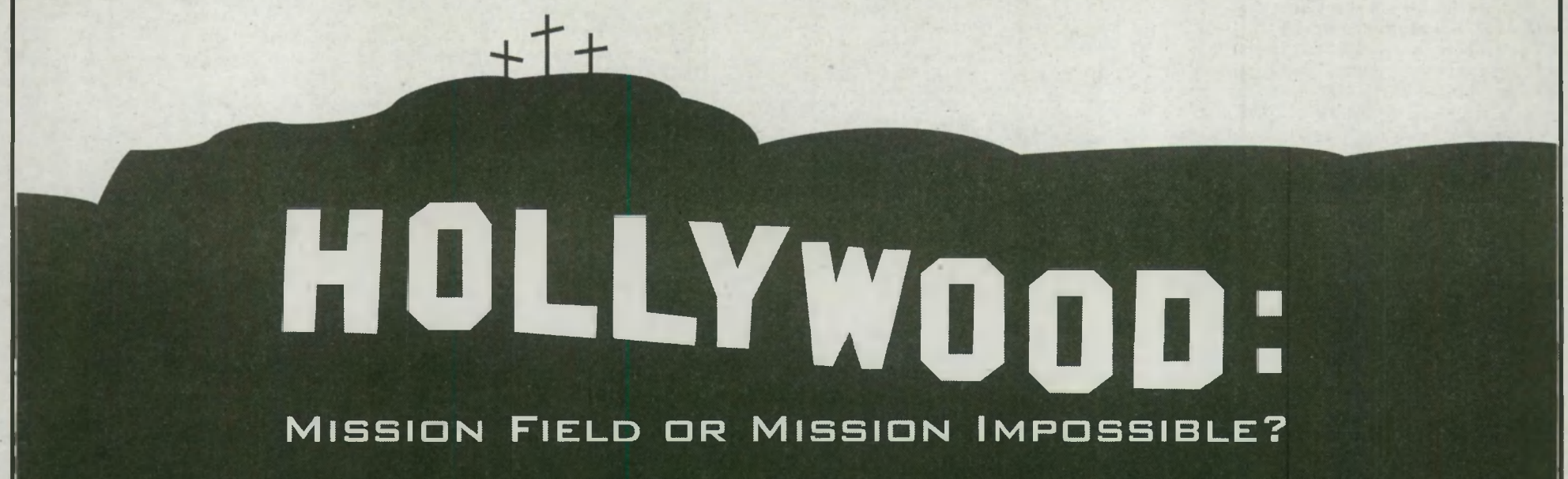

HOLLYWOOD:

MISSION FIELD OR MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?

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Tuesday, April 4

"Young Catholic Hollywood"

Fr. Willy Raymond, CSC

Family Theater Productions
Hollywood, CA

Family Theater Productions is a Catholic media production house founded by Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC.

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Monday, April 10

"De-Coding Da Vinci:
The Facts behind the Fiction of *The Da Vinci Code*"

Amy Welborn

Catholic author
and Open Book *blogger*

DeBartolo Hall Room 155

Thursday, April 27

"Why Does God Care About Hollywood?
The Role of Entertainment in Human Life"

Barbara Nicolosi

Act One, Inc.
Hollywood, CA

Act One, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that trains people of faith for careers in mainstream film and TV.

DeBartolo Hall Room 155

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which is the point of development at which a fetus is capable of living outside the uterus.

"After viability, they cannot ban abortions if an abortion provider claims that the procedure in question is necessary to preserve any aspect of the woman's well being – financial, psychological or familial."

The state abortion bans struck down in Stenberg did not include exceptions for health both because such an exemption has been found unnecessary and because it would severely constrain the practical effects of a ban.

"Health is [currently] defined so broadly that it prevents the political branches from limiting abortion at all," Snead said. "The American Medical Association has stated that partial birth abortion is 'not good medicine' and is never necessary to preserve the health of a woman."

In deciding Gonzales, the Court may choose to redefine health — a definition Snead said is the single most important factor in abortion decisions — in a more "commonsense way."

With its recent additions of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, the Court is likely to uphold the federal act and overturn Stenberg, both professors said. Alito, who Kommers and Snead said will likely vote to uphold the federal ban, replaced Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who voted with the majority in Stenberg to strike down the state ban.

"I think it's likely the Court will overturn Stenberg in a 5-4 decision," Snead said, adding that the question considered in deciding relevant cases is always what the Constitution requires in the abortion context.

The Court is unlikely to admit to making a mistake in its Stenberg decision, Kommers said, but "in some matters, the Court is more deferential to congressional than to state laws."

"I think here the Court will defer to Congress' judgment on the matter because of its superior fact-finding capabilities, findings of fact that in effect conclude that a ban on partial birth abortion poses no real threat to the health of the pregnant woman," he said.

The case, Snead and Kommers agreed, may have an extremely significant impact upon the future of constitutional law.

If Stenberg is overturned, "the elected branches of government will, for the first time in 33 years, have an opportunity to impose meaningful limitations on abortions," Snead said.

An overruling of Stenberg would undermine Roe because the latter decision prohibited bans on abortions in the third trimester if they were needed to preserve the mother's life or health, Kommers said.

"The case would result in the further hollowing out of the Roe case," he said.

The Court is expected to reach a decision sometime in the fall.

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she said. "Some internships are more competitive than others, but it depends on what type of internship you want to do."

As a result of such fierce competition, some students Thorup worked with this year applied for up to 50 internships apiece.

"Paid internships are generally more competitive than unpaid internships, but we've found that there is also a high demand for unpaid ones."

Susanne Thorup
manager of internship development
Career Center

Thorup said the Career Center has helped students find jobs for this summer in museums, research laboratories, film and television and even the not-for-profit sector.

"Paid internships are generally more competitive than unpaid internships, but we've found that there is also a high demand for unpaid ones," Thorup said.

In addition to poring through the Career Center's Web sites and pamphlets, many students have applied for Summer Service internships through the Center for Social Concerns. Each summer, the CSC offers both domestic and international service opportunities for Notre Dame students.

Andrea Smith-Shappell, director of Summer Service Learning and Alumni Relations at the Center for Social Concerns, said this summer over 200 students will be working for non-profit agencies in "every major city and beyond" through the CSC's Summer Service Learning Program. Students will work in schools, hospitals, reservations and hurricane relief on the Gulf Coast.

"Some internships are related to students' majors and some are not," Smith-Shappell said. "Students really want to be involved in direct service."

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Andrea Smith-Shappell
director
Summer Service Learning

Participants in the domestic Summer Service Learning Program receive $2,300 scholarships from sponsoring Notre Dame Alumni clubs, and some students may qualify for additional grants from AmeriCorps.

The Summer Service Learning Program has been in place for 26 years, while the International Summer Service Learning Program began in the last decade. The international program has "grown exponentially" in terms of the number of service sites and the number of students interested, Smith-Shappell said.

Josh Hoen, a junior economics and political science major, will spend his summer in the West African nation of Ghana. He applied and was accepted to go through the CSC's competitive International Summer Service Program application process.

"I'm going because I like traveling and Ghana is something that I really care a lot about," Hoen said.

In Ghana, Hoen and another student, junior Morgan Dill, will work with children in primary education and teach computer skills to adults. They will also write grants for service organizations in Ghana and teach others to write grants.

To prepare for the summer, Hoen said he and other ISSP students participated in a retreat and must take a one credit class called Global Issues this spring. In the months leading up to his departure, Hoen said he must receive required immunizations and attend lectures about African issues.

"I'm trying to familiarize myself with the culture so I'll be ready when I get there," Hoen said.

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7	Caitlin Brodenwkel	Environments of Ecuador
8	Mary Kate Dailey	Rome, Italy
9	Leda Depalma	Business Internships in the European Union
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. diplomatic policies criticized

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh criticized the United States on Sunday for restricting diplomatic ties with the Hamas government, saying his people were being punished for electing the militant Islamic group.

Seeking to end chaos in the Gaza Strip, Palestinian Interior Minister Said Siyam pledged the new government would pacify the area but appealed for patience. "Let them bear with us for a year," he said. Four people were killed and 36 wounded in unrest over the weekend.

The United States said Friday that American diplomats have been forbidden to make contact with officials in any Palestinian government agency controlled by Hamas, whose charter calls for Israel's destruction. The Islamic group's new Cabinet controls every ministry.

Three killed in bus bombing

ISTANBUL, Turkey — A group of men stopped a passenger bus and tossed gasoline bombs at it, sending the vehicle careening into pedestrians and killing three in Turkey's largest city on Sunday as pro-Kurdish riots continued to spread.

In the country's heavily Kurdish southeast, a pro-Kurdish demonstrator was killed, and local officials blamed police for his death.

Clashes between Kurdish demonstrators and security forces have spread from the southeast to Istanbul, which has a large Kurdish population.

In the attack in Istanbul's Bagcilar district, the driver reversed his flaming vehicle onto a sidewalk after the bombing, running down a group of people nearby, police said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Identity theft study figures released

WASHINGTON — An estimated 3.6 million U.S. households — or about three out of every 100 — reported being victims of identity theft, according to a government study that counted misuse of someone else's cell phone, credit card or personal information.

The figures released Sunday by the Justice Department differ from findings of a previous government study that counted 9.3 million victims of the crime.

The department said the most frequent victims of identity theft were households headed by people age 18 to 24; those in urban or suburban areas; and those with incomes of at least $75,000.

Two killed, four missing in car crash

HENDERSON, Ky. — Police found the bodies of two women Sunday inside a sport utility vehicle that had plunged into the Ohio River, and were searching for four men a survivor said also were in the SUV.

A woman who managed to swim to shore told police she was riding in the vehicle when her friend drove down a boat ramp into the water around 2:30 a.m.

Jamie Rakestrew, 26, said she and her friends met the men at a bar and were giving them a ride, but she did not know their names, officials said.

LOCAL NEWS

Workers confused by time change

CRANE, Ind. — For the 5,000 or so people who work at Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center, Sunday's time-change poses a big question: What time to report to work starting Monday?

The recent time zone boundary changes for southwestern Indiana moved Crane — which is southern Indiana's second-largest employer — into the Central Time Zone.

But most of its workers live in the Eastern Time Zone.

VATICAN CITY

Pope John Paul II remembered

Thousands gather to mark the first anniversary of his death with a prayer vigil

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Tens of thousands of people clutching candles filled St. Peter's Square on Sunday to mark the first anniversary of Pope John Paul II's death with a prayer vigil that culminated with a blessing by the current pontiff.

Polish flags fluttered in the cool evening breeze, the candles twinkled and a choir sang hymns during the vigil, which ended with the blessing by Benedict XVI at 9:37 p.m. — the moment the Polish pope died a year ago.

The scene resembled that before John Paul passing, when pilgrims from around the world prayed beneath his studio apartment windows.

"He continues to be present in our minds and our hearts; he continues to communicate his love for God and his love for man, he continues to arouse in everyone, especially the young, enthusiasm for goodness and the courage to follow Jesus and his teachings," Benedict told the crowd, which he joined in reciting the rosary from one of the windows.

In his message, which was broadcast via videolink to Krakow, Poland, Benedict recalled his predecessor's suffering, evident during the final days and weeks when John Paul was unable to speak and managed only to bless the faithful weakly with his hand.

City officials said they had expected between 100,000 and 150,000 people to attend the vigil, some 10,000 of them from John Paul's native Poland, where anniversary commemorations also were held Sunday.

John Paul was remembered from Mexico City to India as an advocate for the poor who helped fell communism. Around the world, Roman Catholics praised his legacy and called for his beatification.

AP

Polish flags fly amongst the faithful who gather in St. Peter's square Sunday during a prayer vigil to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II.

"His illness, which he faced with courage, made us all aware of human pain, of every physical and spiritual pain; he gave suffering dignity and value, showing that man isn't just worthy because of his efficiency and how he appears, but because of himself, because he is created and loved by God," Benedict said.

Polish Catholics filled churches Sunday and voiced hopes for a quick beatification of their beloved native son.

In Krakow, thousands gathered with candles and flowers at the Archbishop's Palace to await the moment of John Paul's death. Thousands of believers flocked to John Paul's hometown of nearby Wadowice, where an open-air Mass in the town at noon drew an estimated 8,000 people.

"We came to pray for his quick beatification and also to pray to him to protect our family," said Wojciech Gladysz, 33, a gardener who traveled 220 miles from Warsaw with his wife and three children.

Tens of thousands filled Mexico City's Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe, the most important Catholic shrine in the Americas.

Many of the faithful used mirrors to reflect the morning sun to the heavens as a way of sending the late pope their love. Others carried framed photographs covered in ribbons. One group held a banner reading "Juan Pablo II, God's athlete."

John Paul visited Mexico five times and was received by wildly enthusiastic crowds on each occasion. He called the country "Mexico, ever faithful."

At a morning Mass in Lagiewniki, Poland, near Krakow, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, John Paul's longtime personal secretary, delivered a homily dedicated to John Paul's swift beatification and sainthood.

"He contributed to the fundamental transformation of the world," said Dziwisz, now the archbishop of Krakow.

Freed journalist returns home

Associated Press

BOSTON — Journalist Jill Carroll was back on U.S. soil Sunday, tearfully embracing her parents and twin sister after 82 days as a hostage in Iraq that she said gave her a deep appreciation for the myriad simple joys of freedom.

"I finally feel like I am alive again. I feel so good," Carroll said. "To be able to step outside anytime, to feel the sun directly on your face — to see the whole sky. These are luxuries that we just don't appreciate every day."

The 28-year-old Christian Science Monitor reporter arrived at Boston's Logan International Airport just after noon, and was quickly driven away in a police-escorted limousine to the newspaper's headquarters.

She didn't step out into public view, but reports on the Monitor's Web site, along with photos, showed a joyful and tearful reunion with her parents and twin sister.

Carroll has said her kidnappers confined her to a small, soundproof room with frosted windows before she was released Thursday after nearly three months in captivity.

She was seized Jan. 7 in one of Baghdad's most dangerous neighborhoods, near where a Sunni Arab official had agreed to meet her for an interview that never took place. The gunmen who abducted her killed her Iraqi translator.

McIlduff

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term is off to a strong start.

The pair has worked hard in the past few weeks to organize and appoint students to fill the 13 Board of Governance commissioner positions, they said.

"We have been busy organizing the Board getting everyone acquainted," McIlduff said. "Our main priority is having a strong Board that feels confident and supports each other with our endeavors."

McIlduff and Siefert said their main priority is to foster a greater student government presence on campus in order to increase feedback and meet the needs of the College community.

"It's all about risks. And without taking risks you cannot make a difference."

Maggie Siefert
student body vice president
Saint Mary's

"We hope to provide positive changes to Saint Mary's that will be effective and continue throughout the years," Siefert said. "The key goal when it comes to student governments is to try to think of new innovative ideas that will get our campus excited about who we are and let them be able to show their pride on campus."

To foster this increased sense of College pride and tradition, McIlduff and Siefert plan to organize the second annual Heritage Week — an event created by Mitros and McIlduff and deemed by McIlduff a success.

"We will carry on Heritage Week as one of our major platform goals," she said. "We feel as if Saint Mary's lacks ongoing traditions, and we hope to create events that celebrate where we came from and where we aspire to go to in the future."

McIlduff and Siefert hope to increase their presence on campus by attending various College events, something they believe will make them seem more approachable.

"The best way to get feedback about how student government is doing to get feedback from students," McIlduff said. "These changes will begin with their newly proposed idea to minimize the number of inner-campus e-mails that currently flood students' inboxes.

"We have a mass e-mail policy now, but we hope to revise it more this year to mention that clubs send out only one e-mail each day."

With two active search committees working to replace outgoing Vice President and Dean of Faculty Patrick White and Vice President of Student Affairs Linda Timm, the incoming student government leaders take office during a time of change within the College's administration.

"We wish [Timm and White] the best on their presidencies," she said. "They have contributed many positive changes to the College. They will be sadly missed, and hopefully we will find a replacement that will sustain the growth they have contributed."

McIlduff, who sits on the Vice President of Student Affairs search committee, said the College's openness to seek student input on the hiring shows its dedication to the desires and needs of the student body as a whole.

Together, McIlduff and Siefert said their leadership would not only be based on a close relationship with administrators and the student body but also on taking risks to meet the needs of the College community.

"Whether it be special activities or academic problems, we need to be going after what the students want."

Susan McIlduff
student body president
Saint Mary's

"It's all about risks," Siefert said. "And without taking risks you cannot make a difference. We will be taking lots of positive risks and hopefully we [will] succeed."

McIlduff agreed and stressed the need for constant change to avoid falling into a routine that would result in a lack of excitement for their work.

"Whether it be special activities or academic problems, we need to be going after what the students want," she said.

So far in their short-lived term, the two said they have already felt a sense of unity and friendship amongst the new board of governance.

"We have had two meetings with the executive board of BOG and everyone is so excited and they know that they are on board to make a difference," she said. "They have already put in more time than was asked of them — to see this [effort] so soon just recognizes that this upcoming year is just going to be great."

McIlduff's position as student body president marks the highlight of her three year dedication to Saint Mary's student government and she anticipates a successful term due in part to the united stance of her board members.

"Everyone seems to be in support of each other," she said. "Often times there are power struggles, but we need to be look out for the students. And everyone has the students as their number one priority."

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Shappell

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"proactive" in its initiatives, especially when pushing for better community relations — the issue Shappell believes will define her administration.

"I would say in Dave and I's administration, we laid the groundwork," Shappell said. "Now Bill and I have the opportunity to take that and form it how we would like to leave it for future student governments."

Shappell and Andrichik will attack the community relations initiative on all fronts — most notably by enhancing the lines of communication between the South Bend Common Council and Notre Dame students.

"We want to establish the idea that in the future, if there are going to be any major ordinances [or] major acts by the city that ultimately affect students, that they aren't done in a manner that doesn't take into account student voice," Andrichik said, referring to the amendment to the disorderly house ordinance passed this summer by the Council placing stricter rules on off-campus parties.

Andrichik said the most effective way to do this is to open the lines of communication between the city and the students whether with the Common Council, its subcommittee on community relations, neighborhood watch groups or the South Bend police.

"We're putting together somewhat of a focus group of students to offer all options possible for how to integrate the Minority Affairs committee and the Diversity committee['s] agendas into permanent structures in the Constitution."

Lizzi Shappell
student body president
Notre Dame

"Hopefully with our increased contact with [these groups] ... there will already be that channel of conversation open so they'll choose that route in the future," Andrichik said.

And Shappell has not given up on addressing the ordinance itself — a point of concern among many off-campus students, she said. The amended ordinance allows for an eviction after the first offense — a provision Shappell wants to change.

"If it's by changing the ordinance itself or working with those who enforce the law, [we want the ordinance] to better reflect that [more fair provisions]," Shappell said. "Either way we'd be pleased."

