University tuition hits $33,407
Increase is fifth in five years at Notre Dame

By AMANDA MICHAELS
Assistant News Editor

A Notre Dame diploma just got a little more valuable — that is, in terms of how much it costs.

The University announced Friday that tuition for undergraduates will increase 5.8 percent for the 2006-07 school year — up $1,865 from the current academic year's bill.

Decided at the winter Board of Trustees meetings in Rome, the total cost for a year of undergraduate education will be $42,137, including $33,407 for tuition and $8,730 for average room and board rates.

Tuition increases for the other schools connected with Notre Dame are 5.8 percent as well, bringing costs for the Graduate School to $32,800 and both the Law School and Master's of Business Administration Program to $33,670.

Though any tuition hike is painful for bill-payers, this year's increase signals a leveling out in comparison to the last five increases. The 2005-06 academic year saw a 7 percent rise, slightly higher than 2004-05's 6.9 percent and 2003-04's 6.5 percent increases. The 2001-02 and 2002-03 increases were 7 percent.

Ordinance changes focus of proposal

Jenkins and Luecke in attendance at event

By KELLY MEEHAN
Assistant News Editor

The sometimes-strained ties between Notre Dame and the greater South Bend community disappeared at the Robinson Community Learning Center's fifth anniversary celebration Friday evening.

The event brought out many members of the community, including University President Father John Jenkins and South Bend Mayor Steven Luecke, to commemorate the work of the Center's volunteers and reflect upon how the Robinson Center has strengthened the University-community bond.

The Center opened in South Bend community members gather in the Robinson Community Learning Center for its fifth anniversary Friday.
Lessons learned

After three and a half years of class presentations and journalism interviews, a room full of elementary school kids shouldn't have fazed me, right? Nevertheless, I found myself quite nervous Thursday as I drove toward Nuner Primary Center in Mishawaka. My friend Becky, student teacher in a fourth-grade classroom there, thought I would be a good addition to her lesson on newspapers. In other words, I was the guest expert. Now, I would like you to stretch your memory back to your own elementary school days when there was a classroom visitor. Remember how wise your teacher was? Your friend Becky, a couple of the students had started their own stage actress with a tape recorder and audience. A couple of the students had started their own newspaper, but I'm not talking about in a long time. I was so excited.

What I was most concerned about, however, was not being grown-up or impressive. I was terrified of being boring. I had an image of glazed-over eyes staring back at me, or worse yet, heads resting on desks. I didn't want to be yet another reason why kids told their parents their day at school was fun.

After the students filed in from lunch, settled in their chairs and turned expectantly to me, I launched into my "journalism is exciting" spiel, I told them all about working for The Observer, strolling sources around campus and laying out pages until God-awful hours of the morning. After a few minutes I felt myself relax. Maybe I could teach them something interesting about the newspaper business. I certainly believed everything I was saying. Journalism is exciting, and the hard work is rewarding. Further, I had forgotten about the hyperactive energy and the overactive curiosity of the average fourth-grader. After every sentence I uttered, hands shot up in response. Many of the questions were quite smart and made me consider things that I had not thought about in a long time. Once or twice I called on students only to have them forget what they were going to say because they were so excited. Other times the response had absolutely nothing to do with the topic of conversation. A couple of the students had started their own newspaper and they provided me with a surprise.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable afternoon. I got the chance to see my chosen career path and gave me the opportunity to get excited about my future.

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OFFBEAT

Poll aims to find the best - kept bathrooms

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. - Call it the Toilet Bowl. A bathroom supply company sponsoring an online poll aimed at finding America's best bathroom has narrowed the field to five sparkling-clean, sweet-smelling public restrooms.

A Michigan bistro, a Rhode Island seafood house, a New York wine port and an Ohio restaurant are the finalists in the contest, which will name a winner in April based on the number each receives in admittedly nonscientific online voting.

"It's a big compliment, surprisingly," said contest organizer Jessica Bensten. "People get really excited." Sponsored by Cincinnati-based Cintas Corp., manufacturer of Sanis restroom supplies, the America's Best Restroom contest was started in 2001 to spotlight businesses that maintain "exceptional hygiene, with style" in their restrooms. Nominations can be made by anyone, and about 30 are received annually, she said.

Conn. man tries to sell holy hardware on eBay

MANCHESTER, Conn. Thomas Halsey was unloading supplies for his job at Hardy's Hardware when he said something odd caught his eye: the face of Jesus Christ on a piece of sheet metal. Now, Halsey and a co-worker are hawking the holy hardware on eBay, hoping potential bidders will agree that the blurry oil stain on the sheet metal does, indeed, resemble Jesus.

"I mean, it hasn't done anything miraculous as of yet, but seeing it is kind of groovy," said Halsey, 23. "Just seeing it brightens people's day." Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Saint Mary’s alumnae share service experience in Ghana

By MEGAN O’NEIL
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When a classmate approached Leah Gillock at lunch one day during her senior year at Saint Mary’s to ask if she was interested in doing service work in Ghana, Gillock expressed interest, never expecting the trip would actually take place.

But Claire Higgins, who proposed the idea, had already started using her connections from the College’s “Friends with Sisters” program to explore options for the two women.

“Prior to my junior year of college, I felt this calling to go to Africa and ever since, I was thinking there has to be a way for me to go to Africa after graduation,” Higgins said at an slideshow presentation at St. Joseph’s House on campus Saturday. Higgins originally intended to travel to Uganda, but after working with Sr. Madeline Theresa, coordinator of the international service office for the Sisters of the Holy Cross, “everything fell into place” and she and Gillock decided they would finance their own trip to live and work with Sisters of the Holy Cross in Kasoa, Ghana.

After graduating in May 2005, the pair began to read up on Ghanaian history and to research social and political issues. They made ambitious goals for the trip and collected “loads and loads” of school supplies to distribute, Gillock said.

“Claire and I had gotten together and talked about things we could possibly do when we get there,” Gillock said.

When Higgins and Gillock arrived at St. Martha’s Catholic Church and Basic School in September and saw how bad the situation was for Ghanaian children seeking an education, they found themselves modifying their “radical notions,” Gillock said.

The two women spent their three-month trip living in community with the Sisters and teaching English at St. Martha’s. Higgins said her class of 90 students was noisy and often difficult to control. Ages and abilities varied within the class and physical constraints often required children to leave school for varying periods of time.

Physical discipline was the norm at St. Martha’s, Higgins and Gillock said.

Higgins described how she tried to quiet her class by asking for their attention, with little success.

“One of the little girls came up to me and was like, ‘They’re not going to respect you unless you came down,’” Higgins said.

Another time students were told to bring machetes — a household item in Ghana — to school to help weed, Gillock said.

Those who didn’t work were lined up outside of the building and raced on both sides of their hands.

All students in Ghana, those attending both religious and government-run schools, wear uniforms and are also required to shave their heads.

“They were times [at the beginning] unless they were wearing earrings I couldn’t tell if they were girls or boys because when they were sitting down you couldn’t tell if they were wearing skirts or pants,” Higgins said.

Higgins and Gillock also traveled to different regions in Ghana and visited various schools, many of which were in much better shape than St. Martha’s. Despite rich natural resources, the country’s infrastructure remains very poor, Gillock said. Roads are in disrepair and there are few economic opportunities even for the educated.

One of the most powerful images Higgins and Gillock showed was of a mountainous garbage heap called the “bulls.”

“It is very sad,” Gillock said. “It is this huge land fill that cows walk on and defecate on ... and there are also children playing on it and trying to collect things.” The pair said their fair skin and light hair often attracted attention.

“Ghanainas would come up to us and touch us, touch our skin and touch our hair because it was something new, something different,” Gillock said.

Higgins called the trip a “humbling experience” and said she came to realize that before one can change the world they first must change themselves.

“It was just an awesome, incredibly wonderful experience,” Gillock said.

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Saint Mary’s alumnae Claire Higgins, left, and Leah Gillock describe their three-month experience teaching English at St. Martha’s School in Kasoa, Ghana.

