Police make another raid on The Library

Seventeen underage patrons cited, three arrested in bar's second bust in a year

By CLAIRE HEININGER

Indiana State Excise Police cited 17 underage patrons and took three into custody in a raid of The Library Irish Pub early Friday morning.

Lt. Greg Detlefsch, spokesman for the District 1 police office, said officers entered the bar at approximately 12:50 a.m. after receiving an alert from an undercover policeman inside. Detlefsch confirmed that the Library was only one of several bars that had been targeted for a bust Friday. He said that excise officers had spent weeks gathering information and surveillance at locations before deciding to raid The Library.

Police closed doors and asked patrons to present identification upon exit, issuing minor in a tavern citations to each of the 17 who were found to be underage. Some of the patrons were also ticketed for false identification, Detlefsch said.

Three patrons were also taken to St. Joseph County Jail on charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and public intoxication. One of the three, a 20-year-old woman, attempted to elude officers by hiding under the bar's refrigerator, said Lieutenant Marc Mersch of the South Bend Police. Another student of legal age verbally threatened officers and tried to force his way out. South Bend officers were alerted by excise police and arrived at the scene as backup.

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Faculty hiring pushes shrinks classes

By JOE TROMBELLO

A hiring push that began in 1993 has translated into a lower faculty-student ratio — and fewer large, anonymous classes — despite sizeable increases in student enrollment over the past decade.

Suggested in Notre Dame's 1993 strategic plan, "A Colloquy for the Year 2000," the push to bring in more full-time instructional faculty members has allowed the University to compensate for the enrollment jump — from 7,610 undergraduate students in 1992 to 8,261 students in 2003.

Faculty hiring has more than kept pace, rising from 608 in the 1990-91 academic year to 760 members in the 2002-03 academic year. As a result, Notre Dame now has the biggest reduction in the country in its faculty-student ratio in an 11-year period, said vice president and academic provost John Tate.

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Dorm program connects students, and faculty

Expanded Hall Fellows program promotes student-faculty interaction outside of classroom

By AMANDA MICHAELS

For visiting assistant professor of anthropology Karsten Steinhauser, interaction between the students and faculty is an essential part of the college experience — which would explain why, at 6 p.m., she is in Welsh Family's student life. A large room, it's a bit of a social space, surrounded by girls, bowls and raw fish.

"It's so great, just spending time with students, making sushi," she said while she gently corrects one girl's rice-spraying technique.

Such a scene, whether it be sushi around a table or discussion over a pizza, is not uncommon these days in the seven dorms participating in the Hall Fellows Program. Started in January by the Student Senate's Committee on Student-Faculty Interaction and supported by the Office of the Provost and the Office of Student Activities, the program aims to expose students to discussion in a more relaxed setting and to develop the professors' awareness of student residence life.

"In my experience, there aren't a lot of ways to start a strong student/faculty relationship," said Lauren Williams, academic commissioner for Welsh Family and chair of the Committee on Student-Faculty Interaction. "A lot of professors have never even walked into a dorm, so there's a gap that needs to be bridged."

Academic commissioners from Lyons, Dillon, Keough, O'Neill, Breen-Phillips, year.-year and Notre Dame Village chose from a list of approximately 50 professors who earlier in the year expressed their interest in becoming Hall Fellows.

"Exactly what each Hall Fellow does depends on the direction that each Hall Fellow and academic commissioner decides to do," explained Williams. "The events can center around or be offshoots of the expertise of the professor or simply ideas that interest both the professor and the students."

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Students to help rebuild community

By KATE GALES

Despite the warm weather, Christmas is in the air for students, city leaders and members of the South Bend community.

Christmas in April/Rebuilding Together, an annual cooperative effort to improve a low-income neighborhood in South Bend, will take place Saturday.

"It's a full day (of) service where we go out and fix up people's houses," said Karsten Steinhauser, the student coordinator of the program. "We do the most interesting and oddest types of jobs to improve houses for people who are unable to do it themselves..."

According to faculty adviser Darrell Paulson, around 900 students have signed up for this year's program — down from previous years, where over 1,000 students would reserve spots.

"We've had a little bit of a drop this year in student interest," Steinhauser said. "We're still trying to figure out if it's the way we publicized it... or if it's because it's the same day as the MCATs."

According to Paulson, a number of students do not show up on the day of the project, perhaps because of an 8 a.m. start time. Nonetheless, he said the event becomes a community effort and is not exclusive to Notre Dame students.

"We work with a whole community in South Bend," Paulson said. "There is a whole group — on April 3 all the skilled laborers (went to) 26 houses in the South Bend community in one neighborhood that the city commissioner picked. (Saturday), we're..."
The joys of spring

Suddenly, it hits you. You're sitting in DeBartolo, listening to a probably tired speaker talk about the latest developments in some earth-shattering life-saving technique that is probably infinitely more important than the words I have used (and all the hassles of classes behind, will probably want to return the first chance they get next year. As they take their last few trips to the Grotto and enjoy their last month of walking on hallowed ground, these memories of friends and brothers will hopefully last much longer than their last few weeks among us.

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By KATE GALES
News Writer

The University's popular study-abroad programs have expanded again, with students now offered participation in a cooperative Bologna, Italy program and a year-long option in London.

The Bologna Cooperative Study Program, administered through Indiana University in Bloomington, will have students from the Universities of Chicago, Illinois, Minnesota, and North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin-Madison and Northwestern University.

"We're sending two students next year," said Tom Bogenschuld, director of the Notre Dame's International Studies Programs. He said the program's students will likely be "people concentrating in Italian or something closely related to Italian studies."

Notre Dame's most popular study-abroad program in London has also risen. "It's about academic merit, academic potential, but above all, in my mind, its motivation." Bogenschuld said. "It's hard to tell" how many students apply, he said, "since we allow the students to apply to one program at the same time."

"The number of applications has definitely risen," he said. As the numbers increase, the application process has become more selective.

"We look for academic potential and orientation, but it's not just simply a matter of academics," Bogenschuld said. "It's about academic merit, academic potential, but above all, in my mind, its motivation." The screening process is also designed to prevent students who simply are looking to travel from being chosen.

"It's an expensive way to travel," Bogenschuld said. "If students are simply looking to travel around Europe or Southeast Asia, we try to screen those students out and direct them in a different direction.

According to Bogenschuld, the programs are "constantly adapting." He does not, however, see any additional programs opening in the immediate future.

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Students unite to 'Take Back the Night'

Rally and march are part of sexual assault awareness month

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

As part of April being sexual assault awareness month, students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross united Thursday in a campus-sponsored Take Back the Night march and rally.

"Take Back the Night is an international event organized in local communities with the purpose of unifying women, men and children in a greater awareness of the violence that occurs against women, children and families. Students and community members who participate in or support this occasion are ready to take a stand against violence and make the night safe for everyone."

Recent statistics point out that one in four women will be sexually assaulted during her college years.

Groups such as Feminist Collective, Saint Mary's Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (C.A.R.E.), Notre Dame's C.A.R.E. team and the Sex Offense Services (SOS) of South Bend, helped make the rally possible. Holy Cross College also helped sponsor the event, and this year marks the first that all three campuses joined together for this cause.

Student body president from all three schools were in attendance.

Saint Mary's student body vice president Sarah Catherine White said the event is aimed at all campuses and that she hopes more people will participate in next year's night.

"The turnout for the event is inspiring in that we are trying to change not only as Saint Mary's College, but as a tri-campus community," White said. "I can only hope that this event will grow in the future."

"The march began at Holy Cross College at 4:30 p.m., picking up Saint Mary's women at 5:30 and meeting Notre Dame students at 6:30 at the Grotto. The march ended at 7:30 back at Saint Mary's for a rally held at Dallaway's Food and Gifts. T-shirts and advertising were provided for all the supporters.