Though progress on the community relations issue might be abstract, Shappell and Andrichik have more tangible priorities that they started tackling immediately after they were elected in the general election Feb. 13.

Shappell has started taking steps to ensure that "a permanent voice for minority students on policy issues" is established in the coming weeks. This comes after the Student Senate's rejection of a resolution calling for the creation of a permanent Minority Affairs committee at their meeting Wednesday.

"We're putting together somewhat of a focus group of students to offer all options possible for how to integrate the Minority Affairs committee and Diversity committee['s] agendas into permanent structures in the Constitution," Shappell said. "We're working with minority and majority students to see the most effective structure."

The resolution that would have made the current ad-hoc Minority Affairs committee permanent was criticized by senators for not drawing a clear enough delineation between Minority Affairs committee and the Diversity committee.

"We realized we didn't put in enough time to see what would be the best structure," Shappell said. "I've always wanted to see permanent minority voice on policy issues."

Andrichik has also been in talks with Notre Dame Food Services [NDFS] to create a list of 9 or 10 potential additions to the current Grab-and-Go selection. Students will be given a survey to determine the most popular choices and then the top three or four will be added in the fall.

"Food Services has been extremely encouraging and wanted to work with us on this," Andrichik said. "Since we got started on it so early, they can start right away with the new school year."

The College Readership Program was the brainchild of the Baron administration and a point of contention in recent weeks due to student government's funding of it.

The program will start this fall, Shappell said, pending approval by the Financial Management Board. She said she has no reason to believe FMB would deny funding for the program, which will bring 1,600 copies of USA Today, the Chicago Tribune and the New York Times to various locations every weekday.

"We are working with Food Services and students and USA Today College Readership for an effective recycling and awareness campaign encouraging students to recycle their paper for other students so everyone who wants to read a paper is able to," Shappell said.

Other initiatives the pair plans on tackling before the school year's end are pep rally student seating issues, pre-pep rally student-alumni receptions and wider student access to the alumni contact network — a lofty project that will require a great deal of time and coordination, Andrichik said.

"That doesn't necessarily have the fall deadline, but it will take a lot of time," he said. "It involves cooperation from students, the Career Center, Alumni center, the administration and [the Office of Information Technology]."

Shappell said students should be excited about the new administration because "we will bring results."

"With our experience we're able to hit the ground running like few student governments I can think of in the past," Shappell said. "We have a fantastic group of people around us with lots of experience and lots of new ideas. Even above and beyond our platform, students will see change next year."

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MARKET RECAP

Stocks		
Dow Jones	11,109.32	-41.38

Up:	Same:	Down:	Composite Volume:
1,696	141	1,540	2,285,275,540

AMEX	1,935.99	-13.92
NASDAQ	2,339.79	-1.03
NYSE	8,233.20	-38.59
S&P 500	1,294.82	-5.43
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,215.70	+156.04
FTSE 100(London)	5,964.60	-50.60

COMPANY	%CHANGE	$GAIN	PRICE
LEVEL 3 COMM INC (LVLT)	+0.58	+0.03	5.18
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	+0.97	+0.04	4.17
INTEL CP (INTC)	-1.22	-0.24	19.46
SIRIUS SATELLITE R (SIRI)	+0.40	+0.02	5.07
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	-0.29	-0.12	41.93
Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.04	-0.02	48.53
13-WEEK BILL	+0.67	+0.30	45.15
30-YEAR BOND	+0.02	+0.01	48.93
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.25	-0.12	48.14
Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE ($/bbl.)		-0.52	66.63
GOLD ($/Troy oz.)		-5.10	586.70
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)		-0.43	81.35
Exchange Rates			
YEN			118.01
EURO			0.8257
POUND			0.5760
CANADIAN $			1.1684

IN BRIEF

Consumer spending, incomes down

WASHINGTON — Consumer spending slowed to the weakest pace in six months in February, while incomes grew at the slowest rate since November.

The Commerce Department said Friday that personal consumption spending rose by a weaker-than-expected 0.1 percent following the huge 0.8 percent increase in January, which had been aided by a mild winter.

Personal incomes were up 0.3 percent in February, less than half the 0.7 percent January jump, which had been boosted by government pay raises and by cost-of-living adjustments for millions of Social Security recipients.

Whirlpool finalizes Maytag acquisition

DES MOINES, Iowa — Whirlpool Corp. completed its acquisition of Maytag Corp. on Friday and said it will immediately begin integrating the two appliance companies.

Maytag stockholders will get about $848 million in cash and about 9.6 million shares of Whirlpool common stock, under the previously signed agreement, which was approved by Maytag shareholders in December.

The agreement paid Maytag shareholders $10.50 in cash and 0.1193 of a share in Whirlpool stock for each share of Maytag stock held

The value of the deal is about $2.6 billion, including the assumption of Maytag debt.

Court dismisses Mattel patent lawsuit

NEW YORK — Toy maker Mattel Inc. on Friday said a federal court in Delaware dismissed a patent lawsuit brought against the company and its Fisher-Price subsidiary by rival LeapFrog Enterprises Inc.

The lawsuit was originally filed by LeapFrog in October 2003 and revolved around Fisher-Price's PowerTouch toy, which is an interactive book that helps children learn reading and other skills.

On Thursday, a U.S. District judge found that El Segundo, Calif.-based Mattel and Fisher-Price did not infringe the LeapFrog patent.

Delphi to close several plants

'Noncore' facilities targeted in company's plans to emerge from bankruptcy

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Anderson's Delphi Corp. plant didn't make the list of plants the nation's largest auto parts supplier says it must have when it emerges from bankruptcy.

Kokomo's did.

The difference for thousands of workers in both central Indiana cities is their jobs.

Troy, Mich.-based Delphi filed for bankruptcy in October and intends to emerge from bankruptcy during the first half of 2007. To meet that goal, it plans to exit certain product lines and sell or close noncore plants by 2008, including 21 of its 29 U.S. plants.

"We very clearly laid out where the core manufacturing sites are," company spokesman Lindsey Williams said. "If you're not included in that option there are three options — sale, wind down, or relocation."

The eight core plants, including the 5,000-worker Kokomo operation, will focus on product lines such as safety features, electronics, diesel and gas powertrains and climate control products. The other 21 plants would be sold or phased out, or some of their operations could be shifted to core plants, Williams said.

Officials in Anderson, where about 700 work for Delphi, and Kokomo — and at the Statehouse — were sorting out the implications of the company's announcement Friday.

"Our first thoughts are for our fellow Hoosiers in Anderson," Gov. Mitch Daniels said in a statement. "We obviously will have work to do there."

The Indiana Economic Development Corp. already was working with Anderson officials to develop new jobs and investment, Daniels said.

General Motors — from which Delphi spun off in 1999 — once had some 27,000 workers in the city about 35 miles northeast of Indianapolis, said Connie Smith, a spokeswoman for the Anderson mayor's office. Of that, about 700 remain at Delphi.

AP

Flint, Mich. UAW Local 651 president, Russ Reynolds, addresses Delphi workers March 29 before a meeting on the Delphi/UAW buyouts and how members will be affected.

"While the city of Anderson values greatly the contribution Delphi makes to the community of Anderson, the city no longer depends on any single employer or market segment," Mayor Kevin Smith said in a statement. The city has aggressively sought to diversify the local economy, and new businesses have drawn from the former GM labor pool, he said.

Connie Smith said the Anderson plant does some electronics work for the Kokomo plant, which might better the chances of keeping some jobs at Anderson.

But Williams said key operations would be consolidated at the eight core plants. That raised the possibility that some jobs from the Anderson plant might eventually be shifted to Kokomo, though Williams declined to comment on that specifically.

Delphi, Indiana's third largest industrial employer, has about 5,000 workers at its Kokomo plant. That might change, however, as Delphi said its remaining plants would have to undergo some restructuring to achieve profitability and become competitive.

"There will be some job adjustments," Kokomo Mayor Matt McKillip said. "It's clear that they will streamline their work force."

Messages seeking comment were left Friday for United Auto Workers officials in Anderson and at the union's state office.

Delphi, its unions, and General Motors Corp., which is Delphi's largest customer, spent months negotiating but were unable to reach a wage agreement.

Delphi wants to void its union contracts and cut U.S. hourly workers' pay by nearly 40 percent, a move unions warned could lead to a lengthy strike if the judge approves.

FRANCE

Lucent Technologies purchased by rival

Associated Press

PARIS — Alcatel SA and Lucent Technologies Inc. announced Sunday that the French telecommunications equipment maker had agreed to buy its U.S. rival in order to form a major new global player in the industry. About 8,800 jobs will be cut.

The combined company, to be based in Paris, will have annual sales of 21 billion euros ($25 billion) — close to the 2005 revenue posted by world No. 1 Cisco Systems Inc. — and generate 1.4 billion euros ($1.7 billion) of savings within three years, the companies said.

The companies said the cost savings would come from several areas, including consolidating support functions, leveraging research and development and services across a larger base and cutting about 10 percent of their combined worldwide work force. As of Dec. 31 the companies had about 88,000 total employees.

Alcatel said it agreed to buy Lucent to better combat the intense competition in the telecom equipment market.

"The primary driver of the combination is to generate significant growth in revenues and earnings based on the market opportunities for next-generation networks, services and applications," the companies said.

The combined company, whose name is to be decided at a later date, will be led by Patricia Russo, the current chief executive of Lucent, the companies said in a joint statement. Alcatel Chairman and CEO Serge Tchuruk will become non-executive chairman.

The 14-member board of directors will include Russo, Tchuruk, five of the current directors from each company and two new independent European directors to be mutually agreed upon, the companies said.

IRAQ

Two American pilots shot down

Apache helicopters and bodies of soldiers recovered by U.S military

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. military said Sunday that the bodies of two American pilots killed when their Apache helicopter crashed near Baghdad were recovered and the aircraft was probably shot down. Three other U.S. soldiers were reported killed in Baghdad and northern Iraq.

The AH-64D Apache Longbow went down about 5:30 p.m. Saturday during combat operations west of Youssifiyah, about 10 miles southwest of Baghdad, the U.S. command said in a statement.

"The soldiers' remains were recovered following aircraft recovery operations at the crash site" of the helicopter "which went down due to possible hostile fire," the statement said.

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U.S. military statement

In political developments, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw made a surprise visit to press Iraqi politicians to speed up the formation of the government. The trip came as Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari faced mounting pressure from his fellow Shiites to withdraw his nomination for a second term.

No further details were released on the helicopter crash, but Youssifiyah is located in the "triangle of death," a religiously mixed area notorious for attacks by Sunni extremists against Shiites traveling between Baghdad and religious shrines south of the capital.

It was the first loss of a U.S. helicopter since three of them crashed in a 10-day period in January, killing a total of 18 American military personnel. At least two of those helicopters were shot down.

The U.S. command also said three more soldiers had been killed — two by a roadside bomb late Saturday in central Baghdad and another from non-hostile related injuries suffered near the northern city of Kirkuk on the same day.

The five U.S. deaths brought to at least 2,333 the number of American service members killed since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

In Ramadi, an insurgent stronghold 70 miles west of Baghdad, a roadside bomb exploded Sunday near a U.S. convoy, blowing parts of a vehicle onto the roof of a nearby building. No U.S. casualties were reported, but witnesses said men danced around the wreckage, chanting "God is great."

The latest U.S. casualties followed one of the least deadly months of the Iraq war for American forces. 31 American service members died during March, the lowest monthly death toll for the U.S. military since February 2004.

However, about 400 Iraqis died, many in violence between Shiite and Sunni Muslims that escalated following the Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite shrine in Samarra that triggered a wave of reprisal attacks against Sunni mosques and clerics.

The rise in sectarian violence has added new urgency to the need to form a government of national unity following the Dec. 15 national elections to prevent the country from disintegrating into chaos.

Underscoring the problem, the bodies of at least 42 men — handcuffed and shot in the head or chest —were found over the weekend in several neighborhoods of the Iraqi capital, police Maj. Falah al-Mohammedawi said Sunday.

However, talks among the Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish parties have bogged down due to wide differences among the sectarian and ethnic groups.

Sunni and Kurdish politicians blame much of the impasse on the decision by the dominant Shiite bloc to nominate al-Jaafari for a second term. Critics maintain al-Jaafari was ineffective in combatting the Sunni led-insurgency and curbing sectarian tensions.

"There is no other way out of the government formation problem."

Jalal Eddin al-Sagheer
United Iraqi Alliance

Rice was careful to say the U.S. did not want to interfere in the democratic process, but she harped on al-Jaafari's failure to organize a unity government.

Shiite legislator Jalal Eddin al-Sagheer also said Sunday that the prime minister no longer had the acceptance of Iraqi parties and the international community and should step aside.

"There is no other way out of the government formation problem," said al-Sagheer, a member of the United Iraqi Alliance and of SCIRI, the largest Shiite political organization. Further delays could "lead to more bloodshed," he added.

Qassim Dawoud, who on Saturday became the first Shiite politician to publicly call for al-Jaafari to step aside, warned of "a political and security vacuum."

"Calling for the withdrawal of al-Jaafari is the only way to find an exit to the crisis," he told the Al-Arabiya network on Sunday

Shiites politician get first crack at the prime minister's job because they are the largest bloc in parliament.

U.S. officials have made little effort to conceal their desire that al-Jaafari leave office because of his close ties and strong backing from radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

A week ago, Shiite officials said U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad brought a letter from President Bush objecting to a second term for al-Jaafari to a meeting with the Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, leader of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

But al-Jaafari, a physician who spent years in exile in Iran and Britain, has refused to step aside. He won the nomination in a ballot among Shiite legislators in February, beating al-Hakim by one vote because of al-Sadr's support.

Shiite officials say they fear that a bid to replace al-Jaafari could lead to the collapse of their alliance.

Holtz

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to open the season against Michigan, Holtz became incensed at his players' lack of effort. They were just "going through the motions," Holtz said.

"We all face that as Catholics," Holtz said.

He responded by putting them through the most physically rigorous practice of their lives. They won 26-7.

When he arrived at Notre Dame, Holtz said the pre-game team Mass was held in the Dillon Chapel. He asked and received permission to move the Mass to the Basilica.

"Then what happened was people found out we were on our way to the Stadium and they started lining up ... and that is how the team walk started," Holtz said.

At the most difficult moments of his career, Holtz said, he turned to his faith to sustain him. He described having to enter a room of assistant coaches and conduct a meeting after a difficult loss or string of losses.

"I had to get down on my knees and pray for courage ... and pray for the correct words," Holtz said.

"Just because you're Catholic, because you have faith, does not mean you aren't going to face adversity. ... What it does is give you the courage to handle it."

Lou Holtz
former Irish head football coach

"Just because you're Catholic, because you have faith, does not mean you aren't going to have adversity. ... What it does do is give you the courage to handle it."

Catholics must pay attention to the "little things" in their faith lives, such as attending Mass and confession, just as football players must pay attention to the fundamentals of tackling and blocking, Holtz said.

Holtz praised Notre Dame for being an institution at which he could discuss his faith along with his love of football. The emphasis within the Notre Dame football program has always been on the team, not the individual standout, he said.

"When you did something great, which was often, it was because of the team. You turned and there they were. ... It's the same way with Catholicism. It's not about you, it's about us, about you willing to help others."

One of his most disappointing experiences was during the last game he coached at Notre Dame, Holtz said. His players lost their sense of team and instead focused on individual goals and individual accomplishments.

"The whole attitude that week was 'Here I am' because I wasn't their coach anymore," Holtz said.

It is critical for an individual to set high goals and then to pursue them, Holtz said. His only regret in life is having taken Notre Dame football to the top of the national rankings and then simply trying to maintain that standard, he said.

"There is a rule in life," Holtz said. "You are either growing or you're dying. ... I honestly thought I was tired of coaching. I never thought I would return to coaching, ever ... [but] I wasn't tired of coaching, I was tired of maintaining."

What he should have done, Holtz said, was establish and work toward standards that "no one thought possible."

Everyone has the obligation to his follow individuals to do the best he can, Holtz said, and to give back to the community in som capacity.

Holtz offered audience members an easy means to test whether they are on the right track.

"If you didn't go home, who would miss you and why? If you didn't go back to the dorm, who would miss you and why? If you didn't show up in the classroom, who would miss you and why? ... If no one missed you, you need to examine your life.

"If people know you are interested, know you are committed, know you care, they'll miss you."

After his talk, a student asked Holtz what he thought of current football coach Charlie Weis. Holtz lauded Weis' ability as a coach and praised him for his parenting of his special-needs daughter, Hannah.

"Notre Dame is about representing this University and he has done it exceptionally well," Holtz said.

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NYC hosts march for illegal aliens' rights

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thousands of immigrant rights supporters formed a line stretching more than a mile long Saturday as they marched across the Brooklyn Bridge, waving flags from more than a dozen countries as they demonstrated against possible immigration reform in Congress.

Heralded by a cacophony of trumpets, whistles and drums, the crowd of mostly Latin Americans gathered in downtown Brooklyn and trudged a path laden with symbols of the city's immigrant strength on their way to a plaza in lower Manhattan.

The marchers mustered in a neighborhood settled by the Dutch, crossed a bridge designed by a German, and finished in a square at the edge of Chinatown in an area that once held the Irish slums depicted in the 2002 film "Gangs of New York."

On the way, they passed the Statue of Liberty, hot dog carts run by Middle Easterners, taxis driven by Russians and police officers speaking Chinese.

More than 10,000 people flooded Foley Square, turning it into a sea of colorful banners and echoing noise. The crowd came dressed in the colors of Mexico, Uruguay and Ecuador, but just as many draped themselves in red, white and blue.

"If you hurt immigrants you are hurting America," read a sign held by one marcher. Others read "We are your economy" and "I cleaned up ground zero."

There were demonstrations across the country this week against legislation already approved in the House, which would make it a felony to be in the U.S. without the proper immigration paperwork.

Competing legislation under consideration in the Senate would take an opposite approach and give the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. a chance at citizenship.

"We came to say that we're here," said George Criollo, who arrived in New York a decade ago from Cuenca, Ecuador. "We have to speak, legal or illegal. We have to speak about this issue."

Criollo, who said his family was in the United States illegally, feared that legislation could lead to his deportation or jailing. In the House, legislation already has passed that would set penalties for anyone who knowingly assists or encourages illegal immigrants to remain in the country.

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George Criollo
immigrant

In Costa Mesa, Calif., more than 1,000 people protested the crackdown on illegal immigrants.

"Aiding my kids should not be a crime," said Dagoberto Zavala, 52, who immigrated from El Salvador to the Santa Ana area, and said he brought his two children into the United States illegally. "Congress needs to know the laws we have don't work."

Last year, the Costa Mesa City Council approved a policy that would give local police in certain cases the authority to enforce federal immigration law. The plan, which would be the first in the nation, still must be approved by federal officials.

