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Sexual Assault Awareness Week kicks off

By MEGAN HEMLER
News Writer

Sexual assaults are among the most terrible of human experiences, and people of all communities have a moral obligation to work to prevent them from happening, said Elizabeth Moriarty, assistant director for the Gender Relations Center.

Sexual Assault Awareness Week, which began yesterday, is an opportunity for survivors to speak out and begin to heal, while also increasing awareness within a broader audience, she said.

The weeklong series of events kicked off with a poster campaign. Today, an event titled "Take Back the Night" will seek to "literally break

the silence surrounding the violence of sexual assault with voices of prayer, chanting and the sharing of stories," Moriarty said.

"'Take Back the Night' is unique for us because we start with a prayer service, something not every college or university can do," Moriarty said. "We start the march around campus at the Log Chapel this year, and we're able as a religious institution to ask publicly questions about how to pray about this."

Laura Lauck, a "Take Back the Night" student organizer, said, "The week's purpose is to bring about awareness of this issue on campus and worldwide, but it also serves to bring people together to work towards healing and change."

Moriarty said she hopes the awareness week will be beneficial.

"A few years ago, our office did some intense focus group research and found that students really appreciated awareness weeks because they had lots of ways to be involved or only involved in one specific way," Moriarty said. "It really brings more of a public presence to the topic and provides an opportunity to educate, both for those directly affected or those with friends or family who need their support."

Moriarty said one in four women will be a survivor of an attempted or completed sexual assault by the time they finish college.

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Sexual Assault Awareness Week

2/22 Take Back the Night

2/24

—25 Resource Tables; 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.;
LaFortune and Dining Halls

2/24 The Accused; 8—10 p.m.;
Montgomery Theater in LaFortune

2/25 Free T-Shirt Giveaway; 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.;
LaFortune and the Dining Halls

2/26 'A Time to Heal' Dinner

2/28 SAAW Sunday: Petitions, Ribbons and
Prayer Cards at Campus Masses

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JPW allows parents to experience campus life



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Irish football coach Brian Kelly speaks at the JPW brunch Sunday, the concluding event of the weekend.

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Notre Dame juniors spent the past three days with their parents experiencing everything that the University has to offer during the annual Junior Parents Weekend.

Now that the weekend of food, events and bonding has concluded, juniors can sit back and reflect on the experiences and memories that they shared with their parents over the course of the weekend.

"Junior Parents Weekend was nice because there was a lot of stuff to do," junior Ryan Bahniuk said. "Everyone seemed to really participate in the events and were really

excited about it."

The weekend had several events for the juniors and their parents to attend, including the Opening Gala Friday, the President's Dinner Saturday and various dorm and college events where parents could have a more personal experience with the University of Notre Dame and with their children.

"Junior Parents Weekend is really organized and is better than your parents just coming up on a random weekend," junior Michael Bohnert said. "I was able to show my parents what I've done and my accomplishments in a more personal way than just telling

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Green Summit to focus on food

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Today's third annual Green Summit will highlight the sustainable efforts made on Notre Dame's campus, offering participants the chance to host roundtable discussion.

The event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Monogram Room in the Joyce Center.

"The Summit is a great opportunity to bring togeth-

er undergraduates, graduate students, staff and faculty to develop a shared vision of how we can make Notre Dame a more sustainable campus," Education and Outreach Coordinator from the Office of Sustainability Rachel Novick said.

The theme this year is the Footprint of Food, Novick said. The theme will be represented in the roundtable discussion portion of the Summit.

"This year there will be a

twist," she said. "Participants will have 15 minutes to discuss a topic at their table, then we'll ring a bell and it will be time to switch tables and topics."

The four topics in the rotation are food and climate, local food, sustainable seafood and food waste.

Senior Colleen Kelly, intern with the Office of Sustainability and President of GreeND, said the event

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Art exhibit analyzes Eric Gill's work

By KATLYN SMITH
News Writer

Three students brought a British artist's work across the pond to the Library Special Collections Room. The exhibit, which opens today, was organized under the direction of Professor John Sherman, who taught a special class last semester to analyze works from the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections' Eric Gill Collection.

Sherman said Gill was responsible for designing the Gill San font type and sculpting the Stations of the Cross at Westminster Cathedral in addition to other artistic pursuits.

Senior Juliana Hoffelder and sophomores Micahlyn Allen and Kelly Fallon gathered materials from the collection for the exhibit, titled



Photo Courtesy of John Sherman

Sophomore Micahlyn Allen uses a printing press from the Guild of Saint Joseph and Saint Dominic for the "All Art is Propaganda" exhibit.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Speaking of JPW

At the Junior Parents' Weekend Mass Saturday, Fr. Tom Eckert said in his homily that we should enjoy all of the meaningful conversations that the weekend would bring.

That comment struck me, because over JPW I did indeed have some fascinating conversations with friends, family and faculty members. And when I say fascinating, I mean awkward, inappropriate or overall just mortifying. And I'm leaving out the one where my dad and I discussed certain medical procedures I may or may not need in the future.



Laura Myers

Assistant Sports Editor

Some examples, in chronological order.

♦ On the phone with my mom Friday afternoon:

Mom: "So are you going to drink margaritas with us at the Mexican restaurant?"

Me: "No, those things are pure sugar."

Mom: "Okay, I guess we'll just have to do tequila shots."

♦ That evening at the Gala, in line for the bar:

Dad: "With your new haircut you look a little older."

Me: "A friend told me 19."

Dad: "I wouldn't go that far."

♦ At a reception for theology majors Saturday, talking with a theology professor whom I had just met:

Professor: "What are you planning to do after you graduate?"

Me: "Well, I work for The Observer, and if I can find a job in journalism I would love to do that."

Professor: "That's a great way to be poor for the rest of your life."

♦ Still at the theology reception:

Me: "There is nothing in this life I can get with a 4.0 that I can't get with a 3.5."

Dad: "How about on the Dean's List?"

♦ At Mass, towards the end of the Sign of Peace:

My mom leans past me towards a junior two seats to my right.

Me: "What are you doing?"

Mom: "I wanted to shake his hand. He's cute."

♦ At the President's Dinner:

A friend from high school runs into my dad and comes over to say hello.

Friend: "I found your Dad in the bathroom."

Mom: "Were you just hanging out in there?"

In a way, conversations like this are at the core of JPW, a chance for parents to discover just what their kids are up to. For most of us, the Notre Dame experience involves drinking alcohol (legally and responsibly, of course), obsessing over grades and careers, convincing bouncers that our birthday really was 21 years ago and attempting to pick up cute co-eds at Mass, among many other things.

My parents really got down to the bottom of things, and I'm glad they did. If they don't disown me for writing this — which my mom threatened to do — I'd love for them to come back for more conversations.

Just preferably not about my friends' bathroom habits.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Laura Myers at lmyers2@nd.edu

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD BE ANY DISNEY CHARACTER, WHO WOULD YOU BE?



Neil O'Dougherty

freshman
Keenan

"Winnie the Pooh ... Oh, bother."



JoLynn Williams

sophomore
Holy Cross

"The Little Mermaid. Have you seen Prince Eric?"



Tara Doyle

freshman
McCandless

"Meg, from 'Hercules,' because she's got attitude and a backbone."



Anna Vaughn

freshman
Regina

"Cinderella. She's a blonde bombshell, just like me."



Ali Buckley

freshman
McCandless

"Mulan. Gentle as a forest, but a fire, within."



Tori Spencer

freshman
LeMans Hall

"Jasmine because I too love adventures."

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Students bless their parents at the Junior Parents Weekend brunch. The blessing was led by University President Emeritus Fr. Theodore Hesburgh. The brunch was one of many events that juniors and their parents attended this weekend.

OFFBEAT

Nepal's shortest man in search of world record

KATMANDU, Nepal — A man who is only 22 inches (56 centimeters) tall left his home country of Nepal on Sunday in a quest to be recognized as the world's shortest man. Khagendra Thapa Magar is traveling to Europe to campaign for the Guinness World Record title. He applied to London-based group for a place in the record book in October, soon after turning 18, but said he has not received any response.

Magar's family initially filed a claim when he was 14, but it was rejected

because he was not an adult and there was a chance he might grow.

They say doctors in Nepal have not been able to explain why Magar is so small.

Police say student willingly had his buttocks branded

BRECKENRIDGE, Colo. — Breckenridge authorities said a Texas Christian University student who suffered burns when his peers branded his buttocks participated in the act willingly and no charges will be filed.

Authorities said Thursday they made the decision not

to pursue charges after reviewing statements from Amon Carter IV and a dozen TCU students. The Summit Daily News reported that Carter had Greek symbols from his fraternity and a sorority branded on his buttocks Jan. 8 during a trip to Breckenridge and needed surgery after suffering second- and third-degree burns.

Investigators said what happened was not part of a fraternity initiation because Carter was already a group member.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

The third annual campus-wide sustainability planning session for students, staff and faculty, **Green Summit III, "The Footprint of Food,"** will take place today from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Monogram Room in the Joyce Center.

A lecture entitled "**National Socialism in Philosophy: Being, History, Technology and Extermination in Heidegger's Work**" will be given today by Emmanuel Faye. It will take place from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Eck Visitors Center Auditorium.

A lecture, "**Computation, Aesthetics, and the Contemporary Baroque,**" will take place today from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in 104 Bond Hall.

The children's book, "**A Color of His Own,**" by Leo Lionni, will be read at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore tomorrow at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

A seminar, "**Prospects for Peace in Israel-Palestine,**" will take place tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Dooley Room of the LaFortune Student Center.

A lecture entitled "**A War on Terror by Any Other Name: What Has Obama Changed?**" will take place tomorrow from 4:15 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in Room C103 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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

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Conference to discuss human development

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

The second annual Human Development Conference will bring students from all over the country and world together to discuss the best ways to address global development and aid.

The conference's theme will be "People, Power and Pragmatism: The Future of Development in Our Changing World" and will take place on Feb. 26 and 27.

"We all really have a passion to bring change to the world, to make a difference," senior and co-chair of the conference Barbara Vi Ho said. "I remember ... someone saying, 'It's not enough to have a heart. You have to have a heart that sees.' We have to understand the contexts of the situations that we're entering, the people and the culture that we're trying to work with."

"I think the conference is the center of that," she said.

The conference will feature research from 43 different countries, Jeremy Tamargo, senior and publicity manager for the conference, said.

"It's a student-led conference, with a committee of student members," Tamargo said.

The conference is in tune with the mission of the University, Andrew Seelaus, senior and co-chair for the conference, said.

"If you look at the mission of the University, it's totally in line with [the conference]," Seelaus

said. "There's definitely an interest on campus."

In addition to there being interest on campus, Tamargo said the conference fills a need.

"Catholic social tradition teaches us that solidarity and preferential option for the poor," he said. "As long as there's a need for development, there's a need for this conference and the need to keep students engaged."

"They shouldn't just be in the classroom, but taking that scholarship out of the classroom and applying it with action, creating social change."

The conference's focus is broad enough to incorporate students from every major, Ho said.

"Because it is a multi-disciplinary conference, it provides a venue for people of all different disciplines to present how they think they can make a change in the world," Seelaus said.

With the broad focus, Ho said she hopes students will begin to see development in a different light.

"I would hope that it would open their eyes to seeing human development as involving so many different fields," Ho said.

Tamargo said big organizations should not be the only ones doing development work.

"It starts with your own agency and taking action," Tamargo said. "That's the starting point."

Seelaus said he hopes the conference will be an opportunity to show that students are

taking action.

"[University President Fr. John] Jenkins talks about making [Notre Dame] a preeminent research institution in the country, and I think this is just another great venue for us to showcase that, both graduate and undergraduate student research," Seelaus said.

Lacey Haussamen, advisor from one of the conference's sponsors, the Ford Family Program, said she sees the conference as an opportunity for students to participate in an academic forum.

"One thing I think is so special about this conference is that it gives students a chance to really participate in an academic conference," Haussamen said.

"It gives them an opportunity to present their research, particularly undergraduates who haven't had that experience before."

Tony Pohlen, also an advisor from the Ford Program, said the different viewpoints offered at the conference help breed ingenuity in thinking.

"Maybe one third of the presenters are Notre Dame students, but the others come from universities from across the country and internationally," Pohlen said. "It brings together students that have had these amazing experiences around the world to present their work, but also to discuss their viewpoints."

The conference will involve students from other universities as well, Seelaus said.

"We've got people coming in



Photo courtesy of Andrew Seelaus

Human Development Conference Committee members pose for a picture. The conference will take place Feb. 26 and 27.

from various colleges, and if those people have a slightly different perspective to human development that maybe is better in one realm while we are better in another realm, if we can put that together, we can make things happen," Seelaus said.

