Appleby sheds light on sexual abuse reports

By CLAIRE HENINGER Assistant News Editor

Bless us Father, for we have sinned.

The phrase drilled into penitent Catholics for generations took a grave turn Friday when the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops disclosed two reports that detailed the nearly 11,000 child sexual abuse allegations made against priests since 1950. As the weekend passed, the national’s archdioceses and non-Catholics, clergy and laity alike weighed in on what many have labeled the bishops’ own act of contrition.

Notre Dame history professor and Kroc Institute director R. Scott Appleby — who addressed the bishops on June 13, 2002, when they first convened in response to the scandals — added his own voice to the debate Monday. And while he praised the reports as a step towards accountability and improvement on the part of the hierarchy, he maintained the Church can’t yet be forgiven — nor is it trying to forget.

“Closure isn’t a word I would even think about using yet,” Appleby said. Despite the cooperation and apologies offered by many bishops across the country, he said that others are still too rooted in their beliefs about Church infallibility to see the people behind the staggering figures.

“There are many bishops who have been contrite, who are repentant, but we need to go much further,” he said. “Some bishops still don’t seem to get it, [because] they are still so beholden to an institution that it blinds them to the suffering of the victims.”

Reaching out to these victims, Appleby said, should be the Church’s first priority — and will require a certain dose of humility to be considered real penance.

“Repentance is manifested more than ritualistically,” he said. “The idea of nailing an apology to the wall of a cathedral, well that may be something. But repentance is a changed attitude towards the victims, listening to their stories and allowing themselves to be converted into sympathy.”

“But while the apology is one thing, accountability is another. And although the bishops admitted their transgressions in the reports, Appleby said the several resignations that should be the next step are not likely to follow. Citing a “required solidarity” among U.S. bishops, Appleby said he wouldn’t be surprised if deference to their “fraternity” was taken.

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Students prepare for Spring break trips

By LAURA VILIM News Writer

After months of freezing temperatures and long hours studying, most students who have chosen to travel over Spring Break are looking forward to escape through warm weather and relaxation. However, when compared to previous years, fewer students are taking Notre Dame’s Anthony Travel to make their plans, and an unusually small number of these students are using South Bend Regional Airport.

According to director of Anthony Travel Kayleen Carr said that although there are fewer students using the travel agency, and that between 500 and 600 students have booked travel packages through the agency,

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Texas Hold'em

Once a week my friends and I partake in a little game called Texas Hold'em. Every Friday between 4 and 5 p.m. we gather in my room to test our luck and bluffing skills. After classes and we gather around the table for a little fun.

For those of you that do not know, Texas Hold'em is one of many ways to play poker. In this variation two cards are dealt face down to each player. A round of betting takes place. Then three cards are dealt face up in the middle -- this is referred to as the flop. Another round of betting takes place. One more card is dealt in the middle, which is named the turn. Once again the players bet. After the fifth and final card, the river, is dealt the final round of betting takes place.

We have had some epic hands over the course of the last semester. One of the more memorable hands was when I had a jack and a nine. My friend Spack had an ace and a king. The flop came up as ace, king, and queen. The turn came up as no help to either of us. After the turn Spack decided to bet aggressively. I had no business staying in since the only card that could help me was a ten. Some people still have no idea what I was thinking, but I decided to test my luck and try for the straight.

Hermes, the Greek god of luck, must like me because as the river revealed itself to be a ten, Spack's raw fell to the floor in disbelief. That was not the only time the river has brought me luck. Spack had pocket jacks. As Burkhardt shouted, "Tell God to keep doing what he's doing." Spack had an ace and nine as the money was up. If Spack had let me call with pocket jacks.

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Group discusses tickets

By MATT BRAMANTI
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives, student government's highest body, assembled Monday in LaFortune to discuss issues ranging from basketball ticket distribution to off-campus representation.

Student body president Jeremy Lao circulated a draft of a letter he will send to assistant athletic director Jim Fraleigh, who is the voice of Notre Dame student government, while putting forward his views of leaders from across campus.

"The chase of basketball tickets," said sophomore class president Jeremy Lao, "is a good example of a secondary market for tickets, allowing them to be freely sold to students on a game-by-game basis.

"This year, tickets were bought by students in addition to the ones allocated for students. In addition, some leaders want to decrease the number of student season tickets, freeing those seats to be sold to other students.

"The draft asks the athletic department to consider creating a secondary market for tickets, allowing them to be freely sold to students on a game-by-game basis. These tickets would be allocated on a proportional basis, with each class receiving one vote.

"The letter also encourages the athletic director to allow more students to attend basketball games, identified by an off-campus senator.

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Philip Koziak, the senior class president, would sponsor a kickoff event for the off-campus student union, "Lao said.

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Uncertainty over individual morality.

"I think many of the bishops probably have their own opinions — which I would share — that there should be resignations of bishops who repeatedly resigned for predator priests, that that should be the way the Church responds," he said. "But then their sense of obedience to the Pope is so profound that if he tells them to resign, they're going to resign."

"They're going to be respectful of that vertical relationship," Appleby continued. "I can't imagine them commenting publicly that "We think Bishop X should resign.""

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"But the bishops needed to take authority to clean up their own house and they recognized that they would not be credible by themselves," he said. "While the member groups that are Catholic, they are independent, and they are very critical of the bishops in that report."

Appleby believes that such clerical silence that a Church structure can impose should stand as an incentive for lay Catholics to take on more authority and responsibility.

"The bishops are now in the position of the Pope," he said. "And if Notre Dame students don't work to revitalize it, then who else would?"

Appleby stressed that despite the alternate narrow and finger pointing that has characterized the scandals — and now the reports — neither, neither the Church's role in helping the poor and marginalized nor its sacred identity should not be forgotten.

"I'm hoping that Notre Dame students will recognize that however flawed and imperfect the Church is, it is worthy of their votes," he said. "The church is going to rise and fall on your generation in a way that hasn't been true before."

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"There is a modest correlation between students liking classes and students doing well in those classes," said Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts & Letters. Students like Sarah Green said that increased competition among classes and grading environments, especially in science courses like organic chemistry or physics, the science requirement, general studies, said that the smaller class size er-level courses of major- and calculus courses that he believes the think grades have associated with high-

business students. 

Roche commented that particul-

lar features about the College of Arts & Letters may predispose students to have a more personal-

ized and nurturing learning envi-

ronment. Roche noted that the presence of small, University sem-


courses in the first year and classes such as First Year Competition that focus on the writing and editing process provide students with better access to their professors and a more personalized learning expe-

"I think it's an environment where students should feel comfortable because of the nurturing," he said.

In spite of individual differences with respect to GPA, some faculty said that the universal importance of TCEs on tenured faculty may also influence grades. Although the data suggests otherwise — junior faculty actually give slightly lower marks than tenured faculty — professors said that the impor-

tance placed on TCEs for tenure and promotions could encourage some faculty to inflate grades in hopes of receiving higher- 

TCE scores. "If there is anything driving grade inflation, it's the critical importance of TCEs to retention, tenure and pro-

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rigor with which grade inflation is examined and pursued varies. Sam Gaglio, assistant dean of the Mendoza College of Business, said that the college evaluates grades each semester and rigorously monitors the grading system and course con-

"Grade inflation is being evaluated on a regular basis by department chairs, both in the department as a whole and especially in classes with multi-

ple sections," he said.

