ND junior injured in Naples fall

Eric Morin hospitalized after serious accident during Architecture program spring trip

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

A junior Notre Dame architecture student studying in Rome is in a Naples hospital after being seriously injured in a fall during a program-sponsored trip to Naples, University officials said Monday.

In an e-mail sent to architecture students Monday, assistant dean of the School of Architecture Father Richard Bullene said Eric Morin was hospitalized with a fractured skull and bleeding in the brain, although University spokesman Dennis Brown would not confirm the extent of Morin’s injuries.

“I can confirm that he was injured in a fall in Naples as part of a program-sponsored trip,” Brown said. “It was a serious accident, and at this point we have not been able to determine the family’s wishes in terms of any additional information relative to his condition.”

Brown declined further comment on the specifics of the accident.

Morin is a former resident of Siegfried Hall, where a Mass was held for his recovery Monday night. After the Mass, Siegfried rector Father John Conley told Morin’s close friends Morin was in stable condition and will be in a drug-induced coma until Saturday to reduce swelling in the brain, said Morin’s former roommate, junior Andy Conley.

Conley did not return Observer phone calls Monday night.

Brown said Morin’s parents were notified Sunday and flew to Italy from their hometown of Edina, Minn. They were expected to arrive in Naples Monday.

“The University was able to assist his parents in making travel arrangements, and they are expected to be in Naples at 12:30 p.m. Monday” our time,” Brown said.

The accident occurred at 8:30 p.m. Naples time Sunday evening. Brown said Morin was in Naples studying various architecture sites in the city as part of a multiple-city class trip. Brown said all architecture students in the Rome program were on the trip to Naples.

“It’s the primary spring trip for the program ... [since the accident] they have moved on to Stelly,” Brown said.

Brown said Morin was the only student injured.

Several of Morin’s teammates on Notre Dame’s architecture program were on the trip to Naples.

Professor accused of plagiarism

University declines comment on situation

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

Only weeks after the theology department dismissed the Cardinal Newman Society’s (CNS) complaint of plagiarism against Notre Dame theology professor Father Richard McBrien, the national conservative Catholic organization again presented the University with an allegation of plagiarism leveled against McBrien’s work.

In a March 13 letter sent by fax to University President Father John Jenkins, CNS president Patrick J. Reilly asked Jenkins to pursue an investigation into McBrien’s 1997 book, “Lives of the Popes”—a work that Reilly said contains passages that paraphrase or directly copy portions of J.N.D. Kelly’s 1986 work, “The Oxford Dictionary of Popes.”


University spokesman Dennis Brown confirmed Monday that Jenkins had received the CNS letter.

“We take such allegations seri...
INSIDE COLUMN

The world's gone mad

I got to the Fort Meyers airport serving Southwest Florida almost two hours before my flight to return to South Bend for the spring break. Having a little time to kill in an airport generally isn't a bad thing — between the latest Cosmo and my cell phone, I can usually keep myself entertained for hours.

This wasn't any ordinary Saturday. Though it was NCAA Tournament time, I wandered my terminal, looking for a television that would be showing George Washington's attempt to stun the infamous Duke Blue Devils.

After I settled in to watch the game, I amused myself during commercials by observing my fellow basketball aficionados. A few teenage boys — your usual suspects for being glued to a TV set at an event — were in the audience.

But apparently, March Madness has captured everyone's imagination. Four teenage girls decked out in Legos and Vera Bradley were sitting near me, discussing the game.

"He's Bedick is like, so hot right now," the girl in the pink shirt said.

"I know!" replied her companion.

"He made like four shots in a row," I added.

"I blinked. They were talking about the game. They had been paying attention to what happened."

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That's when I realized that no one is immune from March Madness. It doesn't matter how old or young you are. It doesn't matter what school you went to or where you live or what you do. It doesn't even matter if you're a sports fan. March Madness captures the attention of our nation to the point where the NBA playoffs are an extension of the Olympics and the Oscars can only hope to come in second.

Challenger, Gray & Christmas, a Chicago research firm, put the cost of lost productivity during March Madness at $8 billion. As a business major, I can tell you — that's a lot of money. But at the same time, it seems like a small price to pay to bring our country together. Every TV in Midway Airport was tuned to CBS on the way home. Granted, Illinois was playing their loss was a major hit to my bracket, by the way — although I did pick Bradley to advance, which makes me little short of a visionary) and that might have affected the passion of the travelers. But people clustered around TV's and watched, fascinated. Everywhere I went, I heard people talking about their brackets. When I called my brother — a Penn State freshman — on St. Patrick's Day, the first thing he did was tell me that our dad's bracket was shot due to Iowa's loss. So no one's immune to March Madness. But if the world's going to go mad about something, there are worse things to pick than college basketball.

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The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What was the highlight of your spring break?

Bridget Gulvas

"I hung out with my boyfriend."

Kathleen Orr

"I worked at a doctor's office and took care of my sick family."

Kristen Budde

"When my niece ran downstairs naked and called me "poor-poor-head.""

Danny Dressman

"Poppin' bubbly."

Annie Tilton

""Hot tub""

Driving

""Lounge' n' XTC."

OFFBEAT

British government cat Humphrey dies

London — Humphrey, the black and white cat who saved close quarters the coming and going of three British leaders, has died, a spokesman for Prime Minister Tony Blair's London residence revealed.

The cat, age unknown, was adopted by staff at Number 10 Downing Street after wandering into the building as a stray in 1989 while former Conservative prime minister Margaret Thatcher was in power.

He stayed throughout the leadership of Thatcher's successor, John Major, but disappeared shortly after Labour Party leader Blair took over in May 1997, amid persistent speculation that Blair's wife, Cherie, did not like the animal.

The disappearance prompted official questions in the lower House of Parliament. At the time of that he was still alive.

Cuban on hunger strike for Internet access

CARACAS, Venezuela — More than 1,500 Venezuelans shed their clothes on a main city avenue Sunday to pose for American photographer Spencer Tunick, forming a human mosaic in front of a national symbol: a statue of independence hero Simon Bolivar.

As Tunick shouted commands through a megaphone, nude people of every shape, size and skin tone gathered on the avenue and stairs in front of the statue just before dawn.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Students gather up their suitcases after arriving back to campus after spring break.

Monday. Buses from Chicago's Midway and O'Hare airports delivered students back to Notre Dame throughout the weekend.

IN BRIEF

The Freshman Class Council will host a campus-wide rock-paper-scissors tournament at 7 p.m. and 8 tonight in the LaFortune Ballroom. Participants must pay $2 and all proceeds will go toward Holy Cross Missions.

A Town Hall Meeting will be held in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium tonight at 7 p.m. to discuss a proposed site for the Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County.

Professor of Slavic Studies and Lecturer in Architecture, Tulane University William Brumfield will give a lecture titled "Church and Identity in Russia: The Tikhvin Dormition Monastery and the Return of the Tikhvin icon of the Theotokos" at 4 p.m. today in the Aumenberg Auditorium of the Sute Museum of Art.

A conference titled "The Liturgy of the Hours: Public Prayer of the Church as Foundation for Christian Spirituality" will take place from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in rooms 100-104 of McKenna Hall.

The Notre Dame Accountancy Department will host a Recruiting Workshop for faculty from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in room 339 of the Mendoza College of Business.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Israeli discusses religion and state

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL

The positive association of eco-
nomic development with a reli-
gious population is one of the
trends Jonathan Fox, senior lec-
turer in political science at
Israel's Bar-Illan University,
explained to students and faculty
on the separation of religion and
state around the world in a lec-
ture sponsored by the Kellogg
Institute and Kroc Institute for
International Peace Studies held
in DeNardo Hall.

In his project "Religion and
State in the Post Cold War Era," Fox created a data set that
measures the degree to which a
government is involved in the
religious life of its citizens. By creating scales on such topics as
the official role of the state down
through aspects of religious dis-
crimination and regulations,
researchers can apply Fox's data
to a variety of disciplines.

Unlike previous projects that
included only developed nations,
Fox made an effort to collect
data from 175 countries. Every
nation with a population of
250,000 or more is included,
along with a smattering of a few
tinier ones. Data collected was
from 1990-2002.