"This is one event that the Ford Program is sponsoring that really allows students to be engaged in that discussion [of development]," Pohlen said. "It's not just faculty giving lectures. It's not simple courses that we're introducing."

"It's students really engaged in development issues con-

tributing to the thinking and the solving of those problems that affect people around the world."

Registration ends tonight and can be completed at online at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies Web site, but people are invited to attend even if they do not register.

The event will be held at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, with the reception and dinner in the Monogram Room of the Joyce Center.

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SMC puts on ‘CSI: Live’ show for children

By ALICIA SMITH
Sports Writer

Complete with a smoke machine and special effects lighting, children were given a hands-on learning experience with CSI: Live. The show was recommended for children ages 8 and over and was presented Friday in the O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s College. The show offered kids an experience where they could “enter the fascinating world of crime scene investigations through an exciting, interactive journey led by our CSI team,” according to promotional fliers. The show led the audience through the investigation of a crime scene. Actors Theresa Noon and Bear Schaal played the two crime scene investigators, Sydney Mathis and David

Hart. The crime: A magician picks an audience member to participate in a trick that results in foul play. Mathis and Hart are called to investigate the scene, and ask the young audience to assist. “I think the kids enjoyed the show. They really got into it. When they asked for volunteers they were jumping up and down and jumping on seats,” sophomore Jordan Bartrom, who attended the performance, said. When called on stage, kids were given special goggles, hats and CSI coats so they appeared to be part of the investigative team. During the performance, Hart and Mathias gave helpful pointers for solving crimes and uncovering clues within a crime scene. “A witness statement is one of the most important elements in finding

suspects,” Mathias said during the performance. Though only some members of the audience were called on stage, the entire audience was utilized for participation. Audience members were asked to stand, shout out answers and were asked to clap and cheer for the person who was the most-likely suspect. “I think the audience enjoyed it because it was so hands-on and they could participate in it. And it was something cool. They were helping to solve a crime,” Bartrom said. Mathias and Hart also demonstrated many different techniques for investigating a crime. Hart explained that by using luminol, a chemical substance that is used by forensic investigators to detect blood, and a black light, traces of blood can be identified.

The investigating team also demonstrated the use of an air-powered cannon. Hart and Mathias put a flashlight in the cannon and shot it through a piece of wood and then through a watermelon. Throughout the performance, the audience was able to watch a large screen that was on stage to see messages from the crime lab. The screen also presented quizzes and gave instant replays of some of the experiments that Mathias and Hart performed. At the end of the performance, the suspect who committed the crime was caught and Hart and Mathias displayed the evidence that they had found while working at the crime scene.

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Jordan Bartrom
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Assault

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“The idea is that this isn’t just a women’s issue, this affects our whole community, whether you realize it or not. Many people do in fact know someone who has been touched by this, they just don’t realize it,” she said. Moriarty emphasized that student concerns are a top priority, and the event schedule was made flexible to reflect what students are looking for at that time. Other events throughout the week include a screening of “The Accused,” co-sponsored by the Athletic Department, as well as various resource tables with information and petitions, all in an effort to promote solidarity and reject sexual violence. The week culminates in what Moriarty called, “our biggest event,” which is the “Time to Heal” dinner at Legends Friday night. Last year’s dinner drew 220 attendees, Moriarty said. “We’ve realized that Notre Dame is small enough that we can have an awareness week that affects the whole campus, not just a section of it,” she said. “When we’re made aware of an injustice we are obliged to object to it ... When you see people within the community really rallying around those who have been directly affected, it’s a powerful experience. Not only does the individual become transformed, but the community as well.”

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Art

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“All Art is Propaganda.” Each student also wrote an essay, published for the exhibit catalog. Sherman, who has been involved with the collection for 15 years, said the class offered a unique research opportunity. “They are writing their own sake and forming these opinions themselves,” Sherman said. “For some students, that’s a different experience. You are usually trying to learn what somebody else thinks.” Hoffelder said through the exhibit, she hoped students would gain “a respect for the type of research we did and how it’s an alternative, collabora-

ative approach to a topic.” The class included a weeklong trip to London where students grasped Eric’s Gill influence on art, design and catholic social teaching. According to the exhibit’s catalog, Gill began his career in London. In 1907, he moved to Ditchling, England, where he helped establish the Guild of Saint Joseph and Saint Dominic, a Catholic community of sculptors, writers and other artists. Fallon, who examined the collection from an art historian’s perspective, said the trip complemented her study at Notre Dame. “Before the trip, it was difficult to grasp how influential he had been,” Fallon said. “But once we were in London and in Ditchling and meeting people who were descendants of the guild, it really made the whole project come alive and made the collection seem extremely

relevant.” Gill’s work extended into multiple facets of the community. In addition to designing fonts and sculpting Stations of the Cross, he constructed war memorials. The Catholic Worker Movement later used his drawings and images in their publications, Sherman said. Allen said Gill’s religious and secular works were not always distinct. “A lot of his work was controversial because he tended to put religious implications in his secular work, and he was never afraid to push the envelope,” Allen said. Sherman hoped viewers of the exhibit would appreciate this adherence to a belief system. “I think one of the examples of the Guild is that, no matter what your profession, you don’t have to have a boundary

between how you live your life and how you work and how you pray,” Sherman said. “You don’t need to compartmentalize.” The Guild’s integration of their beliefs into their art led the students to choose the exhibit’s title, “All Art is Propaganda,” from a 1934 essay by Gill. “Some people feel that art is not about their lives,” Sherman said. “He felt that art needed to be engaged in the lives of people and making a difference.” Ruth Cribb, one of the scholars the students met with in London and descendant of a Guild member, will present her research and comment on the exhibit March 3 in the Special Collections Reading Room.

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Summit

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has grown beyond the department level. “With the growth and work of the Office of Sustainability and other green groups on campus, it seemed like a natural fit to remake the Summit into a more educational event,” Kelly said. “Given the great work of ND Food Services, it will be an opportunity to showcase their work and also engage the rest of the Notre Dame community,” she said. “This event will hopefully build on the success of the past by granting students, faculty, administrators and staff an opportunity to talk about living in sustainable ways.” Novick said she hopes participants take away that eating in a sustainable way isn’t difficult. “One of the easiest ways people can lighten their environmental footprint is by making more conscious choices

about what they eat,” Novick said. “Also, they don’t have to become a vegan or eat a purely local diet in order to eat in a more eco-friendly way. There are lots of small steps they can take that make a big difference.” Kelly said this year’s event shows how far Notre Dame has come in sustainability. “The two previous green summits produced a laundry list of things for the University and the Office of Sustainability to work on or investigate,” Kelly said. “I think we have become a campus where being green is more understood and accepted.” In addition to the Green Summit, the Office of Sustainability will host many upcoming events, Novick said. In particular, these events, like a Green Comedy Night performed by the Humor Artists, and an Environmental Mass at the Grotto will center on Earth Week, takes place April 18 to April 23.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Paraguay leader visits soccer star

MEXICO CITY — Paraguayan President Fernando Lugo says soccer star Salvador Cabanas is hopeful, talking and exercising.

The Paraguayan striker, who plays for Mexico's Club America, is recovering after being shot in the head Jan. 25 at a Mexico City bar.

Lugo says he found Cabanas very lucid and with "a lot of hope" during their talk at the hospital Sunday.

Lugo, who is in Mexico for the Rio Group summit, showed off an America T-shirt that Cabanas signed. Lugo says the player is exercising on a stationary bike.

Cabanas had been expected to lead Paraguay's national team at the World Cup in South Africa this summer.

Obama statue returns to public view

JAKARTA, Indonesia — A statue of Barack Obama as a boy was placed late Sunday night at the Jakarta elementary school the U.S. president once attended, after its display in a public park prompted backlash in the Indonesia capital.

The replacement of the bronze statue a week after it disappeared from public view was a low-key event officiated by the school's principal and three local education officials. Scores of proud students had been among the crowd of 500 watching when Jakarta's mayor unveiled the statue in the nearby park in December.

The likeness based on a childhood photograph shows a 10-year-old Obama smiling at a butterfly perched on his outstretched thumb.

NATIONAL NEWS

Archaeologists find octagonal house

BLUFFTON, S.C. — South Carolina archaeologists believe they might have unearthed the first octagonal house in the United States.

The ruins were found last fall on the banks of the May River in the southern coastal town of Bluffton. A letter written in 1796 by a visitor mentions the octagonal house and helps date the structure.

Archaeologists Heather Cline and Mary Socci say the 900-square-foot house was owned by Scottish immigrant William McKimmy and was built about 1790.

That would mean the home predates Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. That home was built in the 1820s near Lynchburg, Va., and is considered to be the first octagonal house in the U.S.

ATF charges 2 men in church fire

TYLER, Texas — Federal authorities say two men have been charged with setting an east Texas church on fire and are suspected in a string of similar blazes this year.

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokesman Tom Crowley says 19-year-old Jason Robert Bourque and 21-year-old Daniel George McAllister were charged Sunday with felony arson in connection with a fire last month at a church in Smith County in east Texas.

Crowley says the men are suspected of intentionally setting other fires in east Texas, where 10 churches have burned since Jan. 1. Authorities suspect a fire at a church in the central Texas town of Temple was also arson.

LOCAL NEWS

Man arrested in shooting deaths

INDIANAPOLIS — Police say a 63-year-old man has been arrested in the shooting deaths of two women whose bodies were found in their Indianapolis home.

According to Sgt. Paul Thompson, the bodies of 61-year-old Linda Nickle and 24-year-old Elizabeth Newcomer were found around 5 p.m. Saturday.

Thompson says Elwin Hart has been arrested in the slayings and is in police custody. Thompson says he does not yet have an attorney.

Police were called to the scene after a person who was checking on the home found the bodies.

PORTUGAL

Floods, mudslides kill 42 people

Worst storm since 1993 leaves more than 120 injured, countless missing

Associated Press

FUNCHAL — Rescue workers in Madeira dug through heaps of mud, boulders and debris Sunday, searching for victims buried by floods and mudslides that have killed at least 42 people on the popular Portuguese island.

Residents looking for missing loved ones were directed by local authorities to the resort's international airport, where a makeshift morgue has been set up.

Social services spokesman Francisco Jardim Ramos said not all the bodies had been identified. The center is equipped with psychiatric, psychological and social counseling services, he said.

More than 120 other people were injured and an unknown number were missing, possibly swept away or smothered, authorities said, adding the death could still rise. Of 248 people who were forced to flee their homes for temporary shelters, 85 have been allowed to return home, Ramos said.

Late Sunday, a spokeswoman for the British Foreign office confirmed that a British national had died, but declined to give further details. The spokeswoman spoke on condition of anonymity in line with department policy.

The Foreign Office also said a small number of Britons had been hospitalized on Madeira. The island is popular with British tourists, who for centuries have regarded wines made in Madeira as a luxury product.

The worst storm to hit Madeira since 1993 lashed the south of the Atlantic Ocean island, including the capital, Funchal, Saturday, turning some streets into torrents of mud, water and rolling debris.

"We heard a very loud noise, like rolling thunder, the ground shook and then we realized it was water coming down," said Simon Burbage, of Britain.

Madeira is the main island, with a population of around 250,000, of a Portuguese



AP

Firefighters leave the parking lot of a shopping center where they were searching for possible victims of floods and mudslides in downtown Funchal, Madeira Islands Sunday.

archipelago of the same name in the Atlantic Ocean just over 300 miles off the west coast of Africa.

The flash floods were so powerful they carved paths down mountains and ripped through the city, churning under some bridges and tearing others down. Residents caught in the torrent clung to railings to avoid being swept away. Cars were tossed about by the force of the water; the battered shells of overturned vehicles littered the streets.

"It was horrible, there were cars on rooftops, there were vans and trucks that had fallen and been totally crushed," said German tourist Andreas Hoisser.

The raging water swept a fire truck downstream, slamming it into a tree.

Funchal residents and visitors must now contend with a lack of fresh water until destroyed infrastructure is repaired, the head of water services said.

"One of the main conduits of the city, which is upstream of most of the public distribution systems, has simply disappeared," said Pimenta de Franca.

The death toll "will likely increase, given the circumstances of this flood," Ramos said, adding there were "great difficulties" with communications on the island since phone lines were ripped out by the deluge.

"People are scared, some have lost loved ones and things are very complicated because of that," said Madeira-born Luisa Jardim.

Firefighters used pumping

equipment to try to drain an underground parking garage at a downtown department store close to where the heaviest floodwaters descended. Local authorities feared shoppers may have been trapped below ground by the deluge.

"The store is totally destroyed, damaged, full of slurry," said owner Joao Andrade.