Gaglio said it is unusual, however, especially in classes with numerous sections, for there to be some discrepancy in grades from year to year. He noted that one section could contain a group of very high-

performing students, while another section could have stu-

dents that perform less well.

Charles Kulpa, chair of the department of biological sci-

ences, said he monitors grades within his department on a yearly basis. He notes that infla-

tion has been relatively small in his department and depends somewhat on the instructor of a given course.

Kulpa said that if he were to note grade discrepancies or a pattern of out-of-line grading among a particular faculty member, he would approach the faculty member on an indi-

vidual basis. "I'd ask them," he said. "But I wouldn't necessarily tell them it's wrong. I don't want to legislate how grades are given."

Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts & Letters, said that although his college has some procedures in place, they have not yet rigorously addressed grade inflation. "We've done a lot of things, such as discussions with indi-

vidual faculty members, but we haven't really tackled it as a col-

lege. I think it's about time." 

On the student side, Jeremy Staley, former chair of the aca-

demic committee of the Office of the Student Body President, said that his committee had not addressed the issue of grade inflation before he left to study abroad in Rome this semester.

This issue was not discussed much in the academic commit-

tee," he said. "However, last year, during my term on student Senate, the issue was brought up a few times, especially from our student representatives on the Academic Council."

Both Roche and Staley said that faculty had expressed con-

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Burst water pipe floods Dillon

The water also flowed from a crack in the ceiling into the main hallway of the basement near the stairway. The base-

ment leak was contained by garbage cans soon after it was discovered.

On the first floor, the water gushed about an inch high between the lounge and in the hallway spanning about six rooms. Residents in rooms near the 24-hour space placed towels outside their doors to block the water as it began to spread from the lounge into the hall-

way. About 20 minutes later, the water was shut off and the puddles were vacuumed up. The flood did not significantly damage the furniture or belongings in the lounge. The cause of the burst pipe was unknown.

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Gunman kills Arafat advisor

Gaza, March 5 — A man on a motorbike shot dead video analyst Arafat Abu氛is on Monday, police said. Abu氛is had warned Yasser Arafat of the risk of assassination earlier this month.

Amnesty details rights violations

THIPOLI, Libya — Amnesty International accused Libya of violating rights and tolerating political activity. The group detailed a number of serious human rights violations, including the disappearance of prisoners and intolerance of political activity. The report shared its report with Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, who promised to consider Amnesty's recommendation.

Local News

Eastern time zone will remain

INDIANAPOLIS — A proposal that sought to move Indiana to the Central time zone and have it observe daylight savings time appears dead this legislative session.

Democrats vie for primary wins

Kerry eyes sweep in Super Tuesday election; Edwards vows to continue campaign

Associated Press

John Kerry vowed that he would not be another "wobbly, mushy, non-committed" Democrat, pledging Monday to wage a bare-knuckled campaign against President Bush as he sought a Super Tuesday sweep to lay claim to the party's nomination.

The result of their 10-state showdown, John Edwards faced signs of political distress as Kerry's last major Democratic rival — meager polling, paltry crowds and a growing realization inside his own ranks that the end may be near.

"At some point, I've got to start getting more delegates or I'm not going to be the nominee," Edwards said at a Toledo, Ohio, news conference.

Regardless of Tuesday's results, Bush plans to begin a multimillion-dollar TV ad campaign this week to reverse his downward trend. Kerry's campaign is considering a modest response designed to put the White House on the defensive, said two senior advisers who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Democratic allies may move sooner.

Edwards drew 300 people to his University of Toledo rally, three times fewer than a crowd that welcomed Kerry recently to the same venue. Drawing even smaller crowds in Dayton, Ohio, and Cleveland later Monday, the freshman senator seemed listless and indifferent, stumbling over signature lines in his stump speech.

It seemed prophetic when Kerry's advisers at the Cleveland rally lured Fleetwood Mac's "You Can Go Your Own Way." The North Carolina senator pledged to stay in the race "until I'm nominated," but he declined to predict victory in Ohio, virtually a must-win state for him, as he acknowledged Kerry's dominance.

"There's no question that national momentum has an impact on these races," Edwards said.

He held out hope for an election surprise, noting that he defied polls by winning just six percentage points behind Kerry in New Hampshire and Wisconsin. But the senator had more time to court voters in those states than he did for Tuesday's races.

Edwards' only victory came in his birth state of South Carolina, but that was four weeks and 11 defeats ago.

Kerry has won 18 of 20 primaries or caucuses, and led in pre-election polls in every competitive Super Tuesday venue. Ten states with nearly 50 million registered voters awarded 1,151 delegates on the biggest day of the nomination fight.

A sweep Tuesday could give Kerry more than 1,000 delegates — a virtually insurmountable lead, though still short of the 2,162 needed to claim the nomination.

Edwards, with just 205 delegates as of Monday, will come under pressure to quit the race unless he wins two or more contests Tuesday, said strategists in both campaigns as well as several party leaders.


He has campaigned in New York and California, the day's biggest prizes with a combined 606 delegates, but polls show Edwards trailing badly. One survey showed the race close in Maryland, but even Edwards' advisers discounted the survey.

His advisers privately held out hope for victories in Georgia and Minnesota's hard-to-predict caucuses, but they said Ohio looked out of reach, with long-shot candidate Rep. Dennis Kucinich of Ohio cutting into Edwards' base.
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changes.” Poorman spent the majority of his presentation outlining goals of Student Affairs regarding on-campus housing and residence life. Among them the construction of four new residence facilities, the reduction of occupancy of existing dorms by 10 percent to reduce overcrowding, the demolition of University Village and its replacement with new housing for married students and the implementation of new on-campus living arrangements for seniors.
Poorman said that he would like to see the percentage of on-campus seniors increase from the current 46 percent to 52 percent in the coming years and raise the percentage of students who live on campus from 79 to 82 percent.
“It’s a modest and doable goal,” he said.

The report also proposes the replacement of the Student Center with a new facility to accommodate 3,500-4,000 people, the construction of a retreat center and the expansion of the LaFortune Student Center to include Washington and Crowley Halls.
The goals for campus life are the product of administrative, student, alumni, parent and faculty and staff input through the formation of an ad hoc committee and the use of surveys and focus groups.” Poorman said. “I’m grateful to the committee for a thorough job.”

Poorman also updated the on-campus changes that were the result of their efforts, most notably the establishment of a gender relations center. The idea, he said, was first proposed in 2002 by then-student body president Brooke Norton.

“I was very receptive to it at the time... and the slow wheels of progress have finally yielded something,” he said. “I’m pleased to announce that we are indeed going to create this center.”

Poorman said that the new center will be housed in LaFortune and he named Pangborn Hall rector Heather Rakoczy the founding director. The center will be funded through the Office of Student Affairs.

“It’s humbling,” Rakoczy said of being named the center’s director. “I’m excited about the opportunity.”

Poorman also addressed concerns raised by the CLC regarding transportation options for students suffering from temporary disabilities. Previously, golf carts had been available but the service was eliminated amid budget cuts last year. Now, he said, temporarily disabled students will have access to motorized scooters stored in the Notre Dame Security and Police building. This year, students can contact an officer for an escort to health services or for Students with Disabilities for information on obtaining a scooter. He praised the Provost’s Office for providing the funding for next year’s program.