COMPASSION FOR AMERICA’S POOR:
What Happens When God and Government Mix?

Presentation by Jim Towey
Director, White House Office for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

Tuesday, February 28, 2006
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"I am grateful for the many relationships that have been developed here at Robinson Center." Steven Luecke South Bend Mayor

"There is something special about a child when he or she has just presented to them," Shelly Williams said. "Everyone at the Robinson Center is unique and incredible in their own way. I'm simply blessed with the ability to walk into the Robinson Center and help children learn."

Shelly Williams also said she sees the center as a place where the community and University merge into one.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Hamas looks for truce with Israel

Gaza City, Gaza Strip — The Palestinian prime minister said Sunday that Hamas is interested in a long-term truce with Israel but has no intention of seeking a formal peace agreement that would recognize the Jewish state.

Also on Sunday, Israel’s acting foreign minister said Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas is not relevant” because of the election victory by the militant group Hamas.

Israel and the U.S. consider Hamas, winner of January’s Palestinian elections, a terror group. Hamas has denied the existence of a Jewish state in the Middle East and has sent dozens of suicide bombers into Israel, killing hundreds.

65 missing miners considered dead

SAN JUAN DE SABINAS, Mexico — A 1-year-old child, found in a roll of quarters at a thrift store, led investigators to a coal mine where 65 missing miners considered dead, alone, “thru a tomb,” Salinas said.

Investigators believe a domestic dispute led to the shooting at Zion Hope Missionary Baptist Church about 11 a.m., said Second Deputy Police Chief James Tate.

A year ago, the same woman, whose identity remains a mystery, shot her husband, was hit in the head by a backshot pellet, Tate said. Police didn’t know she was pregnant when the woman was shot.

As the gunman fled the church, he critically shot a man trying to protect his wife from a carjacking attempt, officials said.

FBI tests: UT substance not ricin

AUSTIN — The FBI determined a powdery substance found in a roll of quarters at a university-owned Pro Shops draws more retailers to its campus.

The FBI tests did not identify the substance, but they came back negative for the poison that is extricated from caster beans, said San Antonio FBI spokesman Rene Salinas.

There were no proteins in there to indicate it was in fact ricin, Salinas said.

He said it was unlikely further testing would be done.

LOCAL NEWS

Bass Pro Shops draws more retailers

Cracker Barrel and Longhorn Steakhouse restaurants have been the first two spinoff developers to follow the Springfield, Mo.-based retailer’s lead and sign on to build stores at AmeriPlex at the Port business park, said Tim Healy, senior vice president of Holladay Properties, which owns the park.

AFGHANISTAN

Rioting prisoners seize control

KABUL — Summary executions of prisoners took place at the Pulicharki prison during the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and that Taliban seized control of much of the facility in an uprising that officials blamed on al-Qaida and Taliban militants.

Local media reported several people were killed and dozens injured. But it appeared security forces had yet to gain access to parts of the jail under prisoners’ control, so officials could not confirm reports of casualties. One official said at least four inmates were injured.

Gunshots occasionally rang out as troops tried to keep the prisoners bottled up. Officials said the rioters did not have any firearms but had armed themselves with small knives and clubs fashioned from wrecked furniture.

Smoke could be seen curling out of some cell windows and was apparently set fire to bedding and mattresses.

Government negotiators late Sunday suspended talks to end the standoff at the notorious Pulicharki jail, which later this year is slated to receive dozens of Afghan inmates from U.S. military’s Guantanamo prison.

The riot broke out late Saturday night. Two inmates escaped the prison, which houses about 1,300 of the 2,000 inmates. Officials said the violence began when inmates refused to put on new uniforms, which were ordered after seven Taliban prisoners escaped last month by disguising themselves as visitors.

Officials said some 350 al-Qaida and Taliban loyalists were among the inmates in that block. A Taliban spokesman accused them of inciting the other prisoners, mostly common criminals.

He said no inmates escaped from the prison block but guards had been forced to back up the riot.

The Afghan army said it deployed 800 soldiers around the prison. Along with NATO peacekeepers, they parked about at least 10 tanks and armored personnel carriers outside the gates.

“We have surrounded the jail. There’s no way to escape,” Mohammed Qasim Hashimzai, deputy justice minister, said.

Hashimzai, who was part of a government delegation that came to negotiate with the prisoners, said at least four inmates had been hurt.

He said about 100 of the rioters from Block Two had taken control of the neighboring wing of the jail housing about 70 women.

Another senior government official, who would speak only on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter, said prisoners had dug a tunnel to the women’s wing — explaining how they had managed to infiltrate it.

Netherlands

UN to consider genocide charges

THE HAGUE — Generals and politicians have been convicted of genocide, but the U.N.’s high court will consider today whether a nation in this world can be guilty of humanity’s worst crime.

The stakes potentially include billions of dollars and history’s judgment.

Thirteen years after Bosnia filed the case with the International Court of Justice, its lawyers will lay out their lawsuit against Serbia and Montenegro — the successor state for the defunct Yugoslavia — charging it with a premeditated attempt to destroy Bosnian Muslim population, in whole or part.

"Not since the end of the Second World War and the revelations of the horrors of Nazi Germany’s ‘Final Solution’ has Europe witnessed the utter destruction of a people, for no other reason than they belong to a particular national ethnic, racial, and religious group as such,” said the lawsuit’s opening paragraph, drafted for the Bosnian government by American lawyer Francis A. Boyle.

It is one of the most complex and far-reaching rulings ever sought from the tribunal, also known as the world court. Arguments are scheduled to take six weeks, and it likely will be a year before the 16 judges deliver their verdict.
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in recent years a LaFortune as chair, the Committee was selected from a coalition of students drawn from student government — will help bring 'more voices' into the discussion.

"The push for student involvement grew organically, if you will, and was shared by all of us," Gude said. "The Committee became heavily involved in reorganizational programming around the campus, and was interested in anything else," Gude said. "There was no breathing space for the creative energy that had marked the Committee's work in its earlier years. Yet there was such energy elsewhere on campus. It just seemed like a good idea to sit down and create a mechanism for connecting our gay and lesbian students." Poorman, who sits on the Committee along with Gude, Director of Campus Ministry and Notre Dame's First Year Advisor Richard Warner and St. Edward's rector Father Tom Eckert, said he has attended most of the group's meetings this academic year. He said while the "serious considerations" to restructure were discussed during the past four to five meetings, the Committee is not completely new.

"Most of the discussion has been in the works for a while," Poorman said. Poorman said University President Father John Jenkins, who attended a Standing Committee meeting last semester, was briefed on the restructuring and would "comfortable" with the changes.

"Since the creation of the Standing Committee in 1996 and the adoption of our 'Spirit of Inclusion' resolution, Notre Dame has sought to better address the needs of our gay, lesbian and bisexual students within the parameters of Catholic teaching," Poorman said in a statement Friday. "I am grateful for the dedicated work of committee members past and present, and with the evolution of this new council, I am excited about this important step in the future.

Gude said it was "hard to say" what the long-term impact of the change would be.

"Better communication, certainly, by those interested in issues facing the gay community, the students and faculty, and those interested in the be leaders on given events," she said.

The Standing Committee was created in 1996, emerging from a resolve of campus debate. In January 1995, the Office of Student Affairs banned the unofficial student group Gay and Lesbian Student Alliance (GLSA) and Saint Mary's G.L.N.D. (SMCN) from meeting on campus. The decision sparked a clamor across and beyond campus, eventually leading to a student referendum. Then-VP President of Student Affairs Patricia O'Hara released an open letter on March 6, 1995 establishing the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs in order to "move beyond the painful polemics that have characterized the discussion in recent years."

The committee was given standing status the following year. Since the Committee's formation, Poorman said the group has worked directly on issues affecting gay, lesbian and bisexual students: hall staff programs, CommUnity sessions for freshmen, the Network program to help students find "safe spaces," coffee hours and events surrounding Solidarity Day and the annual Coming Out Day. "Part of the impetus for this restructure is we really would like to broaden our sources for this [program]" Poorman said.