Fox said he was shocked at the
broadth of state involvement.
"Almost 80 percent of coun-
dries do not have separation of
religion and state," Fox said. "I
really did not think that existed
to this extent and with this kind
of consistency.

States may endorse or restrict
a religion, or use methods of
doing so result in complications
for the project. Fox said state
involvement in religious life is
certainly not clear-cut.

"Does a country support a reli-
gion or not? It's not black and
white," Fox said. "Look at the
United Kingdom and Saudi
Arabia, for example. Both have
official state religions, but should
they really be classified in the
same category?"

Fox researched a variety of
aspects of state life to account for
similar disparities.

Overall, his results were rela-
tively consistent for all denomi-
nations, with a dramatic increase in religious discrimina-
tion, regulation, and legislation
over the last 15 years despite a
consistent amount of official state
support.

This shows that countries do
not always follow their constitu-
tions in this area, Fox said. He
noted some Muslim countries
contain stipulations in their full
freedom of religion clauses sub-
jecting religious autonomy to the
laws and traditions of the state.
Strictly following this exception
opens the door for religious
oppression, Fox said.

Fox also pointed out the con-
flct of his data with social scien-
tists' modernization theory,
which says religion will fade
away with secularization. While
he noted the importance of con-
sidering factors other than state
involvement, his research shows
the exact opposite trend post-
Cold War.

Fox's data aligns with what
some scholars find in a reaction
against modernity — that people
are becoming more religious as a
result against secularization.

Another key finding of Fox's
study is the trend that a wealthi-
er nation hosts a more religious
population.

According to the study, state
monopolies on religion seem to
influence behavior — whether
people attend services or deem
themselves members of a partic-
ular sect — but not necessarily
belief.

Fox noted time and economic
development as two variables
that must also be considered in
this particular situation.

Nevertheless, people are more
likely to be religious, this data
shows, in states that are wealthi-
er — a controversial conclusion.

Fox said. Since the January release of
the research, there are already
20 scholars in five nations applying
Fox's data to their particular
fields. In response to a question
of the implications of his research,
Fox emphasized the importance of
collecting data from which to work.

"Much of this data is defining
what is, what are the trends? The
what is as important as the why," Fox
said. "From a clear set of data,
does the possibilities for knowledge
are endless."

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Board of Governance

Group awards funds
to Dance Marathon

By LIZ HARTER

Student government officials
awarded an additional $1,500
corporate sponsorship to the Saint
Mary's Dance Marathon commit-
tee at the Board of Governance
meeting Monday night, adding to the
$2,500 BOG awarded the committee earlier
this year.

Freshman class president
Francesca Johnson, freshman
vice president Pauline Kiniska
and Dance Marathon president Amy
Dardinger presented the current
amount of money allotted to the
Dance Marathon and answered
questions related to the event.

They also showed a video from
the Riley Hospital for Children
— the Indianapolis-based hospital
that will receive the money raised from the Dance Marathon.

The video focused on other
dance marathons that have hap-
pened at colleges and universi-
ties across Indiana.

"[Preparations have] been rolling
along very successfully," Kiniska
said.

$1,011 has already been raised
through January's Battle of the
Bands, dorm Chapstick and car-
nations sales as well as other
dancing events, Kiniska said.

"We want this money to go
directly to the children," Kiniska
said.

Additional BOG funding was
necessary, she said, to make sure
the full amount would go to Riley
Hospital for Children.

"We did not want to ask for
more money than we have
raised," Johnson said.

While the group is trying to
solicit several companies for food
donations, Johnson said due to
death of the number of people expected to attend it would be
"impossible" to rely on dona-
tions.

"Money for food is our biggest
expense," Kiniska said

Senior class president Lauren
Gordon moved to approve the co-
sponsorship for the total $1,500
as well as a $500 donation from
BOG that would go straight to the
hospital — both of which passed.

The group then discussed what
it could provide for the Dance
Marathon beyond the co-spon-
sorship and donation.

"I'm not saying that we give all
$3,500 (that is left in our budget)
student body president
Kelley Mitros said when ques-
tioned about an amount.

Gordon motioned to provide a
$500 donation for next year's
Dance Marathon committee as a
next egg so that the group did not
have to start from scratch.

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Ultimate Frisbee team attended the Mass for Morin in the Siegfried chapel, Crutchfield said.

"Some of the freshmen on the team came to Mass who met him for maybe a week at the beginning of the year because they knew that he'd do the same for them," Crutchfield said.

He described Morin as "one of the most dedicated players on the team."

Junior Cole Hutli, who was Morin's freshman and sophomore year roommate in Siegfried, called Morin one of his best friends at Notre Dame.

"You have to be optimistic, otherwise you'll beat yourself up," Hutli said. "I'm worried but you have to be optimistic in any situation like this."

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Standing students into Notre Dame's collegiate atmosphere through academic, social and spiritual experiences.

"These programs offer an outreach experience to students from around the country and the world, and larry also used as a recruiting tool," she said. "We work hard to give them the community feeling and a sense of what it is like to be a student here."

Pre-college program participants live in residence halls and have access to all campus facilities during their stay to replicate the feeling of being a University undergraduate student, she said.

Unlike the Summer Experience, the University invites a select number of talented students to participate in the Office of Pre-College Programs' three individual week-long seminars.

Forty Latino students will be invited to campus July 16-23 to participate in the Latino Community Leadership Seminar. The academic forum allows students to examine personal experiences to develop new methods of Latino leadership.

"These are important University initiatives to really reach out to targeted groups of students and give them an opportunity to experience Notre Dame," Ball said.

Similar to the Latino Community Leadership Seminar, the African-American Scholars at Notre Dame allows Catholic African-American high school students one week to experience Notre Dame's leadership while enriching their own leadership skills.

According to Ball, approximately 90 percent of The Office of Pre-College Programs' summer programs participants apply to the University.

For more information about the University's pre-college programs, contact the Office of Pre-College Programs or visit its website.

"My decision was largely due to the time I was able to spend on campus really getting to experience the way in which the University embraces educating the whole person — mind, body and spirit," she said.

Brandon Boyd now works as a research assistant in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and said the summer pre-college programs continue to hold a special place in her heart.

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 honored in their college application process, Boyd said.

"Some of the students who attend the seminars would never have considered Notre Dame in their college application process," Boyd said. "I have found that afterwards a significant number of the students really hold a special place in their heart for ND. It is my hope that the programs will continue to grow so that more and more young people are encouraged to all that ND has to offer."

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Food for Thought

Preserving the dying art of dinner-table discussion

Food for Thought is a student-run book club which invites faculty and students alike to read and discuss the fictional works of forgotten Catholic authors over dinner. Students will receive free copies of the books we read.

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If you plan on attending the meeting, please email us at ethics2@nd.edu

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Palestinian turnover incites violence

GAZA CITY — Palestinian grooms from the current Fatah Party assumed government in four buildings, briefly took over a power plant and blocked a vital road in the Gaza Strip on Monday, creating more chaos as Hamas militi­ans readied to take power.

Nine people were wounded in five separate firefightes with Palestinian police. The violence was a foretaste of what might happen if Hamas tries to impose its will on Fatah govern­ment.

The blood runs deep between Hamas and Fatah, and many Fatah activists — including nearly 60,000 members of the security forces — fear for their government jobs once Hamas takes power.

The handover drew nearer Monday, creating more chaos as Hamas mili­tants prepared to take power.

Lithuanian denies Nazi collaboration

VILNIUS An 85-year-old man deported from Florida went on trial Monday in his native Lithuania on charges of helping Nazis round up Jews.

Aigimantas Dailide is accused of being a member of the Nazi-sponsored Lithuanian Security Police, known as the Saugumas, which took part in the arrests of Jews during the war, contributing the Nazis’ European-wide Holocaust.

Dailide, who moved to the U.S. in 1955 and lived there until he was deported in 2006, is charged with participating in the deportation of 100,000 Lithuania Jews from 1941 to 1944.

Judge delays Yates murder trial

Andrea Yates went on trial Monday in his native Vinton, Iowa, on charges of murdering her five children.