Hundreds of people marched peacefully in downtown Los Angeles to honor the late Cesar Chavez, co-founder of the United Farm Workers, who would have turned 79 on Friday.

In Campo, about 40 miles from San Diego, more than 500 people gathered at Cesar Chavez Park to celebrate the civil rights leader.

In Oklahoma City, more than 5,000 people jammed into the Capitol's south plaza to protest proposals in the Legislature designed to stop illegal immigrants from receiving tax-supported services, such as Medicaid and food stamps, and require state employees to report suspected illegal aliens.

Car seats too small for obese kids

More than a quarter million children in the U.S. exceed weight limit

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Many young children are too heavy for standard car-safety seats, and manufacturers are starting to make heftier models to accommodate them, according to research on the obesity epidemic's widening impact.

More than a quarter of a million U.S. children ages 1 to 6 are heavier than the weight limits for standard car seats, and most are 3-year-olds who weigh more than 40 pounds, the study found.

Unless exceptionally tall, a 3-year-old weighing more than 40 pounds would generally be considered overweight.

Lead author Lara Trifiletti said researchers at a safety center at Johns Hopkins Hospital became interested in the topic because they saw children "who were very obese and our car-seat technicians were having a hard time finding car seats to fit them."

She did the research at Johns Hopkins but now works at Ohio State University's Children's Research Institute.

Using inadequate car seats for heavy children could put them at increased risk for injury in a car accident, the researchers said.

AP

Lara Trifiletti, lead researcher at Columbus Children's Research Institute in Columbus, Ohio, poses next to one of only a handful of child car seats that would fit overweight children.

"We don't recommend that a parent use a restraint system for a child that has outgrown that system," said Eric Bolton, a spokesman for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. "It is risky."

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Eric Bolton
spokesman
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Based on national growth charts and the 2000 Census, at least 283,305 children ages 1 to 6 are too heavy for standard safety seats. That includes nearly 190,000, or almost 5 percent, of U.S. 3-year-olds, the researchers said.

Their study appears in the April edition of Pediatrics, being released Monday.

Trifiletti said the phenomenon mostly affects youngsters whose weight exceeds the limits of standard seats with built-in safety harnesses, which are designed for 1-to-3-year-olds weighing up to 40 pounds. These heavier young children are not mature enough or tall enough for "booster" safety seats, which are recommended for ages 4 and up and typically use the car's safety belts for restraints, she said.

More than 23 percent of U.S. children aged 2 to 5 were overweight and more than 10 percent were obese in 2001-02, government data show. New data out later this week are expected to show that the upward trend has continued.

Jenny Riggs of Tillamook, Ore., said she had difficulty finding a harnessed seat for her almost-5-year-old daughter, Hayley, who is heavier and taller than many kids her age — 46 inches and 46 pounds — and already weighed 40 pounds when she was 3.

The $250 Britax "Husky" seat Riggs bought is about 10 pounds heavier and four inches wider than standard harness-style seats.

"It's like a Lazy-Boy recliner," Riggs said. "It was a little difficult getting it in the back seat but my daughter loves it."

Hayley can use the seat for a while; it handles up to 80 pounds.

Britax introduced two harness seats with 65-pound weight limits last year. The obesity epidemic "is something that we do keep in mind when designing our seats to make sure our seats are versatile in accommodating all sizes of children," said company spokeswoman Joyce Kara.

Dorel Juvenile Group, maker of Cosco brand carseats, also introduced a harness seat last year for kids up to 65 pounds.

Trifiletti said she did the study before last year's hefty models were introduced, when only four harness seats were available for 1-to-3-year-olds weighing more than 40 lbs.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration last year proposed new requirements for manufacturers that choose to make seats for older and/or heavier children. Those who do would be required to build seats to protect kids up to 10 years old and/or weighing up to 80 pounds in 30 mph crashes. The agency also would create an 80-pound crash-test dummy for testing child safety seats, 25 pounds heavier than the existing simulators, Bolton said.

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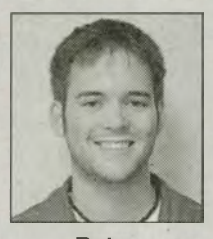

Peter Schroeder

Will Write for Food

There are countless things in this wide world that are better outside than in. Things like football, rain and skeet shooting. However, there is one thing that will always be superior when surrounded by four walls, and that is class. With spring in the air, our young minds often turn to things like throwing a Frisbee, hauling a couch outside for no real good reason and an overwhelming desire to have class in the Great Outdoors. I'm here to tell you now, please resist that urge, because when it comes to classes, it's really the Subpar Outdoors.

Just as the first robin and the first sleazy guy with an acoustic guitar on the quad signify the beginning of the spring season, so too you can predict when winter has finally ended by listening for students demanding to be taken outside for classes. Many times these requests are met with resistance from the professor, but it is entirely possible that your teacher may be complicit in this entire fiasco.

I know what you're thinking, "Look, Pete, even though you're awesome and all, I think having class outside is a jolly good old time." Well, I'm sorry, fellow student, but class outside is not a jolly good old time, and no amount of awesomeness on my part can change that.

First off, the outdoors are full of bugs. Bumblebees, fire ants and giant centipedes all populate this place where you desperately want to place your hind end for an extended period of time. Sure, there are insects that you can find indoors, but they're things like houseflies and the occasional ant — nothing that you would someday find injecting venom into your supple flesh.

Another reason that classes stay inside is that blasted wind. When walking across the quad, a nice breeze may feel invigorating and make you feel alive and ready to take on the world, but when you're trying to have a class, the wind just makes a gigantic mess of everything. How am I supposed to be able to take notes when the wind keeps blowing my graph paper out of my Trapper Keeper? I mean, why do you think that cavemen were called cavemen? They weren't called "Unable to Keep Papers in Trapper Keeper"-men, and that's because they kept it inside. Are you sillier than a caveman?

Another point on the growing list of reasons to keep it indoors is the lack of adequate seating in the wilderness. Unless you are a highly proactive Outdoor-Demander, chances are most of the good spots will have been taken by the time you manage to cajole your professor to allow a fun-filled lecture outside. As such, you and your classmates will be forced to sit on the dirty, dirty ground. And you know what's all over that dirty, dirty ground? Dirt. And you know where that dirt ends up at the end of class? On your butt. And you know who was the first person to sail directly from Europe to India? Vasco de Gama. I may not have learned a lot in my four years at Notre Dame, but I did learn that it's impossible to respect a man with dirt on his butt. Oh, and I learned that Vasco de Gama thing too.

If my litany of reasons so far for keeping the learning under a ceiling is insufficient, then think of the professors. These people devote their lives to the pursuit of academic excellence in a desire to better themselves and possibly mankind, and you're going to make them practice their well-honed craft outside? You wouldn't ask Einstein to work out his equations outside, nor would you tell Michelangelo to paint "The Creation of Adam" on a hedge of some sort. The faculty at Notre Dame didn't devote their lives to the pursuit of knowledge just so that one day they would have to compete with grass for your attention.

I know many of you think I'm nuts, but think about it: when is the last time you had a great time in an outdoor class? Being outside for class never ends with things like jumping in a Big Bouncy or playing freeze tag. It always ends with a sore back, a Trapper Keeper sans some essential papers, and dirt on your butt. The outdoors are a seductive mistress, making you lust after warm sunshine and Ultimate Frisbee — but stay strong, because that mistress will end up two-timing you with wind, fire ants and so much dirt. She can't be trusted, so keep class inside as the Good Lord intended. Yes, Jesus gave a Sermon on the Mount, but if he had the technology, it would have been the Sermon in 101 DeBartolo, complete with Powerpoint.

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In the national interest

Staff Editorial

The Daily Princetonian
Princeton University

In February, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment, a law that allows the federal government to withhold federal funds from universities that bar military recruiters or ROTC programs from their campuses. Many universities block these programs because they disapprove of the congressionally mandated "don't ask, don't tell" policy that prevents openly gay individuals from serving in the military. As a result, they have barred military recruiters from the same access to students granted to other employers. The law exempts any institution with "a long-standing policy of pacifism based on historical religious affiliation."

Thirty-six law schools and faculties challenged the constitutionality of the law on the grounds that "forced hosting" of military recruiters constitutes a "crisis of conscience" over compelled speech. They argued that they are compelled to communicate the false message that they support the "don't ask, don't tell" policy and their hosting also subsidizes the military's expression of its view that openly gay persons are not suited for service.

We are not concerned here with questions of constitutionality. Instead, we must ask whether the Solomon Amendment will harm or further the interests of liberal arts institutions such as Princeton University.

While we grant that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy is discriminatory and hinders the opportunity of open homosexuals from pursuing a career in the military, it is also true that by banning military recruitment and ROTC programs from campuses the faculties limit students' opportunities as well. This is especially true with regards to the ROTC. Many students rely upon ROTC scholarships as their only means to fund a private university education. We are forced to judge between the evils of two forms of discrimination — the army's unwillingness to allow openly gay individuals within its ranks versus depriving qualified and deserving students of the opportunity to attend the college of their choice.

Furthermore, it is within the rights of both faculty and students to criticize and condemn legal policy but not to censor. A basic principle of the open society is free and fair discussion. But the prohibition of recruitment on campus demeans this principle by limiting discourse on this controversial issue. The ideological field should be a battlefield. Professors and students who seek to banish military recruitment on college campuses have cravenly retreated from this field. The prevention of legally mandated military recruiters does a disservice both to the students and the mandate of a university that avows to practice and defend free intellectual discourse.

This column first appeared in the March 31 edition of the Daily Princetonian, the daily publication of Princeton University.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I would never die for my beliefs because I might be wrong."

Bertrand Russel
British philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ROTC contract leaves no room for reinterpretation

In response to William Sullivan's March 31 letter ("Military contract not ambiguous"), I would like to clarify some facts surrounding the matter of Jonathan O'Reilly. Note that the opinions here are my own and do not represent those of any government organization.

The title given Sullivan's letter by The Observer is a very fitting one for a rebuttal. Nothing in the clause quoted by Sullivan, "I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter," implies an indefinite term of service. ROTC cadets sign an Enlistment Contract (DD Form 4/1 and 4/2), a ROTC Scholarship Cadet Contract (DA Form 597-3), and ultimately an Oath of Office Military Personnel (DA Form 71). The term of service in DD Form 4/1 and 4/2 is stated clearly in Section B, Line 8. My own contract states "8 years." I don't know what O'Reilly's contract says, but I'd bet my next paycheck it doesn't say anything akin to "indefinite." Nowhere in any of these documents is there any provision for the length of service to be involuntarily increased; it is noted only that an officer serving in the guard or reserves may be involuntarily called to active duty. As Sullivan rightly notes, officers and soldiers must obey the lawful orders of the Commander-in-Chief (and all other officers appointed above them) while they serve under the contract, but it is incoherent to assert that the President could unilaterally extend the contract under which he has the right to have his orders respected in the first place. If a person's right to have his orders respected depends on the contract existing first, the terms of the contract itself cannot be subject to that person's will.

Furthermore, there is no clause in the United States Constitution which grants to the President or any other official the privilege to involuntarily extend the agreed service of anyone, military or no, and the 13th Amendment can be reasonably construed specifically to prohibit this. This is not to equate involuntary servitude with slavery. It is clear from the text that the 13th Amendment does not necessarily consider the two synonymous, yet they are both equally proscribed. The authors of this Amendment were wise to invoke a more general principle in order to prohibit involuntary service at large, and not only traditional slavery. This certainly applies to the present case.

The ROTC contract does not imply indefinite service, and it could never do so. Such a contract could never be valid because a grievance with respect to it could never properly be adjudicated. For if one enters into a contract with indefinite obligations, how could one ever be determined to have fulfilled the obligations of the contract? The obligations could never be said to have been fulfilled even by the admission of the other party, because at a later date the other party could change its mind and reinvoke the contract. The aggrieved party would have no textual recourse to protest even in the face of a prior admission by the other party. Such a contract would attempt to give one party the right to determine unilaterally when the contract had been fulfilled, and by doing this it would lose the nature of a contract, i.e., it would be no contract at all. But the ROTC contract is a valid contract that does not attempt this usurpation. It lists clear, definite obligations for both parties. The student agrees to a certain term of service, and the government agrees to pay a certain amount for tuition, books and stipend. For one party to attempt to alter the contract unilaterally to increase the obligations of the other party is simply an invalid act. The military does, in fact, often attempt to keep personnel in service beyond their legal commitment and against their will. The fact that such attempts are often efficacious does not bear at all on the fact that they are always illegitimate. These are wrongs unfortunately sometimes suffered. The warnings Sullivan has received of the possibility he might be required to serve longer than his contract stipulates is a practical warning backed by force, not a contractual clause backed by law.

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The military's administrative requirement to have a resignation formally accepted is here in conflict with the citizen officer's right to have the contract respected, and this seems to be the core of O'Reilly's case. O'Reilly has served his agreed term of service. Cadet Sullivan's bare assertion that "one of the obligations is to serve as long as one's services are deemed necessary, not by the individual, but by the organization" is an opinion totally without legal, logical or moral support. His statement that "It is not anyone else's responsibility to make sure the officer candidate understands his or her obligation to fulfill that office" completely ignores the fact that O'Reilly knows exactly what his contract says. It is the government that does not "understand" the obligations in this case — in reality, it likely understands the obligations perfectly, but chooses not to honor them. Sullivan's deference to the government in fulfilling his duties as an officer is to be commended, but his deference to the government in a broader context of respecting rights is certainly not in the spirit of maintaining the protections fought for and ultimately codified for us by the founders of this nation.

Sullivan ends with the self-contradictory statement that "... I am not arguing that O'Reilly does not have a legitimate claim to be released from his oath, but his letter shows gross ignorance toward the actual commitment officers are expected to make ..." If Sullivan himself recognizes O'Reilly's claim as legitimate, how can he then simultaneously believe that O'Reilly is "ignorant" of what his commitment does and does not require? The only assumption that makes this statement internally coherent is if Sullivan takes for granted that citizens are morally required to forsake all broader principles of freedom in order to subject themselves blindly to the temporal will of the government, even outside of the context of obeying lawful orders under their oaths. This is an untenable moral position for a people who wish to remain free. Honoring personal freedom according to the principles and text in the Constitution and other written laws above the temporal desires or "needs" of the stewards of government is the crux of what it means to have a Republic as opposed to some other more sinister form of government. Ten years ago, I might have agreed with Sullivan. After several deployments and years of service, I hope Sullivan will eventually gain a more mature, balanced, and comprehensive understanding of what patriotism and rights entail in our Republic, as I have.

Captain Eliot M. Held
alumnus
Class of 1997
April 1

Puzzles not to be overlooked

Unacceptable. At hand here is a problem greater than the possibility of Greek life at Notre Dame or the derogatory label of "Irish" to our football team. I'm talking, of course, about the daily crossword puzzle and jumble experience.

Two days in a row now we've had the same crossword. And this is no isolated incident. Back in January, a similar travesty occurred. Not that it's not fun flying through an answered puzzle, thinking I'm the next Einstein, but where's the challenge? The thrill? Suddenly the Monday-through-Friday spectrum of difficulty is thrown askew, leaving our dear readers gasping in shock.

And if rampant reprinting wasn't bad enough for my strained soul, there's the failure to print the crosswords and jumbles in the right chronological order. Puzzles always contain the answers to yesterday's trials, helping us hone our wordsmithing skills. While a pesky word may have bested me Wednesday, I'll rest easy Thursday night knowing that "TTKACA" was actually "ATTACK." Failing to maintain the proper order is like not revealing "rosebud" in "Citizen Kane" or cutting out the final scene of "Sixth Sense" — we all are left wondering and a little less complete.

These are arguably the most-read section of this fair news journal, and the failures of the editorial staff can disrupt literally thousands of students' lives. Whether one chooses to race with friends to that final jumbled phrase or prefer to stretch the crossword out to a full 50 or 75 minutes of classtime, puzzle mistakes affect us all and cast a dark cloud over an entire day. I urge the editors to put down the dozens of pointless viewpoints about petty matters and spend more time carefully laying out the gem of the Observer crown, before I might actually have to start paying attention in lectures.

Scott Breunig
senior
off campus
March 30

Knights of Columbus no mystery

So here's the word on the most mysterious building on campus (after the radiation lab, that is): That lovely, columned building conveniently located at the juncture of God Quad and South Quad is the home base for the Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Council No. 1477. The Notre Dame KofC has been serving the University since 1910 and has organized hundreds of Catholic men to serve Notre Dame and the wider community. We are probably best known for our steak sandwiches, which we sell every home football game right out front of our building. Each year, the Knights raise in the neighborhood of $50,000 with the steak sales, and every bit of it is distributed to charities near and far. We have supported the Gibault School for Troubled Youth for decades, and we have also contributed to Right to Life, Holy Cross Missions, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and dozens of other worthy causes throughout the years. We helped to found the Bengal Bouts, and legend has it that we coined the slogan "God, Country, Notre Dame." As a Catholic men's fraternal organization, we are dedicated to upholding and promoting the mission of the Church. We are always looking for new members and would love to talk with any men who would like to join us in this mission. Anyone who has any questions or would just like a tour of our building should feel free to stop by before the Blue and Gold game for a steak sandwich, or email me at jwaugh@nd.edu. The Notre Dame Knights of Columbus: 96 years of service, and counting.