Jackie Zins, president of C.A.R.E. at Saint Mary's, oversaw the events with planning starting during the first semester. Meetings were held each week between the women of Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross, as well as one male from Holy Cross College. Zins said the hardest part about her job was keeping in touch with each person involved and getting the necessary approval from Notre Dame for such necessities as T-shirts and advertising. Zins said she initially expected only about 30 Saint Mary's students to attend the rally; however, the turnout was much greater.

"There were about 115 students from all three campuses, with Holy Cross and Saint Mary's having a much larger turnout than expected," Zins said. "The event helps to raise awareness about sexual assault. With the tri-campus involvement, more awareness can be raised than if each campus participated in the event individually."

Both Zins and White said Take Back the Night creates a supportive atmosphere and helps educate the community.

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The bust came nearly a year to the date after another raid of the bar, as 11 patrons were cited at the Library on April 25. Pub owner Chuck Hammongs said the bar responded to the first raid by installing over $4,000 worth of camera equipment to prevent underage patrons from entering. He claimed officers pushed several people inside as they sealed off the entrance and said bouncers were unable to check identification for those patron's. Deitchley said excise officials would note Hammongs' concerns but added that his officers dented forcing anyone past the cameras. "I asked my people and they said no," Deitchley said.

"[Police] have a job to do and I respect that, but I think somewhere along the line I'm being unfairly targeted," he said. Deitchley was unable to confirm how many of the 17 cited were Notre Dame or Saint Mary's students, but said campus phone books were used by officers to identify those who received the minor in a tavern charge. Police also cited 147 underage patrons at the establishment in October 2000, when it was named Finnegan's Irish Pub. Legal action forced owners to sell and rename the bar.

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go to training with unskilled volunteers (the students) and do things like paint, clean out houses, rake yards...basically make it really nice. This year, students will travel to Rum Village in southwest South Bend to help the residents of the neighborhood.

In addition to professionals who donate supplies, Notre Dame Food Services provides breakfast, a boxed lunch and a celebration dinner for the volunteers.

Faust said the event is a community outreach event. "We want people do just because," Steinhauser said. "I think it's in the spirit of Notre Dame students to be very involved with service." However, he added, "I know for a fact that people do it for service hours too." A lot of people don't have the time to put in to service on a regular basis. They would really rather go for opportunities like this.

Williams himself has been involved in the program in an indispensable way. "He's been doing this for about three years, he's been great," Faust said. "He's very instrumental in getting students involved and has taken a great leadership role."

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Bill chosen as 'The Apprentice'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rwam was fired. Bill is hired.

"The Apprentice" came to its much-anticipated climactic Thursday when Donald Trump chose Bill Rancic, the street-smart 32-year-old Internet entrepreneur from Chicago, to be his apprentice for the boardroom.

"Kwame, I think you have an amazing future," said Trump. "You're a brilliant guy, great education, and I have no doubt you're going to be a big success. But right now, Bill, you're hired."

Rancic edged out fellow finalist Kwame Jackson, the laid-back 29-year-old New Yorker and Harvard MBA, for the Trump-described "dream job of a lifetime" and its $250,000 salary.

Rancic will get to return home to Chicago to manage the construction of a hotel and residential tower as president of one of Trump's companies.

"Don't worry, you're going to have plenty of supervision," Trump told him.

Thanks to Bill's team, a vital sponsor's sign went missing. "Thanks to Omarosa on Kwame's team, Jessica Simpson went missing. Then she disappeared again, while Trump tapped his foot. "Today is a great day for entrepreneurs around the country," the victorious Rancic said at a news conference after the broadcast.

"The American Dream is still alive out there, and hard work will get you there," he said. "You don't necessarily need to have an Ivy League education or to have millions of dollars to start up. It can be done with a good idea, hard work and determination."

Asked when his job with Trump will begin, Rancic grinned and replied, "I believe I am on the clock, even as we speak."

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Candace Carson cites the enthusiasm that both the students and the professors seem to have for the program as an indication of its success. "There's such great involvement from everyone," Carson said. "Everyone is excited, because how many times do professors actually get to come talk to you where you are?"

Williams plans to continue the program next year, and hopes that starting in September instead of January will encourage more dorms to participate. Though the position is unpaid, Smith — one of Welsh Family's two Hall Fellows — considers it invaluable for both the students and the faculty.

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A debate between conservative radio talk-show host Dennis Prager and Political Science Professor George Lopez

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Militants free Japanese hostages

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Three Japanese were freed by their captors Thursday, a day after other kidnappers executed an Italian — the first of a wave of a hostage crisis that has left 164 people dead or missing. Tens of thousands of Japanese workers, tourists and diplomats have fled the country, and security forces in Japan have confronted their hijackers.

The Associated Press

The Natio

In the United States, a federal health agency has begun to roll out new air quality standards to reduce pollution levels.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced new standards for smog and particulate matter that will limit the amount of pollution that can be emitted into the air. The new standards are expected to reduce the number of days with unhealthy levels of pollution by 20 percent.

The EPA is working with local governments to develop strategies to meet the new standards. The agency is also providing grants to support the implementation of clean energy initiatives.

The new standards will be enforced through a series of regulations and inspections. Violators will be subject to fines and other penalties.

The Associated Press

Bin Laden releases new audio

CIA officials say voice is authentic; tape offers truce with Europe, threatens U.S.

CAIRO — A man identifying himself as Osama bin Laden offered a “truce” to European countries that do not attack Muslims, saying it would begin when their soldiers withdraw from the United States and massive attacks on other countries, according to a recording broadcast Thursday on Arab satellite networks.

Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain quickly spurred what appeared to be an attempt to drive a wedge between Europe and America.

The tape, which ran in full at more than seven minutes, also warned of deeper revenge against America for the Israeli assassination of Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and denounced the United States as using the Iraq war for corporate profiteering.

“I announce a truce with the European countries that do not attack Muslim countries,” the taped message said as the stations showed an old, still picture of al-Qaeda leader.

The message said “the door to a truce is open for three months,” but the time frame could be extended.

The truce will begin when the last soldier leaves our countries,” the speaker said without elaborating.

A CIA official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the agency conducted a technical analysis of the recording and concluded it is probably authentic. The official said the tape was likely recorded in the past several months, with the reference to Israel’s killing of Yassin last month.

The tape included clear overtures to Europeans, calling them “our brothers” and warning of the Mediter-

EPA condemns air pollution levels

WASHINGTON — The Environmental Protection Agency told six states Thursday they must develop new pollution controls because the air in some of their counties is more than 150 people, does not meet national standards.

The EPA, acting under court order, identified all or part of 474 counties. The localities include the eastern third of the country and in California, do not meet the federal health standard for smog-causing ozone. Officials have three years to develop plans to come into compliance.

The new standards are "strong medicine" and "will require more actions on your part to achieve cleaner, healthier air," EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt said he told governors of the states.

Ground-level ozone, a precursor to smog, has been found to be a serious health problem, causing respiratory illnesses. It can be especially damaging to the elderly, children and people with asthma, according to health advocates.

The EPA said that the regions in noncompliance may have to impose new controls on industrial plants, restrict transportation and require tougher vehicle inspection programs to clean up their air. Some counties also may have to require the use of special, cleaner-burning gasoline.

The EPA already has said it will take actions to reduce pollution from power plants and announced Thursday, in a companion regulation, new requirements aimed at curtailing air pollution over parks.

"This isn't about the air getting dirtier. The air is getting cleaner," said Leavitt. "These new rules are about our new understanding of health threats, about our standards getting tougher and our national resolve to meet them."
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Affleck-Graves. The 2002-03 U.S. News and World Report's student-to-faculty ratio for Notre Dame was 12.74, in comparison with the 1992-93 tally of 13.28. The ratio considers the number of full-time students and the number of full-time faculty members.