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

Cyclone hits Land Down Under

Storm deals massive structural damage, sound evacuation plans prevent deaths

A survivor makes a phone call from her ruined home in Innisfail Monday after a powerful cyclone ripped roofs off buildings across Australia’s northeastern coast.

Shredder for 20,000

Brisbane — After a twin-engine plane crashed in the heart of this resort town Monday, killing four people, authorities said it was likely the worst crash in Australia’s history.

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Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin spoke to the Campus Life Council (CLC) Monday to address confusion over event programming procedures in light of University President Father John Jenkins' recent addresses regarding academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame.

Coughlin's talk and the discussion that followed focused less on the issue of groups adhering to the University's Catholic mission and more on prohibiting repetitive performances.

“Coughlin said Jenkins first raised the issue of disallowing annual performances of "The Vagina Monologues." Coughlin said he is concerned that the repetition may lessen the impact of the performance. "It loses its effect on campus if you keep doing it — its message begins to ring hollow," Coughlin said. "There is a limited pool of financial resources to bring in speakers and performances, and we want to spread that out to make sure those students are exposed to as much as possible over four years here."

Coughlin cited yearly repetition as one of the reasons "The Vagina Monologues" has come under fire in recent months. He said the "Monologues" is not the only activity the repetition standard applies to. All campus groups, he said, are encouraged to change the content of their programs annually.

"If the Keenan Revue did the same skit year after year, then we would probably have a conversation with the rector of Keenan and the folks over there," Coughlin said regardless of whether an event is popular during its initial performance, it should not be performed repeatedly. He said even though the Student Union Board's (SUB) recent showing of "RENT" was extremely popular, Student Activities would not support subsequent repeated showings — but would instead encourage SUB to bring in new movies.

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Brian Coughlin
director of Student Activities

"There are hundreds of programs on sexual assault available out there," Coughlin said. "They [departmental and groups sponsoring or supporting "The Vagina Monologues"] should explore different things." History professor Gail Bederman challenged Coughlin's position by bringing up an observation she said was made at a recent faculty meeting.

"People have a sense that football is an activity that is repeated year after year often with the same team, and often the same players," Bederman said. "If football can be repeated year after year, why can't student groups?" Coughlin suggested the CLC listen to any statements Jenkins makes in the coming weeks regarding a firm University policy on controversial campus events like "The Vagina Monologues."

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In other CLC news:

* All Wishon, chair of the Senate Committee on Gender Issues, introduced a resolution to the Council in support of Notre Dame Health Service's hiring of a physician. The physician will

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**France**

Unions plan nationwide strike

Labor organizations and students call for stoppages in response to youth labor laws

**Associated Press**

PARIS — French unions and student groups called Monday for a national day of strikes and street demonstrations in response to a youth jobs plan that has already provoked huge street demonstrations in Paris and other major cities and caused concerns among many universities.

Labor unions had set a Monday evening deadline for Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin to withdraw the job plan or face a possible general strike. But he chose a single sign of backing down. Meeting student groups, Villepin calmly urged dialogue.

"There are problems and worries being expressed," Villepin said after the talks, which he orchestrated but which, according to the largest student group, UNEF, "Let's get together around a table in order to find solutions and responses.

The law, passed by parliament this month, is designed to reduce unemployment by making it easier for companies to hire and fire. But critics fear it will hurt job security.

Another day of student protests is planned Thursday after a national students' union is expected to affect sectors that are problems and Figuring out how to move forward and get together around a table in order to find solutions and responses.

Labor unions warned that some 50,000 students could go on strike - with students hurled stones and blockaded entrances with classroom chairs and tables, and dozens of others at and many high schools have been disrupted.

The government's new youth jobs contract, passed March 9 by parliament, is designed to lower the 23 percent unemployment rate among the nation's young people. Critics say it would chip away at workers' rights and endanger job security.

Wal-Mart pursues growth in China

"We could hire as many as 150,000 (new employees) in the next five years," Wyatt said.

The news comes less than a week after Wal-Mart moved to expand in another fast-growing region, Central America, by taking a majority stake in a regional retail chain that it first bought into last September. Wal-Mart took over Central American Retail Holding Co., also known as CABLECO, for an undisclosed price.

Wal-Mart bought about $18 billion in goods from China in 2004, the last year for which it has released figures. Wal-Mart, which has long been a major supplier of its products, as a key region for its international growth, is another major market for the company.

Wal-Mart spokesman Amy Wyatt confirmed March 29 that the retailer is growing in China and could make public projections one year at a time for its new store plans in the U.S. and internationally.

Wal-Mart does not provide a country-by-country breakdown of international financial results. The total international division accounted for about 20 percent of last year's overall net sales of $312.4 billion. But Wal-Mart's international division is growing faster than its larger regions in Latin America, by taking a majority stake in a regional retail chain that it first bought into last September. Wal-Mart took over Central American Retail Holding Co., also known as CABLECO.

Wal-Mart's strategy of growing internationally, where it is active in 15 countries including China, Japan and Korea in Asia, Britain and Germany in Europe, Canada, Mexico and eight countries in Latin America. Wal-Mart's international sales grew 14 percent in the fourth quarter, compared to 11 percent growth in the United States, the company's top market.
Ethanol industry braces for summer spike in demand

WASHINGTON — After a spurt of good fortune, the fledgling U.S. biodiesel industry is bracing for the possible pain that could bring an unwanted attention to the sector.

Biodiesel’s public profile rose significantly for the better last July when Congress passed an energy bill that mandates the boosting of biofuels output by 2022. In January, President Bush gave the industry a further boost with a strong endorsement in his State of the Union speech. And with the imminent doubling of biofuels output by Tuesday, March 21, this summer.

But there’s trouble looming:

The ethanol industry might not be ready to satisfy the expected summertime jump in demand. And by crimping the overall supply of motor fuel, this could contribute to a spike in gasoline pump prices at the start of the country’s peak driving season.

That, at least, is the view of the Energy Department, which issued a report last month detailing the challenges midwestern ethanol producers will have in getting their fuel to key markets along the East Coast because of railroad, trucking and other distribution bottlenecks. The report also highlighted concerns about the limited output capacity of an industry still in its infancy.

The Renewable Fuels Association, a trade group representing ethanol producers, said it will spar more ethanol production — there are 33 new plants under construction — but some minor near-term complications can be expected due to the rapid increase in demand, said Bob Dinneen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association.

High prices will spur more ethanol production, but ethanol producers cannot grow the corn,迪恩 said.

Renewable Energy analysts said it is unclear whether ethanol pro-
ducers can manufacture and distribute enough supply once U.S. refiners phase out the use of a petrochemical called methyl tertiary butyl ether, or MTBE, which enables gasoline to burn more completely, and thus more cleanly, but carries some public health risks.

The refining industry says it warned Congress for years about the difficulty ethanol producers would have in offsetting the loss of MTBE, which accounts for about 10 percent of the volume of every gallon of gasoline with which it is blended.

“When it comes to ethanol, Congress is guilty of more irri-
tional exuberance than on any other issue,” said Bob Slaughter, president of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association.

California, New York and Connecticut have barred MTBE in recent years, but consumers from Virginia to New Hampshire, as well as in Texas, still depend on it.

MTBE, a natural gas deriv-
ative, has been the oxygenate of choice since the mandate was established roughly 10 years ago as a byproduct of the Clean Air Act.

But MTBE has also been found to contaminate drinking water supplies and it may cause can-
cer, exposing the petroleum industry to lawsuits filed by water districts and municipali-
ties on behalf of their citizens.

After Congress refused to grant the industry protection from such lawsuits, refiners made clear their intention to stop using MTBE.

Valero Energy Corp., Exxon Mobil Corp. and Shell Oil Co., the U.S. subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell Plc, all plan to cease using MTBE in gasoline by May 5, spokespersons for the compan-
ies said.

Valero, the country’s largest independent refiner, estimates that the country’s total gasoline sup-
ply will shrink by 145,000 barrels per day, or about 1.5 per-
cent, once MTBE is removed — a transition expected to be com-
plete by May 5. That is when an obscure provision of the energy bill goes into effect, eliminating the need for a so-called oxy-
genate in gasoline.