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Knights of Columbus
March 30

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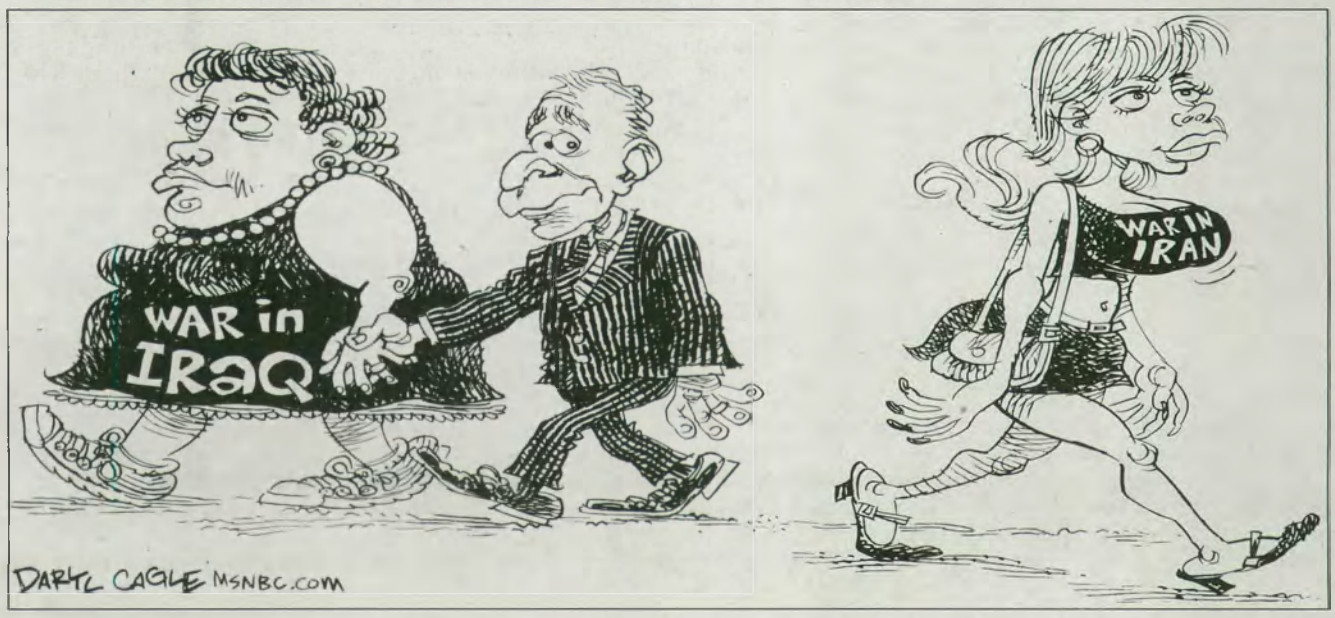

SHOW REVIEW

PEMCo. provides evening of song, dance

SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

"We are the Altar Boyz" from the musical "The Altar Boyz" detailed the rise of a religious boy band. The song was one of many funny songs sung by PEMCo.

SOFIA BALLON/ The Observer

The musical review opened with the up-tempo song "A Wild, Wild Party" from the musical "The Wild, Wild Party," which was performed by the whole cast.

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
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Billed as "A Not-So Black-Tie Affair," the Pasquerilla East Musical Company (PEMCo.) proved an exciting night of entertainment that mixed comedy, drama, music and dancing.

The show, which ran Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the LaFortune Ballroom, included songs from a variety of musicals. Songs ranged from the humorous to the dramatic, but all of the works showcased the wide range of musical talent present in PEMCo.

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The event opened with the group number "A Wild, Wild Party," from the musical "The Wild Party". The up-tempo song, coupled with the lively dancing and choreography, set up an energetic tone for the entire evening.

The classic song "I've Got Rhythm" from "Crazy for You" was well done by the six singers involved, but it was the tap routine that came later in the number that was truly impressive. The dancing added to the song itself and pleased the crowd.

"Confrontation" from the musical "Jekyll and Hyde" seemed like an unusual selection for a solo number because it requires the singer to be both Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. But Robert DeBroeck's impassioned version of the song worked effectively and made it a distinct and memorable part of the performance.

A group of sophomore girls later performed "Bring on the Men" from "Jekyll and Hyde" later in the evening. While somewhat different from many of the other songs performed, it was an equally interesting and effective part of the PEMCo. show.

Another impressive group number, "Into the Fire" from "The Scarlet Pimpernel" included only male singers. It proved to be one of the more powerful numbers, both because of the inspiring nature of the song itself, and because the group of all-male voices was forceful enough to be heard perfectly in spite of the bad acoustics in the LaFortune Ballroom.

One of the highlights of the evening was "A 'Selection' from Annie." This piece featured the classic "It's the Hard-knock Life" with a unique spin. Instead of being performed by the usual group of young orphan girls, a trio of boys dressed in hip-hop attire gave a nod to Jay-Z's sampling of the song on "Hard-Knock Life (Ghetto Anthem)." The dedication of the performers made the piece extremely funny and a stand-out part of the evening's events.

There were a number of other humorous numbers in the show that were deftly presented by the cast. The Senior group number "B.A. in English/It Sucks to Be Me" from the "Sesame Street"-esque "Avenue Q" was a major crowd-pleaser, and the religious boy-band spoof musical "Altar Boyz" provided the funny all-male number "We Are the Altar Boyz."

The show itself was a rousing night of entertainment that showcased the depth of vocal talent present in PEMCo.

Chelsea Mason's "Diva's Lament" from "Monty Python's Spamalot" also provided some big laughs because it poked fun at a frequent problem in theatre — having parts get cut from productions.

In addition to the comic numbers, some of the more serious songs were popular with the crowd during the review. "Opening: The New World" from "Songs For a New World" showcased some talented singers with the sweeping, swelling tones of the song. The second song of the evening "Lost in the Wilderness" from "Children of Eden" showcased the vocal range of soloist Tim Masterton with a slow and moving song.

Jenny Radelet, who directed this year's PEMCo. show "Footloose," stood out from the entire cast on two numbers in particular. The first, from "Monty Python's Spamalot," entitled "Find Your Grail" ended the first half of the show. The song showcased Radelet's vocal abilities, as well as her comic timing.

"Defying Gravity," from the musical "Wicked" is an extremely complex solo number, and Radelet managed to handle both the complex inflections while still projecting, and it made the song a perfect segue into the final number of the evening.

The show's finale, "Finale B" from "Rent," proved a fitting end for the show. The moving number, coupled with the scenes from past PEMCo. Musicals projected onto the walls, made it a moving end to a great night of music.

Overall, the only real downside to the evening proved to be the acoustics in the LaFortune Ballroom. While some of the singers could be heard, the sound was inconsistent and frustrating at times. The show itself was a rousing night of entertainment that showcased the depth of vocal talent present in PEMCo.

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Vocalists compete to be named Irish Idol

By GRACE MYERS
Scene Writer

Legends was packed with people excited to see their friends perform, to hear the judges responses, to see who would make it to the final three Thursday in the fourth annual Irish Idol.

The show began with clips from the Irish Idol audition, showcasing several of the 55 Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students who tried out. Only 10 contestants were chosen from this large pool. The top 10 all received a prize of 25 dollars while the top three received more cash prizes.

During the final round, the audience voted for the contestant it wanted to win .

The show began with an opening performance by the Wookies, a group of Glee Club members who sang, "That's What Friends are For" and "It's Alright" after an introduction by emcees Molly Butler and James Weber.

They then introduced the judges Mat Barcus, Joe Varchetto and Paula Kim, and followed this by introducing all of the contestants.

"Judging Irish Idol allowed me to hear some of the best singers on campus and just for that fact it was well worth the time," Varchetto said.

The 10 performers put on a wonderful show. Songs varied from Ashley Cook's "I Wanna Dance with Somebody" to Leslie Penko's "Foolish Dreams" and Tiara Torres' a cappella version of "Contigo en la Distancia".

"Forget butterflies. There were several bats in my stomach, with large spiked heels jumping around," contestant Molly Dawes said. "But everyone, especially the contestants, were so supportive. I have never seen so much talent in one room."

The performances were judged on vocal performance, stage presence and personality. Positive comments abounded when the judges spoke. In fact, there was not a trace of any Simon-like remark. It was obviously a difficult decision to choose three of these contestants to move onto the next round.

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The audience was greatly involved, with sections of the crowd wearing matching T-shirts supporting one contestant, with some even holding signs such as "Go Cat!" and "Marry Me Molly!" A few contestants even had family members in the crowd for support.

The three contestants whom the judges chose to move onto the next round were John Fister, Tiara Torres and Mallory Jane O'Brien.

During the final round, the audience voted for the contestant it wanted to win. Their performances were impressive as Fister sang "Don't Let the Sun Go Down On Me," O'Brien performed a modern, Mariah Carey-like version of "Danny Boy" and Torres sang "To the Moon and Back."

While the votes were being counted, judges Varchetto and Barcus performed a musical intermission, giving renditions of two Ben Folds songs. Torres won third place as O'Brien was named Irish Idol 2006.

The judges and emcees were chosen by show directors Elaine Toutant, Sheena Plamoottil and acting judge Paula Kim.

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SHOW REVIEWS

La Alianza's Latinacion highlights Latin culture

By TAE ANDREWS
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Bailamos! On Friday night, University student organization La Alianza held Latinacion, its annual Latin Expressions cultural show. Held at the O'Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary's, the show was the 16th performance of the event celebrating traditional and current Latin-American culture.

After an opening act featuring both bomba and salsa-style dancing, the show continued with Rock LatinoAmericano, performed by Tiara Torres y Mauricio Ormachea.

Dance performances were such a prevalent staple of the show that many in attendance might have wondered if the Notre Dame students involved should have changed their collective moniker to the "Dancin' Irish," instead of the conventional "Fightin' Irish."

Perhaps the most powerful act of the first half was "Dear Statue of Liberty," a moving tribute that featured the performance of a piece of slam poetry by Elias J. Moo. In his poem, Moo provides a sense of social consciousness on the plight of illegal alien immigrants of Mexican descent currently residing in the United States. Moo implores America to remember the words engraved on the Statue of Liberty — "Give me your tired, your poor. Your huddled masses yearning to live free."

The performance lived up to show's billing as Latinacion, when a host of other Latin-American Notre Dame students joined Moo at the conclusion of the poem in a gesture of solidarity for their Latin brethren.

Las Encantadoras continued the evening's festivities with "Fuera de Liga," followed by "Alabanzas," a performance by Coro Primavera de Nuestra Senora. Act One was rounded out by "Danza de los Concheros," a performance by Ballet Folklorico Azul y Oro.

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La Alianza
vice president

Following the dance act, the Julian Zamora Scholarship Award, given to a faculty member who played a substantial role in the Latino community on campus, was given to Father Daniel Groody, theology professor and director of the Institute for Latino Studies. He graciously accepted the honor and humorously suggested that, should the percentage of Notre Dame students of Latin descent continue to rise, the school's moniker might one day become the "Fighting Latinos" in addition to the Fighting Irish.

The end of the first act saw "El Cascabel," a traditional mariachi musical performance by the eponymous music group Mariachi ND.

After a brief intermission, Latinacion picked up right where it left off with another talented performance by Mariachi ND. Following this, the Julian Zamora Scholarship Award was presented to Elias Moo and Alfredo Tuesta.

The next events included another performance by Ballet Folklorico Azul y Oro entitled, "Pelea de los Gallos," and "Carmen de Bolivar," a performance by El Tremendo Guandu.

The show took a turn for the modern with "Pop Identities of Latin America," a celebration of the modern sensation of reggaeton music sweeping Latin America.

Latinacion then followed with "Sweat," a performance featuring bowler hats, suspenders and canes worn by the First Class Lady Steppers.

After "Mi Reflejo," a song performed by Francesca Jiminez, "An Irish Tail" was performed by the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's Irish Dance team. In keeping with the evening's theme, the group performed its traditional Irish jig with a twist — instead of the more traditional Irish music jig/step music, the troupe performed to a thumping reggaeton beat.

The evening also showcased the vocal talents of Yadira Huerta, who, in addition to singing, coordinated the event with Sabrina Placeres.

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La Alianza's Friday presentation of Latinacion included a variety of dances. Traditional Latin dances, as well as modern forms, were featured in the show.

The second act of the show featured the first-ever Mr. and Mrs. Reggaeton ND competition, in which contestants vied fiercely for the titles of "papi chulo" and "mami chula" to raucous applause from the audience. The competition tested the competitors' knowledge of reggaeton artists, ability to speak rapid-fire Spanish, and, of course, ability to put it in reverse and back it up on the dance floor. In the end, Chris Liedl and Emma Pineda were the ones left standing after the smoke cleared, and they won the inaugural title.

Throughout the evening, the show was seasoned by the comedic antics of the show's emcee triple team — Rosa Lopez, Dmitri Martinez and Michelle Mas. At one point, the three staged a skit in which they held mock auditions for the show. The three-headed monster acting as Master of Ceremonies rotated between playing colorful would-be Latin Expressions hopefuls and giving out brutally honest "constructive criticism" worthy of talent judge Simon Cowell on the television program American Idol.

After "Tango y Paso Doble," performed by Pasion Ardiente, the show concluded with a Shakira mix for its closing act.

"Latin Expressions is a wonderful glimpse into the beauty that Latin American cultures have to offer," said Vanessa Quezada, La Alianza vice president. "For the Latino students specifically, it gives us great pride to share with the rest of the Notre Dame family the richness of these countries which we call home. It is an embracing event, not just for the Latinos of Notre Dame, but for all students who understand the true value of one's roots."

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BCAC Fashion Show more than just models, clothes

By CASSIE BELEK
Scene Writer

Hopscotch, football, cheating lovers and weddings aren't something one usually expects from a fashion show, but the BCAC proved this stereotype wrong. Saturday's BCAC Fashion Show was more than just strutting around in high heels — it was a high-energy display of this season's best fashions presented with music, choreography and a background story.

The production took place at the South Bend Century Center, and it marked the Black Cultural Arts Council's 28th year putting on the fashion show. The BCAC, along with backing from clothing sponsors such as Buckle, Charlotte Russe, DEB, Fashion Bug, Noelle's and the Hammes Bookstore, all contributed to the show's success.

The emcees of the evening — Lawrence Denson, Anne Marie Desir, and Justin Gray — guided the audience through the journey of a young woman named Kodi (Ukachi Okoronkwo) as she transitions from childhood in an all-black community to life under the Dome.

Taped segments with dialogue filled the gaps of the silent story put to music. While the pre-recorded parts rounded out the plot, the true entertainment came from the live segments set to energetic music and featuring the male and female models showcasing their fashions all while telling their stories of life and love at Notre Dame. The choreography added to the fun and energy of the segments and matched the music perfectly. The models themselves never missed a beat as they strutted and danced all over the stage.

Saturday's BCAC Fashion Show was more than just strutting around in high heels.

Highlights included "Jammin' for Jesus," "First Football Game" and "Freshman Puppy Love." In "Jammin' for Jesus" the models wore clothes by Noelle's and Fashion Bug as they re-enacted Sunday church at home filled with gospel music and witnesses.

In "First Football Game," the models were dressed in Hammes Bookstore apparel and portrayed the excitement of a home game, from the cheers to the marshmallow fight to Officer Tim McCarthy.

"Freshman Puppy Love" featured clothes by DEB and Buckle and followed Kodi, after her breakup with a cheating high school sweetheart, and several of her classmates as they find or reject love. Other characters in the segment and in the rest of the show included football players, gold diggers and posses of friends.

If anyone could be said to have stolen the show, it's the emcees who introduced each segment with their own bits. Denson and Gray weren't afraid to dress in drag or as Chippendale's dancers, and Desir tested the limits of her vocal cords before "Midterms: Library Time."

The trio remembered the fond days of third grade crushes and dancing "The Electric Slide" at family barbecues, even going so far as to pull members of the audience to dance with them. They also proved their improvisational skills when they were asked to kill time for clothing changes.

The most humorous moment of the evening came when the three warned Spring Visitation prospects in the audience of the danger of facebook.com pictures and then proceeded to display their favorites of Notre Dame students with faces whited-out, followed by demands for the people in the embarrassing pictures to show themselves.

The show culminated in "Ring by Spring," in which two of the characters got married, giving the models a chance to show off suits as well as formal and semi-formal gowns. This finale also allowed them to tie up the story's loose ends.

Despite a late start and long wardrobe changes, the BCAC Fashion Show was a unique and entertaining show that engaged the audience, told a story and displayed the hottest fashions of the seasons. The models were clearly having as much fun as the audience, and they brought that to the stage while they showed off what's hot and what's not.

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NHL

Gionta gets game-winner in comeback effort

Selanne, Pahlsson score two each as Anaheim blows out Vancouver to maintain first place in the Western Conference

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — In a matter of minutes, the New Jersey Devils went from leaving with no points to earning two.

Brian Gionta scored the game-winner with 2:36 to play in overtime after Patrik Elias had tied the game with 20 seconds left in regulation to beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-2 Sunday afternoon.

"I'm sure a lot of people were counting us out with 2 minutes left," defenseman Colin White said. "We had been in this situation before and always seem to come up a little bit short. The timing could not have been better to get two points."

The Devils, who also got a goal from Jay Pandolfo, moved into sole possession of sixth place in the Eastern Conference with fourth straight win and fifth in their last six games.

"It was a great win to finish a great week," winger Jamie Langenbrunner said.

Sidney Crosby had a goal and an assist and Ryan Whitney added two assists for Pittsburgh, which led 2-1 through most of the final 40 minutes of regulation.

"We were 20 seconds away from being able to say what a great game we played," Penguins coach Michel Therrien said.

The Devils' chances for a comeback were nearly lost when Crosby had a breakaway on Martin Brodeur with 2 1/2 minutes remaining in regulation during a 4-on-4 situation. However, Brodeur said he noticed while studying game film that Crosby liked to shoot high during penalty shots. Sure enough, the Penguins' rookie star attempted to flip a shot to the goalie's glove side, and Brodeur made the save.

"I read it pretty well," said Brodeur, who had 24 saves for his 36th win of the season. "I just got a good piece of it with my glove."

That play allowed New Jersey to make its late-game heroics. The tying goal came while the Devils had two extra skaters after pulling Brodeur during a power play following a hooking minor to Pittsburgh's Josef Melichar with 1:26 left in the third.

After the Penguins twice missed open nets on long shots, Elias scored while in the slot when he got his stick on a puck that had been shot by Brian Rafalski at the right point. The puck hit goalie Marc-Andre Fleury but spun over his head into the net. It was Elias' 10th goal of the season and only his third in the last 14 games.

"I saw (Rafalski) make a shot-pass and I had a lane in front of me so I wanted to get a stick on it," Elias said. "It took a long time to get into the net."

The Devils almost won it at the end of regulation when John Madden hit the post as time expired. However, Gionta got the game-winner when he scored his 42nd goal of the season after picking up a loose puck at his own blue line, skating down the left wing and firing a slap shot past Fleury. to make it happen."

Philadelphia 4, New York Islanders 1

With a win over one New York team, the Philadelphia Flyers got some momentum heading into a key matchup with another.

Robert Esche stopped 31 shots and four Philadelphia players scored in the Flyers' win over the New York Islanders on Sunday.

Mike Knuble, R.J. Umberger, Jeff Carter and Sami Kapanen all scored for the Flyers, who are now two points behind the first-place New York Rangers in the Atlantic Division with eight regular-season games left for both teams.

The Flyers take on the Rangers on Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden.

"We've played pretty well against them this year," Esche said. "At this time of the year, every game can go one way or the other."

Shawn Bates had the only goal for the Islanders, who have lost four straight and three in a row at home. New York goalie Rick DiPietro stopped 18 shots.

Knuble gave the Flyers the lead for good less than five minutes into the game when he backhanded in a rebound of Mike Rathje's shot. It was Knuble's career-high 31st goal of the season, besting the 30 he had in 2002-2003. His 60 points are also a career high, passing the 59 he had in the same season.

"I'm thrilled," Knuble said. "The stuff I've achieved since my 30th birthday saved my career. I'm really proud at 33 that I've been able to do my best. Ever since playing with some of the guys I played with in Boston, it's helped me confidence-wise to feel I can still contribute. It's a great feeling."