"We've made significant strides," Affleck-Graves said, but added that students should not expect their entire experience to be one of small classes.

Departments and colleges differ on class size and number of teaching faculty, and some disciplines lend themselves to larger classes, he said. To this end, he said that students should expect a mix of mostly small, but some occasionally large, classes.

"It's a trade-off," he said. "You have to have a couple of classes that are bigger and in return we'll give you lots of small classes and [some] one-on-one opportunities."

Affleck-Graves said that some departments often experience more teaching pressure in given years than others, based on the number of faculty available and the number of students who major in a particular discipline. However, he added that the process usually corrects itself with time.

"Every year there is teaching pressure and teaching slack in some departments, but it usually corrects itself," he said.

He noted that a rise in the number of faculty who teach at other universities on a visiting basis has meant that some departments have less faculty members to work with in a given year, and he also said that departments often use adjunct professors or graduate students to "correct temporary imbalances" in teaching loads.

While Affleck-Graves said that the University has not had to rely more heavily on adjunct or graduate student teachers in recent years, he noted that more adjuncts than graduate students are used to teach courses in comparison with a decade ago.

Professors in several departments that traditionally housed large lecture courses said that they have seen varying degrees of decrease in class sizes over the last decade.

Xavier Creary, a chemistry and biochemistry professor, said that he is currently teaching a 145-person section of general chemistry that averaged around 250 students six years ago. He noted the general chemistry class size was even larger 25 years ago—around 700 students—and that increased hiring and more sections have reduced class size.

Creary said, however, more work needs to be done.

"There is still a need for support for these sections in the form of small tutorials and recitation sections which are not offered to all students," he said. "The size of faculty in our department has increased by only a few over the last 20 years. This means that other areas, such as graduate courses, receive less attention than in the ideal situation."
New jobless claims hit 360,000
Claims for unemployment benefits reach highest mark since December 2002

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — New claims for unemployment benefits rose by the biggest jump in 16 months, 31,000, last week, the Labor Department said Thursday. They showed the labor market has turned a corner, pointing the way to a sustainable economic recovery.

The Labor Department reported that there were 360,000 new, unemploy­ed workers filing for jobless benefits last week. Only a week earlier, the number was 329,000, the lowest in more than three years.

The increase was far above the 7,000 rise in new claims that analysts had expected. It was the largest one-week gain since December 2002, when the country was struggling to recover from the 2001 recession.

Analysts pointed to a number of factors that skewed last week’s num­ber. For one, it was the first week in a new quarter, a time when claims often temporarily surge.

The four-week moving average of claims, which smooths out some of the volatility, rose a smaller 6,750 to stand at 344,250, still below 350,000 — a level generally seen as denoting an improving job mar­ket.

Also seen as encour­aging was the decline of continuing claims by 22,000, to 298,000, their lowest since July 2001 and an indication that unemployed workers are having more luck getting work.

Wall Street had a lack­lustre day as investors continued to worry that stronger eco­nomic growth and higher inflation will lead the Federal Reserve to start raising interest rates sooner than expected. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 19.51 points at 10,397.46.

The best indication of the job market’s improve­ment was the report that payroll jobs rose by 160,000 in March, the biggest one-month advance in four years and far above analysts’ expec­tations. In addition, the government revised upward the number of jobs created in the two previous months.

Economists said that fit the typical pattern for a turning point in the eco­nomy when the numbers come in better than expected and revisions to previous months are made upward.

“We have gone from a recovery to a self-sustain­ing, self-reinforcing expan­sion,” said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

The rebound in job cre­ation is coming just in time, many analysts believe, because growing employment is needed to raise incomes as the impact of President Bush’s tax cuts and waves of mortgage refinancing begin to wane.

Bush, who is hoping for a strong economy to aid his re-election chances, told an audience in Iowa on Thursday that his tax cuts have played an important role in boosting the economy.

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry said Thursday that his own economic plan would provide $225 bil­lion more in tax cuts for the middle class than Bush has provided while scaling back Bush’s tax cuts for the wealthy.

Airline
JetBlue receives first place ranking

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — JetBlue was No. 1 in quality among U.S. airlines in 2003, the first year that it carried enough passengers to be ranked, according to an annual study released Monday.

The budget carrier had the second­best on-time performance, arriving punctually 86 percent of the time. So few JetBlue passengers were bumped that they did not register in the statis­tics used by researchers. Also, JetBlue customers also filed fewer complaints — .03 per 100,000 — to the Transportation Department than all the other airlines.

Southwest, with 0.14 complaints per 100,000 customers, consistently generates the lowest complaint rate in the industry, was rated as the No. 3 carrier in the report.

Alaska Airlines came in second, America West fourth and US Airways, ranked No. 1 last year when it was still in bankruptcy, was fifth.

Northwest Airlines, which came in sixth, was the most improved airline in 2003. It ranked ninth in 2002.

The study’s authors said the ratings showed that low-cost airlines are gaining market share because they perform well in ways that are impor­tant to their passengers.

It “adds further evidence to the emerging performance gap between the legacy carriers and the no-frills network carriers,” said Brett Bowen, director of the University of Nebraska’s aviation institute and a co­ordinator of the study.

Dean Headley, the other co­author and an associate professor of market­ing at Wichita State University, said most of the low-cost carriers were above the industry average on four performance indicators last year.

Business
Boston University to overhaul board

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston University's trustees voted Thursday to overhaul the board in a move likely to weaken former President John Silber's iron grip on the school he headed for most of the past three decades. The overhaul includes term limits that would eventually remove many of Silber's long-time allies, some of whom have served for decades.

Also, the board adopted a new conflict-of-interest policy in response to criticism of BU's payment of $30 million last year to companies and nonprofit organizations in which university trustees were involved.

The board also named Alan Leventhal as chairman of the board. He replaces Christopher Barrera, who is stepping down for health reasons.

 "We are at an exciting juncture in Boston University's history and I hope to work with my colleagues to continue to build upon our success as a world class university," said Leventhal, calling the board-approved changes a "milestone."

The move follows last year's messy collapse of the school's financial scandal, which the trustees hired former NASA chief Daniel Goldin as president.

Trustees said the deal with Goldin broke down after he questioned the financial relationships some trustees had with the university, and suggested they amounted to conflicts of interest.

After the embarrassing spectacle, the trustees — who have long been criticized for their tight ties to Silber — formed a committee to review the board's operations and propose changes. The full board took up the panel's recommendations on Thursday.

Silber, a hard-charging and often abrasive figure, served as president from 1971 to 1996 before becoming chancellor. He was widely credited with helping transform BU from a second-tier regional university into the nation's fourth-largest private university. He stepped down as chancellor and a member of the board when the Golden deal fell through.

One expert said the changes to the board would reassure candidates who might otherwise be wary of taking the president's job.

"This clears the way for the selection of a new president who will have limited to no concerns about the problems of yesteryear," said Sheldon Steinbach, general counsel for the American Council on Education.

Rita Bornstein, president of Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., and author of the book "Legitimacy in the Academic Presidency: From Entrance to Exit," said: "I think what they're doing is excellent. They're cleaning up their act. They're telling the world they're going to play by commonly accepted rules and they're going to be more than ethical in everything they do and that will help them attract a great president."

"Divas' show to highlight Simpson

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even the folks at VHI admit they didn't really consider Jessica Simpson diva material when they got together their annual "Divas" extravaganza last year.

"At that point, she was geared a little toward a teen audience," Rick Krin, a VHI executive vice president, said delicately. More bluntly, Simpson was widely regarded as a C-list Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera with diminishing record sales and questionable star power.

One year later, Simpson's once dull star has not only brightened — it has exploded, ever since she and hubby Nick Lachey turned their marriage over to MTV for the hugely successful series "Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica."