Now it is up to ethanol producers to bridge the gap. While U.S. ethanol producers have the capacity to produce roughly 4.3 billion gallons — or 280,000 barrels per day — in 2006, the near-term crunch means more imports will be needed from Brazil, Dinneen said.

The United States imported more than 150 million gallons of ethanol in 2005.

Dinneen said part of the prob-
lem for the U.S. ethanol industry right now is that it was caught off guard by the oil industry’s faster-than-expected phaseout of MTBE.

“Refiners made the decision to accelerate the removal of MTBE, not ethanol producers,” Dinneen said.

Perhaps the biggest issue is distribution.

Gasoline with or without MTBE can be shipped in large quantities through an extensive network of pipelines. But ethanol, which tends to corrode pipelines, most has been transported on trucks, trains and barges in relatively small batches to stor-
tage terminals where it is then blended with gasoline.

A tanker truck is loaded with ethanol at the Golden Grain Energy ethanol plant June 30, 2005 in Mason City, Iowa. Gas prices are expected to rise with the summer spike.
Protesters defy government authorities during elections

Associated Press

MINSK — Pavel Gorbunov left the crowd, unbreathed a test and started setting it up on the cold stones of Oktyabrskaya Square.

Six other tents already stood in a rough circle, and by midnight Monday there were a dozen. Most were draped with historical red flags favored by critics of authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko, who has scrapped them for a Soviet-style version.

"This is our last chance," said Vladimir Fivsky, 20-year-old student who had wrapped one of the red-striped white flags around his shoulders and wore a pin in the same colors saying: "For Freedom!" He said he came to the square to protest because the "bad enough" after 12 years of Lukashenko's reign.

Fivsky and Gorbunov were among thousands of opposition supporters who gathered in the center of the Belarus capital for a second night, hoping their protest would help overturn a presidential election that the U.S. said was flawed by a "climate of fear."

Their numbers were smaller than an election night Sunday, and prospects for a Ukraine-style "Orange Revolution" seemed remote. But with overnight temperatures at 28 degrees Fahrenheit, protesters vowed to turn the demonstration into a round-the-clock presence.

Still, Gorbunov wondered how long the authorities would let the tents remain. Officials put on a show of force, with buses of riot police fanning out into nearby streets and courtyards and preventing people from approaching the main square.

Police had only a small and unobtrusive presence at the protest the previous night when an estimated 10,000 people braved the freezing cold and snow to register their outrage after Lukashenko was declared the overwhelming winner of the elections.

Lukashenko asserted Monday that his foes had failed to topple him in a foreign-backed "revolution."

International observers said the vote fell short of democratic standards. Europe's human rights organization said it was a "farce," and the United States called for a new election.

Lukashenko's main opponent refused to accept the outcome, calling the longtime leader an "illegal, illegitimate president."

The average of the international community seemed limited, and even many of the protesters appeared to have little appetite for a protracted vigil and a possibly violent confrontation.

The election result, if it stands, would entrench the status of Belarus as one of the least independent of the former Soviet republics.

Some 5,000 gathered in Oktyabrskaya Square in the capital, about half the number that came out Sunday night for a protest whose size was extraordinary in a tightly controlled country where police have cracked down swiftly on unsanctioned opposition gatherings.

The diminished crowd suggested to many that the opposition was losing momentum.

"There aren't enough people" a young man huddled into a cell phone amid the din of the rally. But Alexander Milinkevich, the main opposition presidential candidate and symbolic heart of the protests, called on the demonstrators to gird for a lengthy campaign. He is demanding an election rerun.

"Our protest will be long and strong," he vowed. "We will never recognize this election. It's not an election but an anti-constitutional seizure of power."

The crowd thinned as hours passed, but many shared a determination to go to the bitter end.

"We plan to stay here overnight and to stay until the moment when the vote is pronounced falsified, when the authorities admit this and a new election is announced," said a 21-year-old student who gave his name only as Alexander, one of a dozen people sitting among the tents.

A few tents "may not change much, but if people lose their fear they will join us," he said. Milinkevich visited the growing makeshift tent camp, taking signs of tea from a cup he was offered and saying: "We're together."

As the rally was about to begin, busesloads of riot police streamed into Karl Marx Street near the square. Security forces in helmets and camouflage uniforms disembarked from the buses, jogged into neighboring courtyards and prevented pedestrians from walking toward the square.

On the square, a 45-year-old woman who gave her name only as Irina said she was scared about the prospect of bloody police action, but "if Lukashenko stays in power, it will be even worse."

While White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the election was flawed by a "climate of fear," and hinted that penalties such as travel restrictions "are things we will look at."

"We support the call for a new election," McClellan said. "The United States will continue to stand with the people of Belarus."

A cheer went up from the crowd in the square when a speaker reported the U.S. statement.

By contrast, Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday congratulated Lukashenko in a telegram and called the results would help strengthen the alliance of the two former Soviet nations.

The chief electoral official said Monday that Lukashenko, who has ruled with an iron fist since 1994, won a "convincing victory" with 82.6 percent of the votes — a number Milinkevich called "monstrously inflated."

Lukashenko scorned the opposition, saying voters had shown "who's the boss" in Belarus. "The revolution that was talked about so much ... has failed," he told a nationally televised news conference.

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NEW ORLEANS mayor-Ray Nagin- Thursday offered an action plan to rebuild New Orleans, endorsing a proposal that would allow all residents to return to their homes in neighborhoods that have been declared safe. Nagin's proposal also called for comprehensive development of the city's areas most affected by Katrina. Nagin's proposal was based on a collaborative approach involving residents, community organizations, and business leaders. Nagin stated that his plan would be implemented in phases, with each phase focused on specific neighborhoods and areas. Nagin's plan was well-received by residents, who praised it for its collaborative approach and its focus on rebuilding the city's communities. Nagin's plan was also well-received by business leaders, who praised it for its emphasis on economic development and job creation. However, Nagin's plan was also met with criticism from some residents, who were concerned about its lack of specifics and its potential impact on the city's housing market. Despite this criticism, Nagin's plan was seen as a positive step towards rebuilding the city and providing hope for its residents. Nagin's plan was endorsed by the city's residents and business leaders, who praised it for its collaborative approach and its focus on rebuilding the city's communities.
Recently, I had the pleasure of giving a brief talk on the connections between libertarianism and Catholicism. I had five minutes to talk about it, and it made up entirely as I went along. It was the sort of pretty entertaining, so maybe this column will be entertaining as well — though slightly more informative.

First, let me wholeheartedly: I am not Catholic. But I do believe the Libertarian Party offers a viable alternative for Catholics who are disturbed by the direction of this nation.

So let’s be clear. If elected, the goals of the Libertarian Party are simple: stop massive government expansion and waste and start the onerous process of shrinking the federal government back to Constitutional size. If you believe that the government takes too much of your money, waste it and then try to control too much of what you are free to do, you are already 89 percent Libertarian. The devil, of course, lies in the details.

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Then, of course, there is the other side. If you will, the goals of the Libertarian Party are as follows:

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If Catholicism were strong at Notre Dame, the sponsoring of events even perceived to be at odds with the Catholic character of the University would be of little concern. It is a insecurity that breeds fear, that breeds intolerance and intolerance that breeds censorship.

During the Catholic nature of the University as a reason to impose "appropriate limits" on academic freedom is a tacit concession that Notre Dame is insecure. It is an admission that you lack confidence in the effectiveness of the Catholic message of the University and its ability to refute attacks on the basis of its beliefs and provide an alternate and acceptable viewpoint.

If Catholicism were strong at Notre Dame, it can hold its own in the academicic debate whether it is the theory underlying the event or whether it is the theory challenging the theory underlying the event.

Indeed, Catholic catechism has the following to say about violence: "The short-term pursuit of private or collective interests cannot legitimate undertakings that promote violence and conflict." These words are specifically for inter-state conflict, but I believe it is not so much of a logic jump to apply to state-individual conflict as well.

If we are to avoid war, we must also avoid oppression.

As Americans, we are all called to resist violence against those who do us no harm. A philosophy founded on harming none and reducing state-propagated violence is in full accord with Catholic principles, and libertarianism is that philosophy.