A medical team backed up by divers and rescue experts arrived Sunday aboard a C-130 transport plane at the archipelago, 550 miles southwest of Lisbon. The plane was also carrying telecommunications equipment. Once telephone communications are restored it will be easier to discover who is missing, Ramos said.

Shuttle landing on schedule despite weather

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Growing slightly more optimistic, NASA pressed ahead with a Sunday night landing for space shuttle Endeavour, even though poor weather on both coasts threatened to scuttle any touchdown attempts.

Endeavour and its crew of six are returning from the International Space Station, which was hit by computer trouble that triggered temporary communication blackouts Sunday.

In an unusual double weather whammy for NASA, rain and clouds were expected at both Kennedy Space Center and Edwards Air Force Base in

California, the backup landing site.

"We're going to play it by ear," said flight director Norm Knight, who had the final say on where and when to end Endeavour's two-week mission. "It's going to go down to the wire."

Late Sunday afternoon, Knight told the flight controllers that he's seen worse forecasts and urged them not to be too depressed about the situation. Toward that end, he ordered that the radar weather images be stricken from the screens at Mission Control.

By nightfall, optimism was growing ever so slightly. The rain seemed to be staying away from Kennedy, and the clouds were thin and broken.

"Let's keep our fingers crossed," said

shuttle commander George Zamka.

While the weather was expected to worsen at Kennedy on Monday night, drastic improvement was on the horizon for Edwards. NASA was grateful for at least that, considering the third-string backup site, White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico, was also expected to have dismal weather Monday.

Endeavour could remain in orbit until Tuesday, if necessary.

Zamka and his crew delivered and installed a new room and big bay window at the space station. The successful construction job marked the virtual completion of the 11-year-old orbiting outpost.

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them scores.” Junior Jackie Merola also said Junior Parent’s Weekend was more personal and allowed her parents to meet people directly involved in her education.

“The weekend allowed my parents opportunities that they wouldn’t have if they just came up to visit any other weekend,” she said. “We went to an event at the College of Science and my parents got to meet my advisor, which is something they wouldn’t normally be able to do.”

Bohnert said Junior Parents Weekend is also a chance for students to meet their friends’ parents.

“It’s really wonderful to meet the parents of your friends,” he said. “You get to know more about your friends — the stuff they wouldn’t tell you personally. It’s great to meet the people who are responsible for the

way your friends turned out.”

Merola agreed that having events that involved interactions between the juniors and their parents created memorable experiences that brought the class together.

“On Sunday we got to go to the brunch and me and my parents really enjoyed that,” she said. “It was great to have the entire Class of 2011 and their parents all in one place.”

While the juniors said they enjoyed the official events that the University planned for the weekend, many students and their parents spent quality time together in less traditional ways.

Junior Erin Semler said having more social experiences with her parents during Junior Parents Weekend allowed her parents to have a greater insight into her life outside of the classroom.

“My parents now have a better perspective of what college life is like,” she said.

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Gov’t. develops Great Lakes rescue plan

Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — The Obama administration has developed a five-year blueprint for rescuing the Great Lakes, a sprawling ecosystem plagued by toxic contamination, shrinking wildlife habitat and invasive species.

The plan envisions spending more than \$2.2 billion for long-awaited repairs after a century of damage to the lakes, which hold 20 percent of the world’s fresh water. The Associated Press obtained a copy of the document, which Lisa Jackson, head of the Environmental Protection Agency, was releasing at a news conference Sunday in Washington.

“We’re committed to creating a new standard of care that will leave the Great Lakes better for the next generation,” Jackson said in a statement.

Among the goals is a “zero tolerance policy” toward future invasions by foreign species, including the Asian carp, a huge, ravenous fish that has overrun portions of the Mississippi River system and is threatening to enter Lake Michigan.

Others include cleanup of the region’s most heavily polluted sites, restoring wetlands and other crucial habitat, and improving water quality in shallow areas, where runoff from cities and farms has led to unsightly algae blooms and beach clos-

ings.

Also promised is a strategy for monitoring the ecosystem’s health and holding federal agencies accountable for carrying out the plan.

During his 2008 campaign, President Barack Obama pledged \$5 billion over a decade toward fulfilling a Great Lakes cleanup wish list developed by a coalition of agencies, scientists and activists.

Congress last year approved his request for a first installment of \$475 million. The newly released plan assumes yearly appropriations of the same amount through 2014, except for the \$300 million Obama requested this month in his 2011 budget.

The 41-page plan sets out ecological targets and specific actions to be taken by 16 federal agencies working with state, local and tribal governments and private groups.

Among the goals it hopes to achieve by 2014: finishing work at five toxic hot spots that have languished on cleanup lists for two decades; a 40 percent reduction in the rate at which invasive species are discovered in the lakes; measurable decreases in phosphorus runoff; and protection of nearly 100,000 wetland acres.

It also will help save species such as the lake sturgeon, a prehistoric fish that can reach 8 feet long

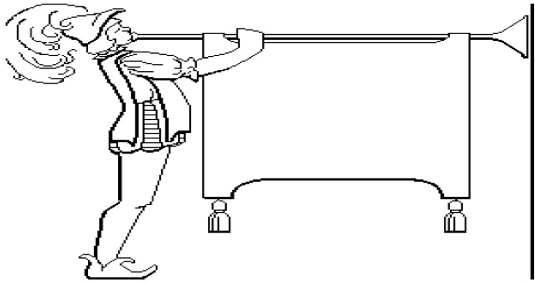
and 200 pounds but is endangered because of over-harvesting and habitat degradation. The plan promises to provide 25,000 young sturgeon for stocking programs.

Officials said the plan — combined with enforcement of existing environmental rules and the creation of new ones where needed — would help make Great Lakes fish safe to eat, their waters suitable for drinking and swimming, and their native plants and animals thriving.

The lakes provide drinking water to more than 30 million people and are the backbone of a regional economy dependent on tourism, outdoor recreation, shipping and manufacturing.

“We now have a golden opportunity, even a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, to make huge progress,” Wisconsin Gov. Jim Doyle, co-chairman of the Council of Great Lakes Governors, said in a telephone interview Saturday. “We’ve been talking about this for a long time. Now the federal government is putting some real resources behind it.”

Jeff Skolding, director of the Healing Our Waters-Great Lakes Coalition, which represents environmental groups across the region, praised the plan’s commitment to long-range funding for the restoration but said Congress should boost Obama’s 2011 spending request to \$475 million.



Announcing the Year 2010 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2010 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed \$3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply. Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

- 1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame;
- 2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals;
- 3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
- 4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
- 5) two letters of recommendation
- 6) a transcript showing all grades and courses completed
- 7) a list of other sources of funding (being sought or confirmed) for the same project (i.e. Office of International Studies, Nanovic Institute, etc.)

Application Deadline: Friday, February 26, 2010
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IN BRIEF

Lufthansa seeks to avoid strike

BERLIN — Lufthansa sought Sunday to head off a massive strike by its pilots but posted alternative flight schedules and activated hot lines warning travelers to brace for major disruptions and delays.

A day before more than 4,000 pilots for Germany's largest airline planned to walk off their jobs for four days in an effort to gain increased job security, the likelihood of reaching a compromise appeared slim.

Lufthansa AG spokesman Klaus Walther said in a statement the airline was willing to return to unconditional talks with the Cockpit pilots union.

"If the Cockpit Union is willing to renounce its conditions and unreasonable and illegal demands ... then we could swiftly come to an agreement," Walther said in a statement.

There was no immediate comment from the union, which has called on pilots flying for Lufthansa, Lufthansa Cargo and its low-budget subsidiary, Germanwings, to walk off the job at midnight and not return until midnight Thursday.

Thousands could be affected by the strike, which is posed to disrupt international and domestic travel, as Lufthansa scrambles to rebook passengers on other flights or, within Germany, trains.

Earlier Sunday, Lufthansa board member Stefan Lauer told the Frankfurter Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung the airline was prepared to guarantee the jobs of its pilots for two years if they returned to negotiations. That does not appear to be enough for the pilots, who say the airline is increasingly relying on foreign pilots who fly for less.

Gas prices drop across nation

CAMARILLO, Calif. — The average price of regular gasoline in the United States is down 3.29 cents over a two-week period to \$2.63.

That's according to the national Lundberg Survey of fuel prices released Sunday.

Analyst Trilby Lundberg says the average price for a gallon of mid-grade was \$2.77. Premium was at \$2.88.

Among cities surveyed, Cheyenne, Wyo., had the lowest average price at \$2.32 a gallon for regular. Honolulu was the highest at \$3.33.

In California, the average price for a gallon of regular was \$2.87.

HAITI

Leaders consider recovery plans

U.S.-backed expansion of garment industry could help rebuild nation's economy

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Jordanie Pinquie Rebeca leans forward and guides a piece of suit-jacket wool and its silky lining into a sewing machine, where — bat! bat! bat! — they're bound together to be hemmed.

If she does this for eight hours, she will earn \$3.09. Her boss will ship the pin-striped suit she helped make to the United States, tariff-free. There a shopper will buy it from JoS. A. Bank Clothiers for \$550.

In the quest to rebuild Haiti, the international community and business leaders are dusting off a pre-quake plan to expand its low-wage garment assembly industry as a linchpin of recovery. President Barack Obama's administration is on board, encouraging U.S. retailers to obtain from Haiti at least 1 percent of the clothes they sell.

But will that save a reeling country whose economy must be built from scratch?

Few Haitians have steady incomes, and unemployment is unmeasurable; before the quake it was estimated at between 60 and 80 percent. In cities, most scrape by selling in the streets, doing odd jobs or relying on remittances from abroad that make up a quarter of Haiti's \$7 billion gross domestic product.

Garments are central to the economic growth plan commissioned by U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon last year, a 19-page report written by Oxford University economics professor Paul Collier and promoted by former President Bill Clinton as special envoy to the impoverished nation.

They say the sector could quickly produce hundreds of thousands of jobs thanks chiefly to two things: an existing preferential trade deal with the nearby United States, and cheap Haitian labor.

The deal is the Haiti Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership



Women work at the DKDR Haiti garment assembly factory in Port-au-Prince on Feb. 19. International and business leaders are preparing to expand Haiti's garment industry.

Encouragement Act, or "HOPE II." Passed by the U.S. Congress in 2008, it lets Haiti export textiles duty-free to the U.S. for a decade. Last year, \$513 million worth of Haitian-made apparel, the bulk of exports, was shipped with labels including Hanes and New Balance. Factory profit margins average about 22 percent, according to Washington-based Nathan Associates Inc.

The cheap labor is Jordanie Pinquie Rebeca, and others like her.

During a recent shift at the South Korean-owned factory where she works six days a week, employees softly sang a Creole hymn beneath the hot fluorescent lights: "Lord, take my hand. Bring me through."

It was HOPE II that persuaded the bosses to move their Dominican plant and rename it DKDR Haiti SA. Nearly all the 1,200 people still working there after the quake make the new "outsourcing" minimum wage of 125 gourdes a day, about \$3.09 — approximately the same as the minimum wage in 1984 and worth less than half its previous purchasing power.

Pay was even lower last year when lawmakers raised the country's minimum from \$1.72 a day to almost \$5 in response to protests. But owners complained, and President Rene Preval refused to enact the law. A compromise allowed non-garment workers to receive the higher minimum, but stuck factory

workers with the "outsourcing" wage.

DKDR complied but cut production-based incentives, according to general manager Chun Ho Lee. Producing 600 pieces in a day used to yield a worker a bonus of \$2.47. Now it's worth \$1.23.

All sides agree that garment-industry wages are too low to feed, clothe and house workers and their families. Even factory owners acknowledge that reality — though they deny running sweatshops and say the businesses have an important role.

"It's not enough to make a decent living, but it's the first step" toward economic recovery, said George Sassine, president of the Association of Industries of Haiti.

Oil services company buys competitor

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Schlumberger Ltd., the world's biggest oilfield services company, has agreed to purchase fellow industry player Smith International Inc. for about \$11 billion in stock in a move to diversify its product offerings and better compete with rival Halliburton Co.

The deal, announced Sunday, boosts Schlumberger's portfolio just as business is beginning to recover. Smith, based in Houston, makes drilling tools, bits and other products for the oil and gas industries.

Schlumberger, which has main offices in Paris, Houston and The Hague, Netherlands, slumped during

the global recession that weakened energy demand and discouraged drilling operations around the world. But prices have since rebounded, and the company said in its most recent earnings report in January that its business will benefit as recovering countries burn more fuel.

Under terms of the transaction, Smith stockholders will receive 0.6966 of a Schlumberger share for each share held. Based on Schlumberger's closing stock price Friday of \$63.90, that values Smith shares at \$44.51 each. Based on Smith's 247.4 million shares outstanding, the all-stock purchase is worth \$11.01 billion.