Simpson's latest album, "In This Skin," a dud when it was first released last summer, is now platinum and still climbing. The couple's April 11 TV special, "The Nick & Jessica Variety Hour," was so successful that ABC ordered another one for Christmas. Simpson's shooting her own ABC sitcom pilot about a hot, blond, bright-celebrity named Jessica Simpson. And then there's her line of lickable perfumes debutting this month.

"The best part about life right now is watching prayers being answered," she said. "This is what first made her a teen idol. She's the world's new Jennifer Lopez, so it's really not that much attention. It's led to tabloid speculation that her bright spotlight is causing marital tensions.

Simpson, who is quick to rave about her husband during a conversation "Nick has a great sense of humor," she quipped, is also quick to shut down rumors of jealousy.

"I think in general, focus is always more on women because they always show up in an outfit or in a purse," she said. "From "Newlyweds," people have seen what an amazing man of character Nick is, and I think most of the viewers would want to be married to him if I wasn't."

Of course, if she wasn't married to Lachey, she might not have such amazing success — she even joked about her best move of her career.
Families protest extensions

National Guard unit's tour extended shortly after soldier's death

WASHINGTON — The number of secret surveillance warrants sought by the FBI has increased 85 percent in the past three years, a pace that has outstripped the Justice Department's ability to quickly process them.

Even if the warrants are approved, the FBI often does not have enough agents or other experts necessary to exercise the due diligence to ensure that the warrant requests are more likely to result in warrants being approved. To the court for approval.

The inability to gather enough evidence for a FISA warrant caused the FBI problems. Britain's only person charged in connection with the 9/11 attacks. Moussaoui, the only person charged in connection with the 9/11 attacks. He was taken into custody on immigration charges in August 2001 after he was denied entry to the U.S. on a Boeing 747 with little flight background aroused suspicions. The FBI turned to the CIA to help produce evidence needed to show that Moussaoui might have been linked to the 19 hijackers, but he was released in February 2004.

The commission said it is possible that if the government had acted more quickly on the information involving Moussaoui it could have led authorities to the hijackers.

Some lawmakers and privacy activists worry that FISA remains ripe for abuse. Legislation introduced on Capitol Hill would require the Justice Department to publicly account for the number of Americans subjected to FISA surveillance and how it is used in criminal cases.

"What it will do is go a long way toward assuaging growing public mistrust of the government," said Timothy Edgar, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union.

Even if the FISA delays are solved, the FBI is struggling to provide the agents and experts necessary to carry out the warrants.

The commission staff found shortages at every FBI field office they visited and noted that some of these personnel "are not treated as part of an integrated intelligence program" and do not meet regularly with case agents working terrorism suspects.
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Sustained civil disobedience poses two challenges for demonstrators to consider — not only how long to wait before taking a daring public step, but how best to approach the audience their bold step will address.

Members of the Progressive Student Alliance decided Wednesday that they had waited long enough for Notre Dame to make an official statement against renewing its contract with Taco Bell. After delivering letters to the office of University President Father Edward Malloy for the past two weeks, the students opted to further publicize their three-day hunger strike by making their presence felt in the Office of the President.

While such initiative is admirable at Notre Dame — a campus traditionally soet with apathy — the PSA's choice of a confrontational approach may have soared a productive, if slow-moving, dialogue with the administration.

Students from the group have met since last fall with vice president and general counsel Carol Kaesebier to air their concerns. Kaesebier's office has been open both to ongoing discussion and to seeking Taco Bell's response, and should be praised for its performance in a mediating role between the students, the corporation and the administration — stressing fairness and justice at every step in the process.

The letter Kaesebier sent to Taco Bell March 5 and the follow-up call placed Wednesday exemplify a willingness to address the students' concerns. By delegating responsibility to the general counsel, the University provided an avenue for the PSA to seek answers from Taco Bell that specifically speak to its relationship with Notre Dame. The University's responsibility to hear its sponsor's side and its responsibility to assist alarmed students have both been fulfilled.

The PSA, however, questions Notre Dame's responsibility to be persistent. The University's cooperative assistance clearly is not as spoken as the students' relentless efforts in the name of their cause.

But passion, the PSA learned Wednesday, is not always productive.

Arriving unannounced at Malloy's office was within their rights. Students who want to approach the president should be able to do so. Yet out of respect for his position and for his protocol of scheduling meetings in advance — an option the group did not pursue — the PSA must realize that spontaneously approaching Malloy will be ineffective.

A statement from the administration will only come when they have heard from Taco Bell and evaluated the corporation's claims. Kaesebier, counselor to the President Father Peter Jarret and others have made that clear. And while acts of civil disobedience like sit-ins and hunger strikes have proven historically successful in other contexts, with the Notre Dame administration they carry less weight than the more professional exchange the students had with Kaesebier.

Though patience may be frustrating, continuing on the course begun with the general counsel is the wisest choice for the students.

Justice too long delayed is justice denied, says the PSA rallying cry. But justice forced may disrupt justice forthcoming.

Letter to the Editor

Pass in Review location not acceptable

April 14 was a beautiful day to be outside. A warm breeze and clear skies marked the day of the annual Presidential Pass in Review Ceremony. That afternoon, I had to make my way through the maze of construction fences to find the Lofts Guest Center where the ceremony was to take place indoors.

Earlier this year, my senator committee recognized the student demand for an outdoor location for the ceremony. We collected 2,082 signatures in only one week, petitioning for its relocation. Student Activities denied the request and cited reasons such as convenience and previous low-student attendance. In response, my committee took the project further to create greater awareness of the ceremony among the student body. We made posters, flyers and table tents. With greater campus discussion, students realized their uniformed peers were leaving the Notre Dame bubble for active duty. When our country is at war, it is important to realize many of the soldiers and sailors who fight today were only marching in Notre Dame last year.

I worked to move the ceremony outdoors because ROTC cadets and midshipmen want the ceremony outdoors. As we continued the project, I learned that many non-ROTC students want an outdoor ceremony equally, such as myself. We simply want a flagpole, real grass and the possibility of an aircraft fly-by. Contrary to popular rumor, the original relocation four years ago was never in response to anti-ROTC protestors nor as a way of hiding the ROTC program. University President Father Edward Malloy spoke of the pride Notre Dame feels towards the ROTC program at Wednesday's ceremony. While the past four years in Lotus may have been for the planner's convenience, this year the ROTC department wanted an outdoor location. The Student Activities department felt that an outdoor venue was not necessary and Lotus was fully adequate. They were mistaken.

The ceremony attendance on Wednesday was the greatest in the past four years inside Lotus. Captain Shelton of the Navy Department told me the crowd size was four times larger than last year's. While the 2,082 petitioners did not all join me, I felt the large audience demonstrated the Notre Dame community's committed support for the cadets and midshipmen who marched before us. The crowd certainly fit inside Lotus, but the fieldhouse was not adequate for the ceremony. The Pass in Review deserves an outdoor location, to honor all those who attended, including active duty officers and veterans. I hope the ceremony will remain on people's minds and that next year the student body will once again encourage Student Activities to reconsider the ceremony's location. On a personal note, I want to thank the ROTC department and students for their continued assistance in the project. It has been an honor.

Thank you.

Jana Lamplota

Following confusing information from the administration, Veterans Affairs counselor Jana Lamplota realized the ceremony was moved indoors for logistical reasons. Lamplota was a part of the student committee that collected 2,082 signatures for the petition to move the ceremony outdoors.

Observer Poll

Should the ROTC Presidential Pass in Review be held inside or outside?

Vote by 5 p.m. Sunday at

www.ndsmcobserver.com

Quote of the Day

"It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself." — Eleanor Roosevelt

American diplomat
Diversity has its limits

"Diversity" has been a buzzword at Notre Dame for the past few years. Diversity is lauded in terms of race, gender, socio-economic class and countless other classifications. Yet, there is one place at Notre Dame where diversity is slowly being eliminated — the Economics and Econometrics Department.