I’m going to close with a quotation from St. Augustine’s “City of God” because it is shockingly appropriate:

"He that would rule alone, what great rubber bands? What are rubber bands? They are made of latex, and rubber is a tree. The tree itself is made up of men, is ruled by the command of a leader, and is held together by a social pact. Plunder is divided in accordance with an agreed-upon law. If this evil increases by the inclusion of dishonest men to the extent that it takes over territory, establishes headquarters, occupies cities and subdues peoples, it publicly assumes the title of king!..."

But remember that the next time you exercise your right to vote, do your part to stop the plunder.

Marijuana is only illegal in America because, if you grow it in your own basement, the government has no authority to go there. But if you grow it on the University campus, the government has authority to do what it wants. Any government must rest on the legitimacy of its belief's and provide an alternate and acceptable viewpoint. If the government takes too much of your money, waste it and then try to control too much of what you are free to do, you are already 89 percent Libertarian. The devil, of course, lies in the details.

Lastly, if Catholicism were strong at Notre Dame, it can hold its own in the academicic debate whether it is the theory underlying the event or whether it is the theory challenging the theory underlying the event. If the Catholic mission of Notre Dame is truly chal- lenging the former "Queer Film Festival and the Vagina Monologues" then the University’s only response to stop them, then I am afraid you have greater problems at Notre Dame, and Catholicism has greater problems, than, perhaps, you know.
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My addiction, like many, started out small. Mine might actually be a better word, since my infatuation started with none other than the iPod mini that I received over the summer. The fateful day I received the small, silver MP3 player started my devotion toward a new kind of addiction— an iPod addiction.

Prior to receiving my mini, my MP3 player had been little more than a memory stick with an earphone jack, and it served me nicely for several years. I slowly succumbed to the siren song of the iPod, and I was quite happy with the Mini after I got it. While it wasn’t as fancy as the full iPod and only held 2,000 songs, it seemed like enough.

The hard drive on my Mini crashed and I faced a difficult choice. I was suffering from "iPod withdrawal." Apple had stopped making minis and iPod Boy was way too expensive. I had nowhere to go but up, and that’s when I met the proud owner of a video iPod.

The video iPod changed everything. It was sleeker, it had a color screen and it had 30 GB of memory. The 4 GB of memory on my Mini kept me cautious— I only put songs I enjoyed on it. The larger capacity of the video iPod was liberating. I put every CD I owned on it, but I soon craved more.

With the new iPod, I vowed to continue to only use it as the gym and for studying, as I had before. This pledge didn’t last long. It soon became my constant companion while I walked to class or ran to meet friends somewhere, but the Mini devolved into carrying my iPod with me anytime that I might have to walk more than 20 feet.

Constantly listening to music breeds its own problems. The more you use your iPod, the more you need to constantly find new music to fill it up. In the post-Napster, music-downloading crackdown era, there are fewer options for finding music easily. My iPod became a gateway to another one of my music additions— iTunes.

I resisted buying music on iTunes because I wasn’t keen on paying 99 cents per song, but the ability to buy individual songs soon lured me in. Like the addition to my iPod, my affection for iTunes grew quickly. It started out with a few purchases of individual songs and I’d been buying for a while, but, naturally, it grew from there.

I avoided purchasing whole albums outright because I wasn’t keen on paying 99 cents per song. But, of course, I knew that this was a problem that could quickly grow out of control. When I began buying albums at the store, the distaste for having to hand cash over or deal with my debit card would usually keep my spending in check.

On iTunes, though, the click of a button can buy you whole albums without the pain of actually forking over the money. I currently have an iTunes budget because the sheer ease of iTunes makes it both wonderful and potentially disastrous at the same time.

While I do have the capacity for video on my iPod, I have yet to take advantage of the shows available for purchase on iTunes. Seeing my past patterns, I know that buying videos would be the cause of both my financial and social decline. While the temptation to buy last week’s "Desperate Housewives" or the second season of "Lost" exists, my fear of becoming permanently detached from my ability to see shows securely attached to my iPod is pretty strong.

Another benefit, or detriment depending on how you look at it, is the endless possibilities the iPod and iTunes offer for playing music. Whether it be 20-minute songs or an album at a time, the flexibility is there to work around your busy day. While you may be an infatuation with a friend’s iPod addict.

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**The Hills Have Eyes**

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**Failure to Launch**

**Director:** Tom Day

**Writers:** Tom J. Atlee and Matt Ember

**Starring:** Matthew McConaughey, Sarah Jessica Parker, Kathy Bates and Terry Bradshaw

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**Close your Eyes**

By ERIN MCGINN

**Synopsis:**

Horror movies typically have one purpose—to astoundingly terrify the audience. The really good ones also punch with a bit of social commentary and often are the more frightening because of their real-life implications.

"The Hills Have Eyes" tells the story of an American family taking a trip through the desert when they are attacked by a family of mutants living in the mountains after its life was destroyed by a top secret nuclear testing. For avid horror movie fans, "The Hills Have Eyes" is a must-see. For all others, "The Hills Have Eyes" is a should-see, but be prepared for an intense experience.

"The Hills Have Eyes" is a remake of the 1977 Wes Craven drive-in shocker. Alexandre Aja, who made his international debut a few months back with "High Tension," directed and wrote the script for the new version. Not one to be kept out of the horror scene, Craven also served as the film’s executive producer.

The film opens with a montage of nuclear testing, beautifully paired with newspaper articles and pictures of mutant babies, which form the basis of the movie. During the 1940s to 1960s there was atmospheric nuclear testing in the New Mexico desert and the government asked all the miners to leave. When they refused to leave, the weapons were detonated and thus the mutants were created. Because of the actions of the government, the barren land, the mutants and the mutants begin to hate everyone and actively seek revenge on anyone who crosses their path. Subsequently, they also became cannibals. Enter the Bukovsky-Carter family, taking a family road trip through the desert. After stopping to get gas at a creepy dirty truck stop on the way, the creepily dirty man tells them he is short-cut.

"Big Bob," the reformed cop and head of the family (Ted Levine, Aaron Stanford’s "Morky"), decides to take the short-cut where they come across a house. The family’s tires are blown out, leaving them stranded in the middle of the desert, and out of cell- phone service. Big Bob decides to go back to the gas station, while his nearby, Democratic son-in-law Doug Bukovsky (Aaron Stanford, of "Fyme Family" fame) decides to look for help in the other direction.

The rest of the family, including "Lost’s" Emilie de Ravin, tries to make the best of a poor situation and camp out. One of the two dogs, named Beauty and Beast, runs off and is guided by a local to the same family of mutants.

In a 20-minute span, members of the family are burned alive, raped, tortured, shot and hacked to death, all while the sleeping of the baby. The three remaining family members

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Paula fails for this client because he’s just so different from the others. Apparently Tripp isn’t a loser like he should be, and she just can’t understand why he still lives at home. That answer almost comes, but not quite, leaving us without a full understanding of the character. However, when we realize the deception Paula is putting him through, we at least sympathize with him.

Essentially, Paula is playing a version of Carrie Bradshaw from HBO’s "Sex in the City." The difference is that people have Paula, and there’s little to love about Paula. All that we know about her is that she’s being paid by a man’s parents to deceive him and do whatever it takes to get him out of the house so that the man’s parents can do it themselves. It’s hard to root for her when Tripp initially repeatedly her. Their relationship is nice and if the world was just, it would make a miracle happen and get rid of them, but in this case it simply takes the intervention of friends.

The movie attempts to show itself. Paula and Tripp go on trendy dates that range from soul-baologing to rainforest safaris, even a reference to "A Philanthropy Story." It is not even obvious that this romantic comedy could even a reference to "A Philanthropy Story." It is not even obvious that this romantic comedy like this even deserve to utter the film’s name.

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**Failure to Launch**

By CASSIE BELEK

**Synopsis:**

"Failure to Launch," starring Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew McConaughey, is an over-publicized attempt at a fun and flirty romantic comedy that hopes to win audiences largely because of Parker’s fashionable sense and McConaughey’s charm. That’s about all the film can offer, however, as it fails to evoke any romantic sympathy and even less laughter.