Thomson, a senior, who has served on the Standing Committee for three years, said she "has a greater desire" for change among students during the past few years.

But she said there has always been a need for greater student involvement on and with the S t a n ­ d ­ i n g Committee. "[Students] are the ones that really touch what needs to be done," she said.

Thomson said she hoped the restructuring would result in greater communication between campus groups, students and the administration. "I'm very excited about the changes," she said. "I think it will lend to a more effective group and help connect the Standing Committee to the rest of the campus."

Andy Magee, a senior who has served on the Standing Committee for two years, said recent campus discussions surrounding topics such as the former Queer Film Festival and the unrecognized gay/lesbian student group AllianceND made restructuring necessary.

"There's a lot that's happened on campus in the past few years regarding gay and lesbian students, and a lot of times it seems the Committee has been behind a bit," Magee said.

While Magee said he did not think the Standing Committee's efforts to win official club recognition from the University administration, he believes it will provide an outlet for the unofficial group.

"Ideally under this new system they'll be able to say, 'Hey, can you help us with this?' . . . The idea is that a student group that wants to do programming [can work through the Council]," he said.

Magee, who is pursuing a dual degree, will maintain his position with the Committee next year at least. A junior who has been appointed to the Committee includes Thomson, who will graduate, and Gude, who will retire after the spring semester. Eckert said he planned to keep his seat on the Council. Warner will not be available for comment Sunday.

While there is not a specific timeframe for the restructuring, Poorman said he hopes to accept applications this spring from students interested in sitting on the Council. The next step is to elect a student co-chair.

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Relations

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what measures were taken to stop the problem that first occurred, or allowing landlords to pass their fine onto tenants.

The tension between students and South Bend has been represented in the back-and-forth debate between Baron, and Assistant City Attorney Ann Carol Nash since the summer. While neither side has shifted positions, Baron said student government's appearance at today's Common Council meeting will be important considering the need to push for a student voice.

"Our attendance at the Council over the summer was important," Baron said, referring to his, off-campus president Matt Wormanston and several senators' presence at June and July meetings discussing the proposed amendment. "It was a learning experience for us as student leaders, to see how they were about concentrating on these matters. This seems like a natural step to take, to give our perspective on the way it has played out for students.

The six presenters will be student body vice president Lizzi Shappell, Community Relations committee member Shawn Finlen, Community Relations committee chair Nick Guzman, Judicial Council president James Leito, Wormanston and Baron. "Hopefully, they [Common Council members] will engage us beyond the meeting," Baron said. "That's, I think, the best-case sce-

nario."

But Baron also hopes the presentation will help a new tradition take root—to have student government play a "participatory role" in South Bend.

"This would be the beginning of student participation at Common Council meetings, which I think is a more feasible goal," he said.

And the fight won't end if the Common Council doesn't consider Senate's resolution, Baron said. "It would not be the end of this," Baron said. "At the same time we've been reaching out to the Council, we've reached out to landlords as well . . . to let them know they don't have to evict [student tenants]."

Baren said the presentation would also emphasize the efforts student government has taken to promote a healthier relationship between the Notre Dame and South Bend communities, such as the partnership with Transpox and community-relations letter to the student body passed by Senate on Nov. 9 that "addressed frankly there are some elitist attitudes" among Notre Dame students.

"[We want to show them] we're taking some initiatives in our own ranks," Baron said.

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**In Brief**

**Foiled attack increases oil futures**

WASHINGTON — Crude oil futures jumped 4 percent Friday after a thwarted attack on a massive oil facility in Saudi Arabia rattled a market already jittery about supply disruptions in Nigeria and Iraq's nuclear ambitions.

Saudi Arabia is the world's largest oil producer, with output of about 9.5 million barrels per day, or 11 percent of global consumption. The target of the attack, the Abqaiq oil complex in eastern Saudi Arabia, processes about two- thirds of the country's oil before it's exported.

Nineteen weapons-carrying drones attacked the heavily guarded facility but were foiled when guards opened fire, detonating the vehicles and killing the attackers, Interior Ministry spokesman Lt. Gen. Musnurk al-Turki told The Associated Press. The vehicles exploded outside the first of three fences around the sprawling complex, al-Turki said.

Saudi oil minister Ali Naimi said the attack caused "a small fire" that was brought under control and that operations were not affected. But the attack heightened fears in world oil markets.

**Blackberry suit remains undecided**

RICHMOND, Va. — BlackBerry owners will have to wait longer to learn the fate of their wireless e-mail devices. A federal judge ended a hearing Friday without making a ruling on an injunction request.

Shares of BlackBerry's maker, Research In Motion Ltd. of Waterloo, Ontario, got a lift in after-hours trading following the court news as well as the second favorable decision this week from the U.S. Patent Office on the company's patents.

NTP Inc., a small patent-holding firm that successfully sued RIM for patent infringement, asked U.S. District Judge James R. Spencer to impose an injunction on the service with a 30- day grace period for the parties to work out the details.

The Arlington company also recommended that the judge immediately enjoin sales of new BlackBerry devices and award it an initial $126 million in damages. RIM has deposited at least $250 million in escrow, and NTP says that put of money should be reserved just in case new BlackBerry models infringe on its patents.

**Alternative remedies questioned**

**Sen. Rick Santorum**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — High profile publicized tragedies has shaken the No. 2 oil-producing state and an upward trend in drilling nation to the core. Anguished families are wondering what went wrong, politicians are wondering what the laws are, and labor leaders are asking why workers have largely passed them by.

But coal mine accidents in China, the world's top producer, kill an average of 16 workers a day.

"Overall, U.S. mine health and safety — it's still blantly true of the week," says Raja Ramani, a professor of mining engineering at Penn State University.

In many ways, experts say the U.S. coal industry is the model to emulate, with safety laws on the books, a federal agency charged with enforcing them and them and well-funded, health-oriented research. But a false sense of security may have set in as deaths plummeted — from 2,049 in 1970 to just 22 last year.

"With fewer people dying, coal companies had little reason to change what they were doing," says Larry Grayson, mining engineering professor at the University of Missouri-Rolla. "With no financial incentive, manufacturers of safety equipment had no motive to modernize."

And with little proof that emerging technology would even work, the main priority for most companies was to remain profitable.

"Opportunities to take advantage of the latest in safety technology were lost, from emerging underground communications systems and tracking devices to chambers where miners with no hope of escape could hunker down and await rescue."

"I truly believe that as an institution, we were lulled into thinking that we were improving," Grayson says. "Then all of a sudden, this sequence of events in January said, 'Wait a minute, you've got a problem.' It slammed everyone right between the eyes."

The wake-up call could have come Sept. 23, 2001, when 13 men died in an underground explosion at the Jim Walter Resources No. 5 mine in Alabama, but then, attention was still focused on the terrorist attacks that had claimed thousands of lives in New York and at the Pentagon.

"The headline wasn't buried this time," says Grayson, chairman of a newly formed National Mining Association committee charged with making safety-technology recommendations for the industry.

Until Jan. 2, few people thought about the 42,000 U.S. miners who work underground, digging coal to produce half the nation's electricity. But that day, an explosion at Interroyal through the Sago Mine trapped a crew of 13 hundreds of feet underground. Twelve men died, and the one survivor must learn to walk and talk again.

The television satellite trucks had barely left West Virginia when a second accident killed two miners in a conveyor belt fire at Aracoma Coal's Alma No. 1 mine. Days later, two more men died in separate accidents.

Now, for the third time in a century, tragedy in West Virginia could reshape regulations.

The deadliest accident in U.S. mining history occurred Dec. 6, 1907 in Monongah, when an explosion killed 361 men. It was one of several that year and helped prompt Congress to act on President Theodore Roosevelt's call for creation of the U.S. Bureau of Mines.

For years, millions of Americans have spent billions of dollars on alternative remedies with unproven effects. Now, rigorous science is starting to test those treatments, and many are finding mixed results.