The deal values Smith shares at a 25 percent premium to their closing price

Thursday before reports of the companies' merger talks sent Smith's shares soaring. Smith CEO John Yearwood said the acquisition, which has been unanimously approved by both companies' boards, is good for shareholders.

BMO Capital Markets analyst Alan Laws has said the purchase would fill in the few gaps Schlumberger has in its portfolio by adding Smith's leading positions in fluids and drill bit technology. In a note to clients Friday as speculation about a possible deal swirled, Laws said the acquisition would beef up Schlumberger's domestic U.S. operations with "mainstream services that are in high demand." He expects Smith's Wilson distribution business will be spun out after the deal closes.

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THE OBSERVER VIEWPOINT

Sourcing food to save water

What do you eat every day, and where is it from? Farmers in England reported that students who visit their farms assume carrots grow on trees and get confused when presented with the fact that beef and milk come from the same animal.

Let's connect ourselves to what in the past five years has been the societal parallel to the technical green revolution that gave the world the capacity to support seven billion people. As Americans, we micro-eat rather than macro-eat. Countless Web sites and products divulge calories, fat, protein, vitamins, etc. in most foods that are sold in stores, but try searching where the ingredients of those products come from and only a few recent documentaries show up. What are we eating?

Let's go through just one lunch. We'll call the outcome your "foodprint." (Try saying that with a German accent, it makes the joke funnier.)

You make a sandwich of wheat bread — made from wheat from Indiana and yeast made from molasses, which was made from sugar cane grown in Brazil on former tropical forest land, poor in nutrients and only temporarily farmable after the forest's clearing.

Your chicken likely came from North Carolina on a chicken farm where thousands of other chickens lived for 81 days in the same crowded chicken house, fed antibiotics and Vitamin D-rich feed that allows the chickens to live longer. Before the 20th-century chickens struggled to live in less sunny times of the year, they were a seasonal food.

Your tomato came from South Florida, picked by migrant workers — a dispensable workforce for agricultural companies, for these people have hardly any rights in America. Your banana came on a diesel tanker from Ecuador, your eggs in your chocolate-chip cookie were trucked in refrigeration from Iowa. Food comes from all over, and scores and scores of people are involved in the production processes.

A recent Swedish study in the journal

Ecological Economics calculates the energy it takes for food to grow and get to your plate versus the energy you get from eating it. For every food item, they calculated the to-your-plate energy through considering fertilization, soil degradation, clearing for farms, fuel to harvest/plant the food and to get it to market, as well as the energy needed for you to bring the food home, store it and cook it. These scientists found that one serving of beef takes 9.4 megajoules to get to your dinner plate, yet when it arrives, it provides you with only 0.8 megajoules (191 calories). Chicken gets you the same amount of calories for only half the energy investment, while potatoes provide in nutritional energy more than 50 percent of the energy it takes to grow and transport them.

A similar study from Great Britain concluded that the energy invested in producing and transporting one week's worth of food for one person is roughly five times greater than the amount of energy the eater gets from the food. About one-sixth of that input is home storage and another one-sixth is home cooking. Thus, eating more uncooked fresh foods or not relying heavily on the fridge could significantly decrease the energy used to get your food to you.

And after you figure out where all that food came from, how your bananas were shipped from Ecuador to San Diego on a giant tanker then trucked 2,100 miles to South Bend, Ind., think about how many times you failed to actually eat that food. You left your banana in the room or your bag, and then decided the brownish-green, unseasonable and unappetizing curve of a fruit should be thrown out. We throw out food that traveled upwards of 5,000 miles to get to us because we don't feel like eating it, and thereby not only contribute to landfill issues, but also waste water.

Water waste is intricately tied to food waste because of the amount of water agriculture demands. Dr. Emerson Nafziger at the University of Illinois estimates that growing one acre of corn even in the fertile Midwest needs 250,000 gallons of water.

At World Water week in Stockholm this past year, scientists calculated that America wastes about 30 percent of its produced food, worth approximately \$48.3 billion. That much food waste

equates to about 40 trillion liters (10.5 trillion gallons) of water waste, which could provide water for 500 million households — roughly five times the number of households in America.

Wasting food becomes a human rights issue.

Wasting food wastes water. We can fundraise to build wells in Africa as long as we want, but not finishing your meal wastes far more water and money than we contribute to foreign nations. The fact remains that we cannot merely ship our water to them, but the pollution from our agricultural runoff causes other issues for poor Central American nations. Our wasted food contributes to agricultural runoff that creates nitrogen-rich dead zones in our oceans and brain development problems in our children.

When we waste food we waste oil. The oil itself causes air pollution in the form of CO₂, smog and particulate matter, while the lust for it — so that we can get our kiwi and Argentinean beef promptly — causes wars and kills citizens of nations all over the world.

Throwing away out-of-season produce causes a higher demand for that produce. Thus, more under-paid and under-valued workers are exploited as migrant workers by huge agricultural industries.

Eating mindfully can significantly expedite aid many of the world's human rights issues. If we know what is in season, where our food came from and how it got there, we appreciate it in a different way. Only then do we finish our food, take what we can eat and not waste the massive efforts of people, animals and the earth that it took for the food to get to us to support our very lives. Wasting less food can help the earth and the people on it who are suffering not by transferring the food to them per se, but by minimizing the strains of its production. Think about that next time you throw away half your meal in the dining hall.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

JPW misunderstanding

I would like to tender my apology to the entire junior class who attended the JPW brunch this weekend. Through a misunderstanding on my part, I arrived too late to offer the invocation that I had been invited to give. I consider it a great honor to have been invited. It was an inexcusable oversight to arrive late, for which I apologize, particularly to Anne Reser and Zach Reuvers, who worked hard to make the weekend and the brunch a lovely, successful event. I thank University President Fr. John Jenkins for graciously stepping in to fill the gap much more ably than I could ever do. Nonetheless, I herein offer my unread, but heartfelt prayer for the juniors and their parents:

Gracious God, we are grateful for the presence of these loving parents who came to share in and experience our community of learning and faith at Our Lady's University this weekend. We who are blessed to walk alongside their chil-

dren in their journey of faith seeking understanding thank them for their sacrifices and their trust in us to lead them along the paths of scholarship and love of God and his Son, Jesus Christ. May we continue to be true to our mission to foster in the young people in our care the disciplined habits of mind, body and spirit that characterize educated, skilled and free human beings. Let us live in peace, speak the truth, give thanks each day. Let us respect the earth and her creatures, live simply and be of service to others. Let us be guided by our faith and not our fear. Let us go lightly on our paths, walking in the way of God.

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OBSERVER POLL

What are your plans for Spring Break?

I'm too poor to go anywhere
Staying here for the weather
Going to Puerto Vallarta with the rest of the Senior class
Home sweet home

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"In literature as in ethics, there is danger, as well as glory, in being subtle. Aristocracy isolates us."

Charles Baudelaire
French poet

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reconsider Innsbruck decision

Dear Fellow Innsbruckers and Notre Dame Office of International Studies (OIS) Administrators,

As a former school administrator, I can understand that in difficult economic times, with the endowment going down in value and staff salaries and student tuitions rising, all programs at the University are under a fiscal microscope. Faced with similar situations in the public school setting, I generally opted for the elimination of extracurricular activities in order to maintain a solid academic program.

At the university level, however, the question will always be what constitutes a “solid academic program?” Put another way, what constitutes a solid liberal

arts education? For me personally, the education I received in one year in Innsbruck (1966-67 — yes, the year Ara and Notre Dame were national champions) was not only solid and challenging academically, given my level of competency in German, but also “liberal” and liberating in the finest tradition of the liberal arts.

Viewing the Pieta, for example, in person at St. Peter’s in Rome was far different and far more rewarding than viewing slides of the Pieta presented in an auditorium on campus at Notre Dame during art appreciation class.

The Notre Dame founding fathers of the Innsbruck and Angers programs got it right. Put Notre Dame students in uni-

versity towns similar in size and composition (conservative, Catholic) to Notre Dame, allow every student with at least a basic understanding of the foreign language to attend, keep the cost of attending nearly equal to the yearly cost of attending Notre Dame, provide Notre Dame priests (Fr. Broestle, in our case) or University professors to run the programs on site and the building blocks of a successful program would be in place.

Thanks in no small part to the competency in German I developed in Innsbruck, I eventually met and married a wonderful German girl from Stuttgart nearly 40 years ago. As a result of our marriage I have had the unique opportunity to make the acquaintance of many

German-speaking people in Switzerland, Germany, Austria and even Hungary (Donauschwaben). To this day, however, when visiting Europe I still feel most at home in “meinem zweiten Heimatland Oesterreich.”

Please consider — or reconsider, OIS administrators — the impact certain programs may have on the lives of your students. Not everything can be measured in successful careers or in dollars and cents. Some things can only be measured by the heart and by common sense.

Bob Woodrick

alumnus

Class of 1969

Feb. 4

Reality check

Thank you, Mr. Easley (“Words of wisdom,” Feb. 18) for your enlightening insights to the facts of life. While you shed some light on the value of hard work, you have missed some very important points.

Yeah, life is hard. The difficulties of day-to-day life can’t be ignored. And, unfortunately, some people have it tougher than others. At the same time, don’t we, as members of the human population, have a responsibility to do what we can to improve this world, thus making life easier for our fellow humans? Human civilization is marked by a continuous progress towards a better life. This is why, as you mentioned, many people have family members helping them out through tough situations. This isn’t always enough, though, and I’m surprised someone can be so naïve as to think such help is always sufficient. Shouldn’t this university, one of the least hardest-hit by the recession and one of the richest in the nation (fact), allocate some of its vast resources to better the lives of some of its hardest-working employees?

Oh, but wait, you say this is a University “handout”? You argue that people could

go to night school or community college, making a personal sacrifice, to get ahead in life. But what if they can’t afford tuition? What if they are already working as much as they can, letting students like us enjoy the life we have on campus, and can’t afford to make any more sacrifices like an extra “shift job?” Surprisingly, some people actually like to go home and spend time with their families. A raise in building and food service workers’ wages isn’t a handout; it’s just fair compensation for the job they’re doing.

Now, I am in no way judging the lives of the fine workers at this university. I’m sure many of them lead fulfilling lives and are happy with their jobs. The thing is, there are still people struggling day-to-day out in the world, who can’t always take advantage of the opportunities of which you speak. It’s just unfortunate that their needs and hard work go unnoticed.

Michael Kress

freshman

Zahm Hall

Feb. 18

Welcome to capitalism

Dear Mr. Nowak (“Words of social justice,” Feb. 19) and Mr. McHugh (“No ‘words of wisdom,’” Feb. 19),

University employees are not coerced into maintaining their current jobs. If their services were more valuable than their current wages indicate, then they would surely quit their current work in favor of more lucrative salaries elsewhere.

The University has no legal or moral obligation to pay employees any more than market price. To suggest that it is immoral to refrain from overpaying one’s employees is akin to condemning one who does not offer charitable payment to a seller beyond their asking price, as this would seem an equivalent gesture of generosity. Surely, this is a ridiculous proposition, as is any proposition that holds the University responsible for the welfare of the lower class,

or any individual responsible for the welfare of another, for that matter.

This is not an issue of Catholic virtue or right vs. left philosophy, but simply the realities of capitalism, to which we are all subject. If you would personally like to donate money to University employees out of your own pocket then I’m sure you will have no trouble finding takers. You may then petition your own employer for higher wages to fund your other philanthropic pursuits and see the reaction with which your request is met. However, such projects are not to be demanded of the University or anyone else, even with ill-conceived appeals to morality.

Alex Andre

freshman

Stanford Hall

Feb. 19

Get some real experience

To Mark Easley (“Words of wisdom,” Feb. 18),

As a holder of a four-year degree from a prestigious (I hope) university, I completely disagree with your “advice” to working people. I don’t know how much experience you have in a 9-to-5, but especially now, it’s a struggle to get by even with a degree and a good job. It’s even harder when your job involves cleaning up after spoiled col-

lege kids and holds no appeal whatsoever. To quote you, “It is very pretentious to think you know what is best for others.” I hope you get some real-world wisdom before you criticize people who are working hard for a living.

John-Paul Witt

alumnus

Class of 2009

Feb. 18

ND workers always behind the Joneses

First of all, thank you Mr. Easley for your “Words of wisdom” (Feb. 18), but I would have expected a little more wisdom and a little less ignorance from a student that comes into contact with building and food service employees every day. Allow me to explain a few things about life you may have missed.

1. Life is hard. For many people, higher education is not a possibility. Everyone has been dealt a different hand in life and not everyone is as fortunate to go to Notre Dame as you. Fact.