The premise has potential with Tripp (McConaughey), a 30-something son who refuses to move out of his parents’ (Kathy Bates and Terry Bradshaw) house, but that potential soon vanishes. Tripp’s parents desperately wish to have his son move out, and they get the name of Paula (Parker) at a party. They hire Paula to be Tripp’s "girlfriend," giving him the self-esteem and motivation to leave home once and for all. This is confusing, though, because Tripp seems to have all the self-esteem in the world and he certainly doesn’t seem like a son completely dependent on the continued assistance of his parents.

Warning bells of prostitutionsound with a close look at Paula’s profession, but she is a respectable businesswoman and never sleeps with a client. When Tripp is about to break up with her because he feels that it is becoming too dangerous, she breaks the taboo rule in an act of desperation, leaving one to ask," did his pantyhose story end up just as frightening because of its real-life implications?"
The actress never gets to show her comedic chops or why she won care little for his son, and seeing his butt that much isn’t particularly pleasant.

Although Craven did a better job in the 77 version, there is a level of sympathy felt for the mutants. These mutants are the children of the miners who did not leave, so to a certain extent they did not choose to be this way and are also validated in their anger. There is also Ruby, the little mutant girl who helps the stranded people on numerous occasions. At the same time, the audience also feels for the family, which is innocent in the matter. It’s hard not to cheer on the techno-geek as he fights, hacks, and impales a mutant with an American flag in order to get his baby back. Even though the movie is thought-provoking at times, it is certainly not easy to stomach. Even though the most gruesome parts were cut out to receive the R-rating, Aja is a master at creating new and horrifying scenes. It is highly recommended not to eat popcorn or have a beverage when viewing this flick.

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One of the most complex issues of modern society is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "Paradise Now," directed by Hany Abu-Assad, attempts to explore this controversial topic through the eyes of two Palestinian men who decide to become what some people would call terrorists, but others would term martyrs.

The film is first and foremost about Palestine, but approaches the issue from many directions. While "Paradise Now" ultimately produces few answers and assigns little solid blame, it does raise many very important questions.

The film involves life-long friends Said and Khaled who have grown up in Nablus, a town on the West Bank. They are Palestinians who both have stories about the involvement of Israeli forces in their lives. Recruited to become suicide bombers, they are sent on a mission to Tel Aviv.

But the plans go awry when they cannot meet their contact on the Israeli side and the emotional force of the story then moves into full swing. The daughter of a fallen Palestinian hero returns from the West and tries to sway the two men from their mission, stating that there are other ways to accomplish their goals. At the same time, the men who recruited them are calling them martyrs for the cause and great heroes who will soon pay close attention not only to the humiliation he begins to see them as human beings and not the enemies his recruiters say they are.

This contrast of the wealth of Israel against the poverty of Palestine, coupled with the contrast of the character’s internal realization of where he came from, who he is, and where he is going creates many complex intersecting avenues of emotion on both a personal and national level. The humiliation the characters experience cannot be ignored, but neither can the innocence of the everyday Israelis who are in mortal danger from terrorist attacks.

This film refuses to give the audience any answers. It does not say one side is better than the other. However, what it does do is underline the need for change. There is violence on both sides of the fence and there are issues that must be addressed. The tagline of the film, "From the most unexpected place, comes a bold new call for peace," not only pertains to the story of the film but also to the film itself. The movie calls for reconciliation, but fully acknowledges that the avenue is fraught with hardship and that each side must address aspects of the conflict it would rather not. The path to peace is never easy, but "Paradise Now" invites us to at least make an attempt to walk down it.

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Bryant carries Lakers to crucial road win over Celtics

Pistons clinch fourth consecutive Central Division title with win over reeling Hawks, move to 40 games over .500

Associated Press

HUNTINGTON — After missing 3-pointers at the buzzer in consecutive games, Kobe Bryant settled matters early against the Boston Celtics. Bryant had 43 points, five rebounds and five steals and the Los Angeles Lakers salvaged the finale of a three-game road trip with a 105-97 win over Boston on Monday night.

Bryant shot 18-for-39 and Lamar Odom added 17 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who never trailed and pulled a half-game ahead of Sacramento for seventh place in the Western Conference. The Lakers avoided falling below .500 for the first time since a loss to Utah on Jan. 3 dropped them below .500 for the first time since the 1997-98 season.

“This was a must win for us,” Bryant said. “We played well the entire trip, but it just that we weren’t able to close things out. Tonight was a win that we desperately needed.”

Paul Pierce scored 26 and Tony Allen added a season-high 18 points for the Celtics, who had lost four of five and were swept in two games behind Philadelphia in the race for the eighth Eastern Conference playoff spot.

The Lakers’ first two games of their road trip ended with lost in the last seconds by 3-pointers by Bryant. The Lakers lost to New Jersey 92-89 Friday and to Cleveland 96-95 Sunday despite leading by as many as 18 against the Cavaliers.

This time, Bryant scored 16 fourth-quarter points — including the Lakers’ last 12 — to make sure the game didn’t turn into another lopsided loss.

“When the game is on the line, they put the ball in my hands,” Bryant said. “I’ve gotta do what I’ve gotta do, I don’t care if it’s 50 shots, 60 shots, five shots.

The Celtics trailed 56-40 at halftime, but chipped away at the lead in the third quarter and pulled within 82-74 to start the fourth.

Pierce cut the deficit to 99-94, but Bryant responded with a driving layup with 1:29 remaining to extend the Lakers’ lead to 101-94. He then made two free throws with 49.6 seconds left to extend the lead.

“Kobe was the difference,” Celtics forward Wally Szczerbiak said. “In the second half, we came back and we competed. But against a good team and a great player, we just didn’t play well enough to win.”

Los Angeles coach P.J. Carlesimo Pierc for much of the fourth quarter and held him to two points.

“We just threw everybody at [Pierce].” Odom said. “If you put two guys on him, you have a 75 percent chance of stopping him.”

Shane Parker scored 14 points for the Lakers after missing his first four shots, but had 11 points and nine rebounds for the second straight game.

After missing his first four shots, Bryant made six of his next eight, finishing 9-for-20. The Lakers outscored the Celtics 17-2 over the final 2:26 of the fourth.

Detroit 91, Atlanta 84

There was no champagne in the Detroit Pistons’ locker room Monday night.

In fact, the Pistons didn’t even realize they clinched their fourth Central Division title in five years by beating Atlanta, 91-84.

“Just until someone just told me,” Tayshaun Prince said. “I don’t really know where our minds are right now.”

The win put Detroit two steps up Coach Flip Saunders’ pyramid.

“First you have to make the playoffs, which we did a couple weeks ago, and then you have to win the division,” he said. “Now we have to get the fourth seed in the East, have a record in the league, and then we have to win the championship.”

Detroit (53-13), whose magic number to clinch the Eastern Conference dropped to nine over Miami, also moved into 40 games over .500 for the first time since the 1988-89 season.

“That’s crazy,” Chauncey Billups said. “We had that many of those special years for us. Hopefully, we can keep it up.”

Atlanta coach Mike Woodson, an assistant on Detroit’s 2003-04 championship team, said they can’t.

“It’s going to be interesting to see how it carries over in the playoffs, but I predict they’ll win the conference,” Woodson said.

The Hawks have lost five of six.

“I was pretty pleased with our effort,” Woodson said. “We came in and competed.”

Prince scored 18, as Detroit put five players in double figures. Ben Wallace scored only five, but added 13 rebounds, a plus-10 rating and five blocks.

“I was just trying to get the tempo up,” he said. “You want to make teams play out of character.”

All Harrison led the Hawks with 23 points and Joe Johnson had 17.

“Obviously, they are the champions again,” Harrison said. “I’m a big fan of Detroit, so hopefully they win it again.”

Detroit led 53-34 at the half, thanks to 17 points from Rashad McCants, but Atlanta rallied in the third.

The Hawks scored 26 points in the quarter, but couldn’t get enough stops for a sustained rally. They got as close as 57-47, but never cut the lead to single digits.

“We’ve had some trouble coming out of halftime in the last few games,” Prince said. “But we played great basketball in the first half.”

The Pistons held a 72-60 advantage after three quarters, then put the game away by holding Atlanta to just two points in the first 4:30 of the fourth.

Los Angeles Clippers 99

Stem Casse led 24 points to lead the Clippers past the Houston Rockets on Monday night, pushing the Los Angeles franchise to 13 games over .500 for the first time since the 1975-76 season.