Umberger made a beautiful play for an unassisted goal at 9:40. He stripped defenseman Denis Grebeshkov of the puck at the Flyers' blue line, sidestepped defenseman John Erskine and beat DiPietro with a backhander over his glove.

Carter scored from the top of the right circle with a wrist shot over DiPietro's glove with 14.5 seconds left in the period, giving the Flyers had a commanding 3-0 lead.

The Islanders had chances in the first period, but an apparent goal by Robert Nilsson was disallowed 90 seconds in because the replay proved inconclusive as to whether Esche's glove was over the goal line when he grabbed Nilsson's backhander. Then Radek Martinek hit the crossbar with a shot midway through the period. Trent Hunter had a shot hit the crossbar and drop on the line, but not over, at 15:11.

"I think I got the first one before it crossed the line," Esche said. "The other one, it hit the crossbar and I fell over it. It was lucky, I guess."

Detroit 3, Minnesota 2

After a dominating performance against the league's best penalty kill, the Detroit Red Wings look primed and ready for a deep postseason run.

The Red Wings' top-ranked power play vastly outplayed Minnesota's No. 1 penalty-killing unit in a victory on Sunday.

"We've got a good power play and we want to have it good going into the playoffs," Detroit coach Mike Babcock said. "We don't want teams to screw around with us. We feel we can bury you on the power play if you try to screw around against us."

The Red Wings scored two power play goals in the second period, both assisted by Steve Yzerman, to get their franchise-record 27th road win of the season, one shy of the NHL record for road victories in a season. New Jersey set the record in 1998-99.

"We're not as cute on the road," Babcock said. "We keep the shifts really short and just roll everyone."

shot that fluttered over Manny Legace's right shoulder and caught the upper corner of the net.

Anaheim 6, Vancouver 2

The Anaheim Mighty Ducks are already in postseason form.

Teemu Selanne and Samuel Pahlsson scored two goals apiece, leading Anaheim to a victory over the Vancouver Canucks, who entered the game just one behind the Ducks in the Western Conference standings.

Rookies Ryan Getzlaf and Francois Beauchemin each added a goal and an assist for the Ducks, winners of seven straight at home and eight of 10 overall.

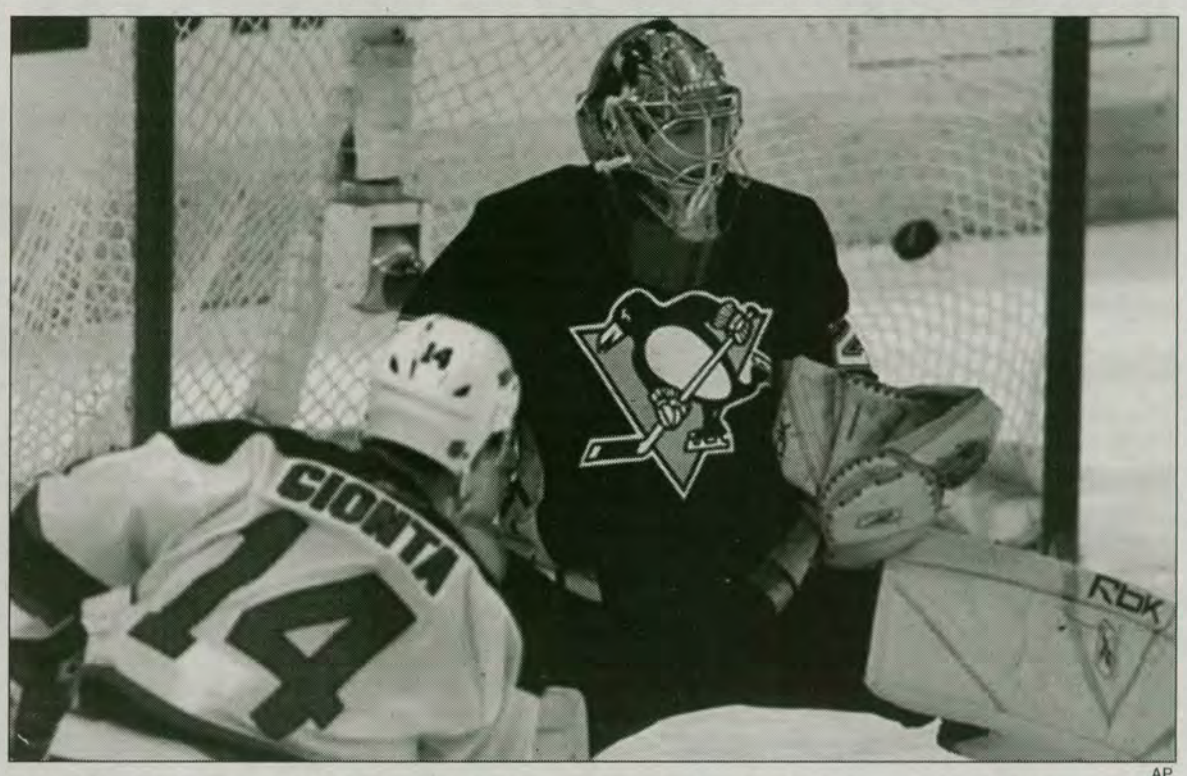
With the win Sunday, Anaheim moved three points ahead of Vancouver and just four points behind fourth-place Nashville in the Western Conference.

"I think we have played like a playoff team for some time," said Selanne, who has 18 points (seven goals, 11 assists) in his last nine games.

"We can still do better," he said. "The key thing right now is to look for forward, not behind you. I'd rather try to catch Nashville and push that forward then worry about the teams behind us right now."

Vancouver remains in seventh place, four points ahead of the Los Angeles Kings and San Jose Sharks who are tied for ninth.

"This team has a bit of a habit of getting comfortable and everyone want to revert to the easy way to play, thats not good enough especially this time of the year against a team like that," Vancouver forward Trevor Linden said.



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Brian Gionta scores with 2:36 remaining in overtime to give New Jersey a 3-2 win in Pittsburgh. The goal came shortly after Patrick Elias tied the score with 20 seconds left in regulation.

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NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	OT	points
NY Rangers	41-21	12	94
Philadelphia	41-23	10	94
New Jersey	39-27	9	87
NY Islanders	33-36	5	71
Pittsburgh	19-42	13	51

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	OT	points
Ottawa	49-17	7	105
Buffalo	45-23	6	96
Montreal	38-27	9	85
Toronto	35-32	6	76
Boston	28-34	13	69

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	OT	points
Carolina	48-20	6	102
Tampa Bay	39-30	5	83
Atlanta	36-31	6	78
Florida	34-31	9	77
Washington	25-38	10	60

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	OT	points
Detroit	51-15	8	110
Nashville	43-23	8	94
Columbus	31-40	3	65
Chicago	23-39	11	57
St. Louis	20-40	13	53

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	OT	points
Calgary	42-24	8	92
Colorado	40-26	8	88
Vancouver	40-29	7	87
Edmonton	37-26	12	86
Minnesota	34-34	7	75

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	OT	points
Dallas	49-21	4	102
Anaheim	39-23	12	90
San Jose	36-26	11	83
Los Angeles	39-31	5	83
Phoenix	36-34	4	76

NCAA Baseball Top 25

	team	*record*	*conf.*
1	Mississippi State	15-0	0-0
2	Rice	18-6	0-0
3	North Carolina	16-3	4-2
4	Cal State Fullerton	17-6	0-0
5	Georgia Tech	18-3	3-3
6	Florida State	21-2	5-1
7	South Carolina	17-3	2-1
8	Nebraska	15-2	0-0
9	Florida	17-7	2-1
10	Clemson	11-6	0-3
11	Arkansas	17-3	1-2
12	Tennessee	14-5	0-2
13	Wichita State	20-3	0-0
14	Tulane	14-8	0-0
15	Louisiana State	17-5	1-2
16	Oregon State	12-7	1-2
17	Stanford	11-7	0-0
18	Texas	15-10	1-1
19	Arizona State	18-7	0-0
20	North Carolina State	21-5	5-1
21	Pepperdine	14-11	0-0
22	Baylor	14-6	2-1
23	Oklahoma	18-5	0-0
24	Virginia	19-4	4-2
25	Georgia	14-4	1-2

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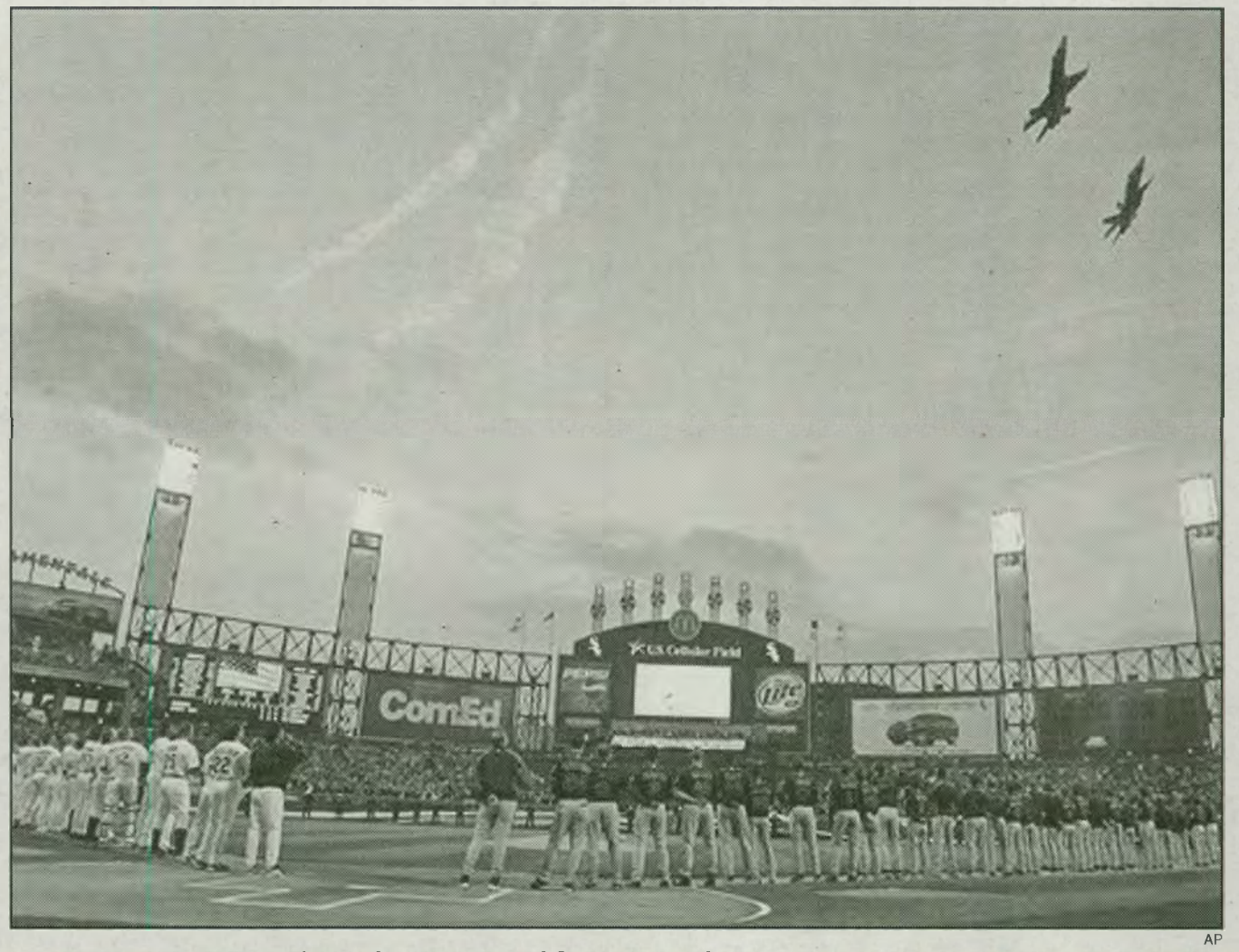


AP

Jets fly over U.S. Cellular Field before the start of Sunday's opening day game in Chicago between the defending World Series champion Chicago White Sox and Cleveland Indians.

Pre-game ceremony fires up Sox fans

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Fans cheered as soon as the White Sox emerged from the dugout to warm up Sunday night.

Ready to celebrate? You bet, especially after a five-month wait.

Their roar only got louder during a colorful ceremony before the major league opener against Cleveland, a celebration of Chicago's first World Series winner in 88 years.

When the final out of the Game 4 clincher in Houston was replayed on the large center-field scoreboard at the end of a video retrospective, four championship banners hanging beneath outfield light poles were uncovered. As fans sheered, fireworks went off behind the left-center field fence.

One banner saluted the White Sox World Series championships in 1906 and 1917, another was for last year's winner, a third hailed the team's AL champions and the fourth marked its division winners. After the fireworks, another video tribute followed, accompanied by Queen's "We Are The Champions."

"It was awesome. This is really exciting," fan Pat Valiska of suburban Highland Park said. "We've waited a long time for this."

The ceremony also featured the unfurling of an American flag as big as the outfield during the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and then a knee-knocking flyover by two jets.

"It was nice and impressive," said Frank Lakis, another fan who later had to sit through a fourth-inning rain delay. "The jets came a little close to the lights."

Chicago clinched all three of its playoff series on the road last season. And despite a wild parade through the streets of the city, Sunday night presented the first chance for the White Sox and their followers to celebrate in their own ballpark.

"This is kind of a circus atmosphere out here," White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski said before the game. "We just want to get to where we can focus on baseball."

Repeating will be tough. The last team to win consecutive titles was the 1998-2000 New York Yankees

After beating the New York Giants in the 1917 World Series, the White Sox went 57-67 the next season, good for sixth place. In 1960, one season after losing the World Series to the Dodgers, Chicago took third in the AL with an 87-67 record.

"I hope I don't have to wait 88 years again," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said.

IN BRIEF

Giants' Lowry signs four-year, $9.25 million deal

SAN FRANCISCO — Noah Lowry received quite the affirmation about his status in San Francisco's rotation, signing a four-year contract Sunday that guarantees the pitcher at least $9.25 million.

The 25-year-old Lowry, the Giants' No. 3 starter heading into Monday's season opener at San Diego, is under contract through the 2009 season and the Giants have a club option for 2010.

"It definitely means security," Lowry said. "For me, money isn't the issue. Baseball is game that I love to play. I love to go out and compete. ... This is something I worked my whole life for."

The left-hander gets a $1 million signing bonus. He was already set to make $385,000 this season and will earn $1.115 million in 2007, $2.25 million in '08 and $4.5 million in '08. The Giants have a $6.25 million option that could reach $7.75 million with escalators.

Marlins owner contemplates move to San Antonio

HOUSTON — Florida Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria said Sunday that discussions with San Antonio officials about the possibility of relocating the team there are serious.

San Antonio has been trying to lure the team and county officials have offered to put up $200 million toward an estimated $300 million ballpark if voters approve extending a tax on hotel and car rentals.

The Marlins slashed their payroll to about $15 million in the offseason because of poor attendance and no progress in Loria's bid for a baseball-specific stadium. Florida plays at Dolphins Stadium, home of Miami's NFL team.

"We're still looking at all our options, but our talks in San Antonio are serious," Loria said on Sunday at Minute Maid Park before addressing his team.

Loria said several officials from San Antonio would join him on Monday when the Marlins open the season against the Houston Astros.

"I've invited them to join us to learn more about San Antonio," he said.

Brewers sign reliever Turnbow to three-year deal

MILWAUKEE — Closer Derrick Turnbow and the Milwaukee Brewers agreed Sunday to a $6.5 million, three-year contract, replacing $488,000, one-year deal he signed in February.

The 28-year-old righty tied the Brewers season saves record last year with 39, a mark Dan Kolb set in 2004. The 39 saves ranked fifth in the NL last season, when Turnbow was 7-1 with a 1.74 ERA.

He struck out a career-high 64 batters in 67 1-3 innings.

Turnbow gets $1 million this year, $2.3 million in 2007 and $3.2 million in 2008.

NBA

Pistons clinch home court advantage with win

Clutch free throw shooting from Davis beats Golden State, gives Minnesota first overtime victory this season

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chauncey Billups wants it all: NBA title No. 2, and an MVP trophy.

Billups helped the Detroit Pistons earn home-court advantage throughout the Eastern Conference playoffs and might have rekindled his MVP candidacy in the process.

He scored 35 points against reigning MVP Steve Nash and his 3-pointer with 3:40 left put the Pistons ahead in a 109-102 win over Phoenix on Sunday.

"I think I made a good case," Billups said. "It would mean a lot. Not as much as another championship, but it means a lot to even be mentioned."

In a matchup of MVP candidates, Billups was sensational while Nash struggled, shooting 4-of-11 for 13 points.

"Chauncey was amazing," Nash said.

The Pistons (59-14) clinched the best record ahead of Miami.

"This is the third of our five steps, but this one might be the most important of the first four, because of the 2-2-1-1-1 format in the conference finals," Detroit coach Flip Saunders said.

The first two goals were to make the playoffs and win the division, and the last two are to clinch the best record in the league and win a second title in three years.

Detroit expects to be without Rasheed Wallace on Tuesday at home against the Hornets. Wallace is subject to a one-game suspension for picking up his 16th technical foul.

"I don't care about No. 16," Wallace said. "I'm just going to be cheering from home."

Shawn Marion scored 32 for Phoenix, which has lost five of its last nine games.

The Pistons have won eight of nine and for their second straight victory, they had to overcome a big deficit.

Detroit trailed by 17 in the first half and 16 in the third quarter before coming back with a pair of 7-0 runs in the third. Billups scored 15 in the third and Ben Wallace had 10 of his 11 points.

The teams traded leads in the fourth quarter until Billups took over.

Billups put the Suns away with a 3-pointer from about 30 feet just before the shot clock expired, which Nash said won the game, and a go-ahead 3-pointer on the next possession, giving Detroit a 100-98 lead that it didn't relinquish.

"It's not like we were making a lot of mistakes on him, he was just making shots that were incredible," Nash said.

When Billups was shooting free throws in the final minute, the crowd chanted: "MVP! MVP!"

In Detroit's previous game, Milwaukee led 15-0 and had an 18-point lead in the third quarter before the Pistons rallied.

"That's probably why they've been to the Finals the past two years," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said.

The Suns played well for two-plus quarters without a usual game from Nash because Boris Diaw (16), Raja Bell (12) and reserve Leandro Barbosa (10) carried the scoring load.

Billups wasn't a one-man team.

Tayshaun Prince had 23 points and eight rebounds, Rasheed Wallace had 15 points and 11 rebounds, Richard Hamilton had 12 points and seven assists and Ben Wallace had 11 rebounds along with a double-digit scoring game.

"Chauncey was amazing."