In other CLC news:
• Members unanimously approved the drafting of a letter to Provost on the future of campus beautification. The letter will include what members perceive to be problem areas on campus and will be accompanied with photos.
• The CLC approved a request passed by Student Senate to form a task force to address social awareness issues, including diversity on campus and the possibility of implementing the concept into a required course for undergraduate students.

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other groups of Notre Dame students will also be vacating there. Winger said.
Senior Eric Bilinski is also traveling south with friends to Costa Rica for spring break. However, his group chose not to make its plans through Anthony Travel.
“We wanted an unconventional spring break trip, something out of the ordinary. It is our senior year, and we wanted a vacation we would remember for a lifetime,” Bilinski said.
He and his friends started planning their trip during the middle of fall semester, but Carr says that students who have not yet made plans to get away can still book packages with Anthony Travel.
The generally smaller number of people traveling this year forces airlines and hotels to discount their fares, even for week long trips to hotels on the beach.
“There are always last-minute deals,” Carr said.
While students have countless options for where to travel, the majority of them will fly out of one of the two Chicago airports instead of South Bend Regional Airport.
Representatives from South Bend Airport’s travel agency Travelmore said they have booked reservations for fewer college students than usual this year.
Part of the reason why so few students are making plans to travel through South Bend Airport may be because the majority of travel packages utilizing charter planes that only fly between major airports such as Chicago’s O’Hare and Midway. Carr said all Anthony Travel trips to Acapulco fly out of O’Hare because it is much less expensive than flying out of South Bend.
Bilinski said that while it may be somewhat more complicated to fly from Chicago, a few more hours of traveling did not discourage any members of his group from going to Costa Rica.
“We’re driving to Chicago and then flying to San Jose. I don’t think it discouraged anyone [because] we’re going to have a good time no matter how we get there,” Bilinski said.

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Rise in U.S. stocks lifts dollar

LONDON — The U.S. dollar rose against other major currencies in European trading Wednesday. Gold prices fell.

The euro was quoted at $1.2901, down from $1.2950 in late European trading, down from $1.2950 Tuesday. The British pound was quoted at $1.8501, down from $1.8506 Tuesday. The pound was quoted at $1.8435, down from $1.8435 Tuesday. The British pound was quoted at $1.8506, down from $1.8506 Tuesday. The British pound was quoted at $1.8435, down from $1.8435 Tuesday.

ExxonMobil and American Express were among the most active stocks Wednesday. Exxon Mobil fell $0.80 to $93.40, down from $93.40 Tuesday, down from $93.40 Tuesday. American Express rose $0.50 to $60.00, up from $60.00 Tuesday, up from $60.00 Tuesday.

The dollar rose against most major currencies in Wednesday’s European trading. The British pound was quoted at $1.8506, up from $1.8506 Tuesday, up from $1.8506 Tuesday. The euro was quoted at $1.2901, down from $1.2950 in late European trading, down from $1.2950 Tuesday. The pound was quoted at $1.8435, down from $1.8435 Tuesday.

Following the dollar’s rally, the British pound fell to its lowest level against the dollar in more than five months. The British pound was quoted at $1.8435, down from $1.8435 Tuesday, down from $1.8435 Tuesday.

The dollar’s rise was fueled by strong U.S. economic data and expectations for an interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve. The Federal Reserve is expected to raise interest rates to combat inflation, which has been rising in recent months. The dollar’s rise against other major currencies is a reflection of investors seeking a safe haven in U.S. assets.

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The currency market is closely watching the upcoming U.S. nonfarm payrolls report, which is expected to show a strong gain in jobs. A strong jobs report could prompt the Federal Reserve to hike interest rates even more aggressively.

Despite the dollar’s rise, some analysts remain cautious about the currency’s outlook. "The dollar’s rally is sustainable, but it’s not a done deal," said one analyst. "The Federal Reserve could still choose to ease policy, especially if inflation remains tame."
Dear President George W. Bush,

Four years ago, I was apathetic, and I now regret that decision. Since that time, I have come to realize that the United States has engaged in two wars, resulting in the deaths of at least 10,000 Iraqi and Afghani civilians and at least 750 U.S. troops. In the case of Iraq, it has recently been discovered that your claims about weapons of mass destruction were false. The United States has become occupier and parent to two troubled and unstable countries, which are soaking in tens of billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars and could easily become breeding grounds for terrorism.

Osama bin Laden has not been caught, al-Qaeda remains relatively strong and the War on Terror has no end in sight.

Mr. President, since Sept. 11, the United States received the sympathy and support of the entire international community, giving us the highest international approval rating in U.S. history. Two years later, we have the lowest approval rating in U.S. history. Mr. President, I find myself hard-pressed to argue that you capitalized on the unique opportunities that the United States had post-Sept. 11 to work for a more safe, just and peaceful world.

Unfortunately, Mr. President, your foreign policy is not the only problematic aspect of your agenda. Under your watch, about three million Americans have lost their jobs, 2.5 million have lost their healthcare and two million have slipped into poverty. That is not to mention the other 35 million Americans who live daily in poverty, the more than 41 million who have lost their healthcare and cuts, especially healthcare, and cuts in programs for civil servants, such as teachers and police officers and firefighters.

I find it hard to reconcile your “support the troops” patriotic rhetoric with your current policies that are cutting the legs from underneath the very defenders of American liberty and freedom. Mr. President, this sort of hypocrisy tears at the social threads that hold our country together.

I will not even begin to go into the problems of your current education system, your harmful environmental policies, your unrestrained support for the FTTA or your massive slashing of social programs for the poor and disabled. Mr. President, I will not even begin to address the fiscally irresponsible federal deficit that is projected to reach $2.4 trillion over the next 10 years. Mr. President, where is the love?

Now, as we drive forward into this election year, you will most likely, with the help of Karl Rove, use your usual fear-tactics, “religious right” rhetoric and big business support to avoid addressing these real problematic aspects of current U.S. society.

Will the American public stand for this? We will find out in November.

Mr. President, I want to encourage you to use these next nine months to bring back the love that is so missing in our country right now. I want to encourage you to stop the cuts on social service programs, to work more closely with the international community on global issues and to empower the American people to rebuild communities committed to justice and equality.

Mr. President, where is the love? It’s time that we get serious about building a country where the love is not so hidden.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
Student elections are comparatively good at Notre Dame. The residence conditions at Notre Dame are unparalleled dorm spirit, they are not only a community but a family, and they are active in community service. The administration and a wealth of students support community here at Notre Dame.

Let us be blunt about this. Zahm is disliked. They are disliked by other male dorms and especially by the administration. I must admit, many students are the stakies are crude, even offensive. But I challenge you now to look every day to the Student Senate, which would have actual control. The senators of the way would also be chosen by the administration. This could lead to something from the basement of Zahm leading, again heading us to be the root of all evil.