Corey Maggette added 20 points for the Clippers, who haven’t been in this many games over the break-even mark since the franchise moved to Los Angeles in 1974.

The Clippers were wearing orange and black uniforms from the franchise’s inaugural 1970-71 season for retro night.

Yao Ming scored 25 and had 17 rebounds for his 27th double-double as Houston lost its fifth straight game.

The Clippers outscored Houston 15-2 in a span of 4:15 in the fourth quarter to take an 89-80 lead with 5:16 to play. Cassell’s 3-pointer made it 94-85 with 1:28 to play.

Cassell scored seven points in the first five minutes of the third quarter to help the Clippers to their biggest lead at 60-51.

Houston answered with an 11-0 run. But Maggette hit two straight 3s in an 8-0 Clippers run to give them a 68-62 lead with 2:59 left in the period. Maggette had eight in the quarter as Los Angeles took a 57-50 lead into the fourth quarter.

Maggette had eight points in the first 3:30 of the second period as the Clippers took a 39-33 lead. Luther Head’s six points in the final four minutes helped pull Houston to within 46-45 at the half.

The Rockets led by as many as eight in the first quarter when Yao had eight points and five rebounds. Cassell had 12 that period and the Rockets closed it to 28-24 at the end.

Boston guard Paul Pierce, right, drives against Los Angeles guard Kobe Bryant during the Lakers’ 105-97 win Monday night in Boston.

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**NFL**

Tagliabue gives his State of the NFL remarks in Detroit Feb. 3.

TAGLIABUE'S STATE OF THE NFL

Associated Press

**NEW YORK —** Paul Tagliabue is leaving the NFL, and he's leaving it both peacefully and prosperously.

The 65-year-old commissioner will step down in July after 16 years, his tenure marked by labor harmony and unprecedented riches through television deals.

Tagliabue has been in charge since 1989, when he succeeded Pete Rozelle, and agreed last March to stay on to complete the TV deal and a long-term contract with players.

It finally got that done 12 days ago, finishing the most arduous labor negotiations since the league and union agreed on a free agency-salary cap deal in 1993.

"I really want to emphasize how much of a privilege it is to spend most of your adult life with the NFL. This is not an easy decision for me," Tagliabue said on a conference call Monday.

"As difficult as this decision is, I also know it's the right decision. Right for me, right for the league," he said.

Roger Goodell, the NFL's chief operating officer, and Atlanta general manager Rich McKay are the two leading candidates to succeed Tagliabue. Baltimore Ravens president Dick Cass also is considered to have an outside chance and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has said she would like the job.

"Ask her," Tagliabue said when quizzed about Rice's candidacy.

Tagliabue said the search is wide open and that he will stay on beyond July to avoid the kind of seven-month deadlock that occurred between him and the late Jim Finks over Rozelle stepped down in March 1989.

He also said the NFL's players' union is to receive $6 billion in new revenues over the life of the next labor agreement and that the league will have an outside chance and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has said she would like the job.

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Soriano refuses to take the field in protest

Washington Nationals player shirks left field, wants to play second

Associated Press

VIENA, Fla. — The Washington Nationals were on the field and ready to play, eight of them at least. There was only one problem: Left field was empty because Alfonso Soriano was missing.

Soriano refused to play the left field for Washington in what was supposed to be his spring training debut Monday night, and general manager Jim Bowden said his biggest offseason acquisition could go on the disqualified list if he doesn’t agree to switch positions this week.

“The player refused to take the field, which we believe is a violation of his contract,” Bowden said.

Soriano, a four-time All-Star second baseman, was listed as batting leadoff and playing left field on a lineup sheet posted in the Nationals’ clubhouse before Monday night’s 11-5 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

But when the Nationals took the field in the top of the first inning, Soriano wasn’t out there. With play just about to begin, nobody on the Nationals seemed to know where he was.

Confused players and fans looked toward Washington’s dugout. The only person to emerge, however, was manager Frank Robinson.

He approached plate umpire Mike Estabrook and made a defensive switch, moving Ryan Church from center field to left and putting Brandon Watson in center to replace Soriano in the lineup.

“I was sitting out there ready to warm up, but nobody was out there. And the next thing I saw was Watty running out there, so I kind of figured what happened,” Church said.

The Nationals already have an All-Star second baseman in Jose Vidro, so they told Soriano they want him to move to the outfield. He indicated he doesn’t want to do that, Bowden provided his most visible objection.

When Soriano first reported to camp last month, the question of whether he would accept the switch was left open until his return from the World Baseball Classic.

Soriano played for the Dominican Republic, which was eliminated in the tournament semifinals Saturday. He joined the Nationals on Monday and worked out with teammates at second base in the afternoon, but wouldn’t speak to reporters.

He wasn’t in the clubhouse after Monday night’s game.

“It’s a difficult situation for the organization and for him personally,” said pitcher Mike Stanton, Soriano’s teammate on the New York Yankees from 1999-02. “I don’t really think anything good can come out of this.”

The Nationals acquired Soriano from Texas in a December trade that sent outfielders Dmitri Young and Terrmel Sledge and pitcher Armando Galarraga to the Rangers. After the deal, Washington made it clear that Vidro would keep his spot at second; Soriano they want him to play in that position.

If he’s going to play here, he’s got to play left field, and I penciled him in the lineup in left field,” Frank Robinson Washington Nationals

“We told him if we get to Thursday, and he refuses to play left field, we told him we’re going to declare him a free agent, and he’s going to have to be out in left field... He said he’s ready to play, he needs to play, he’s ready for the season, and I penciled him in the lineup in left field.”

Frank Robinson Washington Nationals

If he doesn’t agree to switch positions this week, Robinson said his biggest offseason acquisition could go on the disqualified list.

“I just hope they can fix the situation,” outfielder Jose Guillen said. “That’s the problem, the umpires and Soriano, I think everybody’s a grown-up man here. I just hope for the best for the team and those guys, and that they can fix the situation. But that’s pretty much not my business.”

If Soriano does show up for the game Wednesday, Robinson said he’s not going to give the player away before the game Monday to explain the team’s position.

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Robinson said the meeting with Soriano was civil, but the player’s position was clear.

“If he’s going to play left field, he needs to be out there now, the next couple of weeks to play, and if he’s not going to play for us, we need to know that point,” Bowden said. “We obviously will field offers, but we’re not going to give the player away, and if we can make a deal that makes sense, we will.”

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Brophy is one of few bright spots for team.

**SMC TENNIS**

Belles end week with three straight victories

Saint Mary’s wins four of seven contests on spring trip in Orlando

**WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC**

Japan captures inaugural tourney

**Women's Golf**

Track and Field

Small squad makes big mark

By JASON GALVAN

Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team began its season at the Cal Poly Invitational in San Luis Obispo Calif. this weekend. The team posted a few bright spots for team as she finished 16th among her closest challenger, as she finished 16th among 218 (74-70-74), seven shots ahead of her closest challenger, TCU’s Elin Emanuelsen.

King was disappointed with the performance of her players and the effect it may have on their chances of reaching post-season play.

“I think our performance last week hurt our chances for an NCAA bid,” she said after the tournament.

However, Notre Dame must regroup quickly as it travels to Hawaii for the Dr. Dennis Thompson Invitational this Tuesday and Wednesday.

And, despite her team’s subpar finish in the first two tournaments of the spring, King remains optimistic about the potential of the Irish to place well in this week’s event, which will be held at the par-72 Kanopeo Klipper Golf Course.

“A top-four finish (out of 12 competing teams) would be pretty good and it would be victory for us getting higher in the conference,” King said.

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**SPORTS Writer**

On their annual spring training trip to Orlando, Fla., the Belles have compiled a winning record with strong victories sandwiching their 6-3 defeat at the hands of Olivet College.

“We only played one of the seven matches with our regular starting lineup, so that showed us we have a lot of depth to work with the rest of the season,” team No. 1 Kirsten Palombo said.

Saint Mary’s by wins and losses with a 9-0 shutout of the University of the Cumberlands.

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Belles tennis player

Belles top two singles players — Palombo and Molly McNeil — won their matches, but the team won just one other set in the match. Saint Mary’s won the match 4-3.