Last week, major government-funded research indicated that two widely popular arthritis pills, glucosamine and chondroitin, did no better thandummy pills at relieving mild arthritis pain.

Earlier this month a study revealed negative results for saw palmetto to treat prostate problems; last July, dittos for echinacea and the common cold.

Those followed similar disappointments for St. John's wort to treat major depression, and powdered shark cartilage for some cancers.

Yet despite the U.S. government's multi-billion-dollar investment to scientifically scrutinize a little regulated $20 billion-a-year industry, the big question is, do the results really matter when so many consumers swear by these remedies?

"I'll wrangle anybody who says it's no good," Carl Haupt, 79, says of glucosamine and chondroitin, pills he credits with helping him resume mountain hiking, a hobby he quit seven years ago because of arthritis pain.

Haupt spends about $25 monthly on the pills. Debilitating pain returned when he quit taking them once, and he said the government's results won't change his mind.

"I wouldn't quit taking it again. I learned my lesson," Haupt said.

Even the researchers themselves, funded by the National Institutes of Health, say their results don't necessarily mean consumers are pouring their money down the drain.

"If someone tells me this is working for them, I'm not going to tell them not to use it," said Dr. Thomas Schneiter, a Northwestern University arthritis specialist and co-author of the glucosamine/chondroitin study.
Supporting Readership in a different way

I am writing in response to a letter submitted by Joe Brutto entitled "Supporting College Readerhip," Feb. 24 about supporting the College Readership Program. In it, he attacks the Club Coordination Council for supporting the College Readership Program and for providing "funds to a plethora of student run organizations, the majority of which no one cares about." First of all, I want Joe to tell the 1,088 student leaders of these organizations that no one cares about their organizations. Also, I want him to say that to these other 7,000 students that are involved in these organizations. The College Readership Program only provides newspapers for one in four students on this campus. The Club Coordination Council supports the College Readership Program in order to provide one of the few things that four of every students at Notre Dame have access to.

In addition, biased reporting has led many members of campus to believe that the Club Coordination Council is against the College Readership Program. This is completely false. Dave Baron, Student Body President, and Beth O'Shaughnessy, Club Coordination Council President, have been working closely together. Joe, you still need to find a new way to fund the College Readership Program.

The Club Coordination Council supports the College Readership Program. It is a great way to keep the student body informed of issues outside of the Notre Dame world. The Council is opposed to the cut in the money that will go toward campus clubs and organizations. Every year, students put their passion into creating new clubs and expanding existing ones. These clubs allow students to do many things they normally would not be able to do. They give students opportunities to compete in sports, perform in musicals, complete community service projects, increase awareness of world issues, learn about new cultures and increase their academic knowledge outside of the classroom.

In addition to improving life on campus, these clubs give students leadership and economic experiences for the real world. Cutting the hard percentage that the Club Coordination Council receives from the student government will affect the future of campus clubs and organizations. It will be harder for new clubs to be introduced to our campus and for existing ones to continue. The Club Coordination Council is looking for ways to fund the College Readership Program that will not take away from the few students. The amount of money that comes through this University, has to be an alternative.

In closing, I would like to encourage Joe to join to just one of the campus clubs that may remotely interest him. Since his money is already going toward the clubs that he will not use, the benefits for over 7,000 students at Notre Dame are already taking advantage of.

Mary Ann Jentz
Club Coordination Council
Service Division Representative
Senior Feb. 4
Letter to the Editor

I was deeply troubled by your coverage of the Notre Dame debate over whether to raise students’ pay. It is not a living wage debate - it is a conversation around how to pay for higher costs on campus. And, I believe, how to best use the dollars earned by our students.

I received a copy of the newspaper article and was particularly struck by the line - "It’s that it suggests a new way to do things."

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The Actors From the London Stage performed "The Merchant of Venice" this past weekend. The group has performed several other plays at Notre Dame.

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Assistant Scene Editor

Actors From the London Stage (AFTLS) performed William Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice" this weekend in the Decio Mainstage of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts (DPAC). The performance was a part of the Spring ArtsFest and also their regular appearance for the semester.

The play, which is one of Shakespeare's most controversial comedies, began with a brief prologue that introduced each character and how each actor was going to play him or her. This was an absolute necessity because each actor portrayed multiple characters, sometimes in the same scene. Their regular appearance for the DeBartolo Center's Spring ArtsFest and also part of their performance were AFTLS's "The Merchant of Venice," while classified as a comedy, has a frequently dark tone due to its subject matter and the play's villain, Shylock.

The performance was a remarkable display of the actors' impressive talent, especially in the way they were going to differentiate between characters.

The Actors From the London Stage version of the play ends on a disquieting note, as Shylock's daughter Jessica (Louise Yates), who has eloped with Lorenzo (Tim Hardy) learns of her father's fate. Though Shakespeare probably intended the play to end happily, the ending presented by AFTLS is darkly indefinite. While certainly affecting, this ending seems oddly inappropriate - "The Merchant of Venice" is, after all, a comedy, and an ambiguous ending is thus problematic.

"The Merchant of Venice" follows Bassanio (Christopher Staines), who needs a loan of 3,000 ducats to properly woo Portia (Isabel Pollen). He approaches his friend Antonio (Gregory Cox), whose fortune is invested in several merchant ships at sea. Antonio gets the loan from the Jewish moneylender Shylock (Tim Hardy).

Shylock bitterly hates Antonio, whom he feels has insulted him for being a Jew. Shylock agrees to the loan on the condition that if it is not fully paid within three months, the penalty is a pound of Antonio's flesh. Meanwhile, Jessica (Louise Yates) has eloped with Lorenzo (Tim Hardy), much to Shylock's chagrin.

For a comedy, "The Merchant of Venice" is often quite dark. While it has its share of funny moments, Shylock is a particularly unmerciful character, and his ultimate consequence still isn't fully deserved. Hardy's portrayal emphasizes the villain's unmerciful character. Shylock's decision to have a great time switching between male and female characters.

Additionally, the Actors From the London Stage version of the play ends with a hilarious scene as Arragon, whose comical misfortune was much deserved, and Pollen and Yates seemed to have a great time switching between male and female characters. The use of singing - the actors were sometimes in the audience and shifted between characters.

The Decio Mainstage was a good location for the performance. None of the actors used microphones but were still easily audible, even in the balcony. This gave the show a warm, personal feel, and the actors took full advantage of the stage. Most of the time, they sat on stage (even in scenes they were not in), which allowed them to "enter" and "exit" on cue.

Costuming and staging was minimal, as per the AFTLS standard. Most of the cast wore contemporary clothes (button down shirts and pants), but this wasn't necessarily a deterrent. Never once is "The Merchant of Venice" presented as a period piece, which instead allows the audience to concentrate on the poeticism of Shakespeare's writing and the skill of the actors. While the performance did rely on some key props, most of them were actually used to help differentiate between characters.

The Actors From the London Stage almost always put on a good show and "The Merchant of Venice" was no exception. Staines had a hilarious scene as Arragon, whose comic misfortune was much deserved, and Pollen and Yates seemed to have a great time switching between male and female characters.

The use of singing - the actors were excellent singers, especially Hardy, who has a background in opera - and brief musical interludes gave the play's welcome added dimension.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Gentleman's Agreement' powerful but dated

By ANALISE LIPARI
Scene City

The world in which director Elia Kazan's "Gentleman's Agreement" takes place is strikingly different from the world in which the subject matter deals with the issue of anti-Semitism in American and world culture. Kazan used the experience of using the ever-gentlely Gregory Peck, to tackle this issue head-on, with strength and subtlety, but the film suffers from being dated by its subject matter.

Peck stars as Skylar Green, a subdued but passionate magazine writer, who recently moved to California with his wife and small child, having fled from the anti-Semitism in his mother's New York. Green's latest assignment is to write a piece on anti-Semitism in America, and decides to live undercover as a Jew in order to get a fresh new angle on what he calls "the subject tumbled with statistics. He tries to use the experiences he gains firsthand by claiming his mother's maiden name, and the results are rather striking.