So why did those crazy Hellas come up with their system? Well, the whole aristocracy thing wasn't really working for them. Well, we beg to differ. Who are we, you ask? Well, we regard each other as brothers, and this is the importance of private property (the oikos, or Greek household) and a democracy made sense. Before that, the Greek world was in the control of a small group of oikoi, these head honcho type guys who had more than everybody else and were supposed to share the wealth. This worked as long as the Basilei's didn't get greedy. The Basilei were the ones getting together making decisions, so again, the student athletes would be the ones calling the shots. However, the problem with that is, when upper young stud comes and steals your woman, the rest of the Basilei have to come to your aid and a giant war erupts (see Trojan War). Basically, if an athlete from Indiana University were to come and steal a Notre Dame athlete's girl, Notre Dame would go to war with IU. In large wooden horses. Of course, this begs the question of why we would try to steal a good Catholic girl as your sex slave when you could have a morally casual one without the expense of war from IU.

In conclusion, instead of focusing on how had the electoral system is at Notre Dame, think of how good it is in comparison, and think about how bad it could be. Granted, we all want to start a war with IU and ride around in wooden horses, but it's one of those things we should all do willingly and for the right reasons, like IU being the root of all that is evil.

So next time you want to talk about the ineffectiveness of student government, think about the little changes that occur because of our marvelous system. Because of the magnificent success of the helper-monkey, channel-building ticket of the Triumvirate, you are now guaranteed to have more people-run who are truly interested in making a different, a difference that, thanks to our system, we can actually make.
A Spokesman for a Generation

By JULIE BENDER
Assistant Scene Editor

He's not the typical rock icon. In fact, he might more aptly be called the antithesis of rock 'n' roll. He's only 5-foot-6. He's a scrawny, pale-looking thing who walks slightly hunched. His nose is hooked, his mouth sneering. He wears a harmonica strap around his neck and his right thumb is eerily long for the purpose of guitar strumming. And then there is the matter of his voice.

Bob Dylan certainly doesn't look the part of the rock 'n' roll star, but his influence in the music industry is one that has had more power and sway than anyone could have predicted from a skinny kid out of Minnesota.

Starting Friday, that same skinny kid will be playing four dates in Chicago at Ballroom, the Riviera Theatre, the Vic and Park West. These are just a few more stops on Dylan's so-called "Never Ending Tour" that he has been on since 1988. Following in the footsteps of country and blues artists such as Guthrie became a huge star, Dylan lives on stage doing what he is doing. Often it isn't until the second or third verse that a familiar lyric or guitar hook can be distinguished. It's all part of the strangeness that is Bob Dylan.

Born in 1941 in Duluth, Minn., Robert Allen Zimmerman had a rather uneventful childhood - one that certainly didn't reveal any clues about what his future held. He was the son of Jewish parents who owned a small furniture shop, and at the age of six he moved to the town Hibbing, near the Canadian border. By nine or 10, Zimmerman was teaching himself piano and was learning to blow on a harmonica he had obtained. His interest in music took off from there. Zimmerman learned guitar and began forming bands with schoolmates throughout junior high and high school. His heroes were Little Richard, Elvis Presley and James Dean.

From leather jackets and motorcycles, Zimmerman entered the University of Minnesota and began to expand his interest in music to folk from the Great Depression era. He changed his name officially to Robert Zimmerman to Bob Dylan, and Woody Guthrie became a huge influence. When Dylan heard that Guthrie, whom he'd never met, was on his deathbed in New York City, Dylan packed up, left school and headed east to make the acquaintance of his folk hero.

With only his guitar in tow, Dylan hit the Greenwich Village folk circuit that was fast becoming popular in early 1960s. Despite his odd looks and even odder, nasal voice, Dylan gained a devoted following, playing folk standards and original songs that boosted a style all of his own. Irregular strumming, distinctive harmonica, and words jammed into pre­cious phrasing became Dylan's trade­marks. By the age of 20 he had released his self-titled debut album. Pegged as the next Guthrie in the early quaking of Vietnam and the civil rights movement, Dylan's words and songs became the impetus of a slightly lost and chaotic generation. Songs like "Blowin' in the Wind," "The Times They Are a Changin" and "It Ain't Me Babe," had reached new heights in the 1960s, but Dylan still maintained his position as a leader of the movement.

Touring is not to promote new albums, but rather to reshape and reinvigorate the art of live songwriting.

Although Dylan does not actually write new songs on stage, he reworks songs in his repertoire, changing lyrics, rhythms and instruments until the songs become almost unrecognizable from their original form. Some fans dislike this and would rather the songs be played with adherence to their album versions. But the majority of Dylan fans love the game of trying to guess what he is playing. Often it isn't until the second or third verse that a familiar lyric or guitar hook can be distinguished. It's all part of the strangeness that is Bob Dylan.

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The Early Years

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Essential Dylan

Five necessary albums for any music fan

The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan
1963

The first of Dylan's albums to receive widespread attention, Freewheelin' includes songs "Blowin' in the Wind" and "Don't Think Twice, It's Alright."

Highway 61 Revisited
1965

Named after the highway running through Dylan's home state of Minnesota, this album includes "Like a Rolling Stone," "Just Like Tom Thumb's Blues" and "Desolation Row."

Blonde on Blonde
1966

In the words of Jack Black from the movie High Fidelity, don't tell anyone if you don't own this album. Key tracks include "Rainy Day Woman #12 and 35," "Visions of Johanna" and "Just Like a Woman."

Blood on the Tracks
1975

Written during the divorce process with his wife, Dylan made this album a melange of heartbeat, confusion, revenge and hope with songs like "Tangled Up in Blue" and "Shelter From the Storm."

"Love and Theft"
2001

On his most recent album, Dylan is loose and bluesy, singing with the aged voice of a man who has seen it all. Songs include "Honest With Me" and "Mississippi."
Bouts

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Dillon sophomore Tim Jaeger and senior Pedro Alves fought the night's second bout, and both fighters came out swinging. However, it was Alves who made the decisive connections. A right hook to Jaeger's head sent the former Notre Dame office, information. alarm system round to an eight count and in the second round, Alves picked up where he left off. Alves landed another right hook, this time his blow would be decisive. After the eight count, Jaeger went to his corner, but the training could not stop his bloody nose. The referee stopped the fight at 1:06 into the second round and declared Alves the victor.

In a battle of North Quad, Stanford sophomore Michael "Soldier" Schmitt fought against Andrew McGill, a freshman from Zahn. These boxers fought much more technically skillful than the previous two and it was reflected in the closeness of the bout. Schmitt started the first round very aggressively, but McGill fought back, twice backing his opponent against the ropes in the first round. However, Schmitt adjusted and landed enough punches early in the second round to earn a split decision.

In his preliminary round victory, off-campus senior Luke Dillon fought against James Russell. Dillon showed the closeness of the bout. He kept his arm at a length for the rest of the third round and the judges awarded Dillon a unanimous decision.

Two evenly matched fighters clashed when off-campus senior Chip Marks met O'Neill in a unanimous decision. The bout started with each boxer landing heavy punches. Strobel connected with a sharp series of jabs in round two. The two adopted different strategies as Marks attacked both the head and body while Strobel used his reach advantage with jabs to the head. Both fighters were visibly exhausted by the third round, but Mark Basola whiffed on an uppercut that may have healed a cut that he held on nonetheless and defeated Marks by split decision in the closest bout of the night.