2. You say most people have a spouse or family member to help support them when times “get hard,” but what you fail to see is when you’re making almost \$4 under the living wage, times are always hard.

3. You say someone working for a place for more than a decade should make “a bit more than \$9”? Only a bit? I would hope that someone who has worked at a place for more than a decade would receive a substantial amount more after a decade of service than when they first started.

4. Yes, we live in a free society, but let me tell you something: There is a lot more freedom for some than there is for others. Working more than one job per day puts physical, emotional and familial strains on people. In this economy, most people

cannot afford to quit their jobs simply because it is not their passion.

I’m sure it is no one’s passion to clean Mark Easley’s hair off the shower wall, but sure enough, Mark, I’m sure your Keenan Hall shower is clean when you need to use it.

5. Night school and community college cost a lot of money. Sure, they don’t cost as much as a Saint Mary’s or Notre Dame education, but when you are already making almost \$4 under the living wage, you don’t think about saving for a night school education, you think about what food you are going to put on the table for your family. Getting paid a fair wage is not taking a handout from the University, it is getting paid fairly for a fair day’s work.

6. Some people do enjoy their work and believe they do their work at a fair wage. These are the people that are making a fair, living wage.

The building and food service employees make our lives easier every day. Providing them with a living wage would be the least we could do to show our gratitude for the hard work that they do.

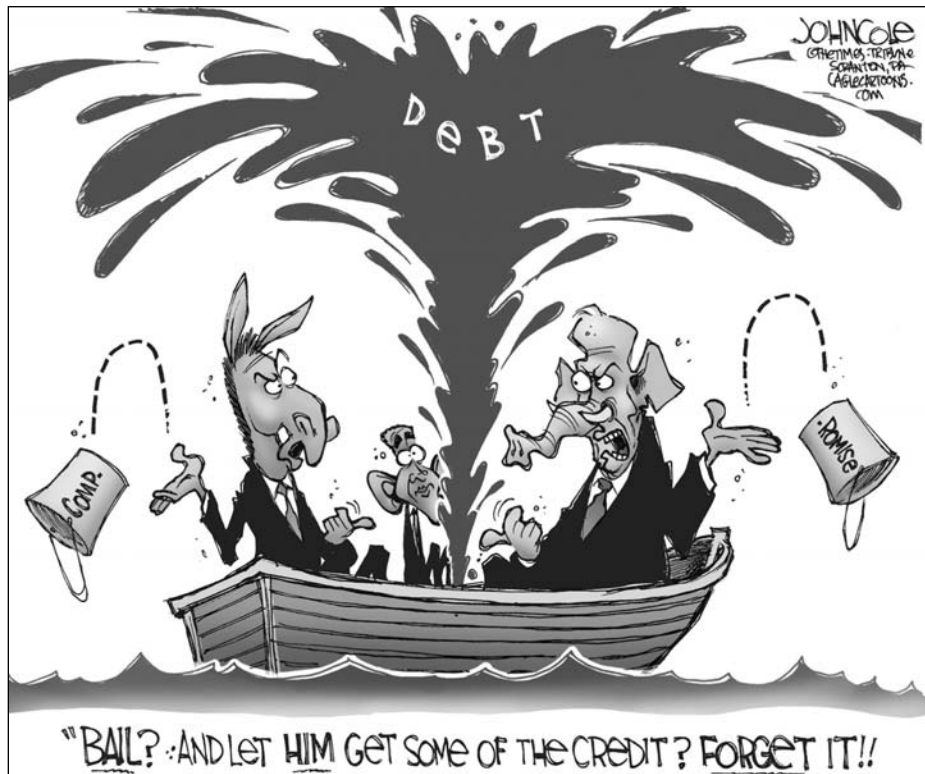
Colleen Lowry

junior

LeMans Hall

Feb. 18

EDITORIAL CARTOON



INTERVIEWS
with the Director & Cast

By STEPHANIE DePREZ

Assistant Scene Editor

Scene had a chance to interview the actors and director behind the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center's most recent student production, "Natural Selection." Scene was fortunate enough to pick the brains of the thespians behind the play, including director, Tim Hardy, a visiting professor who's been here before as part of the Actors From The London Stage, Eddie Velasquez, a senior theatre major who plays Zhao, and Kevin Barsaloux, a sophomore theatre major who plays Henry Carson.

What's the most exciting part of "Natural Selection?"

Tim Hardy: It's entertaining. It's a comedy. It's America in the future, where we're totally dependent upon gizmos and nothing is real anymore. It's what happens when we go too far in that direction.

Kevin Barsaloux: The most exciting part for me has been working with so many talented people. Everyone involved has been fantastic and every aspect of the show is coming together in a great way. Also, Eric Coble, the playwright, is coming to the Friday performance, so that's really exciting.

What kind of show is it?

TH: I am from Britain, and this is a totally American

piece, but comedy is international and I've loved it because it has entirely American rhythms, which I think we've found. It is very un-English, in the writing and delivery of it.

KB: To demonstrate that, my character is a wimpy nerdy guy who's really into Native American history and legend which is why he has his job: head of the Native American Tribal Pavilion at Wonder World's Culture Fiesta.

Anything I could say here is overshadowed by the sheer hilarity of the show, which is why everyone should come see it.

Kevin Barsaloux
Student Actor

What challenges have you faced?

KB: One of the challenges has been getting used to the clothes of the future and doing quick changes taking the clothes from my belt, which is like a 360-degree fanny pack. Yes the costumes are awe-

some, and I totally hope this is where fashion trends are going because you never really know when you'll need a safari jacket.

Eddie Velasquez: The first time we tried using the food [on stage], we were all extremely nervous about how the scene would play out, and we ended up making a mess but having a blast.

There are many extremely ridiculous moments onstage, as the whole play is an absolute riot.

Eddie Velasquez
Student Actor

What's the most interesting aspect of this performance?

TH: I've just enjoyed getting nine terrific actors and letting them lose.

EV: There are many extremely ridiculous moments onstage, as the whole play is an absolute riot. Perhaps the most ridiculous involves eating, but I don't want to give the scene away.

KB: Two words: Sloppy Joes.

What do you want to audience to go away thinking?

KB: Mmmm, the guy who played Henry Carson, I wonder if he's single.' Really though, I think it's kind of epitomized by what the character Zhao says during the play. The main point I guess would be, 'Study the past. Move toward the future.'

EV: I would like the audience to leave with a sense of enjoyment but also with a realization of the strong messages of the show. Eric Coble has written the play as a commentary on current American ideals, and the audience stands to gain positively from the moral of the play.

What would you tell people interested in seeing the show?

TH: (kidding): It's about sex, drugs and rock and roll.

KB: Anything I could say here is overshadowed by the sheer hilarity of the show, which is why everyone should come see it.

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at the DPAC

Laughter & Food for Thought

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

Premiering this Tuesday at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, “Natural Selection,” by playwright Eric Coble is an absurdist play, which is guaranteed to make the audience laugh, and reflect on their modern lives.

Performed by Notre Dame students and directed by Tim Hardy, “Natural Selection” takes place in the future where everyone eats microwave food, posts on blogs instead of engaging in actual conversation, wears tight sparkly leggings and has an entire wardrobe in their fanny packs. In this time setting, there is the Cultural Fiesta Theme Park where all things “cultural” are displayed — including Native Americans. When their Native American “stock” begins to run low, however, curator Henry Carson (sophomore Kevin Barsaloux) decides to go into the desert and bring back another specimen of this rare breed. Unfortunately, his precious find turns out to be part Nicaraguan with Chino-Brazilian ancestry. Paid to pretend to be a genuine Navajo, the adventures begin as the world starts to seemingly revolt against the technological taming which has been overruling nature. And so “natural selection” begins ... and may the fittest survive.

The absurdity of the scenario we are presented with, complemented by the costumes and the dialogue, draws the viewer into a reality not so far from our own — but

given an extra satirical twist. Nowadays, many families already eat only microwave food and to some people, blogging is the new in-person conversation. When the main character’s child is at a virtual school, playing the clarinet in his virtual band, we might feel a sneaking suspicion that in a not too distant future this might be our family. It’s a realization that gives us no other option than to laugh. And indeed, “Natural Selection” is a highly comical play that has a plot that is sure to make the audience toss their heads back in laughter, if not feel a touch of sadness or even concern for the path our lives seem to be taking.

Scenes such as the interaction of Carson with his wife, or his family with the half-native he captures, are interesting to watch as Coble adapts our current modern life with what is, to a certain extent, a prediction of the future. “Natural Selection” is reminiscent of Aldous Huxley’s classic “Brave New World,” having the same comic appeal rooted in the fear for a lonely future, where robotic attitudes compromise intrapersonal interactions and “culture parks” are presented as a wild form of entertainment, although the number of authentic “indigenous peoples” is now scarce. What is frightening to realize, and what

“Natural Selection” highlights, is that these people, who are more and more rare to encounter, are the ones who carry our culture — thus being placed in a Cultural

Theme Park. Technology is overriding our lives and our culture, leaving us cultureless. What happens when this lifestyle culminates is what the play dabbles in and what makes it such a success.

The play will be performed in the Regis Philbin Studio Theatre, a black box theatre, where the ceiling, the walls and the chairs are black, highlighting the contrast with the white minimalist scenario. The only props are a couple of tables, chairs and futuristic laptops. The characters change clothes on stage, adding or removing a jacket, tie or apron from their handy fanny packs. Extensively rehearsed and anxiously

anticipated, “Natural Selection” is not to be missed.

“Natural Selection,” presented by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, will premiere tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. and run through Sunday. Tickets are available online and at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center box office. They are \$10 for students, \$12 for faculty and staff, and \$15 for the general public.

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NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL

No. 19 Pitt hands No. 3 Nova second loss in a row

Leuer blocks a shot in final seconds as Wisconsin defeats Northwestern; Turner aids Ohio State’s victory over MSU

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — No. 19 Pittsburgh controlled the tempo and the offensive rebounding to hand No. 3 Villanova its second consecutive loss.

Ashton Gibbs scored 21 points, Gilbert Brown added 16 and Gary McGhee’s 10 rebounds led the Panthers to the upset of the Wildcats 70-65 on Sunday.

The first meeting between the two teams since Villanova’s dramatic NCAA tournament win last year turned out to be another typical, physical Big East matchup. Last season, star guard Scottie Reynolds’ last-second dash to the basket gave the Wildcats a 78-76 win to send them to the Final Four.

No last-second heroics on Sunday for Reynolds, who finished with 20 points.

“I wanted to win that game for the players that left last year,” said Pitt guard Jermaine Dixon, one of only two seniors on this year’s squad. “I felt bad for losing that game and I felt responsible and I definitely wanted to win that game for them.”

This time, the Panthers (21-6, 10-4) built up enough of a cushion to hold up against the Wildcats (22-4, 11-3), who lost back-to-back games for the first time in two seasons and fell a game back of Big East leader Syracuse.

“I think the good thing about our team is that they understand how to move on to the

next game,” Villanova coach Jay Wright said. “When we were winning, that’s what we told them. It’s what we always talk about.”

Villanova was expected to contend for the Big East title from the start of this season. For Pitt its successful season is a surprise given all the talent it lost from last season’s team, including big man DeJuan Blair.

But Pitt’s third victory over a top five opponent this season—the Panthers have also beaten the Orange and West Virginia—has coach Jamie Dixon’s team brimming with confidence.

Pitt pulled into a tie for third in the Big East with West Virginia, two games behind Syracuse.

“We stepped closer to winning the Big East regular season,” Jermaine Dixon said. “Last year, we put it past us now that this game is over, and that’s just a step to us getting the Big East regular season.”

Reynolds spent most of the first half on the bench with two fouls and had to fend off harassing defense from the Panthers, including Dixon, much of the afternoon.

Brown’s thunderous dunk off a baseline move with 1:29 left gave the Panthers (21-6, 10-4 Big East) a six-point lead.

Wisconsin 70, Northwestern 63

With some shaky free throw shooting down the stretch, Jon Leuer showed that he still isn’t all the way back from a

broken wrist that caused him to miss a big chunk of the Big Ten season.

But his critical blocked shot in the closing seconds of Sunday’s narrow victory over Northwestern shows how important the big man can be for No. 14 Wisconsin.

With the Badgers leading by three, Leuer jumped to block a layup attempt by the Wildcats’ Michael Thompson with 11 seconds remaining. Jason Bohannon and Trevon Hughes each sank a pair of free throws from there, allowing Wisconsin to escape with a win.

“The block was just trying to make up for all those free throws I missed,” Leuer said. “I don’t know what I was thinking there.”

Bohannon scored 17 points to lead the Badgers (20-7, 10-5 Big Ten), who were coming off a loss at Minnesota and had lost two of their last three games coming into Sunday.