What hurts the film as its ups are the subject matter itself. While for a modern audience the subject feels somewhat stale, it was one more relevant to Peck and his costars. The issue of anti-Semitism is less prevalent today, and this lack of relevancy hurts the film's potency. The issue was undoubtedly important when it came out, since it was chosen as Best Picture at the Oscars.

The film is to be commended, however, for the tackling of a complex and difficult issue as such a pivotal time in American history. Examining prejudice and anti-Semitism was truly groundbreaking for its film's true strength. Peck's episodes of encountering anti-Semitism, however, are less prevalent and not enough to make up for the picture.

It is during the smaller incidences of prejudice that the depth of the issue comes to light, and Kazan directed these moments beautifully.

One of the film's strongest moments is when Green's young son Tommy (Dean Stockwell) comes upon his mother, Groen's experiment, impacting even his own faults in the filmmaking.

The issue was undoubtedly one of the strong suits of the film, but the performance was less prevalent in the film's final moments, as its custom, for its tackling of a complex and serious subject, is strikingly deep and truly felt.

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Fiestang mixes modern, traditional in entertaining way

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Writer

Taking a cue from the comedic film "Dude, Where's My Car?" Notre Dame's Filipino American Student Organization put on the first Fiestang show of the year in the annual Fiestang show this past Saturday. Dubbed "Dude, Where's My Jeepney?" Fiestang XII featured a highly entertaining program including song, dance, and comedy, all with a delicious traditional Filipino dinner.

The plot of "Where's My Jeepney?" revolves around Alexis (played by Michelle Aquino), who broke up with her boyfriend Ryan (Lon Robinson). After encountering Dante (Vinny Nguyen), a smooth customer with less-than-reputable intentions, Alexis is completely oblivious to the affections of Justin (Angelo Garabac), a genuinely good guy who is not-so-secretly in love with her. Camillo (played by Andrew Gilmore) was the rakish as Quentlin, Dante's best friend. Ryan Nguyen played Eva, Quentlin's girlfriend.

As the play progresses, Justin and Dante both vie for Alexis's heart. In the vein of "Dude, Where's My Car?", the two friends are forced to drive around in a jeepney, rivaling that of Ashten Kutcher and Sean William Scott.

After a heated exchange, the two face off in an epic round of kathkatips matched only by the Bengali Bouts held across campus in the JACC. Although Justin loses the fight — in hilarious fashion — Dante is the one who gets "puck'd," as Justin gets the girl and improves the film, instead of saying that he isn't really Jewish.

The evening wasn't all fun and games. In addition to the musical performance by FASO club president Johanna Sison, "Dude, Where's My Jeepney?" featured a highly entertaining program including song, dance, and comedy, all with a delicious traditional Filipino dinner.

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After the conclusion of the traditional segment, the show took a turn for the modern — and became more risqué — with a modern couples dance, choreographed by Tony Nguyen, Park, and Lam. The performance was scintillating enough to steam up even the normally drab Stepans Center.

Much to the delight of the many ladies in the audience, the couples sequence was followed by a guys dance, choreographed by Chris Udoh. The show concluded with a modern girls dance, choreographed by Ashley Covington, which was a hit. The performance was scintillating enough to steam up even the normally drab Stepans Center.

Over 300 people in attendance, Fiestang XII was a smashing success. For those who didn't make it out to the Stepans Center, there's always a chance to catch next year's Fiestang.

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Irish fencing behind Buckeyes comes true

BY JACOBY LINDSLEY
Sports Writer

It’s a little known fact, but earlier this season, Notre Dame’s fencing coach Jim Kubinski had the Buckeyes on his radar. He knew they were a team to watch.

“I think we could’ve done better,” Montoya said. “And from this season, we’re much better off than we were last year with 11 fencers qualified, and Ohio State will struggle to get 10.”

Sterns said the team has come a long way this season. "We’re going to be facing the same people next weekend, so it’s good to fence them now so we can adjust how we practice for them and prepare for next weekend," Sterns said.

“If we can get up to our A-game, I think we can beat anyone in the country,” Kubinski said. “Kubinski feels that the Irish are capable of competing with the best in the country.”

While Notre Dame has been able to best some of the higher ranked teams this year, Kubinski said the team is working on getting to the next level. "We played B-golf during the fall season and still finished in the top six in all our tournaments," he said. "If we can get up to our A-game, I think we can beat anyone in the country.”

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Men’s Golf

Golfers ready to swing away at Lexus Naples Intercollegiate

BY JOE QUINN
News Writer

Four months ago, the Notre Dame men’s golf team was disqualified from the CordeValle Collegiate. But today, the Irish kick off the spring season when they travel to Naples, Fla. to take part in the Lexus Naples Intercollegiate.

The Irish, ranked No. 46 in the country according to Golfweek’s/Maclean’s Performance Index, are excited to get back to competition.

"We’ve been hitting balls in Lotus since January, but I think the guys are excited to get back out there," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said, who is entering his second full year as Irish head coach. While some might worry about rust after such a long lay-off, Kubinski feels his team is ready to go.

"We’ve had a few guys spend some time out in Arizona (over Christmas break), and we also had the Alumni match down in Sarasota, Fla. which helped a lot," Kubinski said.

"If the Irish can knock off the rust from the month and a half it should bode well for the 2006 spring season. Although they’re ranked just No. 46 in the country, the Irish feel they have Top 20 potential.

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**WINTER OLYMPICS — TURIN**

Fireworks explode during the circus-themed closing ceremony of the 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Turin, Italy, Sunday, Feb. 26. The next winter Olympics will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada in 2010.

### Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Turin's Olympics, a topsy-turvy mix of marvels and misadventures, ended appropriately with a closing-ceremony Carnevale — a circus-like celebration full of clowns and acrobats, vibrant and often dream-like.

Fireworks, confetti and pulsating ballads filled the air. At one point, a winged snowboarder hovered high above ground, as if by magic. Some athletes wore red clown noses Sunday night as they swarmed across the huge stage of Olympic Stadium, waving jubilantly in a backdrop of bouncy Italian song. Many of the 35,000 spectators donned devil and angel masks in a closing ceremony disordering as the annual Carnevale festival celebrated across Italy this weekend.

Italy had an extra reason to celebrate — a brand-new national hero as headline of the first-ever medal ceremony included in a Winter Games' closing festivities. After an Olympics that often lacked star power, Italy's Giorgia di Centa filled the void with a final-day victory in the 50-kilometer cross-country race.

The crowd erupted in cheers and waved a sea of tiny Italian flags as di Centa and his fellow medallists strode to the podium. Helping bestow the medals was di Centa's sister, Manuela, an International Olympic Committee member and former cross-country medalist herself.

Before declaring the games closed, IOC president Jacques Rogge described the Turin Olympics as "truly magnificent."

"You have succeeded brilliantly in meeting your challenges," he told organizers. "Grazie, Torino."
ND SOFTBALL

Irish pitch way to a 3-1 record in Invitational

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame made an impressive turnaround this weekend, posting a 3-1 record on route to winning the Golden Panther Invitational at Florida International University.

The Irish saw the rise of a definite leader in Senior pitcher Brian Bargar. Bargar, who had pitched only four and a half innings in Las Vegas the previous weekend, flashed signs of brilliance this weekend, winning both games of the tournament with an 8-4 triumph over Penn State at the University of Miami, and giving the second installment of the Desert Classic a 3-1 record since April 9, with the Panthers outscoring the host team, 1-0.

Although the Bulls stymied Irish batters, allowing only three hits and five walks, Bargar was dominant against Buffalo. The only run of the day came in the bottom of the third, with two runners on base and two outs, when Brittany Glynn faked a bunt for home on a dropped ball, sparking a pick-off attempt from Bulls catcher Lacy Schiedler. Schiedler's throw was off the bag, and Glynn scored easily from third.

This run would prove to be all that was needed for Bargar, who allowed only four hits and three walks against eight strike-outs in the complete game victory. In fact, after a double by Lauren Picciano in the first inning, no Buffalo runner made it to second base against Bargar.