Steve Nash
Suns guard

Minnesota 106
Golden State 104

The Minnesota Timberwolves have struggled all season long to win close games.

Sunday was an exception.

Ricky Davis made three free throws in the final 12 seconds of overtime and the Minnesota Timberwolves hung on to beat the Golden State Warriors.

Minnesota, which won for the first time in five overtime games, is now 2-9 in one possession games. The other win was Feb. 6 at Phoenix when Kevin Garnett scored with 31.9 seconds remaining and blocked Shawn Marion at the buzzer.

"This means we're growing," said Marcus Banks who scored 24 points to lead Minnesota, which had all five starters score in double figures. "A couple of games ago we couldn't do anything as far as closing out a game. Now we're starting to put this thing together and looking forward to the future."

Davis and Garnett each had 19 points and Mark Blount and Rashad McCants scored 16 for Minnesota, winners of five straight at home.

Jason Richardson scored 33 points and Derek Fisher 22 for Golden State, which has lost four straight, the last three by a combined six points.

Fisher cut Minnesota's lead to 103-102 on a driving layup with 12.5 seconds remaining, before Davis made two foul shots with 12 seconds left. Fisher then made two free throws with 7.8 seconds to play to close the gap to 105-104. Davis added another free throw before Richardson missed an open 26-footer at the buzzer. It was the third straight game he missed a shot late that would have tied or won the game

Friday against Sacramento he wildly missed a 3-pointer before the buzzer and the Kings won by three. Wednesday against New Orleans/Oklahoma City his shot with 7.7 seconds left was blocked by Rasual Butler, and the Hornets won 86-85.

"I didn't realize how far from the basket I was when I got the ball," he said. "I was surprised I got that wide open."

Minnesota coach Dwane Casey said Justin Reed was supposed to be guarding Richardson, but got blocked on a screen.

Richardson had a play designed for him to win the game at the end of regulation.

He found himself matched one-on-one against Garnett near midcourt. With 5 seconds to go, Richardson drove the lane before kicking the ball to Fisher, who missed a 3-pointer.

"I thought was a great chance to get a great shot at the foul line," said Warriors coach Mike Montgomery.

Fisher's attempt was one of a season-high 39 Golden State had from beyond the arc.

Dallas 103, Denver 79

Mavericks coach Avery Johnson was a little happier with his team's defensive effort.

Dirk Nowitzki had 30 points and 12 rebounds to help the Mavericks snap a season-long three-game losing streak with a victory over the Denver Nuggets on Sunday.

Jason Terry scored 21 points and Josh Howard added 20 for the Mavericks, who had lost five of their previous seven and experienced the first three-game skid under Johnson. The Mavericks had been competing with Detroit and San Antonio for the NBA's best record before falling off the pace.

Johnson gave his team an angry dressing down for lax defense following Friday night's loss at Orlando. Johnson was displeased with his team's defense in all of the three consecutive road defeats to Detroit, Cleveland and Orlando.

"We thought we were pretty good defensively, for the most part, against one of the tougher teams in the Western Conference," Johnson said. "We knew we had to be physical."

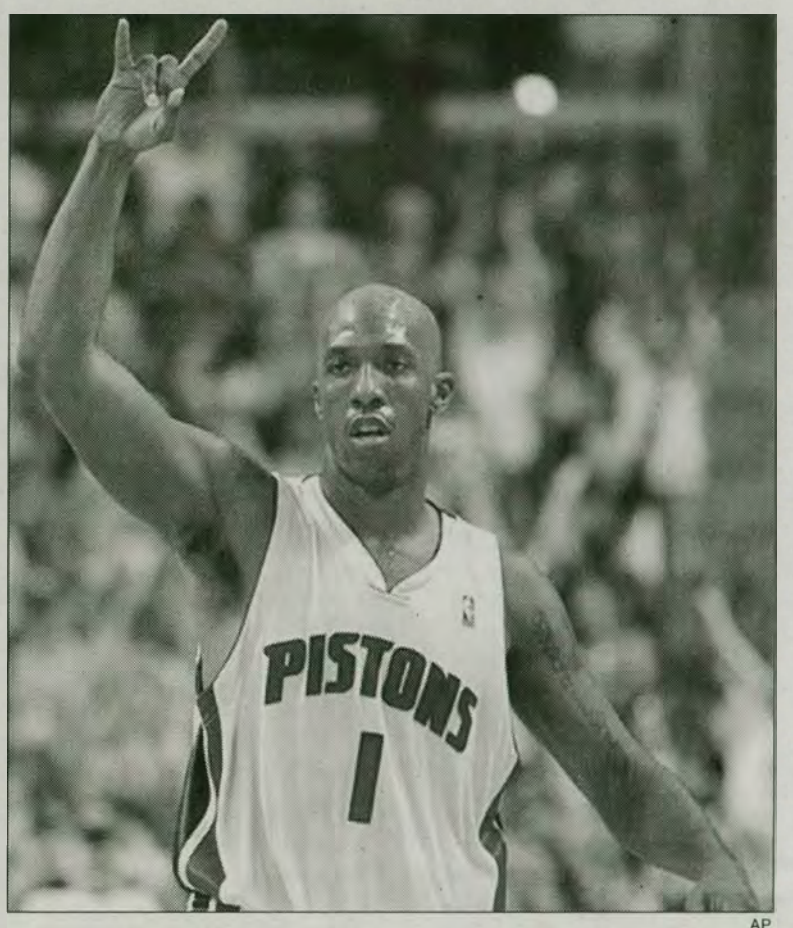
The Mavericks responded with better defense as the Nuggets shot 33 percent from the field in the first quarter while Dallas grabbed a 29-18 lead.

"I think we had a lot more sense of urgency coming out," Nowitzki said. "We got back to the basics and what we've been doing all season long. We wanted to stop the bleeding."

Denver finished 29-for-75 from the floor, committed 19 turnovers and was outrebounded by 42-30.

"We were so bad offensively," Nuggets coach George Karl said. "Defensively they found all the answers. We simply lost confidence in our offense."

The Nuggets were tentative against a Mavericks defense that included plenty of zone.



AP

Chauncey Billups celebrates Detroit's 109-102 win over Phoenix Sunday night. Billups led all scorers with 35 points.

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SMC TENNIS

After strong start, Belles break even

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

While Saint Mary's appeared unbeatable Friday, defeating Olivet Nazarene 8-1, the team looked anything but as it lost 9-0 to No. 13 Wheaton Saturday in the Jack Schwarz Memorial Classic Tournament in Wheaton, Ill.

The Belles started the weekend by defeating a talented Olivet Nazarene team with ease. The squad swept the doubles matches with the teams of Caile Mulcahy and Kelly McDavitt, Grace Gordon and Kristen Palombo and Melissa Dingler and Mary Elizabeth Campbell, all picking up wins by the score of 8-6.

In singles action, Saint Mary's proceeded to win five of the six match-ups. Only No. 2. Mulcahy failed to defeat her opponent as she lost to Olivet's Jennifer Ramsey by a score of 1-6, 6-1, 6-1. No. 1 Palombo needed three sets to beat Olivet's Lily Gonzalez, but McDavitt, Campbell, Dingler and Gordon only required two sets to dispatch their opponents.

But similar success was not found against Wheaton Saturday. The Belles failed to win a match, although McDavitt put up quite a fight as Wheaton's Karly Olsen needed extra games in the third set to pick up the win by a score of 6-4, 6-7 (4-7), 11-9.

The rest of the matches were not as competitive. Every other singles match went only two sets, with no Saint Mary's player managing to win more than two games in any set.

In doubles, the No. 1 team of Mulcahy and McDavitt lost 8-1, the No. 2 team of Palombo and Gordon was defeated 8-3 and the No. 3 team of Campbell and Dingler lost 8-2.

There were several reasons for the sizable gap between the outcomes of the matches, senior Palombo said.

"Part of it was that we didn't play as well against Wheaton, but part of it was that Wheaton was just a much better team," Palombo said. "We could have won more games against Wheaton, but they're a very solid team all around."

The weekend gives the Belles an overall record of 7-6 and 2-1 in the MIAA. Saint Mary's will now turn its focus on this week's conference matches. Despite the results against Wheaton, Palombo said the team will go into this week's matches with a worthwhile experience from this weekend's tournament.

"We feel positive because Friday's match was so good," Palombo said. "We played well Saturday, but sometimes you just come across opponents who are better than you. We were happy with our results and efforts."

Saint Mary's will play its next match Monday against Alma, a team that comes into the meeting with a record of 2-5 overall and 1-2 in MIAA. The Belles will look to pick up their third conference win after suffering their first conference loss last week to Hope by a score of 6-3.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No dancing for Heels this year

Terrapins top UNC to reach first-ever national championship game

Associated Press

BOSTON — Maryland is playing for its first national championship, and these Terrapins are no fluke.

The only team to beat top-ranked North Carolina in the regular season did it again Sunday night, outhustling and outmuscling the disjointed Tar Heels 81-70 in the NCAA women's national semifinal.

In just four short years under coach Brenda Frese, the Terps have joined the nation's elite.

"They have the heart of a lion," Frese said. "They believe in each other ... I'm really proud of them."

The Terps confounded the Tar Heels' uptempo game, forcing them in to a halfcourt match for much of the game.

Crystal Langhorne and Laura Harper asserted their strong inside presence — and the sophomores intend to be around for a while. Harper had 24 points and Langhorne scored 23 for the Terps, who had beaten the Tar Heels, their Atlantic Coast Conference rival, 98-95 in overtime in the regular season.

Carolina avenged that with a 91-80 in the ACC tournament, but the stakes were much higher for this rubber match.

Erlana Larkins led the Tar Heels with 28 points and 10 rebounds. Ivory Latta, Carolina's feisty point guard, was banged up, knocked down and carried off the court at one point.

Though she returned, she never quite got on track, finishing with 14 points, four assists and made just one of 10 3-pointers.

AP

Maryland coach Brenda Frese barks orders from the sideline in her team's 81-70 defeat of North Carolina Sunday.

The Terps will play the winner of the Duke-LSU semifinal.

Maryland ran its halfcourt came to near perfection, getting the ball into Langhorne or Harper for basket after basket. The Terps outscored North Carolina 50-38 in the paint and finished with a 41-31 edge on the boards.

Maryland was making its first Final Four appearance since 1989 but had the swagger of a team that's been here before. The Terps led by just two at the half, then began to methodically add to the lead.

Kristi Tolliver's 3-pointer with 8 minutes left gave the Terrapins their largest lead at 63-52. As the ball dropped through, Tolliver nodded toward the Maryland fan section and coolly gestured "bring it on."

For a while, it did seem Maryland was ready to run away with it. But Latta and the Heels had one more run left: North Carolina chipped away with a 11-4 run and Latta's two free throws with 1:06 left got the Heels within 3 at 73-70.

But there was no panic in these Terps. Shay Doron played cat-and-mouse with Latta as she brought the ball upcourt, then dished to a wide-open Coleman for a layup. The Heels would get no closer.

Doron said the game plan was to keep Latta "in front us all the time, make sure we contested every one of her shots and try to keep the ball out of her hand."

Latta fouled out with .7 seconds remaining when she wrestled Coleman to the ground. She walked off to and watched quietly as the Terps celebrated on the sidelines.

Most of the first half was marked by missed opportunities for the Tar Heels. Carolina hit just one of its first six free throw attempts and failed to capitalize on early turnovers.

Things were even worse from 3-point range, where the Tar Heels one of 11 attempts.

The Terps, meanwhile, went inside early and often to Langhorne and the big sophomore did not disappoint. She was 7-of-8 from the floor, mostly from inside the paint, and had 16 points in the first half to give the Terps a 36-34 lead at the break.

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MLB

Chicago looks impressive in first game against Cleveland

After long rain delay, Sox pick up where they left off last year

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago White Sox celebrated the past. Then newcomer Jim Thome showed them the promise of a new season.

Thome hit a two-run homer after a nearly three-hour rain delay and the defending World Series champions beat the Cleveland Indians 10-4 Sunday night in the major league opener, a game that didn't end until 1:10 a.m. CDT.

Thome played his first 12 seasons with the Indians before spending the last three in Philadelphia. Facing Cleveland for the first time, he drove out a long homer in a three-run fourth inning off reliever Fernando Cabrera and made his first curtain call at U.S. Cellular Field.

Cleveland, which chased Chicago for the AL Central title a year ago only to falter in the final week, sustained an early loss when starter C.C. Sabathia had to leave after two 1-3 innings after he strained an abdominal muscle while delivering a pitch. He will be re-examined Monday.

Brandon McCarthy, who replaced starter Mark Buehrle after the long delay, pitched three perfect innings for the victory.

After the two-hour, 57-minute delay, the game resumed in the bottom of the fourth and, after Cabrera (0-1) walked the first two hitters, the rain began to come down again.

Tadahito Iguchi's sacrifice fly gave the White Sox a 4-3 lead and Thome delivered a long shot to right through the rain for a three-run cushion. A.J. Pierzynski hit an RBI single and rookie Brian Anderson a two-run single in the fifth to make it 9-3 as the skies finally cleared.

World Series MVP Jermaine Dye, who got the first hit of the 2006 season with an infield roller, singled in another run in the sixth.

The attendance was announced at 38,802 — a sell-out — and about a one-fourth of the crowd stayed around for the resumption of the game after a long wait.

But White Sox fans know how to wait — 88 years between World Series winners.

SMC SOFTBALL

Defense dominates as Belles shutout Adrian

Senior Bridget Grall strikes out six and records first career no-hitter in the first of two wins this Saturday

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Cold weather couldn't stop Bridget Grall from dominating on the mound Saturday.

Grall threw her first no-hitter of her four-year career in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against Adrian College. Saint Mary's shut down Adrian, winning both games 5-0 and 7-0, respectively.

Grall struck out six and collected her fifth win for the season. Sarah Miesle also strengthened the defense as she shutdown the Bulldogs' offense from shortstop throughout the first game.

Both Miesle and Grall's energy from the first game carried into the second contest.

"[Grall's no-hitter] really motivated our team to come out ready for the second game," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said.

Sullivan said the Belles were able to remain focused and not get ahead of themselves.

"We kept our focus and intensity, but realized this was a new game, and we needed to play as hard as we did in the first game," she said.

The Belles did not settle into their comfort zone as they took on Adrian for the second time. Miesle, a defensive force in the first game, showed she could bring power from the plate as well. Homering in the top of the second, Miesle started the scoring and gave the Belles an early 1-0 lead.

Grall answered Miesle's homerun in the top of the third as she drove a double, eventually scoring to give the Belles a 2-0 advantage.

The score remained at 2-0 during the rest of the game as the Bulldogs were unable to score. Kristin Amram dominated from the mound, striking out 12.

Amram also broke open the game in the top of the seventh from the plate. After she doubled — driving in three runs — Martha Smid followed with a single to drive in two runs off an error.

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Saint Mary's freshman Kristin Amram winds up to deliver a pitch in the Belles' 7-0 win Saturday. Amram had 12 strikeouts in the shutout win.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish defense hangs on to defeat Big Green

Squad holds its opponents scoreless for the last 11:37 of Saturday's back-and-forth game against Dartmouth

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's defense shut out Dartmouth's attack the last 11 minutes of the game to hold on for an 8-7 victory Sunday at Moose Krause Stadium.

The No. 11 Irish outlasted the Big Green in a back-and-forth game that saw five ties and six lead changes thanks to lock-down defense in the fourth quarter. After Dartmouth scored to make it 8-7 with 11:37 to go, sophomore Sean Dougherty and senior All-American D.J. Driscoll anchored the Irish's final defensive stand, picking up three groundballs each in the last seven minutes of the stalemate.

Notre Dame's defense shortened the Big Green's possessions by forcing quick turnovers, while the Irish offense controlled the ball late in the game, milking the clock until it ran out on Dartmouth's chances.

"I definitely thought our defense had the athletic advantage over their attack," Driscoll said. "It came down to our entire defensive physicality in the second half, going through groundballs, not just pansyfooting around swiping at it. We really addressed the fact we were getting outworked, stepped it up and took it to the next level of aggressiveness."

In addition to killing Big Green possessions by totaling eight groundballs, Driscoll sparked the possession that took a 7-6 lead the Irish never surrendered. With 1:47 left in the third quarter, Driscoll snatched a high stick save out of the air in front of his net and outran Dartmouth defenders the length of the field before dishing to senior midfielder Drew Peters, who found freshman attack Peter Christman for the go-ahead goal. The assist was Peters' third point on the year and his second in two games.

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> **D.J. Driscoll**
> **Irish defenseman**

Senior All-American attack Pat Walsh led the offensive charge with four assists and one goal — which tied the game at 5-5 with 8:25 left in the third quarter — after he spun around a defender and dove in front of the net to create an angle through which he buried the ball in the back of the cage.

After Dartmouth responded less than a minute later, Walsh notched his fourth assist with a behind-the-back flip that found senior Matt Karweck in front of the net to even up a 6-6 game. Walsh's sly stick work was one of several nifty passes by him and Dougherty that heated up a crowd shivering from a bitter wind and showers that began falling in the third frame.

The weather did not affect the Irish, as the team ran a crisp passing game despite the slippery conditions — even when it used unconventional methods.

"We adjusted to the weather with our footwork," Walsh said. "Everyone adjusted by shortening up our passes and making easier plays. In that kind of weather, that's how you have success."

Sunday's game was the second time this week the Irish out-muscled their Ivy League opponent, as they constantly assaulted Big Green ball handlers with big hits and swinging sticks, allowing Dartmouth to convert only 13-of-24 clears and winning the groundball battle 43-39 — an extension of their execution in Wednesday's 11-5 win against Brown. The Irish successfully cleared 18 of their 21 attempts, as they continue to dominate opponents .800 to .678 in that area.

The game was also Notre Dame's first victory in a contest that lacked long scoring runs from either team. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he was disappointed that the Irish could not capitalize on the chances they created to put the ball in the net and break the game open. But he was pleased to see Notre Dame win a game wire-to-wire.

"Since I've been here at ND, Coach has always harped on losing close games," Driscoll said. "To come back after the first quarter and grind out a game definitely will help us later in the season, during league play or in the playoffs."

Walsh started the Irish scoring four minutes into the game, feeding freshman attack Ryan Hoff, who scored twice Sunday. Senior attack Brian Hubschmann made a precision pass to Walsh to set up Hoff's first goal, a favor Walsh returned to Hubschmann, setting up the senior Irish leading scorer for the next two goals. Hubschmann also supplied the assist to sophomore midfielder Michael Podgajny, who scored the decisive final Irish goal with 12:56 left in the game.

The victory improves Notre Dame to 6-2 as it enters Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) competition next Saturday in Indianapolis against Butler — the first of four straight road contests. If the Irish can survive the imminent road trip, they will put themselves in good position to play into a postseason birth. Corrigan, however, will not let his team think that far ahead.