Off-campus senior Joe "The Iron Chef" Schmidt hoped to cook up a win in his bout against Zahn sophomore Todd Strobel. Schmidt went on attack first, but was not able to sustain him. Robinson's only carried from the end of the first round into the second but the see-saw battle continued when Schmidt put together a quick combination to end round two. However, Robinson would have the last word, and his jab-hook combinations were enough to earn him a victory by unanimous decision.

Bengal Bouts 180-Pounds — Heavyweight

Christoforetti defeats Frisch in unanimous decision

By ANN LOUGHERY

Sports Writer

To begin the 180-pound quarterfinals, Alumni junior Mika Tennant met all it could handle against graduate student Josh Noem, who dominated the second round.

In a split decision, senior Denis Sullivan edged out senior Brent Burnish. Despite a slow start, Sullivan landed a big punch early in the pace of the fight with a round of headshots to win.

The third fight of the division saw senior Eric Callahan trip and fall in a unanimous decision against graduate student Josh Noem. Callahan brushed off Noem's shots and dealt a mix of uppercuts and headshots to win.

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In the semi-finals, he had built up a strong lead. In the third round, he had built up a cushion of a Emanuel's victory was on the line for the second-round combination, when Emanuel connected with a big right hook. Frisch fought back in the second round and heavy blows were traded up through the third round. In a split decision, the freshman Rutgers prevailed.

While the previous bout was close, there was no mistake in the bout between senior Jon Pribaz and St. Edward's freshman Jon Brewis. Brewis was unable to do much as Pribaz chased him around the ring. But neither boxer was especially dominating even until Pribaz uncorked a thunderous left hook that immediately toppled Brewis to the mat. The referee stopped the fight, and as a wobbly Brewis composed himself, Pribaz was declared the winner.

Notre Dame alum Brian Tyrrell and Dillon junior Galen Louhrgy were the next into the ring. Neither boxer sustained an attack but Louhrgy managed to connect on enough punches in the final round to secure his place in the semi-finals by a unanimous victory.

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House seeks hearing for recruiting scandal

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two House Democrats pressed for congressional inquiries into allegations of sexual misconduct and recruiting tactics in the Colorado football program and in college sports nationwide.

Colorado Rep. John Conyers, the senior Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said Monday that recruiting practices at Colorado and elsewhere are "spiraling dangerously out of control." He requested that the committee conduct a hearing on the matter.

"The concept of women as a reward for male athletes is a rampant attitude throughout both college and pro football," Conyers wrote in a letter to committee chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. "This committee should take the opportunity amidst all this scandal to examine whether or not our laws are adequately protecting both the safety and equality of women on campus."

Likewise, Colorado Rep. Diana DeGette said Monday that she is working with leaders of the House Energy and Commerce Committee to mount an investigation into recruiting in college sports across the country.

"I am very concerned that the recruiting problems alleged to have taken place in the University of Colorado's football program are not isolated to either EU or college football," she said. "These allegations may reflect a much wider problem."

A spokesman for Sensenbrenner, who is in Wisconsin, could not immediately say if the congressman had seen Conyers' request.

A month ago, three women filed federal lawsuits alleging they were raped by football players or recruits in 2001. The women say the school failed to control its athletes and fostered an environment that contributed to the assaults.

In all, seven women have accused football athletes of sexual assault since 1997, although no charges have been filed.

In a deposition released last month, Boulder prosecutor Mary Keenan said she put the school "on notice" in 1998 to stop using women and alcohol to lure recruits, a practice the university denies. Reports have cited instances where escorts and strippers were used to lure recruits.

IN BRIEF

Bettis takes big pay cut to stay with Steelers

BEVERLY HILLS, Mich. - Jerome Bettis, the sixth-leading rusher in NFL history, agreed Monday to take a significant pay cut to return to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Bettis and the Steelers worked out a one-year contract that will pay him $1 million, with the chance to earn an additional $1 million in incentives. Bettis was to have made $3,757,000, plus a $750,000 roster bonus, as part of the $30 million, six-year contract he signed in 2001. That deal included a $6 million signing bonus, but there is no signing bonus in his newest agreement.

Bettis and agent Lamont Smith spent the last several weeks trying to work out a restructured deal that would keep the 32-year-old Bettis in Pittsburgh.

"I still think I can get it done. I still think I can play this game," Bettis said.

Panthers agree to 5-year extension with Smith

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Steve Smith agreed to a five-year contract extension with the Carolina Panthers on Monday after leading the NFC champions in receiving last season.

Contract details were not disclosed, but Smith's agent Derrick Fox said the deal includes a team option for a sixth season.

He made the Pro Bowl as a return man as a rookie, but wouldn't settle for being pigeonholed in that role simply because at 5-foot-9 and 185 pounds he was considered too small to play receiver.

Smith led the Panthers last season with 88 catches and 1,110 yards receiving.

Webber's high school refuses to forfeit titles

BEVERLY HILLS, Mich. - Chris Webber's high school refused Monday to forfeit three state championship basketball titles he helped win, a day after the Michigan High School Athletic Association ruled he should not have been allowed to play because of his relationship with a former Michigan booster.

The Sacramento Kings star violated his amateur status and was ineligible during the time he played at Detroit Country Day, the governing body said Sunday. The association had left it up to the school to decide whether to forfeit games in which Webber played.

Country Day Headmaster Gerald Hansen said there was no trustworthy evidence that Mr. Webber had violated his amateur standing and was inelig­ible while he played at Detroit Country Day, the governing body said Sunday. The association had left it up to the school to decide whether to forfeit games in which Webber played.

"The assertion is based upon unproven innuendo, suspicion and speculation," said Hansen.

"Because Country Day has been given no credible evidence that Mr. Webber violated his amateur status while a student here, the school felt obligated to fight to retain the champi­onships and to protect the school's interests."

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BIG EAST Men's basketball

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2 Pittsburgh 11-3 23-3
3 Providence 10-5 20-5
4 Syracuse 10-6 19-6
5 Notre Dame 6-10 15-10
6 Boston College 8-6 19-0
7 Rutgers 7-7 16-0
8 West Virginia 7-7 14-11
9 Georgia Tech 7-7 13-13
10 Villanova 6-8 12-12
11 Notre Dame 5-9 12-13
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13 Duke 5-11 11-13
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Big East Women's basketball

1 Connecticut 12-3 23-3
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14 Pittsburgh 0-15 6-22

Baseball America Top 25

1 Stanford 15-2 1
2 Rice 12-2 2
3 Louisiana State 10-3 3
4 Arizona 10-5 4
5 South Carolina 9-8 5
6 Miami 7-3 6
7 Long Beach State 7-3 8
8 TCU 6-1 7
9 Auburn 6-1 8
10 Arizona State 10-12 12
11 Notre Dame 6-0 9
12 Michigan 6-0 10
13 Georgia Tech 6-3 5
14 Texas A&M 10-7 21
15 Wichita State 6-0 14
16 Arkansas 6-3 6
17 Southern California 6-3 7
18 Clemson 6-3 11
19 Oklahoma 8-1 8
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teristically struggled for singles wins. The No. 1 matchup was close, but reflected, with Scott losing in 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 match to Wurtzmann, the nation's No. 2 singles player.