John Shurna scored 26 for the Wildcats (17-10, 6-9), who narrowly missed a chance at an impressive road win and have lost three of their last four.

“I think we came together,” Shurna said. “It’s kind of tough to say after a loss we did well. I think it shows the caliber of guys we are. I think we could’ve just laid an egg like how we’ve been doing lately, but I think we stayed strong.”

Ohio State 74, Michigan State 67

Ohio State’s Evan Turner was dealing with a head cold and flulike symptoms when he arrived at Michigan State for a crucial Big Ten road game.

He left town feeling much better after the Buckeyes earned a victory Sunday.

Turner had a strong second half and finished with 20 points and 10 rebounds to tighten the conference standings. The No. 9 Buckeyes (21-7, 11-4) and No. 11 Spartans (21-7, 11-4) are tied for second place in the Big Ten, a half-game behind Purdue.

Turner rested in the bleachers while the rest of the Buckeyes took shooting practice Saturday night. Turner got a plateful of food—then didn’t eat it—Sunday morning.

“He did a tremendous job of battling through it,” Ohio State coach Thad Matta said of his star, who leads the Big Ten in scoring and rebounding. “You have to give him a lot of credit for how he



Michigan State’s Draymond Green attempts to block Ohio State’s David Lighty’s shot during Ohio State’s win Sunday.

played. I thought he was a little bit off there at the beginning. He had some great looks. But there were no legs.”

Turner scored 16 points in the second half.

William Buford had 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Buckeyes, who squandered a 14-point second-half lead before rallying for the victory.

Durrell Summers scored 16 points for Michigan State, including seven straight to give the Spartans a 62-61 lead with 4:05 remaining.

Buford hit two free throws to put the Buckeyes back on top 63-62. Turner’s jumper gave Ohio State a 65-62 lead with 2:55 left.

Jon Diebler hit a 3-pointer with 1:45 left to put the Buckeyes ahead 68-62. Michigan State couldn’t rally back, dropping a home game that leaves it needing a strong finish to repeat as conference champions.

“Disappointed would be a foolish word right now,” Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. “It’s more than that.”

Michigan State’s Kalin Lucas went 0 for 5 from the floor and scored just one point in the first half before finishing with nine points in the game. Raymar Morgan had nine points and 14 rebounds.

The Buckeyes stayed in the Big Ten race by winning on the road against a much deeper team. Ohio State used just six players Sunday.

The Buckeyes quieted the Breslin Center crowd with a big run midway through the first half to grab a 23-12 lead. Buford had nine points in the first 12 minutes, while Dallas Lauderdale had three dunks off half-court sets.

Turner made only one of his first eight shots and scored just four points in the first half. But his teammates helped out and the Buckeyes took a 39-26 halftime lead.

“It showed we can score,” Turner said of the solid team effort. “It’s not just me. It’s all the guys. They made a lot of good plays.”

Ohio State outrebounded Michigan State 41-38.

The Spartans made just 9 of 27 shots in the first half, while committing nine turnovers. Michigan State protected the ball better and shot better in the second half, but the damage had been done.

“We fought back, but it’s the same story,” said Michigan State’s Draymond Green, who finished with 11 points. “They made plays down the stretch. We didn’t.”

Michigan State has the week off before traveling to Purdue for a Feb. 28 matchup. That game was going to be huge for Michigan State’s title hopes regardless of what happened against the Buckeyes.

“Our situation was really going to be the same,” Izzo said. “We have to beat Purdue down there, either way.”

Ohio State plays at Penn State and then hosts Michigan later this week.



Pittsburgh’s Gilbert Brown runs into Villanova’s Taylor King during the second half of Pittsburgh’s victory Sunday.

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When I said that I wanted to have kids and you said that you wanted me to have a vasectomy, what did I do?

And then, when you said that you might want to have kids and I wasn’t so sure? Who had the vasectomy reversed?

And then when you said you definitely didn’t wanna have kids?

Who had is reversed back! Snip snap snip snap snip snap!

I did!

You have no idea the physical toll that three vasectomies have on a person.

And I bought the condo,

to fill will children!

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3	Oregon State	7
4	Florida	6
5	Utah	4
6	Arkansas	3
7	Georgia	9
8	Stanford	8
9	UCLA	5
10	Nebraska	10
11	LSU	11
12	Auburn	14
13	Penn State	15
14	Kentucky	12
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23	Washington	24
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NCAA Division I USA Today Men's Wrestling Rankings

	team	previous
1	Iowa	1
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4	Oklahoma State	4
5	Minnesota	5
6	Cornell	6
7	Lehigh	7
8	Oklahoma	8
9	Maryland	9
10	Penn State	10
11	Boise State	12
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PGA



Tiger Woods publicly apologizes for his infidelity in a press conference Friday. It was the golfer's first public appearance since he became the source of controversy in late November. The golfer spoke for more than 13 minutes to the media.

Woods' public apology draws mixed reviews

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Across the media landscape, time stopped for 13 1/2 minutes Friday as Tiger Woods emerged from the shadows with a much-awaited, tightly packaged video apology for his sexual escapades.

Dozens of broadcast networks, cable news outlets and online streams carried his scripted statement live, allowing a global audience to see and hear from Woods for the first time since his public image went into free fall nearly three months ago.

Viewers by the millions paused to watch and listen as the golf great spoke from the clubhouse at the TPC

Sawgrass, home of the PGA Tour, in Ponte Vedra, Fla. Meanwhile, news anchors, TV pundits and morning show hosts sat ready to pounce with their reviews.

ABC's George Stephanopoulos called the speech "one of the most remarkable public apologies ever by a public figure."

"He (Tiger) left nothing on the table," Stephanopoulos said. "This is a man who has thought a lot about what he did."

Rick Cerone, former New York Yankees public relations director, disagreed. "What I saw was arrogance. ... It was basically an infomercial," he said on CNN.

"I think he was very gen-

uine in his responses and his statement," Debert Cook, publisher of African American Golfer's Digest, said on BBC News 24 television in London. "I think we are entering a whole new era spiritually and emotionally for Tiger Woods. There's always going to be the doubters out there but I think we have to take him at his word and watch his actions."

CBS' David Feherty, who has covered Woods on the circuit, said, "I have never seen him appear so vulnerable. ... I was very impressed with what he said."

"The vast number of people just want their Tiger Woods back," Feherty said.

Covering Woods' appear-

ance were networks as far-flung as the Golf Channel and business network CNBC (which had a digital countdown clock on the screen beforehand and dubbed Woods' remarks his "Media Culpa").

It was unusual for such a broad swath of TV outlets to hand several minutes of precious airtime to any public figure with a message to peddle, no questions asked.

On the other hand, Woods' message was short, dramatic and — no matter if you bought his remorse or not — gripping when he declared, "I was unfaithful, I had affairs, I cheated. What I did is not acceptable, and I am the only person to blame."

IN BRIEF

Damon completes physical, prepares to join Tigers

LAKELAND, Fla. — A person familiar with the negotiations says Johnny Damon has completed his physical with the Detroit Tigers, clearing the way for the team to finalize a one-year contract with the outfielder.

The person spoke Sunday to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because the deal hadn't been announced.

Another person familiar with the situation said Saturday night that the Tigers and Damon agreed on an \$8 million, one-year deal, subject to a physical.

The 36-year-old Damon would bring another left-handed bat to the Tigers' lineup besides switch-hitter Carlos Guillen. Guillen and Damon would likely alternate between left field and designated hitter, but manager Jim Leyland says Guillen would be his everyday hitter out of the No. 5 slot. Leyland said he told Guillen last fall that he would be the full-time left fielder.

Mayor of Rome announces plans to build baseball stadium

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Baseball is about to have a permanent home in Rome.

Mayor Gianni Alemanno announced plans Sunday to donate a parcel of land for a new, baseball-specific stadium that can host international events. It will be built in Tor Vergata, an area south of the city where there's a campus for the University of Rome.

"Rome doesn't have a baseball stadium that can host international events and as a mayor, I felt I had to fill this deficiency," Alemanno said in a statement issued following an executive meeting of the International Baseball Federation.

The meeting was the first under the direction of IBAF president Riccardo Fraccari, who hopes to expand the game on a global basis after it was removed from the Summer Olympics.

"I am positive baseball has a great potential in Rome," Alemanno said.

Mauer enters spring training without contract extension

FORT MYERS, Fla. — American League MVP Joe Mauer reported to spring training for the Minnesota Twins on Sunday without a contract extension in place.

He hasn't talked specifics about the negotiations all offseason and said that won't change now that spring training is beginning.

"I'm not going to get into that," the catcher said. "It would just open up a can of worms."

Mauer is entering the final year of his deal and the Twins are trying to get a long-term extension done before the regular season begins. The Twins have also refused to publicly discuss the process.

He won his third AL batting crown last year for his hometown team and helped lead the Twins to the AL Central title.

Mauer said he expected to field a lot of questions about contract negotiations from the local and national media and that he would handle them the same way.

OLYMPICS

Miller makes comeback for Olympic victory

Associated Press

WHISTLER, British Columbia — Bode Miller finally won his elusive gold medal, using a blistering slalom run Sunday to complete one of the most unlikely Olympic comebacks ever.

Four years after bombing out amid lofty expectations at the Turin Games and a year after practically walking away from the sport, Miller won the super-combined for his third medal in as many events at Vancouver.

Seventh after the morning downhill run, Miller skied the third-fastest afternoon slalom leg for a two-run time of 2 minutes, 44.92 seconds — a comfortable 0.33 ahead of Ivica Kostelic of Croatia, who matched his silver medal at Turin. Silvan Zurbriggen of Switzerland claimed bronze, 0.40 back.

For a guy who has insisted that medals aren't important, this one clearly was special.

"The way I executed, the way I skied, is something I'll be proud of the rest of my life," Miller said.

"I skied with 100 percent heart — I didn't hold anything back. ... It's just awesome. There's nothing else to say."

Having skipped summer training while he debated retiring, Miller nearly didn't have enough energy to hold on as he came over the final pitch of the slalom course.

"My legs started feeling really wobbly," he said. "I didn't even feel like I was looking at the gate anymore."

Miller has also won a silver and a bronze at the Vancouver Games — a sharp contrast from his no-medal performance in Turin.

Miller said he was running on "fumes" following his first two races, the downhill and the super-G.

"I felt awesome about it," he said. "But still, it's incredibly emotionally exhausting to do it like that."

"I've got one leg that's injured and another leg that's on my boat already," he added, looking forward to his postseason vacation.

Miller and Kostelic were 1-2 when downhill leader Aksel Lund Svindal came down, and when the big Norwegian failed to complete his slalom leg, Miller had the gold medal that had eluded him since he burst onto the scene at Salt Lake City in 2002.

"I figured they both had really good runs, so I couldn't hold back," Svindal said. "I had to attack it if I had any chance to get that gold."

Miller was faster than Svindal on the upper section of the downhill run, but acknowledged a series of mistakes on the lower part. Still, having begun his career as a slalom specialist, he wasn't counting himself out and charged all the way down in the second leg.

Miller increased his lead at both checkpoints in the slalom. He skied fluidly on the top, then started to get bounced up in the air as he tried to maintain his speed on the quicker gates in the lower section, just barely making one gate after another.

He dropped some speed before the finish but maintaining enough to beat Kostelic.

Miller called the second half of his slalom run "a joke."

"I don't know how I got those last 15 gates through the finish," he said. "It was literally just willpower, because my legs were completely shot."

The last of Miller's five World Cup slalom wins came more than five years ago, and he has been searching since then to rediscover his form in the discipline.

This run should satisfy him. Miller let out a big smile upon crossing the finish line and stuck out his tongue while the crowd roared its approval.

"Slalom in my mind is the toughest event," Miller said. "When you ski slalom well, it's the best event there is. When you ski it poorly, it's the worst event there is."

What's more, Miller managed to survive a slalom course set by Kostelic's father and coach, Ante, who is known for his tricky sets.

"I think slalom skiers for sure wouldn't have a great chance if the slalom course was simple," Ivica Kostelic said. "The setting was quite demanding, but not as demanding as it could be. But demanding enough so that the slalom skiers could make up time."

Along with his father, Kostelic shared the moment with older sister Janica, who won the combined at the past two Olympics, then retired.

"We've been together all of our lives," Ivica Kostelic said. "I think



U.S. gold medalist skier Bode Miller celebrates his olympic victory in the super-combined event in Whistler, B.C., Sunday

it's fair that we share this moment together as well. Dad's course certainly helped."

Carlo Janka of Switzerland finished fourth and Ted Ligety, the American who won the traditional combined in Turin, finished fifth despite posting the fastest slalom run.

When Ligety won four years ago, the combined used the traditional format of one downhill run and two slalom legs. With only one slalom run now, the new format

doesn't favor Ligety as much, and he had too much ground to make up after placing 15th in the downhill.