"I'm just looking at Butler," Corrigan said. "One game at a time is the only way you can play them and the only way I can look at them as a coach. We're still alive and still in good position going into league [play]. Hopefully, we're improving as we go and our best lacrosse is still in front of us."

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame takes 11 events in outdoor home opener

Despite bad weather, several athletes record personal best times

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

The Irish hosted the Notre Dame Outdoor Opener at Moose Krause Stadium Saturday and recorded victories in 11 events.

Facing a field that included athletes from DePaul, Loyola Chicago, Central Michigan, Hillsdale College and Detroit Mercy College, the squad had to contend with poor weather conditions after previously competing in meets in California and Arizona.

That weather significantly impacted the athletes— the Irish failed to produce any NCAA qualifying marks.

"After the [Cal Poly Invitational], it was pretty frustrating to have to deal with the 45-degree temperature," said Austin Wechter, who won the men's 400-meter dash with a time of 49.52 seconds.

Despite the sub-par conditions, some of the Irish athletes did produce outstanding performances. Shot-putter Mike Schubert won the men's competition with a throw of 15.76 meters, the longest toss of his career. Schubert bettered his previous career-best by almost a full meter and won the event by nearly two meters. The runner-up, Adam Mayhew of Detroit Mercy College, posted a toss of 13.96 meters.

Sophomore sprinter Domenique Manning also topped her previous career-best mark as she won the women's 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.23 seconds.

"I thought the weather was really going to impair my running," Manning said. "I felt really good at the start of the race, though, and I just tried to run to the best of my ability in the conditions that we were in.

"When I heard my time over the intercom, I was shocked."

Other Notre Dame event winners included Laura Huarte in the javelin, Matt Plaska in the 800 meters, Mike Popejoy in the 5,000 meters, Nicole Yergler in the 400-meter hurdles, Garet Koxlien in the discus, Kate Mattoon in the pole vault and the women's 4x400-meter relay team.

While no Irish athletes recorded NCAA qualifying figures, many did improve upon their qualifying marks for the Big East Outdoor Championships.

Notre Dame will send athletes to compete at the Miami (Ohio) Invitational in Oxford, Ohio next weekend.

"Hopefully the weather will be a lot better for us [at Miami]," Manning said.

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Liz Phillips competes in the mile race at Loftus on Feb. 3. Notre Dame hosted its first outdoor meet of the season this weekend.

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ND SOFTBALL

Team sweeps two doubleheaders over weekend

By DAN MURPHY and JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writers

Notre Dame began Big East play Saturday by showing how dominant it can be on offense or defense, sweeping a doubleheader against Connecticut with a 9-0 blowout and a 2-1 no-hitter.

For the Irish, everything seemed to go their way in game one, especially on offense. Notre Dame lit up the Huskies' starting pitcher, Krista Micalczyk, for nine runs on 11 hits in only three-and-one-third innings of work. Each of the first five hitters scored in the first inning on Micalczyk.

Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said it was her team's ability to get ahead early that really sparked the Irish offense.

"We got into a really good hitting rhythm," Gumpf said. "The fact that we jumped out early really helped us win."

Although the Huskies quieted down the Irish bats in the second — allowing no runs and one hit — Notre Dame refused to be stopped, scoring two insurance runs in each of the third and fourth innings.

The top of the Irish lineup continued to help start the offense as it has all year, as the second and third hitters — center fielder Alexendra Kotcheff and Mallorie Lenn, respectively — each scored two runs while Kotcheff reached safely in all three of her at-bats.

Second baseman Katie Laing, batting fifth for the Irish, also had a huge day at the plate, driving in three runs on a double and a triple.

But it was not just the Irish lineup that beat the Huskies, but also the work of the pitchers — starter Heather Booth and reliever Kenya Fuemmeler — who combined for a five-inning shutout before the game was called due to the eight-run slaughter rule.

Booth came out strong by striking out five in her four innings of work. Her performance was especially impressive having just come off an 11-inning complete game against Bowling Green.

"Heather did a great job coming in fresh and ready to go," Lenn said. "She knew that she had to be ready for this game, and she didn't let the other game [against Bowling Green] affect her performance."

While the first game for the Irish proved their ability to hit well against Big East pitching, the second game showed Notre Dame's potential dominance over Big East hitting with Brittney Bargar's eight-inning no-hitter.

Bargar pitched well against the Huskies in the second game, something the Irish needed as their bats were no longer dominant against the new Huskies pitcher, Michelle Caouette. Bargar was perfect through four-and-one-third innings, including four strikeouts at that point, when an error by third baseman Meagan Ruthrauff allowed the first Husky runner of the game to reach base. Bargar did not let this faze her and moved on through the next two innings with no trouble.

But going into the top of the sixth, staked to a tenuous one-run lead for the Irish off of a Stephanie Brown homerun in the third, Bargar began to have some serious trouble with her control.

An error by shortstop Sara Schoonaert allowed the leadoff runner on first, while a hit batsman and walk loaded the bases with no outs. Bargar buckled down, getting two outs, but then plunked the next hitter in the back to allow the only run of the game for the Huskies.

"I was really frustrated with Bargar's control issues," Gumpf said of her freshman starter. "She is such a great pinpoint pitcher that she didn't have to hit those batters. They were crowding the plate, but she has to learn to avoid hitting people."

Bargar's error sent the game into extra innings, where she reasserted her control and her dominance by finishing off the no-hitter after a Ruthrauff sacrifice fly scored right fielder Stephanie Mola for a 2-1 Irish win.

For Bargar, this game marked the biggest win of her short Notre Dame career as well as the second no-hitter she contributed to this week, the other being a combined no-hitter against Western Michigan with Fuemmeler March 26.

"It feels good to have done this," Bargar said, "But the defense played very well too. There's no way I could have done it without them."

Notre Dame came into this game with a sense of purpose — to assert themselves as the dominant team in the Big East.

"If we play well we can beat anybody, and if we don't anybody can beat us," Gumpf said. "We have to come out on fire, and we did that today."

The Irish continued their successful start on Sunday against Providence, winning both games in convincing fashion.

Notre Dame was able to jump out to an early lead, thanks to the consistent production in the top half of the batting order. The team went ahead 3-0 in the third inning when the one through four hitters strung together two doubles and two singles resulting in two runs and runners on second and third. Second baseman Katie Laing dropped a sacrifice bunt to scratch across the third run of the inning.

Sara Schoonaert was able to sneak in another run in the fourth by catching the Friars' defense off guard and stealing home.

"I am always extremely aggressive on the bases and love to use my instincts," Schoonaert said.

The run gave the Irish a 4-1 lead which Booth was able to hold for the remainder of the game.

Booth stayed hot Sunday, improving her record to 9-7 on the year. The only run for Providence in the game was due to a fielding error in the top of the fourth inning.

The stingy defensive play continued in the second contest of the afternoon as freshman Brittany Bargar led the team to an 8-0 victory.

The top of the order continued to dominate as the plate as both Mallorie Lenn and Brown finished the day going four-for-six. Brown's last hit was a walk-off home run in the sixth that gave the Irish the eight-run mercy rule win.

The bulk of the scoring came in the fourth inning when the team sent nine batters to the plate and posted five runs on four hits and one error. The big blows came from Laing and Lenn, who each drove in two runs on long doubles.

The duo struck again as they both drove in one run, each setting up Brown to deliver the knockout punch in the sixth.

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ROWING

Irish take 4th in Jessop-Whittier

Result an improvement on the squad's eighth place finish last season

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame's women's rowing team came away with an impressive fourth-place finish in the Jessop-Whittier Cup competition at this weekend's San Diego Crew Classic.

The Irish finished second in their preliminary heat on Saturday with a time of 6:28.53 to advance to the finals for the Jessop-Whittier Cup, the top honor for collegiate varsity eight teams at the Classic. The Irish varsity eight boat, manned by coxswain Marina Romero and rowers Julie Sobolewski, Amanda Polk, Mary Quinn, Laura Pearson, Allison Marsh, Melissa Felker, Meg Boyle and Sarah Palandech, finished fourth in the Cup finals with a time of 6:58:66. The California rowers finished first with a time of 6:52:10, and were followed by Southern California and Washington State, with times of 6:54:29 and 6:57:83, respectively. The Irish improved on last year's time — 7:03.21 — which earned them an eighth-place finish in the competition for the Cup.

"It was a great race, and we defeated some quality opponents in the process."

Martin Stone
Irish coach

"It was great to come in on this day and race very competitively in the varsity eight," head coach Martin Stone said. "It was a great race, and we defeated some quality opposition in the process."

The Irish, who began the week ranked No. 22 in the NCAA coaches' poll, were content with their performance at the Classic but were not satisfied with a fourth-place finish. The team will look to continue to improve throughout the rest of the season.

"We were very happy with the way we rowed," freshman Mallory Glass said. "We definitely turned a few heads."

Freshman Amanda Gonzales agreed with Glass' assessment but stressed that her team was still working to get better.

"We're staying focused," she said after the races, "and working to improve our speed."

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Bender

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ment Sunday.

"In the end, the only reason I have coached at Saint Mary's for five years is because of the student-athletes, and their well-being is all that matters to me right now," Bodensteiner said. "We (the former coaching staff) have talked extensively to the 14 student-athletes involved and they are shocked, hurt, angry and sad."

Several players contacted by The Observer Sunday declined to comment on the situation.

Bodensteiner said the 2005-06 coaching staff would support members of the team in any way it could.

"All throughout this past season, Coach Bender said over and over that this team was a family," she said. "That is not going to change now."

Eric Retter contributed to this report.

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UConn

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assists. With six games left, she is just five goals shy of Courtney Calabrese's program record of 38 goals as a freshman.

"I guess it's pretty cool," Byers said. "This year we have a great team, and they're the reason for my success. We have so many great players — [senior midfielder] Crysti [Foote], [sophomore attack] Caitlin McKinney, [junior attack] Meghan [Murphy] — who have helped me reach this goal."

In the Big East battle, the Notre Dame's high-powered offense proved too powerful for the Huskies.

Foote led the team with five goals and four assists for a total of nine points, unloading on the Huskies after being held to only one point against Canisius on March 25.

"I think the match-up against Canisius was an opportunity for our team as a whole to contribute and gave each player confidence," Foote said. "Some games, you just get into the zone. It feels good though to play well after coming off a low-scoring game."

Notre Dame is averaging 15.8 goals per game in its 10 contests this season.

Saturday's first half was marked by competitive play from both offenses. McKinney spearheaded the Irish offensive press with the first goal of the match. UConn attacks Abbey VanDeusen and Kristin Link traded goals with the Irish early in the first half, but the Notre Dame offense continued to mesh, taking a 7-4 lead into the half after freshman midfielder Jane Stoeckert netted her seventh goal of the season with 1:25 left before the break.

To start the second half, VanDeusen threatened the moderate Irish lead with an early goal, but Notre Dame responded with an offensive volley.

Byers, Foote and McKinney combined for six second-half goals and secured Notre Dame the 13-9 victory.

"It feels good though to play well after coming off a low-scoring game."

Crysti Foote
Irish attack

A key aspect of the team's success was the defensive shutdown of Connecticut midfielder Shannon Burke. Burke's presence was a major factor in both of UConn's wins this season. The former Big East Player of the Week was held to just two points in the contest.

The win against Connecticut gives the No. 10 Irish a 9-1 record overall and a 2-0 record in the Big East.

Notre Dame's final six games include a daunting stretch against the elite lacrosse programs of Duke, Georgetown, Syracuse and Vanderbilt.

"We must continue to hustle and work hard each day in practice," Foote said. "Right now, we're just going to play to the best of our abilities and play every game one at a time."

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Purdue

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helped us mentally [as the team heads into the last stretch of the season]."

Notre Dame started the match strong as the Irish swept the doubles matches to earn a one-point advantage as they headed into the singles frame. The Irish have yet to drop the doubles point all season.

The No. 3 duo of juniors Catrina and Christian Thompson defeated Purdue's pair of sophomore Brooke Beier and freshman Mallory Voelker 8-2 at No. 1.

"It was splendid to be able to have a great match against a strong doubles team," Christian Thompson said. "[Purdue] also has such a superb record indoors at home, because they have fast courts and make the game a lot quicker."

Playing at No. 2 for the Irish was the No. 29 twosome of sophomore Brook Buck and freshman Kelcy Tefft, which downed the Boilermakers' Stephanie Wooten and Randi Schuler, 8-4. The last team playing for Notre Dame who completed the sweep was seniors Lauren Connolly and Kiki Stastny, who topped Purdue's Brittany Minna and Anna Dzeva, 8-4.

In singles, No. 30 Catrina Thompson needed three sets to earn the 1-6, 6-3, 6-1 win over No. 60 Randi Schuler.

Following Thompson at No. 2 was No. 74 Christian Thompson, who suffered a 6-4, 0-6, 6-2 upset from Beier.

"It was a heartbreaking loss," Thompson said. "I had a great second set, but just couldn't pull out the win."

Buck downed Voelker 7-5, 7-6 at No. 3. Her doubles partner Tefft found difficulties in her match as she was upset by Wooten 6-0, 2-6, 7-6 at No. 4. In the final two Irish matches, Stastny was defeated by Dzeva 4-6, 7-6, 1-0 (10-8) at No. 5. The fourth Irish point came from Potts as she downed Minna, 6-1, 6-0.

"[Katie] has really pulled through for us this season," Thompson said. "She has played a big role in several matches for us [this season]."

The Irish return home to face Northwestern at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Courtney Tennis Center.

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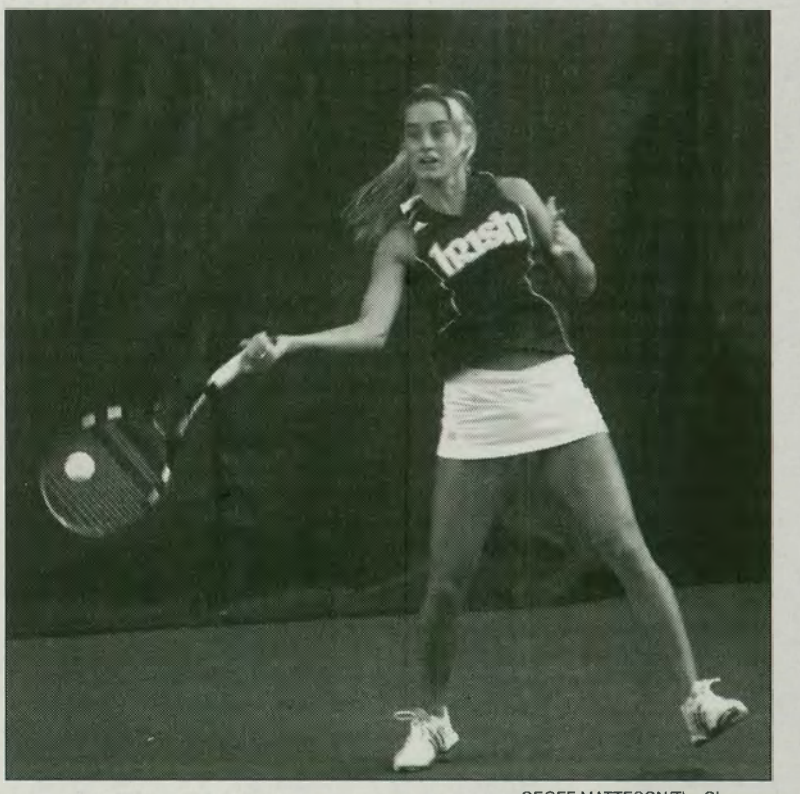

GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

Irish sophomore Brook Buck returns the ball during Notre Dame's 7-0 shut out of Illinois March 5 at the Eck Center.

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Carolina.

Notre Dame's score was strong enough to finish tied with Virginia Tech and ahead of No. 12 Tennessee. By finishing ahead of the Volunteers, Notre Dame beat a ranked opponent for the fourth time this season.

Leading the way for the Irish was junior co-captain Cole Isban, who finished with a score of even par 216 (74-67-75). His round of 67 on Saturday was the low round for Notre Dame over the weekend, and it vaulted him all the way into a tie for fourth place on an individual basis going into Sunday. Isban's round on Sunday of 75, however, dropped him back into a tie for 13th place.

Freshman Josh Sandman also made an impact for Notre Dame this weekend, as he finished tied for 25th with a score of a three-over par 219 (74-71-74). Sandman, who made his college debut this past weekend due to a nagging back injury in the fall, made up for lost time by being Notre Dame's most consistent performer at Augusta. He recorded an eagle on the fourth hole of his college career.

Senior tri-captains Scott Gustavson and Mark Baldwin shared 67th place as they finished with identical scores of 228. After shooting 78 in both his rounds on Saturday, Gustavson posted a 72 on Sunday, which was good enough for Notre Dame's low round of the day. Baldwin did not fare as well on Sunday, stumbling to a final round 78. Sunday's round was the first time in Baldwin's 21 rounds this season that his score was not counted towards the team's total.

Sophomore Mike King rounded out the scoring for Notre Dame, finishing 71st at 16-over par 232 (78-78-76).

The team will be in action again next weekend at the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind. The event will be hosted by Purdue, and it will take place at the Birck Boilermaker Golf Complex.

Head coach Jim Kubinski could not be reached for comment Sunday.

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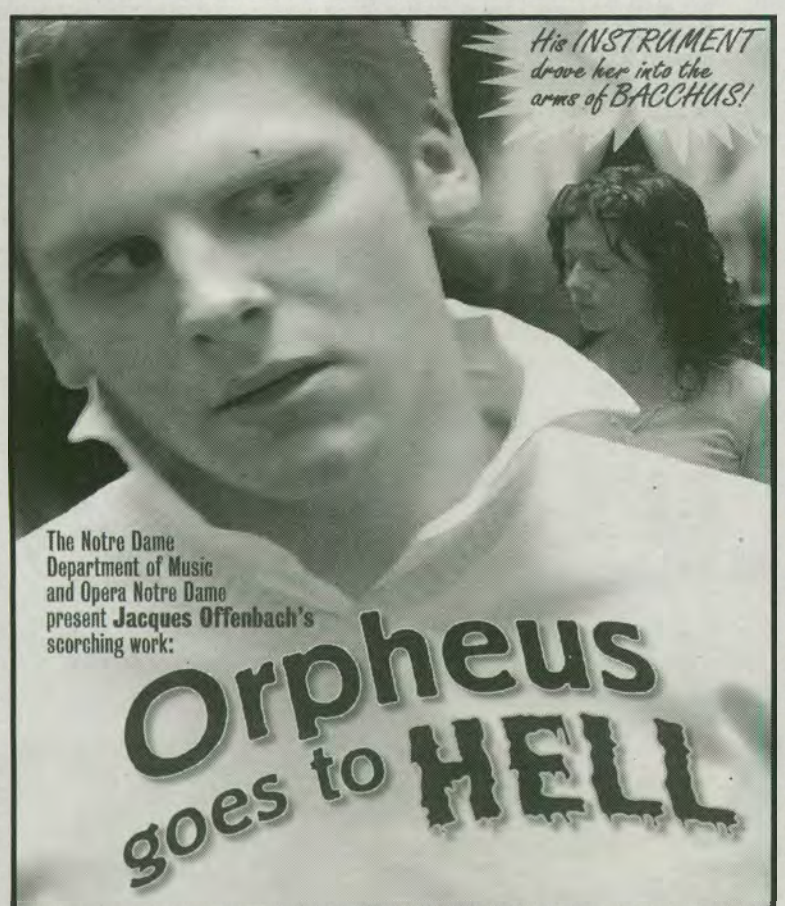

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first to beat out an infield single to lead off the inning. After center fielder Alex Nettey delivered a sacrifice fly, Panthers coach Joe Jordano called on Cicatello to relieve Mike Bassage.