This year Notre Dame's Department of Economics in turn — a Department of Economics and Econometrics and a Department of Economics and Policy Studies. Notre Dame's Economics department had long been one of the few departments in the nation committed to cultivating a variety of approaches to the study of economics. This is primarily a result of the department's policy of hiring outside of the mainstream or neo-classical approach. So-called heterodox economics often does not receive the same attention garnered by mainstream approaches. It does, however, frequently suffer from a broader issue of social concern: labor standards, income distribution, environmental quality, fair trade and poverty. Such issues do not often resonate with Catholic social teaching on economics which, in the work of the late S. Bishop John Leimkuehler, Letter Economic Justice for All, "does not embrace any particular theory of how the economy works."

In contrast, the Economics and Econometrics Department is committed to a neo-classical theory. It also focuses on a particular method of studying the economy known as economic mainstream. Mainstream economics emphasizes mathematical and statistical research to forecast economic trends and make policy decisions, unfortunately, not all of the department's efforts are measured quantitatively. As Economic Justice for All observes: "Our faith calls us to measure this economy, not by what it produces but also by how it touches human life and whether it protects or undermines the dignity of the human person." However, the Economics and Econometrics Department does not offer a formula for measuring concerns for human dignity, like any single approach it has its limitations.

The decision to split the Economics department has led many to worry that heterodox economics, which was recently eliminated at Notre Dame. The new Economics and Econometrics Department is allowed to hire new faculty members in the fields of heterodox economics, including those who work on economic matters. The decision, however, to focus on neo-classical approaches and eliminate graduate studies in heterodox economics, largely due to a desire to improve an academic ranking determined by adherence to a single theoretical approach, is troubling. It was troubling enough to compel Richard Solow, a neo-classical economist and the 1987 Nobel Prize winner, to write a letter to University President Father Edward Malloy to rethink the split. Solow declared the decision "a cruelly bad idea and remarked that "Economics, like any discipline, ought to welcome unorthodox ideas, and deal with them intellectually as best it can." Unfortunately Solow's opinions do not affect academic rankings. Until that changes, his opinions, nor those of heterodox economists, will receive much attention here at Notre Dame. Diversity has its limits.

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The chance to perform Shakespeare is one of the greatest challenges, and the greatest joys, of professional and amateur actors alike.

The language may be antiquated, the lines may be complicated and the characters may take weeks to understand. But actors and directors with the passion and talent to get past these difficulties can find a world of possibilities in every one of Shakespeare’s plays.

Through the years the Not So Royal Shakespeare Company has taken a crack at the comedies, tragedies and histories with equal vigor and varying amounts of success. Last year the group took the stage with Shrew and Hamlet. Fall semester featured many of the group’s best old and new actors in the always popular Much Ado About Nothing.

This weekend the company will take on a greater challenge in its performance of King Lear. In addition to being widely acknowledged as one of Shakespeare’s greatest tragedies, the story of King Lear’s descent from his throne into gradually increasing madness at the hands of his treacherous daughters is one of the most difficult to perform. The dark themes of the play and complicated development of the characters place great demands on the actors. While the company’s presentation of the play is not flawless, the cast of King Lear puts on an admirable performance.

Hamlet may be the role every actor aspires to play, but in many ways King Lear may be a more difficult role to perform. Senior Mike Federico’s performance in this show makes it clear why the computer science major has been cast in major roles in the company since he came to Notre Dame. In the past four years Federico has played Mercutio, Roderigo, Falstaff and other coveted Shakespearean characters on the Notre Dame stage.

“This role is, first, impossible,” Federico said. “To have enough breath to say all the lines and scream them the way he does is really impossible.”

Federico certainly has a tough act to follow playing a role that has been filled with great actors such as Laurence Olivier and Orson Welles.

“Most actors play this part when they are at least 60 years plus and have their careers behind them,” Federico said. “But that’s the beauty of college theatre.”

Senior Mario Bird also brings a personal slant to his role as the Earl of Kent with a carefully cultivated Scottish accent drawn from a variety of popular entertainments.

“The accent comes from an amalgamation of a number of different sources,” Bird said.

The attempt may sound like a gimmick, but is surprisingly effective in developing the character and bringing out Bird’s natural acting energy.

The play also features notable performances by some of the University’s younger actors. Freshman Connor Woods plays the minor character of Oswald with distinctive character, and sophomore David Tull adapts well to the challenge of playing a character who masquerades as a madman for half the play.
said. "With the face of Cordelia the character of the Fool is a lot more powerful."

One problem actors often encounter in performing Shakespeare is the tendency to get lost in the language. At times the actors of the company also run into difficulty interpreting the subtleties of Shakespeare. While the plot and the characters are well developed and several of the actors live up to the challenge of performing Shakespeare as though they wrote for modern audiences, some of the finer points of language and conversation get lost in the company’s performance.

The company also uses a mix of props and costumes from different time periods, which may be done for effect, but can feel disjointed. The mix of swords, guns, fur capes and strapless dresses may be a function of the company’s limited budget, but does not add to the sense of reality on the stage.

This weekend’s performance will be the last time many of the most active performers of the senior class will take the stage as Notre Dame undergraduates. Frederico, Kertez, Adel Hanash and Spencer Beggs have been part of the Notre Dame dramatic scene for four years. Bird only began acting onstage at Notre Dame last semester, but has rapidly become an important part of the company. "A lot of people who have been a huge part of NSR in the past are going to be gone," Tull said. "But a lot of what’s fun about this show is leaving spots open for people to come in and fill the ranks. You can see the people getting ready to fill the seniors’ spots."

Even for those seniors not intending to pursue a career in acting, the end of the Not So Royal Shakespeare Company does not mean the end of performing Shakespeare. Several of the actors including Hanash, Tull and Kertez will perform in the Summer Shakespeare performance of Romeo and Juliet this summer. Frederico was cast in the role of Paris, and graduate Jeff Eyerman, appearing as the Earl of Gloucester in King Lear, works as executive director of the Summer Shakespeare program.

"I think that Shakespeare’s every single word feels so special, so magical to perform," Tull said. "They say there’s the acting bug, but there’s also the Shakespeare bug. Once you get hooked on performing these works, which you do, you get hooked on it."
Theodore turns away 43 of Montreal's win

Associated Press

BOSTON — Montreal Canadiens goalie Jose Theodore was often overshadowed by Bruins counterpart Andrew Raycroft in the first four games of their first-round playoff series. Thursday night as a player to watch.

Saku Koivu had a goal and two assists in helping the Canadiens

Montreal goaltender Jose Theodore, left, looks on as Boston's Martin LaPointe, center, fights for position in front of the net Thursday. Theodore made 43 saves in the Canadiens' 5-1 win.

NHL

ice and passed to Koivu on his left. Koivu then made a cross-ice pass to Alex Kovalev, who scored his fourth goal of the series.

Kovalev was the goat in Game 4, when after he was slashed in the second overtime he stopped playing and shook his injured wrist. He turned over the puck and then collided with teammate Sheldon Souray, which allowed Glenn Murray to skate in on an breakaway and score the winning goal.

"I think he played a really strong game except for that last game," Koivu said of Kovalev's Game 4 performance. "To get the winning goal tonight takes a lot of the pressure off him."

Koivu seemed reluctant to talk about the Canadiens' previous loss.

"All I had to do was put in the same effort as the first four games and things would start happening for me," he said. "This thing isn't over so we need to stay focused and keep the pressure on them after we won 2-0.

The Canadiens almost made it 2-1 earlier, but neither Raycroft's pads and inside the far post.