The Irish also boasted the tournament's MVP, pitcher Brian Bargar. Booth won the two middle games of the three-game tournament on an ERA of 0.58 and 19 strike-outs while surrendering only eight total hits. Booth teamed up with All-East Big-Ig pitcher, showed a return to form in Miami this weekend, most notably in his first start against the host team, FLU.

The Irish continued winning on Saturday morning against Memphis 4-1, again featuring Booth's arm and Notre Dame's bats. Booth surrendered only one run in his first start while also striking out 10 in her second complete game victory of the tournament.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Nittany Lions overpowered by Kemp, tenacious defense

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The Irish established themselves as a powerhouse this weekend with wins over No. 20 BYU and No. 51 Wisconsin at the Kett Tennis Fields. No. 7 Notre Dame remained undefeated and improved its record to 9-0 this year — one win short of the all-time school record. Not only did the Irish defeat tough opponents, but they also averted their losses to both of the programs from last season.

"I'm really excited, because we have never been a Top 10 team since my freshman year," senior Kiki Nastasi said. "I'm thrilled with this experience. It is a whole new confidence, and we feel like we can beat anybody."

In their 6-1 win over the Badgers, the Irish began the contest by capturing the doubles point with wins at Nos. 2 and 3. However, the original lineup for the Irish was altered when junior Carina Thompson had to pull out due to a wrist injury.

"There's no way to play a little short-handed today, because Carina had some wrist problems," coach Jay Louderback said. "But everybody stepped up." Playing at No. 2 for Notre Dame were seniors Stacy Joy and and captain Lauren Connelly, who topped Wisconsin's duo of Elizabeth Carpenter and Chelsea Nussock 8-3. The pairing stands at 9-0 in dual action play.

Following at No. 3 for the Irish was the now-pairing of freshman Katie Potts and junior Christian Thompson. The duo downed the Badger's Morgan Tuttle and Lexi Goldin 8-1.

"It was a tough deal, because Christian has never played with anyone except for her sister," Louderback said. "But it gave [Potts] good experience to play with Christian, because [Thompson] is a good doubles player."

This only loss in doubles for the Irish came at No. 1 from the No. 29 duo of sophomore Brook Buck and freshman Kelcy Teff. Wisconsin's No. 10 team of Caitlin Burke and Lorraine Beek defeated the Irish pair 8-7 (7-1).

In singles, No. 32 Christian Thompson fell to Wisconsin's No. 24 Caitlin Burke 6-4, 6-4 in her debut at No. 1.

Following at No. 2 was Buck, who topped Beek 6-1, 6-1. The win improved Buck's season record to 11-6.

Teff played at No. 3 for the Irish with a 6-1, 6-3 win over Nussock. Stastny played at No. 5 for Notre Dame against the Badger's Carpenter and rallied to a 6-3, 4-6, 1-0 (11-9) win at No. 4.

"It was a rollercoaster, because she would be on a roll with four amazing winners," Stastny said. "So it was hard to stay in control, because you didn't know what to expect."

Following at No. 5 was Potts, who defeated Wisconsin's Erin Jone 6-1, 6-1. Competing at No. 6 for the Irish was Connelly, who downed Tuttle 6-1, 6-0.

After Sunday's win over Wisconsin, Louderback was impressed with the team's performance in singles points this season.

"Our doubles has been good, but it is our singles that have gotten the job done in every match all season," Louderback said.

No. 7 Notre Dame 5, No. 20 BYU 4
The Irish went out to a strong start against the Cougars, sweeping the doubles matches.

"It was a huge boost," Stastny said. "Once you have the doubles point, you have a lot more momentum. Our goal this season is to be undefeated in doubles."

The Thompson twins played at No. 1 for the team and finished first as they topped BYU's Anastasia Southwick and Jennifer Miccoli 8-3.

Following at No. 2 were Buck and Teffl, who defeated the Cougars' Alga Boulycheva and Sofia Holden 6-1, 6-4.

Playing in the third position for Notre Dame were Connelly and Stastny, who downed BYU's Dolly Potts 6-4, 6-3.

"We are all really steady [in doubles], and we all have the experience to perform," Stastny said. "[Our teams] are good and deep."

In singles, No. 27 Carina Thompson was first off the court with a 6-1, 6-3, 6-0 win over No. 17 Boulycheva at No. 1. Playing at No. 2 was Carina Thompson, who topped Jones 6-4, 6-2.

Buck followed Thompson on the line with a 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-5) loss to Southwick at No. 3.

The bottom half of the line-up closed out the match in two-set wins at Nos. 3, 4, and 5.

Teff, playing fourth in the line-up, defeated Holden 6-1, 6-4.

Teff's win improved the Irish pair 8-7 (7-1). The victory came in a match played as she downed Miccoli 6-3, 6-4.

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BASEBALL

Service Academies Classic proves tough test for ND nine

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Notre Dame lost two of three games in the Service Academies Classic in Millington, Tenn. this weekend.

After beating Indiana State in a non-tournament game Thursday, the Irish (2-2) topped Air Force Friday, but fell to Memphis Saturday and Oklahoma Sunday, losing late-inning leads in both games.

"I think we really played good baseball," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "It's a shame we were able to come away with a 2-2 record. We played well enough to win all four games.

Oklahoma 4, Notre Dame 3
Junior right-hander Jeff Manshaupt took the mound for the Irish and gave up just two runs in five innings, but the Sooners scored two runs in the second after a throwing error by first baseman Mike Dury opened the door for Oklahoma.

Dury bit a three-run homer in the fifth to give Notre Dame a 3-2 lead over the Sooners after Charlie Calufield's two-run blast off Manshaupt in the third put Oklahoma about 2-0 back.

But after Irish southpaw relief pitcher Sam Ham hit fellow Kevin Smith on a 3-2 count in the seventh, Mainieri brought in the right-handed Jerr Stewart to face the Sooners' Joseph Hughes.

"We had to have Jeff Manshaupt out of the game, because we didn't have many options," Mainieri said.

Hughes dropped down a routine sacrifice bunt along the first-base line, but stopped halfway to the bag. Dury hesitated to tag, and the speedy centerfielder sprinted down the line. Dury then overthrew Auran Boza, who was covering second base, and the ball was hit into a double that nobody. Stastny's two-out hit scored Hughes and brought on a third runner.

Stewart retired the next two batters on a strikeout and flyout, but surrendered a two-out, two-run homer to Matt Bransfield for the Sooners' only runs in the top of the seventh.

"When your pitchers make only two mistakes in the game, it's pretty good," Mainieri said.

The Irish pitchers struck out 13 Oklahoma batters but made the two big mistakes — the two-out double and the two-run homer.

"You make one out 13 batters, normally you're going to win the game, because you're dominant," Mainieri said. "The difference was, two of them were extra-base hits." Memphis 7, Notre Dame 6 (10 innings)
Pitch hitter Joie Libeerhan sent a two-run Homer over the fence for the hometown Memphis Tigers in the top of the tenth Saturday, and Notre Dame lost a game in which it had a 5-0 lead through five innings.

Southpaw sophomore Wade Korpi allowed just three hits and no runs in five innings, but the Tigers clipped away at the Irish lead in the final four frames to force extra innings.

Our starting pitching was out of this world," Mainieri said. "Because they were all on strict pitch counts, we had to pull them early in the game."

Will Petersen led the Memphis comeback, getting three hits, including the game-tying two-out double in the top of the ninth off freshman reliever Kyle Weinlind.

"It's tough losing any game, whether you're winning or losing it, any loss hurts," Mainieri said. "We always prided ourselves on winning the close ones."

Senior Matt Brasfield and third baseman Breit Lillie accounted for five of Notre Dame's seven hits in the game. Brasfield had three hits and two RBIs in a rare start in left field for the 6-foot-8 righty from Englewood, Colo., while Lillie went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and a walk out of the No. 2 hole.

Mainieri said the inconsistent hitting was the reason for the loss, which could have expected this early in the season.