With first base open, the right-hander intentionally walked fellow righty Craig Cooper, who was 3-for-5 in the game with a homer and a double. Cicatello then struggled against Notre Dame's No. 2 hitter Danny Dressman, walking the junior on five pitches to load the bases.

"[Jordano] had a tough decision to make there," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said of the choice to have Cicatello intentionally walk Cooper. "If I had been faced with the same situation ... I probably would have done the same thing."

Barnes followed Dressman and lined an 0-1 single in the hole between third and short to give the Irish the win.

With Notre Dame ahead 7-6 in the top of the ninth, Pittsburgh shortstop Jimmy Mayer delivered a two-strike, two-run double off Mike Dury to give the Panthers the lead.

Dury had replaced Joey Williamson, who hit two batters in the inning and left with two runners on base and one out.

"I knew Mike Dury would throw strikes," Mainieri said. "I had a pretty good feeling he wouldn't strike [a batter] out. I was just hoping [Mayer] would hit it at somebody."

Right-hander Tom Thornton started the game for Notre Dame and went 7.2 innings, allowing five earned runs on seven hits and two hit batsman. He surrendered three runs in the first before recording an out, but settled down, retiring 14 Panthers in a row in a stretch between the second and seventh innings.

Freshman righty Kyle Landis threw six innings for Pittsburgh, giving up five runs (three earned) on eight hits and six walks.

Notre Dame 4, Pittsburgh 3

Irish starter Jeff Manship (3-1) threw seven innings, struck out nine Panthers and scattered four hits en route to Notre Dame's win over Pittsburgh Saturday afternoon.

Freshman reliever Kyle Weiland worked out of several bases-loaded jams to collect a hard-won save — his sixth of the season — for his two-inning relief appearance.

Weiland entered the eighth with a 4-1 Irish lead, but loaded the bases with no outs on back-to-back singles by Sean Conley and Mayer and hit batter Jim Negrych with a pitch.

A sacrifice fly by Morgan Kielty scored Conley from third and a fielder's choice advanced the remaining runners to second and third. A wild pitch to the backstop during the next at-bat scored Mayer to cut the lead to 4-3.

Weiland loaded the bases again with a two-out walk, but worked out of the jam with a groundout by pinch hitter Seth Button. The young reliever surrendered a walk in the ninth to Mayer before a Negrych line out to first base ended the game.

"It's good for him, he needs to be in those situations," Manship said of Weiland. "It helps his character for sure. It speaks a lot for him, what he did today."

In the second inning, a Sean Gaston infield single scored Danny Dressman and was followed by a run on a Pittsburgh error. Ross Brezovsky — who reached base with a single — tripped just off second base and ran home after the throw to catch him at third went wild. Lopez concluded the rally with an RBI single up the middle.

Brian Muldowney plated the first Pittsburgh run in the fourth with a double to the gap in left center. Lopez got his second RBI — and the game-winning run — in the sixth when he pushed a pitch to right field, scoring Matt Bransfield.

"Lopez is an amazing guy, he just seems to come through in the clutch for us so often," Mainieri said. "You could throw his statistics out the window, we need him most when the game is on the line."

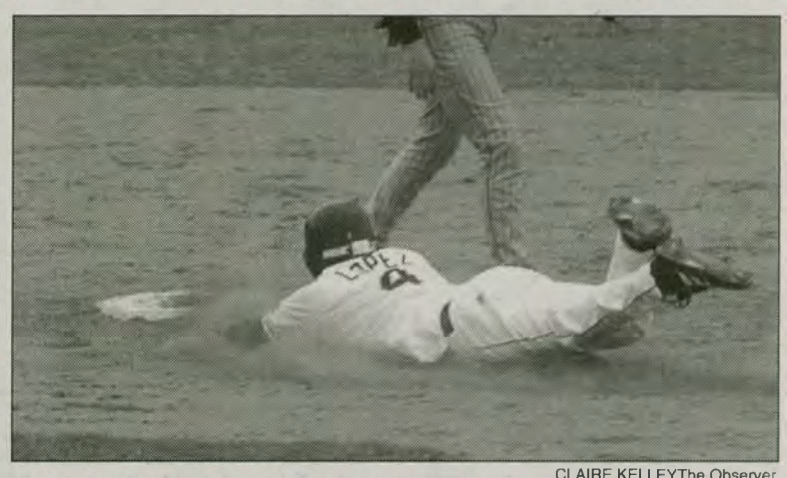
Notre Dame 6, Pittsburgh 1

Jeff Samardzija struck out eight in his first home start of the season as the Irish won the opener of the three game set against Pittsburgh Friday.

Notre Dame (15-8, 3-1 Big East) won its fifth straight game, while the Panthers (11-13, 2-5 Big East) lost their fifth in a row.

A season high crowd of 2,886 braved windy conditions to watch Samardzija duel with Pittsburgh left-hander Rob Brant. The Notre Dame junior threw eight innings, giving up one run on eight hits, while the Panther sophomore allowed four runs on 11 hits in seven-and-a-third innings.

Samardzija got off to a shaky start, allowing six Panthers to reach base in the first three innings, but settled down later in the game, retiring seven straight batters in the fifth through seventh innings.



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Senior shortstop Greg Lopez slides into second base during Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over the visiting Panthers Saturday.

"I think it was a combination of coming out with tough weather, especially with my pitches that move a lot, and, top of that, I was just excited," Samardzija said. "There was a lot of my family and a lot of people in the stands."

Brant held Notre Dame scoreless through four innings, but the Irish broke through for four runs in his last three-and-a-third innings of work.

"I think he definitely got a little bit tired at the end there," said Lopez, who went 2-for-3 at the plate. "He was throwing really well, but after you see a pitcher three or four times, you start to learn his tendencies and his release point."

The Irish played small ball all game, bunting four times, including a successful suicide squeeze by Nettey that scored designated hitter Danny Dressman in the sixth inning.

"The thing on a suicide is you have to bunt whatever pitch comes to the plate," Nettey said. "I just happened to get a curveball that was pretty much at my feet, but I was able to put it in play."

Lopez said Mainieri has stressed bunting and base running this season.

"That's how we have to play this year," Lopez said. "We know we're not going to score a lot, so we have to manufacture runs by being unselfish and moving runners over."

The Irish will stay at home for their next two games, Tuesday against Chicago State and Wednesday against Ball State, before traveling to Tampa, Fla., next weekend for a three-game Big East series against South Florida.

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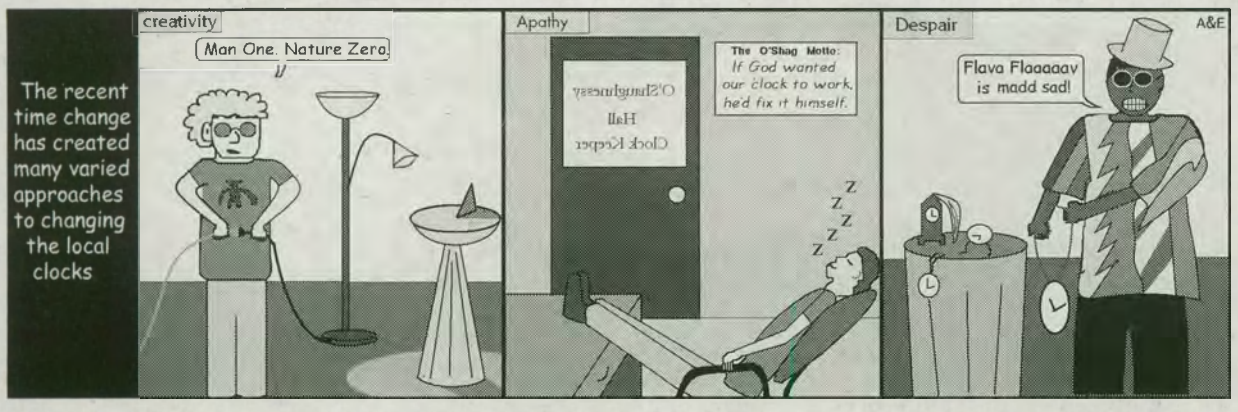

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6 Classic shark movie
10 Performed an aria
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21 See 18-Down
22 Like presents
23 Feel aggrieved
26 Akin (to)
29 Like shopping done all in the same place
33 Intestinal bacteria
34 12 months in Madrid
35 Female with a wool coat
36 Hasn't a clue
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42 Web address ending
43 Unexpected victory
44 "Make up your mind!"
47 Gary Cooper title role
49 Photographer's request
51 From the top
54 "Dies ___" (hymn)
55 Chiang ___-shek
58 What the last words of 17-, 23-, 36- and 49-Across might be
62 Neighbor of Java
63 Victor's cry
64 Chucklehead
65 Old radio's "___ 'n' Andy"
66 Mexican moolah
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1 "You don't know ___"
2 Burn soother
3 Youngster's mount
4 In addition
5 Post-Renaissance language
6 Expressed derision
7 Fight site
8 1975 musical set in Oz, with "The"
9 Utters, informally
10 Typographical embellishments
11 Tel ___, Israel
12 Not naughty
13 Secluded valley
18 With 21-Across, heartsick
19 James who wrote "The Morning Watch"
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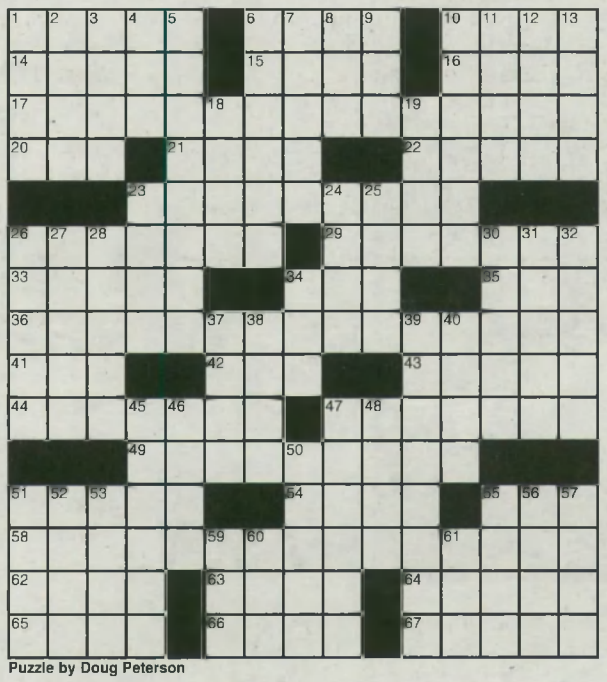

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): A change in attitude as well as in your financial situation is apparent. An older relative will need addition help or your services. Don't let a slowdown disturb you; the extra time will aid you in doing what's right. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You should do all you can to help friends in need. The less time you have to think about your own concerns, the better. A friendship will change the way you think about something that you are involved in. A little romance will brighten your day. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may feel energetic today, but if you overdo it or take impulsive action, you will find yourself in a bit of a bind. Someone you work with will not have the same agenda as you **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Everything may be changing around you, but for once the alterations are positive; you should relax and let them take place. Going against the grain will only hold you back. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Ask yourself if you have ulterior motives. You need to reflect and review your current personal situation. This may be the time to change midstream if you are questioning where you see yourself in the future. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Do something creative with your partner or youngsters in your family. Surprise someone you care about by doing something totally out of character. Sometimes it's good to keep your partner guessing.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Everything will come back to the way you do a job or take care of matters pertaining to your health or the well-being of someone else. A change regarding the people you work with or the job you are working on can be expected. Someone may try to put demands on you. ***

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SMC BASKETBALL

Head coach Bender not retained by Saint Mary's

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Saint Mary's declined to renew the contract option of head coach Steve Bender this weekend after his first season with the team — a season in which the Belles set a program record for wins in MIAA league play.

Saint Mary's Sports Information director Stephen Hinkel told The Observer he could not comment on the particulars of the decision but that Bender's contract was a year-by-year agreement, which the College has the option to renew after a review following each season.

Such a contract structure is the norm for all Saint Mary's coaches, Hinkel said.

Bender was named MIAA coach of the year after leading the Belles to a 9-7 conference record — their first-ever winning record in league play — and an 11-15 overall record. Sophomore guard Alison Kessler finished fifth in the conference in scoring with 14.2 points per game and was named to the All-MIAA first team.

The Observer was unable to contact Bender Sunday.

Belles assistant coach Jill Bodensteiner, who has coached for Saint Mary's since 2001, said she too would not return to the team.

"I am shocked and disappointed by the recent turn of events," Bodensteiner said in an e-mail to The Observer Sunday. "We just completed the most successful season in Saint Mary's College basketball history — on and off the court."

It was unclear Sunday if any other members of the coaching staff would return to the team for the 2006-07 season. Members of the College's Public Relations office were unavailable for comment.

Athletic director Lynn Kachmarik notified players of the decision in a team meeting Friday. Kachmarik and Pat Pierce, the team's faculty advisor, were unavailable for com-

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BASEBALL

How sweep it is

Irish thump Panthers in three-game series

By KEN FOWLER, KYLE CASSILY and CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writers

Freshman designated hitter Jeremy Barnes delivered a game-winning two-run single off Panthers reliever Justin Cicatello in the bottom of the ninth Sunday, as Notre Dame (17-8, 5-1) edged Pittsburgh (11-15, 2-7) 9-8 to sweep the three-game conference series this weekend.

"He gave me a middle-in fastball, and I put my hands to it and let everything fall as it may," Barnes said.

With the Irish down 8-7, senior shortstop Greg Lopez dove into

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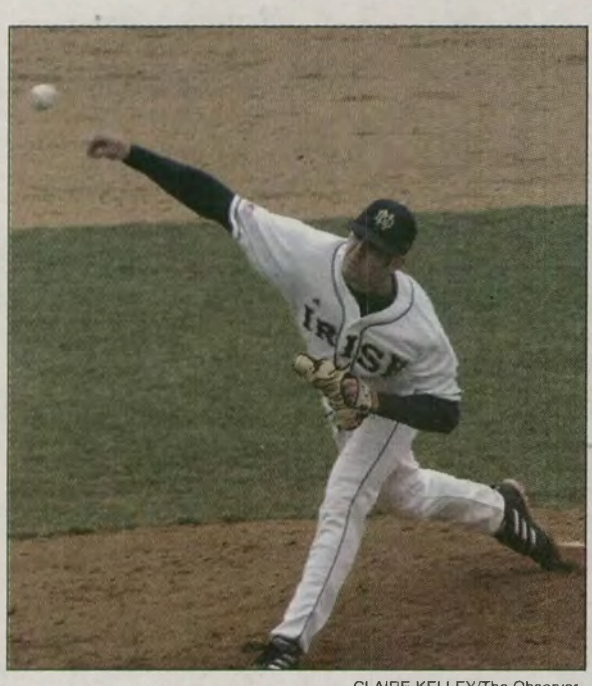

CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer
Irish pitcher Jeff Manship delivers a pitch during Notre Dame's 4-3 win over Pittsburgh Saturday.

STATS

	AVG	OB%	SLG%	HR	RBI
9 Craig Cooper	.385	.473	.526	2	7
6 Danny Dressman	.380	.500	.465	0	16
7 Ross Brezovsky	.338	.407	.446	1	14
12 Matt Bransfield	.337	.402	.547	2	16

4 Greg Lopez	.333	.352	.357	0	22
20 Jeremy Barnes	.311	.407	.432	1	13
2 Brett Lilley	.266	.392	.291	0	8
11 Sean Gaston	.258	.347	.323	0	11
16 Alex Nettey	.250	.381	.279	0	6

SEASON

JAMES RUDY/Observer Graphic

MEN'S GOLF

Irish end up 11th out of 15

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Notre Dame shot a final round 297 at this weekend's Augusta State Invitational, moving up one spot to finish tied for 11th place out of a strong 15-team field.

With scores of 299 and 293 during Saturday's two rounds at Champions Retreat Golf Club (par 72/7,265) in Evans, Ga., the Irish finished with a final team score of a 25-over par 899 — 35 strokes behind first-place finisher Coastal

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Byers, Irish down Huskies

GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer
Irish freshman Jillian Byers brings the ball up the field during Notre Dame's 17-15 victory over Cornell March 5.

By CHRIS WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Since the first moment Jillian Byers stepped on a lacrosse field for Notre Dame, she's felt at home.

Byers set the Notre Dame freshman scoring record Saturday with her 45th point of the season as the Irish beat Connecticut 13-9 in Storrs, Conn.

Netting three goals and an assist, Byers increased her season totals to 33 goals and 12

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team rides early lead to 4-3 win vs. Purdue

Squad continues to rebound after falling against Vanderbilt

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame proved its strength and depth this weekend with a 4-3 win Sunday over Purdue.

The No. 2 Irish (18-1) took a giant leap forward in confidence thanks to this weekend's victory. Freshman Katie Potts said the team needed to prove to itself that it can perform under pressure.

"After losing to Vanderbilt 4-3, we had lost some of the momentum we had been carrying all season [to remain undefeated after 16 matches into the season]," Potts said. "When the match came down to a pressure situation, we were able to pull through as a team. That really

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ROWING

The Irish claimed a fourth-place finish in the Jessop-Whittier Cup competition at the San Diego Crew Classic over the weekend.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame 8
Dartmouth 7

Attackman Pat Walsh paced the Irish attack with a goal and four assists Sunday.

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TRACK

The Irish battled poor weather conditions at the Notre Dame Outdoor Opener Saturday.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's 5
Adrian 0

Bridget Grall dominated for the Belles, tossing a no-hitter Saturday.

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MLB OPENER

White Sox 10
Indians 4

Defending champion Chicago throttled Cleveland in the 2006 season opener.

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's 8
Olivet Nazarene 1

The Belles destroyed the Tigers Friday before falling to Wheaton 9-0 Saturday.

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