In the first 15 minutes of the first period, Josselin had some key saves and Yanic came up big," said Koivu, who had a bad case of both in Boston's power-play goals.

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BOSTON — Thought baseball's best rivalry couldn't get more intense? Think again.

The Red Sox and Yankees resume their feud Friday, sure to remember the nastiness and drama of last year's.

Drama of last year's Friday, April 16, to remember the nastiness and more intense? Think again.

Red Sox, Yankees renew their rivalry today

Well, they got 'em, anyway. "It's the greatest rivalry in sports," Boston's Kevin Millar said. "With the whole A-Rod thing, it's going to be unbelievable. It's an exciting time. You've got two building teams going at each other."

The Red Sox and Yankees insist their focus will be on trying to win, not the bad blood between them. Still, the fans at Fenway, some of whom will be in new seats on the right-field roof, will make it clear this is no ordinary four-game series. "I'm not expecting too many cheers," said Rodriguez, who

donned pinstripes rather than red socks when the Yankees obtained him from Texas after Boston failed to get him.

The series begins exactly six months after their last dramatic meeting—a Yankees victory in Game 7 of the AL championship series. Pedro Martinez blew a three-run lead in the eighth inning at Yankee Stadium and Aaron Boone gave New York a 6-5 win with a homer in the 11th inning off Tim Wakefield.

Boston was five outs from clinching the series when manager Grady Little made a much-criticized decision to stick with Martinez. He backfired, and Little lost his job to Terry Francona.

Wakefield will be back on the mound, throwing the first pitch of Friday's game. Martinez will not pitch in the series.

Boone is probably out for the season, sidelined with a knee injury that created an opening at third base. The Yankees filled that with Rodriguez, considered baseball's best all-around player.

New York has won 26 World Series since Boston won its last in 1918.

As if to give the team an additional boost before the game, Boston will unveil a statue of the most beloved Bed Sox of all, Ted Williams.

"Hopefully, we can pick it up a notch, show them who the best team is," Boston's Johnny Damon said, "I'm convinced we are.

Both teams added key players. The Red Sox got Curt Schilling and Keith Foulke. Besides Rodriguez, the Yankees picked up Gary Sheffield, Kevin Brown and Javier Vazquez, who pitches the opener.

With Seattle and Texas, Rodriguez never had the chance to play in such a rivalry. "It's no comparisons," Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter said. "But you can only say so much. You can only explain so much. Until you experience it firsthand, you have no idea."

The signing of Rodriguez prompted Red Sox owner John Henry to call for a salary cap. Yankees owner George Steinbrenner fired back, calling Henry a whiner.

The teams have baseball's highest payrolls, the Yankees at $183 million and the Red Sox at $125 million.

Seven of this year's 19 regular-season meetings are in April with Boston's Nomar Garciaparra and Trot Nixon on the disabled list. Against the Red Sox last year, the Yankees were 10-9 in the regular season.
**Baseball celebrates Jackie Robinson Day**

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a boy, Bud Selig went to Wrigley Field to watch a rookie named Jackie Robinson. More than a half-century later, the memory still sticks with the commissioner.

"We were the only white people in the upper deck," Selig said. "I never saw so much excitement." At ballparks all across the country Thursday, fans and players got to see and hear about the Hall of Famer's legacy. Baseball paused for Jackie Robinson Day, with video tributes, speeches and commemorative No. 42 signs honoring the man who broke the sport's color barrier.

"When you look back on the history of our game, Jackie Robinson coming into baseball — there's no question in my mind that April 15, 1947, was the most powerful moment in baseball history," Selig said at Shea Stadium. "It transcended baseball. It was a precursor to the civil rights movement by 15 or 16 years," he said.

Robinson's widow, Rachel, was escorted onto the field by Selig and New York Mets manager Terry Collins, who wore No. 42.

At family courts throughout baseball in 1947 when the sport paid tribute to the 50th anniversary of the day he debuted for Brooklyn.

Players who wore No. 42 were allowed to keep it. Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees and injured Mo Vaughn of the Boston Red Sox still have it.

**In Brief**

**Haas continues comeback**

HOUSTON — German Tommy Haas took another step in his comeback from shoulder surgery with a 6-4, 4-2 victory Thursday over Paul Goldstein in a second-round match at the U.S. Men's Clay Court championships.

"The more you play, the more you get comfortable," Haas said. "I felt pretty comfortable in the second set, stepping it up with my strokes. But there's still always improvement to make." Haas, who missed all of last season and hasn't played on clay since the 2002 French Open, broke Goldstein in the 10th game of the first set. Haas ran away with the second set with breaks in the second and eighth games.

"Obviously, I'm trying to do the best I can each week," Haas said. "Maybe to say winning a tournament right now would be a little much. I'm still trying to test my way back into the match. You never know what can happen."

**Williams return cut short**

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Serena Williams' comeback was cut short. The six-time major champion withdrew from the Family Circle Cup on Thursday, saying her left knee is sore from practicing and playing too much after returning from an eight-month absence.

The announcement comes a day after Williams pulled out of the U.S. Fed Cup team's first-round match at Slovenia and raises questions about Williams' fitness with the French Open less than six weeks away.

She had knee surgery Aug. 1, then missed the U.S. Open and Australian Open, returning to the tour just last month.

"The official diagnosis by the doctor was that he was shocked I was playing this many tournaments in the beginning," Williams said.

"He said normally when you're coming back from a procedure like me, you should play one week and then maybe take a week or two weeks off."

Red Sox and Yankees renew rivalry

BOSTON — Thought baseball's best rivalry couldn't get more intense? Think again. The Red Sox and Yankees resume their feud Friday, sure to remember the nastiness and drama of last year's AL championship series and the sniping of the days.

Of course, Boston and New York didn't need more reasons to hate each other in a battle that began even before the Red Sox traded Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1920.

Well, they got 'em, anyway.

"It's the greatest rivalry in sports," Boston's Kevin Millar said. "With the whole A-Rod thing, it's going to be unbelievable. It's an exciting time. You've got two bullpen teams going at each other."

The Red Sox and Yankees insist their focus will be on trying to win, not the bad blood between them.
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underdog is, they wouldn't be saying it's Georgetown," Coyne said. "Outside of our team, everyone is looking at it as Georgetown is going to win. We haven't beaten them yet, so it would be premature to say we're going in there expecting to be the favorite."

Saturday, Notre Dame put 10 points on the board before host Ohio State (4-7) could find the back of the net as the Irish crushed the Buckeyes 14-6 to improve to a perfect 10-0 on the year. "We're obviously in a groove right now with how we're playing, and when we come out and we're on our game, we're tough to stop," Coyne said.

"We could just find our spots against their defense with no problem, and I think it gives us confidence going into [the Georgetown game]."

Midfield Meredith Simon turned in yet another stellar effort, registering six points on the afternoon (three goals, three assists) in leading an Irish attack that featured four additional multi-goal scorers, including midfield/attack Crystl Foote (three goals, one assist), attack Lauren Fischer (three goals, three assists) in yet another stellar effort, defender Kassen Delano (two goals) and midfield Abby Owen (two goals). The Buckeyes finally broke the 10-goal unanswered scoring streak with eight seconds remaining in the first half, yet were unable to mount a comeback effort as the Irish notched three of the next four goals to start the second half, bumping their lead to 13-2 and effectively icing the game.

While the showdown in the nation's capital is easily the biggest of the year for the Irish, Coyne and the Irish aren't fazed by the significance of the contest and plan to stick with the game plan that has facilitated Notre Dame in jumping 15 spots in the polls this spring. "It's a Big East game; it's a huge rivalry; it has all the ingredients you're looking for in a big game atmosphere," Coyne said. "But I don't feel any extra pressure, and we're approaching this game like we have every other game. "We've stayed very focused, and we're looking forward to the opportunity to go out and play a really good opponent."