Still, Ligety was pleased to have Miller replace him as Olympic champion — adding to his four world championship golds in four different disciplines.

"He's been really motivated," Ligety said. "It's cool to really see him win an Olympic gold. That's what's been missing from his resume."

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Men win Indoor Big East championship

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

Other standout performers included sophomore Jordan Carlson and senior Daniel Clark in the men's mile, finishing second and third respectively; both earned all-conference honors in the process.

Senior Blake Choplin finished second in the men's 1,000, while Denes Veres also earned points for the Irish and Big East honors, finishing second in the men's shot put. The men's 4 x 800-meter relay finished second and earned all-Big East honors.

Up next for the Irish is the final qualifying meet for the indoor season, the Alex Wilson Invitational at Notre Dame on March 5-6. The Irish will look to add to the already lengthy list of NCAA Championship qualifiers in that meet. Schultz, Howard and Matt and Kevin Schipper are among the Irish who have already qualified.

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MEN'S TENNIS

ND loses one-point match

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Irish dropped a tough match Saturday against No. 25 Washington by a score of 4-3.

The Huskies were the seventh ranked team the Irish have faced in eight dual matches this season. It was the fourth match this season decided by a one-point margin.

"Our match with Washington was a disappointment in that we had hoped we were capable of going out there and winning," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We got strong efforts from Dan Stahl, David Anderson and Sam Keeton in their singles wins, but fell short in the other three. Our best chance to win came at No. 2 singles as Stephen Havens lost a tie-breaker to drop the first set and lost some momentum after that."

The Irish fell behind early after being swept in doubles.

Junior Tyler Davis and sophomore Casey Watt teamed up at No. 1 doubles for the Irish and fell by a score of 8-1 to Kyle McMorrow and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan.

Junior Stephen Havens and sophomore Niall Fitzgerald fell at No. 2 doubles for the Irish 8-4 to Derek Drabble and Martin Kildahl, while juniors David Anderson and Dan Stahl fell at No. 3 doubles by a score of 8-3.

"The disappointment for me has been our doubles play of late," Bayliss said. "We started the season strongly there, but have not been very effective recently. We are really going to look at our combinations this week to see if some adjustments are necessary."

No. 51 Nedunchezhiyan was able to defeat Watt at No. 1 singles to give Washington a 2-0 lead early in the match.

No. 101 Stahl was able to cut the lead in half with a win over Drabble at No. 3 singles.

No. 105 Irish freshman Blas Moros was defeated at No. 5 singles by Tobi Obeanus by a score of 6-3, 6-3 to pull Washington within a win on any court to clinch the match.

The winning point came from McMorrow for Washington as he won over No. 123 Havens at No. 2 singles 7-6 (2), 6-3.

Anderson came through after

the match was decided at No. 4 singles to improve his record to 4-1 in dual matches this season for the Irish.

"David Anderson has come on strong for us as the season has progressed," Bayliss said. "He has added good all court skills and can finish at the net, something that was problematic for him as a freshman. He has a big first serve, penetrating ground strokes and counters better than he did even a year ago. More than anything he has a real presence on the court and great determination."

Sophomore Sam Keeton clinched another win for the Irish at No. 6 singles over Alex Rosinski in three sets to give the Irish their third victory on the day.

The Irish will return home this weekend to host three matches at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, beginning with Michigan State Saturday at 3 p.m. The Irish will then host a doubleheader Sunday against Wisconsin and Toledo.

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Pujols ready for new season

Associated Press

JUPITER, Fla. — For the first time in several springs, Albert Pujols has peace of mind. Reconstructive elbow surgery no longer hangs over his head.

Last year's unanimous NL MVP had a half-dozen bone spurs removed from his chronically troublesome right elbow during offseason surgery. When he awoke, doctors told him it was likely he'll never have to undergo reconstructive surgery. That had been a possibility since 2003.

Pre- and postoperative consultation with Dr. James Andrews and Dr. George Paletta, the team physician, eased any worries.

"I told Dr. Paletta and Dr. Andrews 'If you go in there and you see something different from the test, go ahead and get it done,'" Pujols said Sunday. "They didn't. It's good news to hear Dr. Andrews tell me that probably you will never have to worry about having the Tommy John (surgery)."

The three-time MVP, however, is getting tired talking about a contract extension.

Pujols has a year remaining on a seven-year, \$100 million contract, plus the Cardinals have an option for 2011. The 30-year-old Pujols has consistently said there's no hurry for a new deal.

"It's getting to the point that it's getting irritating to talk about my contract," Pujols said. "Let's wait until something happens, and then we're going to have all the answers and you can throw every question you want."

"As of right now, man, I don't want to talk about it because I'm so sick and tired of everybody talking about my contract or writing about my contract every time," he said.

Pujols said he's not about to walk into the offices of chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. or general manager John Mozeliak to talk about a contract.

"That's why I have my agent, and things are going to work out," Pujols said.

Pujols and Matt Holliday both hit the field for the first time on Sunday, two days ahead of the first full-squad workout. That's peace of mind for manager Tony La Russa, who joked, "We got better today, didn't we?"

Pujols brought his family, including two-week-old son Ezra, anxious to swap snowy St. Louis for mid-70s temperatures at the team's spring training complex in south Florida.

Holliday showed up not to knock off rust but to hit the ground running.

"I come in ready to get after it," Holliday said. "The first at-bat of the first game, I'll be expecting results. It's probably not a good idea but I'm here to compete."

Both players had sessions with new hitting instructor Mark McGwire, and were eager to work with the former home run king. Holliday already had a good idea of McGwire's approach after he and fifth-place hitter Ryan Ludwick spent two days with Big Mac in Austin, Texas, last month.

Pujols was a rookie in 2001, McGwire's last season, and said he might have been too shy or too reluctant to invade the veterans' space that year.

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles earn No. 3 seed with victory

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's defeated conference foe Albion 62-47 for the first time since February 2007 and did so by a comfortable margin as the Belles closed out their regular season with a road victory, clinching the third seed in the conference tournament.

The Britons jumped out to an early 11-3 advantage due to Saint Mary's poor shooting from the field early in the game. However, about five minutes into the game, the Belles hit their first field goal and reeled off a 10-0 run to take the lead. Albion tied the score again, but Belles sophomore guard Maggie Ronan scored two of her eight points, putting the Belles in front — where they would stay the rest of the game. Saint Mary's stretched its lead to as much as 10, but the Britons continued to fight back, cutting the lead at the intermission to 26-23.

Coming out of the break, Saint Mary's methodically but quickly built up the lead with a 9-2 run out of the gate, regaining a 10-point lead and keeping at least that margin for the rest of the game.

The offensive production was spread widely across the Belles' players. Sophomore forward Jessica Centa had a solid all-around performance, posting a stat line of 16 points, eight rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot. Sophomore forward Kelley Murphy had 10 points, while senior forward Anna Kammrath had nine points and led all rebounders with 14 boards. Sophomore guard Patsy Mahoney chipped in nine points as well.

Albion shot only 30 percent from the field after its hot start thanks to the Belles' stifling defense.

With the victory, Saint Mary's earned the third spot in the MIAA tournament. The Belles will host a rematch of this game when Albion visits Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Angela Athletic Facility.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Irish fall at conference meet to Louisville

By CHRIS ALLEN
Sports Writer

After taking home the last two Big East championships, the Irish settled for second after Louisville prevailed Saturday at Trees Pool in Pittsburgh. Louisville finished with a score of 808 points. Notre Dame finished with 758 points, ahead of Pittsburgh with 535.

Though his team relinquished the title, Irish coach Tim Welsh was impressed with the team's performance.

"We are very pleased with how the guys raced," Welsh said. "There were a lot of season and lifetime best times posted at the meet. There's a lot of fight in the Fighting Irish."

The Cardinals bounced back from a tough defeat

in 2009 at the hands of the Irish in which they lost on the last relay of the championships.

"The meet last year was decided on the very last race," Welsh said. "There's definitely been a rivalry these last three years at the Big East meet."

The Irish were propelled to the second-place finish on the strength of several brilliant individual performances. Team leader and senior John Lytle finished second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 43.56 seconds, losing to Cincinnati's Josh Schneider, who put

together a phenomenal meet that saw him set multiple Big East records. Freshman Bill Bass added

a key swim in the 200-yard individual medley on Thursday, setting a Notre Dame record of 1:46.44 en route to a second-place finish. The opening relay of the meet saw seniors Lytle, Andrew Hoffman, MacKenzie LeBlanc and junior Steven Brus take home a first-place finish in the 800 freestyle relay, narrowly missing the school record with a time of 6:28.48.

"Bill Bass's race was excellent, and John Lytle

posted one of the fastest times in the nation in his event," Welsh said. "Our relay in the 800 freestyle was also one of the fastest times in the nation this year."

With the championships behind them, the Irish will now look forward to the rest of the swim schedule. "The Big East meet is over, but the competitive season is not finished," Welsh said. "Primarily, we will look for a chance to compete in the National championships. Not everyone will get a chance to do that, but the people with the best times will compete."

The Irish will be back in action on March 4 at the Austin Grand Prix in Texas.

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end for us," Schrage said. "But when you have a veteran lineup, offensively, you usually come out swinging the bats pretty well early on because that is all you do in practice, hit in the cage."

Ironically, the Irish did not use a single home run in the biggest rout of the weekend, the 19-3 onslaught Sunday. Martin had four RBIs off of two hits, and freshman outfielder Charlie Markson knocked in three more runs, also off of two hits.

"The biggest thing was we executed a lot of our game plan as far as moving runners, doing hit-and-runs, and hitting fly balls with guys on third, doing a really nice job in situations," Schrage said of Sunday's offensive outburst.

After barely missing the NCAA Tournament last season, winning these first three games was crucial to the Irish, but Schrage said the team never focuses on more than one game.

"[Winning the first three] is a lot as far as momentum for us," he said. "The biggest thing we've been focused on is taking one game each day. I know it is a cliché, but we've talked about it with our guys. ... They took each



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Irish senior first baseman Casey Martin takes a swing in a game last April. Martin had seven RBIs this weekend.

day separately, and there wasn't any carryover."

Schrage said Notre Dame hopes that some of the momentum from this weekend will carry over for its upcoming games in Florida against Illinois and Ohio State.

"It was real important for us to get off to a good start," Schrage said. "Next weekend we have a big challenge going up against Ohio State, a team that is top-20."

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish break losing streak with three quick wins

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Though the bad weather forced a cancellation of its last game, it didn't hinder Notre Dame's ability to win games this weekend and end the team's four-game losing streak at the Mizuno Classic in Hattiesburg, Miss.

"We played really well together as a team, offensively and defensively, and it was nice to see the potential that we do have," Irish assistant coach Kris Ganefff said. "We weren't perfect but we played well enough to get the wins, and ultimately, that's what's most important."

The Irish began the weekend Saturday with a 1-0 victory over Louisiana Tech.

The one Notre Dame run of the game came in the third inning when junior infielder Katie Fleury's hard shot brought junior Sadie Pitzenberger around from second base. Starting pitcher junior Jody Valdivia shut out Tech while striking out 13.

"The pitching really stepped up this weekend," Ganefff said. "Valdivia set the tone for us."

Saturday night, the Irish handed Southern Mississippi (6-1) its first loss of the season on its home field in the form of a 7-6 defeat.

"We came out ready to go which was nice to see because Southern Mississippi had been playing well and beating good teams," Ganefff said. "Our girls came out with a bang and started putting the runs up early and put the other girls on their toes."

The Irish started off strong

in the first three innings, going up 7-0, but gave up six runs in the fourth inning. Luckily, the Irish were able to hold off the Golden Eagles.

"The difference between this weekend and last weekend was we weren't in a must score position," Ganefff said. "We were able to put runs up before they were able to. We really focused this weekend, looking forward, not backwards."