At No. 2 singles, D'Amico defeated King in a 3-6, 6-2, 6-1 match at No. 4 and Wilson came back to beat Keckley 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

The Irish easily took three as the No. 6 doubles match between Mertens and Eric Langenkamp continued well after the conclusion of the rest of the singles. Langenkamp battled back from a one-set deficit, winning 6-7 (4-7), 6-2, but eventually lost in the third set. The loss clinched the match for Ohio State.

"The match against Ohio State was our best match all year," Bayliss said. "It's unfortunate when you play your best, and it's just not good enough."

The script was much the same Sunday, as the Irish took the doubles point, but lost 5-2 to Big East rival Miami.

"This was the best we played in all three doubles all year," said Bayliss. "Things are looking up there."

The D'Amico-Keckley duo beat Tim Krebs and Collin Purcell in the closest of the matches, winning 8-5. Haldick and Scott defeated Josh Hoyes and Jeremiah Fuller 8-3, and Bass and Langenkamp defeated Josh Cohen and Eric Hechtman at No. 3.

"I felt great after doubles," Bayliss said. "You have to give Miami credit, they really stepped it up a level in singles play and just took it to us.

Bass proved to be the team's most consistent singles player this weekend, taking Hoyes in straight sets with a score of 7-5, 6-2. Bass improved to 6-1 in dual matches this season, earning a 3-2 record playing up a spot at No. 3. However, No. 2 D'Amico and No. 4冠Quick left the courts with losses, and No. 1 Scot dropped a difficult match to Cohen. Pressure then moved to Keckley at No. 5, who kept Notre Dame's hopes alive by battling into a third set against Purcell. But the Miami player prevailed, clinching the match for the Hurricanes.

Attention was again focused on Langenkamp, who won a second-set tiebreaker to take the match against Michigan and a third set. The Hurricanes were again victorious, however, with Fuller defeating Langenkamp in a third-set match tiebreaker.

"A lot of times, you have to find a way to make it positive," Bayliss said. "Sometimes you have to bend a little before you toughen up -- hopefully we respond to this in the right way."

The Irish have their last scheduled home match against Michigan State at 4 p.m. today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

OHIO STATE 3, NOTRE DAME 2 at the ECK PAVILLION

SINGLES
No. 1: Jeremy Wurtz (OSU) d. Matthew Scott (ND) 6-2, 6-7, 6-4
No. 2: Brent D'Amico (ND) d. Tony Novak (OSU) 6-7, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2
No. 3: Stephen Ray (ND) v. d. Chris Klages (OSU) 7-5, 6-2

DOUBLES
No. 1: D'Amico-Keckley (ND) d. Aziz/Wurtzmann (OSU) 8-4
No. 2: Haldick/Scott (ND) d. #19 Scott Green/Wilson (OSU) 8-2
No. 3: Romero/Cantin/Morones (OSU) d. King/Paul Hofs (ND) 8-2

MIAMI 5, NOTRE DAME 2 at the ECK PAVILLION

SINGLES
No. 1: Josh Cohen (UM) d. Matthew Scott (ND) 6-2, 6-3
No. 2: Eric Hechtman (UM) d. Brent D'Amico (ND) 6-3, 6-3
No. 3: Stephen Bass (ND) d. Josh Hoyes (OSU) 6-2, 6-1
No. 4: Tom Krebs (UM) d. Barry King (ND) 6-4, 6-4
No. 5: Collin Purcell (UM) d. Ryan Keckley (ND) 6-4, 6-5, 6-1
No. 6: Jeremiah Fuller (UM) d. Eric Langenkamp (ND) 3-6, 7-6 (7-4), 1-0 (10-7)

DOUBLES
No. 1: D'Amico-Keckley (ND) d. Krebs/Purcell (UM) 6-3, 6-2
No. 2: Haldick/Scott (ND) d. Hoyes/Fuller (UM) 8-6
No. 3: 5-3 Bass/Langenkamp (ND) d. Cohen/Hechtman (UM) 8-4

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Women's hockey sweeps Michigan

Special to The Observer

Season long frustration and disappointment was swept away this weekend as the women's ice hockey club enjoyed the finest moment in the three-year history of the club. Entering this weekend, the club had only registered two league victories since the formation of the club, and faced the daunting task of playing two games with Michigan. Injuries and obstacles for a resilient attitude and the resolve was rewarded as the Irish swept Michigan 4-3 and 3-2.

The Irish found themselves down 2-0 just eight minutes into the first period of the opener. But freshman Julia LaPointe, assisted by Blainey, registered a second period hat trick to tie the score at three heading into the final period. In a taut defensive third period, the Irish were disciplined in assisting goalie Becca Frigy, who again played great goal. With 1:45 remaining in the game, Nell Ryan found Blainey with a pin point pass and Blainey found the back of the net for the deciding goal.

The momentum carried over to Sunday as the Irish jumped out to a 1-0 first period lead on an unassisted goal by LaPointe. LaPointe scored the only goal for either team in the second period as well, assisted by Keihler and Kate Ahowd. The Irish jumped out 3-0 in the third period as Keihler scored the eventual game winner, assisted by LaPointe and Holly Law.

Men's volleyball

A resilient men's volleyball squad bounced back to claim the consolation title at the Hoosier-Illini Classic. After a dismal 1-4 start on Saturday, the Irish stormed back to win, five consecutive matches on Sunday and claim the Silver Bracket championship.

In Saturday's pool play, the Irish opened with losses to Ohio State and Mike Giampa, the Irish fought their way to a 25-23, 25-21 upset and a berth in the finals where they would meet Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

The dynamic duo of setter Dan Zenker and outside hitter Brian Michalek set the tempo in a 14-25, 25-15, 25-13 comeback to claim the bracket championship.

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Virginia Tech, 25-22, 25-19. A 25-13, 25-17 victory over South Carolina was the only opening day highlight, as the Irish followed with two close losses to Vanderbilt, 25-22 and Illinois State, 20-25, 25-17, 15-9.

But the sun rose on Sunday and so did the Irish as they waited no time in polishing off Morehead State, 25-8, 25-10. The Irish then edged Missouri in a back and forth match, 25-22, 17-25, 16-14 and cruised to a 25-18, 25-21 win over Delaware. This set the stage for a semifinal showdown with top seeded Eckerd. Behind the impene

brate blocking of Ryan Goes and Mike Giampa, the Irish fought their way to a 25-23, 25-21 upset and a berth in the finals where they would meet Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The dynamic duo of setter Dan Zenker and outside hitter Brian Michalek set the tempo in a 14-25, 25-15, 25-13 comeback to claim the bracket championship.
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A few summer tour guide positions are available.

If you have any questions, please contact Jill or Gabe at 1-709.

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS
Competitive Irish excel this weekend

No. 20 Notre Dame defeats Indiana 5-2 at home Sunday

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Ask coach Jay Louderback to describe the Irish, and he will be quick to emphasize their competitive spirit.

“They like to compete,” Louderback said. “A competitor is someone that plays for every point. They’re not afraid to take a chance. When it’s a tight match, they’re not afraid to be aggressive and come into the net. If they’re in trouble, they play aggressively to get the ball back and make their competitors work.”

No. 20 Notre Dame (7-1) proved they were deserving of Louderback’s description Sunday afternoon, outlasting Indiana 5-2. They claimed the doubles point — something that has been critical this season — and four of the six singles points against the No. 26 Hoosiers.