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a lead they held for just one inning.

In the third, the Flames came out with three singles off Heather Booth. They were good for one run that cut the Irish lead in half.

Booth, the Irish ace, lasted just over one more inning, after throwing a lot of pitches. She gave up three earned runs, despite striking out six and walking three.

"She threw a lot of pitches," Gumpf said.

"I think she got behind in a lot of the counts. They were hitting her change-up, and that's her game. If they hit her change-up, that changes things."

In relief, Gumpf brought in Carrie Wisen. She gave up just one run in the final 5 2/3 innings, while striking out two.

"Carrie came in and did a really nice job," Gumpf said. "She did just what I needed her to do."

But Wisen's bullpen effort wasn't enough in the 10th and final inning.

Both coaches agreed to go to the international tiebreaker, in which the last out of the previous inning is put on second base to start the inning. In the top half of the inning, the Flames sacrificed Jessica Reusnow to third base, and then she was driven in by Alyta Creese's single through the right side.

Creese also picked up the win for the Flames.

The Irish had their chances in the bottom half of the inning, but they failed to sacrifice Carissa Jacquish over to third, and then Stephanie Brown popped out. With two outs, deFau hit a hot grounder to the shortstop, who bobbled the ball, and Gumpf waved Jacquish home. She was called out to end the game, good for the Flames' first win ever at Ivy Field.

"I was trying to send her the whole way," Gumpf said. "It's a make or break play - it's going to happen or it's not. You've got to give it a shot, especially when we're not hitting well at all."

Now the Irish have a few days to recover before returning to Big East action on Sunday against Providence.

"You have to work hard these next few days at practice," Gumpf said. "We have a couple days to get back and learn how to hit again."

The doubleheader is set to start at 11 a.m. at Ivy Field, and the Irish look to redeem themselves after Thursday's performance. "I don't know how they're going to respond," Gumpf said. "I'm pretty disappointed right now."

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ND TRACK

Irish journey to 46th annual Mt. SAC relays

By MIKE GILLOON
Spurs Writer

It's been said that tough competition brings out the best in an athlete. The Irish hope this old adage holds true this weekend as seventeen Notre Dame competitors will travel to the 46th annual Mt. SAC relays in Walnut, Calif. The relays, held at Mt. San Antonio College, attract a first-class field of runners, jumpers and throwers.

The athletes hail from colleges all around the country including powerhouse Arkansas, Oregon, Arizona and USC. There will also be international entrants on national teams from countries such as Canada, Kenya, Australia and Great Britain.

"This is known as one of the best meets in the country," said Irish assistant coach Tim Connelly. "It will attract a lot of post-collegiate runners and many contenders for the Olympics."

Among the group Notre Dame will be sending are distance standouts Molly Huddle and Thomas Chamney. Chamney won last week's men's 800 meters and looks to continue his success against the solid field. Huddle is coming off a third place finish in last week's Missouri Invitational. However she did manage to qualify for the Big East Championships and will be one of the top collegiate competitors in the 5000 meters.

Huddle's teammate Stephanie Madia will also run in the 5000 meters.

Some of the other team members going to the meet include Godwin Mbagwu and Stacey Cowan. Mbagwu won the triple jump last week at Missouri with a leap of 14.52 meters. Cowan has been a consistent threat in the women's high jump all season long. She placed first in her most recent outdoor appearance, a 1.68-meter leap earlier this month in the spring opener. Both the men's and women's 4-by-400 meter relay teams will also make the trip.

Those not making the trek to California will stay closer to home and participate in the Indy Relays in Indianapolis. Teams from around the region such as Butler, DePauw, Louisville and Ball State are expected to compete.

"We just want to get people ready to run fast," Connelly said when asked what his team focused on this week in practice. "The mild weather the last couple of days has made outdoor practice easier on the Irish. "The bad weather has affected everyone lately and we had been hoping at some point to get a break," Connelly said. "From what I hear it's supposed to be nice in both places this weekend."

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Irish ready for Lady Boilermaker Invitational

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

The only way for a team to reach its ultimate goal is to strive for greater and greater challenges.

Notre Dame women's golf coach Debby King certainly has a lot of faith in this philosophy, as her team gets set to play in the Lady Boilermaker Invitational at Purdue. In what has become a pattern this season, the Irish will once again face what King describes as "the toughest field yet." That field includes the host Boilermakers, ranked in the top 50 in the GolfWeek/Sagarin Index.

The tournament will last all day Saturday and Sunday, and will be played in the six-count-four format, which the six golfers gets counted towards the total team score.

"We're just keeping our goal of trying to shoot 300 (in a round)." Debby King

women's golf coach

and her team "haven't really talked about a goal for placement" in the high profile event.

"We're just keeping our goal of trying to shoot 300 (in a round)," King said.

By being such a difficult tournament, the Lady Boilermaker Invitational has the ability to help the Irish realize their ambitions of postseason play.

"If you win a small event, you don't get as many points as getting fifth in a big one," King explained. "As tournaments get harder, we get more points for getting picked for NCAA regionals."

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ND Women's Golf
Lead squandered in loss to Northwestern

By ANN LOUGHERY Sports Writer

It wasn't supposed to end this way. Notre Dame was ahead 2-0 early in Thursday's meet after sweeping doubles and a quick win at No. 6 courtesy of junior Sarah Jane Connelly. A win looked promising for the No. 24 Irish.

Their lead suddenly eroded and No. 11 Northwestern went on to win four of the six singles matches for a 4-3 victory.

"We played well and fought hard, but it was just a wasted opportunity for us," Jay Louderback Irish coach

know exactly what was going on in the next court. That's tough because you really have to focus on your own match and putting the team away.

In No. 1 doubles, freshmen Catrina and Christian Thompson upset the No. 2 nationally ranked team of Christelle Grier and Jessica Rush 9-8 (7-5). At No. 2, senior Alicia Salas and sophomore Lauren Connelly triumphed against Peisel and Alexis Prusak 6-1. Junior Sarah Jane Connelly and senior Emily Neighbors registered a win at No. 3 against Ruth Barnes and Andrea Yang 9-7. Singles victories came from No. 5 Statny and No. 6 Sarah Jane Connelly, who defeated Connie Chiang 6-1, 6-3. Louderback said he expected a challenging meet at all positions on the court.

"It was a fun meet to watch because they're such a good team," Louderback said. "We played well and fought hard, but it was just a wasted opportunity for us."

The Irish travel to face Purdue on Wednesday.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles top Kalamazoo, 6-3

By RYAN DUFFY Sports Writer

Last year, Kalamazoo was the only team that could stop Saint Mary's. The Belles have continued to prove, however, that a new year means a second chance, winning 6-3 Thursday for their second victory over Kalamazoo in the past week.

They are always one of the better teams," Caitlin Cutler said. "We lost to them last year, and we wanted revenge. It's always a close match when we get together. It was a good win for us because we improved from last weekend, and we were excited about that." No. 1 singles player Jeannie Knish agreed.

"This was a really big win for us. We beat them 5-4 last weekend, then improved on that this time," she said. "We have two more conference matches to finish the season, but this was the big one. We have to keep the momentum up for the last two games to wrap up the conference."

Saint Mary's currently stands undefeated in conference with a 5-0 record. "There were a lot of close matches today, and everyone fought hard," Knish said. "People managed to come through and put in their best effort. Hopefully, we can play this way the rest of the season and keep it up next week."

Cutler also felt the team gave a stronger effort than usual. "We are all kind of burned out with one week left in the season, so when we play our toughest competition, we give a little stronger effort and have a little stronger motivation," she said.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Strong weekend key for Belles

By BOBBY GRIFFIN Sports Writer

The Belles have been clicking on all cylinders as of late, and they will look to continue that strong play this weekend when they visit Olivet Nazarene and Saint Xavier.