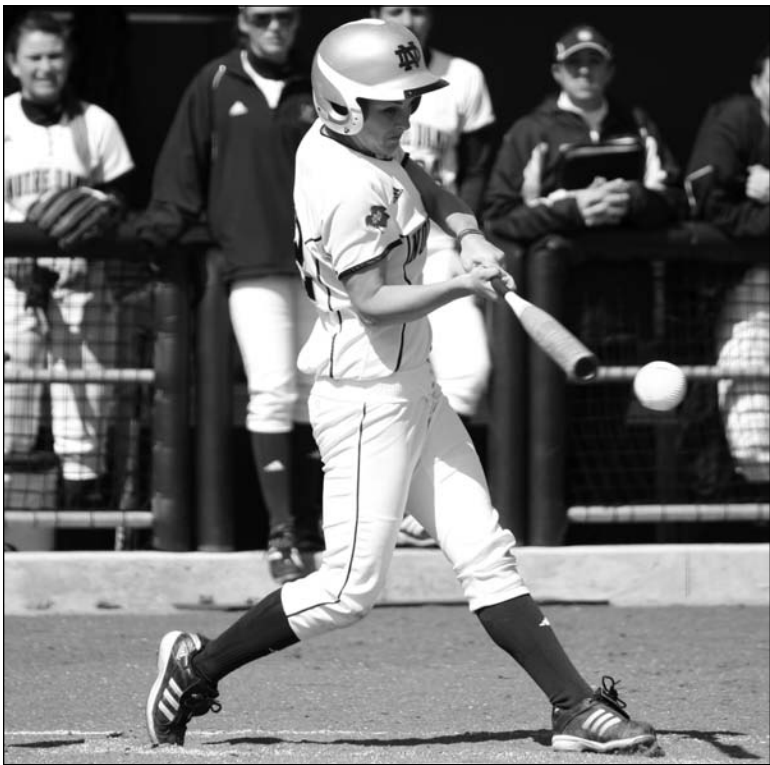
Sunday, the Irish beat Stephen F. Austin State 3-0 for the team's and Valdivia's third win of the three total games Notre Dame played this weekend.

Senior infielder Christine Lux had a two-run home run in the top of the sixth inning. The Irish scored again soon when senior catcher Alexia Clay hit a triple, then went home on a wild throw from Stephen F. Austin State's pitcher.

"Offensively, we were struggling against the left-handed pitcher that kept mixing up her pitches," Ganefff said. "But right before the sixth inning, we figured out a plan and we told the team what we expected in order to make an adjustment which they made, and we could score runs right away."

The Irish got into a tight spot at the end of the seventh inning with the bases loaded, no outs, and the winning run at the plate. After one Ladyjack foul out, and Valdivia's final two strikeouts of the game, the Irish were able to win for the third and final time at the Mizuno Classic.

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Irish junior infielder Katie Fleury takes a swing in a 2009 game. Notre Dame won three games over the weekend.

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"I'm really happy for our guys and it's a terrific accomplishment," he said. "But let's see where Duke finishes and where we finish. ... It's the first game of the year, all it

means is that we're 1-0 and we're thrilled to be 1-0."

The Irish will face Penn State next Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Loftus Sports Center, looking to continue a regular-season winning streak dating back to an April 5, 2008 one-goal loss to Denver.

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cited his squad's exhaustive list of injuries as the prime reason Notre Dame has faded as the CCHA season draws to a close.

"I think part of it is still a depth issue," Jackson said. "We lost [senior center] Kevin Deeth early in Friday night, our best faceoff guy, and it leads to fatigue when we're playing a short bench. I think that hurt us Saturday night."

The Irish sprinted to a 3-1 lead over the Falcons at BGSU Ice Arena Friday on goals from freshman wing Kyle Palmieri, senior wing Ryan Thang and junior defenseman Joe Lavin.

Bowling Green answered with three straight goals in a five-minute span in the third period to scrape out a 4-3 win over freshman goalkeeper Mike Johnson.

"I thought we played well the first two periods," Jackson said. "We couldn't sustain it. It's been challenging in that regard for us throughout the season. Injuries break up your continuity with everything."

Notre Dame gained a 1-0 lead over the Falcons Saturday night with Palmieri's eighth goal of the season in the opening seconds of the second period. Bowling Green outshot the Irish 14-6 in the third, notching the equalizer in the process. A scoreless overtime forced a shootout, with senior Falcon forward Tomas

Petruska beating Johnson for the win.

Notre Dame is winless over the last four games, effectively dropping the team out of contention for a decent finish in the CCHA. The Irish will host Michigan in a home-and-home series next week in their season finale, hoping to put together some momentum before the conference tournament in March.

"I'm glad we've got one more home game," Jackson said. "It's going to be a special game for our senior class against Michigan. We have to put ourselves in a good position for the tournament. We have to go into the playoffs playing well."

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consecutive game with an ankle injury. Schrader did not play in either the St. John's or Georgetown defeats.

"We really missed Lindsay Schrader," McGraw said. "That's been a problem this week with both games. She is our leading rebounder, and we got out-rebounded. We've gotten out-rebounded two games in a row. She is also our go-to player when we need a bucket. That has been a problem that no one has been able to step up into her role and rebound more."

Schrader is the team's third leading scorer with 11.3 points per game and top rebounder with 7.3 rebounds per game. McGraw was hopeful that Schrader will be able to play Tuesday against Marquette, but said her status is still uncertain.

In the absence of Schrader, the Irish (22-3, 10-3 Big East) were not able to get production out of their big players, as junior forwards Becca Bruszewski and Devereaux Peters failed to pick up the slack in the paint. Bruszewski played only 13 minutes and scored four points, while Peters played 17 minutes with two points. Neither player had a rebound.

"Devereux did not have her best game, so I decided to play someone else, and Becca was in foul trouble," McGraw said.

With the lack of production from the frontcourt, the Irish gave up 19 offensive rebounds to the Hoyas (22-4, 11-2) in comparison to only eight of their own.

The bright spot in the game was senior captain Ashley Barlow, who

led the team with 21 points, eight rebounds and three assists. long with Barlow, McGraw was pleased with the game senior center Erica Williamson gave her. Williamson had only eight points and four rebounds, but McGraw considered that great production based on the amount of time she was on the floor.

"I was really happy with Erica Williamson, that was more minutes than she usually plays," McGraw said. "She played the best. She was able to score, and she had four rebounds, and in 16 minutes that is pretty good."

The turnover differential was also an area of concern for Notre Dame, as it lost that battle 21-10. This stat was of particular concern to McGraw, as she prides herself on her team's ability to control the ball.

"We didn't take care of the ball as we could have against the press," McGraw said. "Their transition baskets off of our turnovers were a big difference in the game."

When asked about her team's inability to cause turnovers, McGraw was at a loss.

"I don't know what happened in that regard. I was disappointed in that too," McGraw said. "We played pretty good half-court defense, but we weren't able to force any turnovers."

Looking to the future, McGraw hopes that the team will be able to bounce back against Marquette (14-12, 5-8).

"It will just be good to be home," McGraw said. "We need to have our home crowd back, we really do."

The Irish tip off against Marquette at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

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of sophomore Kristy Frilling and senior Kali Krisik. Partners Shannon Mathews and freshman Chrissie McGaffigan won their doubles match, as did seniors Cosmina Ciobanu and Colleen Rielley.

After losing the doubles point twice this season, the Irish have spent a large amount of their time in practice working on making sure that they had a good shot at getting both doubles points this weekend.

"We switched the combinations of the second and first doubles teams and the kids played well together," Louderback said. "We have been struggling and working on doubles a lot, but switching the

teams around really helped us."

In the singles competition against Illinois, No. 23 Frilling beat the Illini's No. 85 Rachael White. Victories from McGaffigan, Krisik and Ciobanu rounded out the score to 5-2.

"We had a tougher match against Illinois, and we played a little tentatively as we were down and had to come back" Louderback said. "Though we lost a few of the first sets, the kids hung in there and competed well in the end."

The hype associated with beating Illinois carried over into Sunday.

"It was one of the few times we've competed as an underdog," Louderback said.

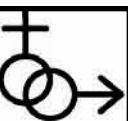
The three doubles teams repeated their sweep against the Wildcats for the first point of the highly contested match.

In singles competition,

Frilling beat Northwestern's No. 12 first singles player Maria Mosolova who defeated Frilling during the fall 2009 portion of the season. Mathews and Chrissie McGaffigan each defeated their nationally ranked opponents, No. 29 Samantha Murray and No. 108 Kate Turvy, respectively, to clinch the Irish win Sunday. Senior Cosmina Ciobanu added a fifth point to Notre Dame's final score.

"We have a great rivalry with Northwestern," Louderback said. "Especially after they won the National Indoor Tournament last weekend, our kids felt like it was a good opportunity for us. They always play a good, fair and clean match."

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A different kind of streak

Irish drop their second in a row on the road

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

With a 76-66 loss at Georgetown Saturday, Notre Dame's second defeat in a row, the No. 4 Irish fell to fourth in the Big East, behind the No. 14 Hoyas.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she saw a perfect storm of circumstances coming together last week to cause the Irish to stumble for one of the few times this season.

"It's a combination of things: we are playing good teams, we are going on the road and we don't have our go-to player," McGraw said. "But we still could have won both games, but these are certainly not the best circumstances for us in a tough week."

McGraw attributed much of the team's recent losses to the absence of senior guard Lindsay Schrader, who missed her second

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Senior guard Ashley Barlow defends the ball during Notre Dame's 90-66 victory over DePaul on Feb. 14. The Irish have suffered two losses since that victory.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

ND upsets top-ranked Wildcats

By MOLLY SAMMON
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For the first time in program history, Notre Dame beat the top-ranked team in the country. No. 17 Notre Dame followed a 5-2 victory over Illinois Saturday with a 5-2 upset of No. 1 Northwestern Sunday.

The Wildcats won the ITA National Kick-off Tournament last weekend, an event for which the Irish failed to qualify.

"When we were preparing for this weekend, the kids were upset with their ranking, not qualifying for the National Indoor Tournament and they felt like they needed to get some of their respect back," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "The kids came back and fought hard."

Against the Illini, the Irish first won the doubles point with the help of the No. 8 doubles pairing

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish upset second-ranked Duke to kickstart season in style

By ALLAN JOSEPH
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In a program first, the No. 9 Irish beat a top-two team Saturday with an 11-7 victory over second-ranked Duke in the season opener.

The Irish seized the lead — which they would not relinquish — just over three minutes into the game on a goal by senior attack Colin Igoe. Midway through the first quar-

ter, freshman midfielder Steve Murphy scored his first collegiate goal, in his first collegiate game. Duke got on the board with 4:29 left in the first quarter. It was the first of four goals in the frenetic end of the first quarter.

The Irish led 4-2 at the first intermission and extended their lead to four halfway through the second quarter. The Blue Devils, however, continued to press and scored three times in a 30-second

span to cut the Notre Dame advantage to 6-5 at halftime.

The third quarter was back-and-forth, but the Irish never lost the upper hand, taking a 9-7 lead into the final session. Notre Dame would score twice more in the fourth quarter to ice the victory.

Notre Dame was led offensively by a hat trick from junior midfielder Zach Brenneman, as well as two-goal efforts from Igoe, Murphy and senior attack Neal Hicks.

Despite the offensive production from the Irish, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he was most impressed by the defensive efforts.

"We were playing without Sam Barnes defensively, but all three [of the defenders playing] did a great job," Corrigan said. "Our short stick defensive midfielders were also really good, and our goalie played terrific."

Senior goalie Scott Rodgers had a 15-save performance.

Despite the landmark victory, Corrigan said the Irish will continue to look forward.

"It's the first game — we can get better in every single area of the game," he said. "Not to belittle what we did, but just to say there's still a lot of progress to be made."

Corrigan also said it is too early to put too much stock in one victory, regardless of the Blue Devils' powerhouse sta-

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HOCKEY

Notre Dame drops two more

By MICHAEL BLASCO
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The Irish must be thinking they're trapped in the movie "Groundhog Day," because they keep playing the same game again and again.

Notre Dame tallied a loss and a shootout loss in a road weekend series against Bowling Green, with the Irish letting late leads slip away in each game. The rough weekend drops Notre Dame to 12-14-7 overall and 8-11-6-2 in the CCHA, 10th in the conference.

An inability to hold onto late leads has been a repeated theme for Notre Dame that led to the team's foothold in the CCHA erosion. Irish coach Jeff Jackson

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Freshman wing Kyle Palmieri takes the puck up the ice during Notre Dame's 3-2 victory over Nebraska-Omaha on Jan. 30.

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BASEBALL

Martin leads the way in opening three wins

By DOUGLAS FARMER
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Notre Dame last won its first three games of the season in 2004. This weekend the Irish did just that, by a combined score of 39-10.

Notre Dame topped Mississippi Valley State three times in three days, starting Friday, by scores of 12-4, 8-3 and 19-3, respectively. The success on the trip to Mississippi started with the defense and the pitching, Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

"What was nice about [the weekend] is we were able to throw a lot of guys," Schrage

said. "That is always important early on. ... The strength of our club is the depth of our pitching staff."

While the pitching was stalwart in all three games, Notre Dame's strength lay in its offensive firepower. Senior first baseman Casey Martin notched seven RBIs on the weekend, with a home run in each of the first two games. Martin opened his season with a 4-for-5 performance Friday, and fellow seniors Ryne Intlekofer and left fielder Ryan Connolly also sent balls over the fence.

"Casey had a great week-

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