"We were on base, we didn't swing the bat well," he said. "It's the result of not having a lot of clutch hits under our belt."

Notre Dame 8, Air Force 2
Behind the arm of 6-foot-5 right-hander Jeff Samardzija, Notre Dame grounded Air Force 8-2 Friday in the opening game of the Service Academies Classic. "I thought Jeff pitched exceptionally well," Mainieri said.

Samardzija allowed just one run on four hits in six innings of work, and the Irish bullpen held on for the win by the way that Samardzija won an 8-2 victory over Stanford in 2006.

Eight Irish batters collected hits, including two for second baseman Brian Reza, whose three-run homer in the eighth put the game out of reach.

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said. "We had to stick to our guns and keep doing what we're doing. It wasn't a case of the level being inadequate, it was a case of winning a close match. And we did."

The match outcome looked bleak after the doubles point, when the Irish (8-4) were swept by Ohio State.

"That's about as badly as we can play," Boylls said. "There was no energy and it wasn't a good sign. I'm glad (Ohio State) didn't change us for the lesson."

In the top spot, Ryan Keckley and Barry King fell first in an 8-2 decision to Scott Green and Soo Wilson. Green and Wilson hold the nation's No. 1 doubles ranking, while Keckley and King weigh in at No. 51.

Eric Langenkamp and Sheeva Paribah also lost 8-2 in the No. 2 spot, as Ohio State's Drew Eberly and Bryan Koniecko clinched the point for the Buckeyes.

Bren Hodges and Andrew Roth fought to avoid the sweep at No. 3, but ultimately fell 8-6.

"I had a few comments for them that weren't very flattering," Boylls said of his team's break between doubles and singles. "I think they realized it was put up or shut up."

No. 17 Stephen Bass was the first to put up a win in singles, tying the match at 1-1 by defeating No. 42 Devin Mullings in No. 1 singles. Boylls called his 6-2, 6-3 victory a "signature win" for the junior, who has now won six straight matches and is 13 in a row at home.

"Stephen Bass deserves a ton of credit," Boylls said. "Mullings is a tough little street fighter and Stephen just out-toughed him."

Hodges, who stands at No. 60 in the national rankings, was next off with a 6-3, 6-4 win at No. 3. The win was more impressive because the freshman — who is 11-0 at home — was still recovering from illness.

When Langenkamp won 6-3, 6-4 at No. 6, the Irish were one match away from clinching the win.

"Eric did an amazing job at not making many mistakes, but also being willing to step up in the court and take advantage of short balls," associate head coach Todd Doebler said. "Our team got a lot of momentum because he was able to get off the court."

Sophomore Paribah would clinch the match before raucous fans in a 1-6, 6-3, 6-3 win at No. 2 singles.

The crowd had gravitated towards Paribah and Keckley, both playing their third sets on adjacent courts in the Eck Pavilion.

"(Paribah) got a little light since he knew the match was on the line, but he got more aggressive and regained his composure," Doebler said.

The crowd remained to see Keckley, one of the team's most consistent wins in singles, post a win over Chris Kleinmanns 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

"I think the pressures off (after the match is clinched) but it’s hard to play because all the guys fight so hard for the team," Doebler said. "Ryan still wanted to close out that match, just because in the past we've had some really tough matches with Ohio State."

Keckley played at No. 4 for the first time with all the starters in the Irish lineup.

"It was a big step moving him up to four," Boylls said. "But, he's got a 10-1 record."

The Eck drew a strong crowd from both local residents and students, as this was the tennis team's designated Gold Game.

"It's nice to see that our guys can respond to the support we got," Boylls said.

The Irish return to action March 3 as the team travels to the Pacific Coast Doubles Tournament in La Jolla, Ca.

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...as the buzzer sounded.

"I thought we really showed our poise at the end, because we could have put our heads down and thought the game was over, but we came over, executed the play perfectly and saved a lot of character to come back from that with two seconds left," McGraw said. "And that's why I think we had the momentum going into overtime."

In overtime, Schrader opened the scoring with 1-of-2 free throws to give the Irish a 58-57 lead. She finished with 11 points in the game.

After Cincinnati's Michelle Jones made a layup to give the Bearcats the lead, Schrader scored again on a feed from Green to give the Irish a one-point lead.

With 2:04 left in overtime and the game tied at 62, LaVere converted on a three-point play that gave Schrader's assist.

"We wanted to get the ball inside, and Courtney did a great job down low," McGraw said.

Schrader hit a jumper with 1:26 remaining to extend the Irish lead to five, and Duffy connected on eight straight free throws in the final 42 seconds to seal the win for Notre Dame and finish with 17 points in the game.

"Megan as the free-throw line really iced the game for us," McGraw said.

Humphries was the star of the game for Cincinnati, shutting down Duffy on the defensive end most of the afternoon and putting up 14 points of her own. Humphries played the final six minutes with four fouls but held the senior All-American to just seven field goal attempts in regulation.

The Bearcats' deadliest threat from outside, freshman Shelly Bollman, made just 4-of-14 field goals, including 1-of-9 from three-point range. Cincinnati entered as the second best team in the conference from long range but hit just 5-of-20 from behind the arc against an oft-porous Irish zone.

Gaines finished with 14 points on 3-of-7 shooting from the floor and 6-of-9 from the line.

LaVere joined Duffy as the high-point scorer in the game, connecting on 8-of-11 field goals on route to her 17 points.

McGraw said a key in getting LaVere involved was the high-low passing the Irish utilized throughout the game to the Cincinnati defense.

"That's out of the Princeton offense, and we've run that pretty successfully throughout the year," she said. "Courtney's really good at the high post."

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combined goal advantage over the two-game set gave them the tiebreaker. The No. 8 seed in the CCHA Tournament, and most importantly, home-ice advantage in the first round next weekend.

The Irish and ninth-seeded Nanooks will meet again in best-of-three series Friday, Saturday and Sunday—if necessary—at the Joyce Center. The winner will advance to the second round of the tournament to take on one of the top seeds—Miami, Ohio, Michigan State, Michigan or Northern Michigan—who all earned opening round byes in the 12-team tournament.

The Irish scored three first-period goals Friday and were in control for most of the game. Notre Dame head coach Jeff Jackson said he was pleased with his team's focus after a long weekend.

"I've been a little concerned about our Friday night home games," Jackson said. "Sometimes, it's a little hard for them to refocus from school. Most of our guys have a pretty intense class schedule on Friday.

The Irish scored just 4:43 into the game as right wing Michael Bartlett found the back of the net for the second time this season. Defenseman Chris Trick broke his stick and skated toward the Irish bench. Bartlett jumped over the boards to replace him and found himself in perfect position to play the puck. The junior flipped a pass to center Erik Goeden and cut into the goal, where Oanda found him for the 1-0 lead.

A few minutes later, the Nanooks struck back. A turnover at center ice led to a Fairbanks breakaway and defensemen Stow Vanoostan planted the puck past Irish goalie Brian Brown from the left face-off circle.

Notre Dame answered at 13:06 and again at 17:55 with goals from its fourth line of Evan Rankin, Tony Gill and Garrett Bogan. Jackson said he was pleasantly surprised by the three players, who usually see less ice time than the first three lines.

"I've had those guys together before," Jackson said. "Garrett Bogan skates really well. Evan Rankin is a tenacious player who plays physical, and Tony Gill is pretty smart, so they work well together.

Bogan scored the first goal, flipping the puck from the severe angle behind and to the left of Nanook goalie Chad Johnson. The shot hit Johnson in the back and then rimmed off the post and into the net to give Notre Dame the lead.

Bogan, a freshman, added his third career goal a little under five minutes later when he punched a rebound of a Tyler Noon shot past Johnson.

That was all the action Johnson would see, as he was pulled in favor of sophomore Wylie Rogers for the remainder of the game. Rogers held the Irish scoreless until the third period, when right wing Tim Wallace scored at the 3:49 mark to put Notre Dame up 4-1.