Saint Mary's currently sits fifth in the MIAA with a 7-5 record. However, the two teams ahead of the Belles are 7-3 and 6-4, marks that Saint Mary's could feasibly pass in their last four contests.

Coach Anna Walsh commented that the Belles are in a good position to make the postseason tournament for the first time ever, because of favorable league scheduling down the stretch, provided that they play well in their last four games.

The Belles play their last remaining MIAA series against Kalamazoo, a team that currently sits fifth at 0-6 in the league, while the other teams that Saint Mary's is competing with for positioning in the tournament have yet to play one another.

This could open the door for Saint Mary's, provided that they can defeat Kalamazoo.

Olivet Nazarene will present the Belles with their first non-league game since they defeated Tri-State. The Belles had little trouble handling them, sweeping the doubleheader, but this weekend's games should present the Belles with much stiffer competition.

Coach Walsh stated the weekend's games would allow the Belles to experiment with different pitching lineups because it is non-league play. While the Belles are confident that they can win provided they play as well as they did against Hope, Olivet Nazarene and Saint Xavier are top-level opponents, and coach Walsh commented that they could be the toughest two doubleheaders of the season.

The Belles play Saturday against Olivet Nazarene at 1 p.m. and on Sunday against Saint Xavier at 12 p.m.

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paces the Irish at the plate with a .381 batting average. He also
rang first on the team in hits (43), runs (35), RBIs (41) and slugging
percentage (.628). Notre Dame
has a team batting average of .314, as eight Irish players have
posted averages above .300 so far this year. Opponents have hit just
.229 off Notre Dame this year.
On the hill, the Irish will look to
shake things up a little this week­end, as Irish coach Paul Mainieri
said he may start lefty Tom Thornton in the seven-inning
opener Saturday, followed by jun­ior
righty Chris Nissel in the night­cap. Right­hander Grant Johnson
will likely start the final game of
the series Sunday for Notre Dame. The Irish pitchers have posted a
staff ERA of 3.40 this year, good
enough for first in the Big East.

The Irish and Hoyas kick off the
three-game series with a double­header starting at noon Saturday,
followed by the series finale
Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

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MEN'S LACROSSE
ND runs away with game against Butler

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Irish proved to be too
much for Butler Thursday as they
topped the Bulldogs 15-5. After
getting off to a 1-3 start, the
Irish have rebounded strongly —
winning five of their last six
games.

No. 13 Notre Dame improved
its record to 3-1 in the GWLL
and 6-4 overall.

"After our loss against Ohio
State, we became determined to
win," Irish attack Pat Walsh said.
Butler could not stop Notre
Dame from winning their third
consecutive conference match
after a strong offensive perform­ance.

Notre Dame scored seven of the
first eight goals of the match
to take a commanding lead early in the
contest.

Brian Hueschmann led the
Irish in scoring as he netted three
goals for the team.

"He is one of our best offensive
players and it is important
because he takes the attention
away from our opponent's
defense and it allows opportuni­ties
for other players on our team to
score," Walsh said.

Walsh, Matt Karweck, Matt
Howell and Lucious Pulk each
scored two goals apiece. A strong
force was made by the Irish defense, led by goalie
Stewart Grosland.

Crossland came away with
another strong defensive per­formance after making 10 saves.
He was relieved by Sean O'Grady
with just three minutes left in the
match.

Notre Dame took 53 shots and
held a 40-35 advantage in
ground balls. The team also won
12 of 24 face-offs.

Butler was led by Phil Branch
who scored two goals. Anthony

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

A capital opportunity
No. 2 Irish put undefeated record on line at No. 5 Georgetown

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

A pair of lacrosse giants locks horns Saturday when the top two teams in the Big East challenge rival No. 5 Georgetown (8-2, 4-0 in Big East) at 1 p.m. in a showdown with Big East Championship implications.

"Georgetown's) obviously very good," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said.

"It's a huge rivalry game. They're a strong team in every position on the field, and we've just going to have to go out and play the way we have been.

Several other factors are on the line Saturday, including Notre Dame's current undefeated 10-0 mark, school record 14-game winning streak stretching back to last season and a prime opportunity for revenge after the Hoyas handed the Irish a 16-15 overtime heartbreaking loss at Moose Krause Stadium last year. Notre Dame was unable to protect a 13-10 lead with 2:22 left, allowing three goals in regulation before ultimately falling in overtime.

"We all think we should have won that game last year, and I think that overtime loss last year is definitely motivation," Coyne said. "All we had to do was get one possession off the draw (to win). When you break it down to something as simple as one possession, I think people realize that we can beat Georgetown.)"

While a glance at the most recent polls might suggest the surging Irish are the favorite come Saturday, the opposite appears to be the case.

"If you went down to D.C. and asked who the
Irish midfield Crystal Foote, right, looks for a pass in Notre Dame's 14-6 victory over Ohio Saturday.

BASEBALL

Irish face Big East rival Hoyas in key matchup

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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With just one game separating the top four teams in the Big East standings, the No. 5 Irish (27-5, 8-2 in the Big East) suddenly find themselves in the middle of a dogfight for the conference title. After splitting a pair of conference doubleheaders last weekend with Boston College and St. John's, the Irish travel out and away, Md., for a three-game Big East series with Georgetown (20-20, 5-8). Notre Dame currently sits tied with Rutgers atop the Big East standings. Right on their heels are Pittsburgh and St. John's with conference records of 7-2.

The Hoyas have fallen on rough times of late, dropping seven of their last 10 conference matchups, but they won their most recent game Thursday, 3-4 over cross-town rival George Washington. The Hoyas are led offensively by left fielder Ron Cano with a .346 batting average. The heart of the team however is batting .249, while opponents have hit .268 off the Georgetown pitching.

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On the mound, Georgetown has a pair of four-game winners in junior right-hander Eduardo Pena and freshman righty Erick Chandler, who have posted ERAs of 2.75 and 3.09, respectively this year. The Hoyas have a staff ERA of 4.42.

The Irish, meanwhile, saw substantial mid-season success with a 17-5 victory over Oakland Wednesday, in which the Irish bats cracked out 14 hits. Third baseman Matt Macri

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXIII

Battles on the hardtop continue

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After two weeks of long sleeve shirts, tights and Spanxers, the barons of the Blacktop, otherwise known as the participants of Bookstore Basketball XXXIII, resumed second-round play on a balmy Thursday evening. The weather drew a large contingent of female spectators to the courts including senior Danielle Davis.

"It's a great time for everyone to showcase their talent and for the girls to come out and scope some hot bodies," she said.

But the games, not the bodies, proved to be the main attraction. Getting a jump on their assigned court time, two teams of graduate students met in one of the first games of the day in which Zoidberg and the Technicolour Express herded Bosl's Fan Club by a 21-15 score. The competitiveness of the game proved these two teams are just

ND SOFTBALL

UIC burns Irish in 10

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Despite the fact that warm weather finally arrived, the huts were cold at Ivy Field on Thursday evening.

"It was a beautiful day," Irish coach Donna Gumpf said. "You couldn't ask for anything nicer than what we got. We just didn't get it done." Notre Dame (32-12) was unable to muster enough offensives to over­come Illinois-Chicago (20-18) in a 10-inning marathon game won by the Flames 4-3.

"We had five hits in the first four innings and then just three hits after that," Gumpf said. "You've got to hit to win, and we didn't make anything happen. (The team) just waited for someone else to do it."

The Irish struck blood first, putting a run on the board in both the first and second innings. In the first, Meagan Ruthrauff drove in Nicole deFau with a RBI double to take a 2-0 lead. The next inning was much of the same, as Liz Hartmann and Nicole Wicks hit back-to-back doubles to put the Irish ahead 2-0.