“All of our kids played very well this meet, they were very poised, even under pressure,” Louderback said. “Our two doubles teams started off a little slow, but fought their way back into it.”

No. 42 Catrina Thompson and Christian Thompson delivered the first win for the Irish 8-4 versus No. 45 Karie Schlukebir and Linda Tran at the No. 1 spot. The Thompsons are 6-2 this season in doubles matches and have won three of the last four matches against ranked opponents.

At No. 3, junior Sarah Jane Thompson and sophomore Kristina Stastny clinched the doubles point after defeating Laura McGaffigan and Dora Vastag 8-6.

“We played well early on,” Louderback said. “Our No. 3 doubles came through and played well when we needed it. We’ve always gotten the doubles win at No. 2, but we had some trouble there this week. It was good to see the other two doubles teams step up and really come through.

The Irish also fared well in singles with wins at the Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 6. At No. 1 singles, No. 17 Salas beat No. 30 Dora Vastag 6-0, 6-2. Salas has now an 11-5 record against ranked opponents this season. At No. 6, Stastny defeated Grimm 6-3, 6-0, while Catrina Thompson secured the win for the Irish with a clinching 6-3, 6-2 defeat of Batty at No. 3. Sarah Jane Connolly rounded out the singles wins with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Schlukebir.

Last week, Louderback predicted that the Irish would face tough matches at every position and he was right. The last two matches were settled in match breakers. Tran edged out Christian Thompson at No. 2 and Lauren Connelly suffered her first loss of the season in a 5-7, 6-4, 1-0 (10-8) decision to McGaffigan.

“This meet was a boost of confidence for us,” Stastny said. “Every time we play, we grow closer and closer as a team.”

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No. 1: Alexia Sala (ND) d. Dora Vastag (IU) 6-0, 6-2
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No. 6: Kristina Stastny (ND) d. Martina Grimm (IU) 6-3, 6-0

DOUBLES
No. 1: Thompson/Thompson (ND) d. Schlukebir/Tran (IU) 8-4
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BENGAL BOUTS 153-POUNDS — 170-POUNDS

No. 1 Duffey lands quarterfinal win

By ANN LOUGHERY for Sports Writer

The 153-pound quarterfinals started with a win for senior J. Ryan Duffey. The No. 1 seed Duffey defeated Dillon sophomore Michael Dolan. St. Edward’s junior Bobby Gorynski also collected a win over O’Neill junior Nathan Dyer.

The next fight resulted in a unanimous decision in favor of off-campus junior Tim Huml, who defeated off-campus senior Dan Zimmer after delivering several headshots.

Dillon sophomore Joe Belhann then faced Alumni senior Corey Harkins. Harkins took over in the second round to earn a unanimous decision.

O’Neill junior Nathan Lohmeyer defeated Zahm sophomore Paul Hagan in a unanimous decision. Lohmeyer delivered a battery of hits in all three rounds.

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Fisher junior Collin Kerrigan received a unanimous decision over Morrissey freshman Christopher Calderone. What seemed at first to be an evenly matched fight turned into just the opposite, as Kerrigan dominated the last two rounds.

Senior Alex Rodhouse followed with a win over Siegfried freshman Nathan Dyer. The match ended at 1:05 in the second round when Rodhouse overwhelmed Dyer.

O’Neill junior Justin Alainis won his match against Alumni sophomore Charlie Gough at 1:29 in the first round after he hit him in the nose.

Senior William Phillip overpowered Sorin sophomore Patrick Flaherty to end the match at 1:07 in the second round.

170 pounds

In a unanimous decision, senior Tommy Demko won the first match of the 170-pound weight division over Keough freshman Brian Selton, with a number of forceful headbutts.

Law school student graduate Matthew Smith took the upper hand during the third round to defeat Zahm senior Patrick McGarry by a technical decision.

The next fight resulted in a unanimous win for senior James Ward over senior John Wahuske.

Law student Brian Nicholson and senior Matt Knust were the last to fight. Knust was slow to get up from the mat in the third round, and Nicholson claimed the win in a split decision, finishing with three right hooks.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Irish defeat No. 14 Stanford 16-5

By MATT PUGLISI for Sports Writer

Nearly 11 months after No. 14 Stanford handed No. 17 Notre Dame a heart-breaking 14-13 double-overtime loss at Moose Kraemer Stadium, the Irish rebounded to a 16-5 triumph over the Cardinal.

The vengeful victory concluded an undefeated weekend in California for the Irish (2-0) who squeaked by California in an overtime thriller, 12-11 Friday afternoon before crushing the Cardinal (3-2) Sunday.

"Every single aspect of our game was clicking," coach Tracy Coyne said. "Any win is a good one, but we executed our game plan perfectly and we just played really well." Senior midfielders Abby Owen and Meredith Simon each tallied four goals as the Irish jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the contest’s first 18 minutes.

"It was huge [to take an early lead]," Coyne said. "To come out and dominate early really put Stanford in a position where they were playing catch-up, and it’s hard to play your best in that situation.

Heading into halftime with an 8-3 advantage, the Irish allowed a Cardinal goal before rattling off six additional goals to put the game away.

Senior attackers Lauren Fischer and Kristen Gauthreau each recorded a pair of goals and junior goalie Carol Dixon made nine saves to pick up her second victory in as many career starts.

In Friday’s game against California (1-2), the Irish jumped out to 5-1 and 8-2 advantages before allowing seven consecutive goals to fall behind the Golden Bears 9-8 with only 8:39 remaining in the second half.

"[The Bears] are very athletic and very fast," Coyne said. "They have a lot of determination and heart. They’ve been down before and rallied back, so they had the confidence that they could do it.

The Irish quickly rebounded as Owen and Simon both found the back of the net on free position shots to give Notre Dame a one-goal lead with 4:21 left. Simon’s go-ahead goal was the senior’s third of the game.

Senior Andrea Kinnik plays defense for the Irish against Team Canada earlier this season.

But the Golden Bears refused to give up. Leanne Ziloli netted the game-tying score on a free position shot with only five seconds left to knot the score at 10 and send the game to overtime.

Owen took the game into her own hands in the extra period. The middle scored both Irish goals to complete the hat trick and secure a 12-11 opening day victory for Notre Dame.

"Overall, it was just a very good trip," Coyne said. The Irish return to action Sunday when they welcome No. 15 Cornell in their home opener before heading to Orlando, Fla., to take on No. 4 Duke and No. 8 James Madison during spring break.

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The lone Irish hit and run came from Stephanie Brown's solo blast in the fifth inning. The home run interrupted a stretch in which Green had struck out 10-of-15 Notre Dame hitters. Irish pitcher Stefffllyn Stengel held the Bulldogs at bay in the first two innings, but surrendered seven runs on nine hits, including two home runs.

Notre Dame 5, No. 24 Cal-State Fullerton 4

Despite Friday's late loss, Notre Dame rebounded Saturday, beating No. 24 Cal-State Fullerton with the victory, the Irish jumped into the Silver Bracket, finishing pool play at 2-1.

The eight-inning battle was highlighted by Booth's complete game victory. She struck out 11 on route to winning her fourth game of the season.

"Booth really stepped up," Gumpf said of her starter. "She surrendered only a first-inning run in eight innings.