As the game was winding down, a scruffle took place near the Nanook net which resulted in several penalties, including a game misconduct for Trick. Jackson said after the game he couldn't see what was going on but was surprised that the senior would be involved in an after-the-whistle melee.

"That's out of his nature," Jackson said. "He's not taken a penalty like that while I've been here.

Alaska-Fairbanks 2, Notre Dame 1

The Irish struggled to a 2-1 loss to the Nanooks on Saturday night with heavy playoff implications on the line.

Defenseman Tom Sawatske got the Irish an early lead with his goal only 1.24 into the first period. Notre Dame worked the puck into Alaska-Fairbanks' zone with a strong forecheck. The puck was sent to Bartlett on top of the left circle, who diddish the puck over to Sawatske on the right point. Sawatske sent towards the net and sent a low wrist shot into the net past Nanook goaltender Wylie Rogers just inside the right post for the 1-0 Irish lead.

Alaska-Fairbanks struck less than five minutes later and scored twice in a 48-second span, starting with a goal by left wing Aaron Lee at 6:10 of the first frame.

A neutral zone turnover by the Irish allowed Curtis Frazer to split through the Notre Dame defense. Frazer—with the Irish defense close behind—came down alone on Brown and attacked the left side of the net. Brown came out aggressively with a poke check and made the initial save, but the puck trickled through his pads into the middle of the crease. Lee batted the puck underneath the legs of Irish forward Josh Selha into an open net to tie the game at 1-1.

Notre Dame's answer came on an assist from Steve Wiendl and the Irish ended up with a 2-1 victory in double overtime.

The overtimes were played at 10:01 and 11:42 into the game. Notre Dame was able to get in on a man advantage on the second overtime period and went on to win.

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rushing specialists. I think that's what they're looking for when they go after a guy like Kerry Neal.

The only other school that offered Neal a scholarship was Wake Forest. Neal said Duke and East Carolina were the only other schools to show substantial interest in him.

Frank said the limited number of offers does mean Neal is a mediocre recruit.

"He didn't have a lot of big-name offers, but he just started sending out a lot of film," Frank said.

"There are a lot of big-name players that are out there that Coach Weis hasn't offered yet, and he's being picky with who he's offering. And yet he watches (Neal's) film and feels compelled to call him first thing in the morning, that gives you an indication of how much potential he has," Frank said.

Frank said he expects Neal to stay firm in his commitment and call other schools to influence them to come to Notre Dame.

"I don't think he's the type of kid who will just commit and then back out, no way," Frank said. "I think he will be the kind of guy who will stick with his commitment.

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Irish fall flat in game they needed the most

It's time to stop making excuses and stop blaming what's wrong with Notre Dame. The Irish need to beat Marquette clean and simple. They need to win their remaining five games to give themselves a good shot at winning the Big East. What Notre Dame needs is a wake-up call. It's not the worst part. Given Marquette's intensity and Notre Dame's willingness to take risks, it was hard to control the tempo, a casual fan would not have noticed which team was playing for its postseason life.

This leads to another issue. Where was Notre Dame's defensive intensity in its biggest game of the season? Sure, the Irish protected their basket in the second half, but all Marquette needed to regain control was a quick 30-second timeout when down five. From there, forward Steve Novak hit two 3-pointers and the Golden Eagles took their second shot to send them back into the game. Notre Dame then scored four straight, but half the Golden Eagles' points came on 3-pointers - one from Novak. The Golden Eagles led 60-56 after Novak's second three with 5:57 remaining, despite Notre Dame having controlled the tempo and keeping Notre Dame 6-34.1 seconds remaining in the shot clock.

"We just had some possessions there - both defensively and offensively - after we were up five, [in which we didn't get the ball to Novak]," Irish point guard and Notre Dame's leader, Kyle McAlarney said. "And to beat a team like Marquette, you have to be good in those situations."

Notre Dame never recovered, though it had a chance. Guard Russell Carter sank a two-for-three from behind the 3-point line, and Marquette guard Jerel McNeal missed a shot to give the Irish the ball and a chance to draw closer or tie.

But one shot clock violation and a turnover later, the Irish saw Novak make a layup to go up five and out of South Bend with an overtime victory. "It hurts," Irish coach Mike Brey said of his team's loss, "but a lot of them hurt."

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Football Recruiting

Neal becomes first 2011 commitment

By KEN FOWLER

Notre Dame got its first verbal commitment of the class of 2011 Feb. 23 when 6-foot-2, 225-pound defensive end Kerry Neal told Irish coach Charlie Weis he would accept an offer of scholarship. 

"I always wanted to go to Notre Dame," Neal said in a telephone interview with The Observer Sunday. "I plan on coming up (to visit) during spring practice." Neal, a junior at Bunn High School in Bunn, N.C., said he has never visited Notre Dame or any other schools in the Midwest, but accepted Mike's offer after hearing a call Weis left on his high school's voicemail early that Thursday morning. He said he was speechless when Weis made the offer. Neal said Weis was confident he could succeed at Notre Dame. 

"He was like, 'I've been around athletes, and I know one when I see one. And you're one,'" Neal said.

Along with his admiration for the school, Neal said his family also agrees his choice of Notre Dame. "My family, they're behind me 100 percent," he said. Mike Frank of IrishEyez.com said Neal has not been rated by most recruiting services yet but will bring a definite edge to the Irish defensive line. "He's a tremendous prospect," Frank said. "Notre Dame has a lot of defensive ends, but I don't know if they have that true pass rusher." 

Hockey

Northern exposure

Squad secures eighth spot, home ice in first round of the playoffs

By KYLE CASSELY and CHRIS KRHOEY

Notre Dame and Alaska-Fairbanks left the last regular-season weekend as they entered it — deadlocked for the eighth spot in the CCHA — after the two teams split their series with a 4-1 Irish win and a 2-1 Nanooks victory.

Notre Dame (13-17-4, 11-13-4 in the regular season) and Megan Tulyah Gaines took a Lindsay Pass, but hit the leaning layup in regulation, Notre Dame neared a buzzer beater.

After Bearcats guard Treasure Timpson tied the game, Notre Dame inched ahead with 2.4 points remaining in regulation. Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw called a timeout to set up the ball against Cincinnati (17-9, 7-8). Gaines took a Lindsay Schrader pass courtesy of Courtney LaVere's inbounds pass, drove to the lane, elevated and hit the leaning layup.

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ND Women's Basketball

Gaines, Duffy lift the Irish to 75-66 OT win

By KEN FOWLER

Decked out in its new green away jerseys, Notre Dame used a little luck of the Irish Saturday to pull off a dramatic win over Cincinnati in a crucial conference contest on the Bearcats' senior day.

Irish guard Tulyah Gaines hit a running layup from the right side off an inbounds play to tie the game as time expired in regulation, and Megan Duffy's 10 points in the extra session led Notre Dame (16-10, 7-8 Big East) to a 75-66 overtime victory.

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Men's Basketball

Postseason hopes take hit

By PAT LEONARD

Marquette completed a season sweep of Notre Dame Saturday night with an 80-72 win at the Joyce Center behind 21 points from Golden Eagles guard Wesley Matthews.

Irish guard Chris Quinn handles the ball as Golden Eagles guard Wesley Matthews defends during Marquette's 80-72 win Saturday.

Men's Tennis

Buckeyes stumble vs. squad

Irish knock off Ohio State in front of big Gold Game crowd

By KATE GALE

Despite a lopsided loss in doubles, the Irish rebounded to saddle Ohio State with its first loss this season in a 2-7 match at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Friday.

Before an enthusiastic home crowd, the No. 26 Irish reeled off four straight singles wins at Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 6 to clinch the match over the No. 13 Buckeyes.

"I'm really excited about beating a team this good," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "And the thing that is especially gratifying is the number of tough matches we had to play."

The Buckeyes came into the match 9-0 after an upset of then-No. 10 LSU. The team was 3-0 against Top 20 teams, while the Irish were 0-4.

"I felt that we were playing at a high enough level to beat teams in the Top 10, and we just didn't get it done, and that the wins would come," Bayliss said.