After the Titans (4-8) jumped out to a 1-0 lead, the Irish responded in the third inning with a solo home run from Nicole Wicks. The homer was her first hit at Notre Dame. Stephanie Brown followed Wicks with her own solo home run putting the Irish up 2-1. Brown later added to the run with the Irish up 4-3. But the Titans responded with a run, sending the game into extra innings.

In international softball rules, a runner can be placed at second base to start each inning on one to speed up the game. In the first extra frame, Sara Schoonert was put on second and then sacrificed to third by Megan Schoonert then scored on a passed ball and the Irish had the lead for good.

Notre Dame 10, Princeton 2

The Irish offense finally awoke in Saturday's second game. The Tigers were blown out in six innings after Ruthrauff's three-run home run in the fourth run while going 2-3.

"We're a very good team right now, but we have a lot of work to do," Deanna Gumpf Irish coach.

"They all happened," Stengel said. "Stengel took the mound for Notre Dame, and she was effective, giving up just one run in four innings.

Nicole DeFau was 3-for-3 with a double and two runs.

Notre Dame 1, No. 14 Tech 1

In yet another Irish upset, Notre Dame was able to hold off the No. 14 Huskers (8-7) for the second time this season. Booth led the Irish, scattering four hits, striking out five and walking only two to pick up her second straight complete game and her third victory of the tournament.

The only Irish run was scored in the top of the first when Brown led off with a bunt single. She was forced out at second when Schoonert attempted a sacrifice bunt. But Schoonert grounded out, and scored when a pick off throw sailed past the catcher.

"We just played really well as a whole unit, and that is something that we haven't done consistently this year," Gumpf said.

Notre Dame 2, Georgia Tech 1

In the final game of the tournament, Notre Dame came away with yet another 2-1 close victory.

Stengel hit the Yellow Jackets (3-1), allowing only a first-inning run. She also struck out eight.

"Now she knows what she is capable of doing," Gumpf said of Stengel.

The Irish scored on solo home runs by Wicks in the third inning and by Ruthrauff in the sixth inning. It was Ruthrauff's third home run of the tournament and ninth RBI.

Overall the Irish were happy to win the Silver Bracket, as they finished with four straight wins, two of them over ranked opponents.

"You have to play the best to be the best — we played some really good teams this weekend," Gumpf said. "By no means are we done yet as we still have a lot of work to do. We have a long way to go to be great. We're a very good team right now, but we have a lot of work to do.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Time to shine

Four Irish seniors start in their last regular season home game tonight

By JOE HETTLER
Sports Editor

Strangely enough, Senior Night should not be the final home game for four Irish seniors.

Notre Dame faces Syracuse tonight in the final regular season home game, but in the likely event the Irish make the NCAA Tournament, they will host the first two rounds at the Joyce Center. Still, for coach Muffet McGraw, tonight will be special.

"It's a really emotional night, especially with this class," McGraw said. "This has been a group that is just tremendous to work with. They've had great tremendous dedication, great work ethic, positive attitude — everything you can ask for in a player, they've got it."

Senior Monique Hernandez, Jeneka Joyce, Le'Tanía Severe and Anne Weess, along with junior Jacqueline Baitaest will all start against the Orangemen. McGraw traditionally starts all her seniors on Senior Night.

Hernandez, after playing on the national championship team as a freshman, and missing most of her sophomore and junior seasons after leaving the team for personal reasons, returned to the squad this year to start in 13 games. She has been a solid defensive player and has shown scoring potential on several occasions.

Joyce has battled through injuries throughout her career and missed all of last season because of various ailments. She has been a dangerous 3-point shooting threat during her time on the Irish and has made 43 percent of her 3-pointers this season. Joyce said Tuesday will be an emotional day.

"It will be kind of exciting and sad at the same time because I will be transitioning into other things, but this has been a part of my life for so long," Joyce said.

Severe has started 59 games in the past two seasons after playing in every Irish game during her sophomore year. This season, Severe became the 15th player in Notre Dame women's basketball history to be named a two-time captain.

"I'm trying to not be emotional. I'm Senior Night," Severe said. "I want to finish out the season with a win and emotions can get in the way of that. It's been a great career."

Walk-on and fan favorite Anne Wees will get her first career start. Weese made the Irish squad last season, joining the team Jan. 7. She transferred from Seward County Community College with her teacher helped her team to a 71-1 record in two years. She has played in nine games of her career.

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BENGAL BOUTS 140-POUNDS — 150-POUNDS

Valenzuela dominates in quarters

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

The ring lit up and the stands were filled as the 74th annual Bengal Bouts resumed for the quarterfinal round Monday night at the Joyce Center.

Boxers from the 140-pound weight class began the night when tested experience met exuberant youth. In the first bout of the evening, off-campus fifth-year senior Jon Valenzuela squared off against St. Edward's freshman George Hay. Valenzuela scored a technical knockout immediately, swinging early and often. He repeatedly backed Hay into the corners with various combinations. Hay managed to land a few defensive blows amongst the onslaught, but struggled to keep himself off the ropes. In the third round,

Johnny Griffin, right, takes a swing at Eric Retter in the quarterfinals of the Bengal Bouts Monday night.

Valenzuela landed a vicious uppercut that sent Hay to an eight-count. The punch all but sealed Valenzuela's victory and he eventually won the bout by unanimous decision.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish knock off two ranked opponents

By HEATHER VAN HOGARDEN
Sports Writer

In their best performance at the National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NCPA) Leadoff Classic, unranked Notre Dame (10-4) knocked off two ranked teams en route to the Silver Bracket Championship.

"As a whole team, we played better," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "I think that carried us through some tough outings."

Notre Dame 2, Northwestern State 1

In the first game of pool play, the Irish escaped an early loss at the hands of the Demons (9-6). Sophomore Meagan Ruthrauff's hit a two-run homer in the first inning, and that proved to be enough for pitcher Heather Becht. Booth was outstanding, holding the Demons to six hits in a complete game victory. The Irish needed Booth's effort, as they couldn't take advantage of every scoring chance they had after the Ruthrauff home run.

No. 6 Georgia 7, Notre Dame 1

In the nightcap, the Irish were blown out by a strong Georgia team, who was ranked No. 6 in the country heading into the tournament. Bulldog pitcher Michelle Green tossed a complete game one hitter with 11 strikeouts.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish drop two home matches

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

The locker room was quiet Sunday afternoon.

The tennis team had just dropped two close matches — one Saturday against No. 12 Ohio State and a crucial Big East conference decision to No. 33 Miami.

There wasn't much to say to the frustrated players.

"We lost two matches we really needed," Irish coach Bobby Bayless said after Sunday's loss. "We certainly needed those points and they didn't come.

On Saturday, the Irish took the doubles point from the Buckeyes, winning at doubles for the third time this season. Although Barry King and Paul Hidaka dropped an 8-2 decision to Ohio State's Justin Goulani and Dennis Mertens at No. 3, Luis Haddock and Matthew Scott defeated the Scott Green and Ross Wilson duo at No. 2 and Brent D'Amico and Ryan Keckley clinched the point with an 8-6 win over Joby Atas and Terence Freeman at No. 1.

Ohio State's doubles teams were ranked No. 26 and No. 19, respectively, but then the Irish uncharacteristically dropped both matches No. 1 and No. 2 in the No. 1 doubles match.

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