Finally, the Belles defeated the University of the Cumberlands 8-1.

“The Belles began over the next two days with dominating victories,” Saint Mary’s topped Moorhead State 8-1 March 16. McDavitt’s victory over Alyssa An wk happened just three games to 218.

“We were very competitive in the match,” King said.

However, the Belles captured three doubles points and two of the three doubles points.

The 4-3 record was enough to give the Belles the No. 1 rank in the world for the first time since 1997.

Ichiro Suzuki was the only MLB starter to play in WBC final

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Forget baseball. This was yak­yu at its best, and the inaugural World Base­ball Classic was over.

Japan. Ichiro Suzuki and his les­soned team were the stars of the show.

And Japan kept a leadoff double and singles by Matsunaka into the fifth on three straight hits earlier in the game made two outs to bring in another, sixth singles match in the second run, and singles by Matsunaka and Nobuhiko Matsunaka, and a walk to load the bases on infield singles by Matsunaka, Nobuhiko Matsunaka and a walk to load the bases.

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However, Japan’s victory was not enough for the Japanese to win.

The Cubans considered themselves amateurs, although Miguel Tejada and Albert Belle, who complicated for the Dominican Republic, said they were up to the challenge. Both are among the Cubans could be in the majors.

As for good as the Cubans are — they had won 22 of 44 games in interna­tional competition — they are vulnerable, after Cuba.

Cubans were upped when their team, wearing its lucky red uniforms, pulled to 6-5 on a two-run homer by Frederich Cepeda with one out in the seventh.

Majcina in the high jump, 200-meter dash, senior Meghan Horn in the shot put, junior Garet Kockx in the discus and sophomore Kyle Annen in the 400-meter dash.

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**Men's Swimming**

**Bulfin qualifies for NCAAs with record dive**

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Freshman diver Michael Bulfin became the third competitor in Notre Dame history to qualify for the NCAA National Championships March 10-12 at the Zone C Diving Championships at Ohio State.

Bulfin's score of 634.40 in the three-meter board landed him fourth place in the meet. That score held up throughout the weekend, giving Bulfin a spot at the national meet to be held in Atlanta March 23-25.

"This was a joyous surprise," Irish swim coach Tim Welch said. "He works so hard. This year he's been doing dives he has never done before and he's improved so much.

"Bulfin's fourth-place performance also ties the best showing of any Irish diver ever in any event at the meet, setting a school record in the three-meter dive.

After placing ninth in the preliminary round with a score of 311.20, Bulfin notched a score of 323.20 in the prelims to move him into fourth place and punching his ticket to Atlanta.

"Diving rewards consistent effort," Welch said. "In the finals, he did the same dives, he just did them better."

The All-Big East Diver also placed ninth in the one-meter board, while fellow Irish diver sophomore Sam Stoner placed 10th. Bulfin is one of only five divers from the Zone C to qualify and one of 35 divers in the country to qualify for nationals.

"This is a great accomplishment, because the selection process has changed dramatically from the old days," Welch said. "In previous years, you just had to achieve a certain time, now it's tougher because there are so few spots.

Previous Irish national qualifiers include diver Rob Ethel in 1975 and current junior swimmer Tim Kegelman in 2005.

"This is also good because we've made our schedule tougher, and these other teams also have national qualifiers in diving," Welch said. "My expectations for Bulfin just went up, and that's a good thing."

Bulfin could not be reached by The Observer for comment Monday.

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**Men's Lacrosse**

**Road tripping: Irish cruise to three wins over spring break**

Twelfth-ranked squad defeats No. 20 North Carolina, Villanova

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

The week was a good one for the Irish.

No. 12 Notre Dame began its three-game set March 11, downing then-No. 20 North Carolina 9-7 at Krause Stadium.

After compiling three points in the first two contests, senior attack Pat Walsh sparked a struggling Irish offense, recording a career-high six points against the Tar Heels with one goal and five assists.

Notre Dame opened a 3-3 game in the second quarter with five straight goals. Walsh had four assists in the quarter and senior co-captain D.J. Lubschmann added two goals to give the Irish an 8-3 lead in the third quarter. Lubschmann, the team's leading point-scorer for the week (10 goals, 7 assists), also recorded two assists in the game.

"Through the fall and pre-season he's been tearing it up," senior co-captain D.J. Driscoll said. "His presence out there on the field as a scorer, as a linker, as a leader for our game, is huge."

Notre Dame is 3-2 against North Carolina and winning nine fewer ground balls than the Heels. Driscoll said Notre Dame controlled the tempo of the game.

"We can't argue with the stats, but we just executed when it counted," he said.

Notre Dame carried its momentum through a 10-7 win at Villanova March 14.

After falling behind 3-2 against the Wildcats, the Irish went on a 5-0 run with four straight goals to take a lead they never relinquished. Lubschmann led the Irish charge with four goals and one assist to maintain his team's lead in those categories.

Notre Dame's offense stumped in the second half, waiting until Villanova had come within 8-7 before scoring the final two goals with under five minutes left in the game — a trend Driscoll believes the Irish need to fix in order to be an NCAA Tournament contender.

"We couldn't put them away," he said. "We let them hang around. We have to start putting teams out of the game. Once we can accomplish that, we'll be on cruise control."

The Irish road trip concluded with a stop in Louisville, Ky. Saturday, where they handled Bellarmine 8-2 in the teams' first lacrosse meeting. This year is Bellarmine's first as a full NCAA Division I member. The two goals allowed were a career record for sophomore goalie Joey Kemp, who recorded 10 of his 24 saves during the week against the Knights. The Irish (4-1) outscored their three opponents 27-16, reversing a trend of poor offensive production. Most importantly, Driscoll said, they came out of the week with three more wins and even more confidence.

The Irish will carry their winning streak into their third straight road contest Saturday in Hempstead, N.Y., against the No. 6 Hofstra Pride.

"People look at our schedule and say we really didn't beat anyone," Driscoll said, "but every win is important to gain momentum going into our game Saturday against Hofstra."

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**Defensiveman James Severin advances the ball during Notre Dame's Feb. 26 win over Penn State. Over spring break, the Irish faced North Carolina, Villanova and Bellarmine.**
West Coast is only so nice to visiting Notre Dame squad

Irish continue rocky season with 4-3 mark during spring break

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

The Irish showed they could play with some of the best teams in the country over spring break, as the squad earned a win over No. 12 Arizona State and dropped a pair of one-run games to No. 3 Texas and No. 6 Mahomes.

Notre Dame began its West Coast trip by sweeping a doubleheader against Cal Poly SLO (9-10). The games saw the Irish dominate both games.

In the first game, a 3-1 victory for the Irish, Bouchard surrendered just one run on five hits, while striking out eight in the win. Cal Poly's lone run came in the bottom of the third, when a Lisa Medlin double scored left fielder Katie Comstock to give the Mustangs a one run lead. The game continued on scoreless until the top of the seventh, when right fielder Stephanie Brown knocked in two runs on a line drive to give the Irish the lead. Shortstop Sara Schonhauser provided some insurance with a single to right to drive in Brown, Brown took the game to the Irish, 4-1, with a perfect seventh.

The second game was a 1-0 pitcher’s duel between Bouchard and the Mustangs’ Jenna Marovic. Neither pitcher compiled complete games and gave up no runs, with Bouchard getting the win in the top of the fourth, when pinch runner Sarah Smith scored off a throwing error by Cal Poly shortstop Jackie Gebrink-Jones. This proved to be all the run support Bouchard would need, as her eight-strikeout shutout helped the Irish win the second game of the doubleheader.

Notre Dame then traveled to Fullerton, Calif., to play five games in the Judi Garman Classic.

The first game of the tournament for the Irish was a rematch against Cal-State Fullerton 1-13, which beat Notre Dame 9-3 in their first meeting on Feb. 19. This time the Irish were able to hang tough against the Titans, but a sacrifice fly to center field scored first baseman Katie Gollhardt to give the Titans a lead.

Notre Dame took an early lead after two innings with an RBI single by Meagan Routhraff in the first and a home run by Katie Laiing in the second. Fullerton responded in the second with an unbeaten performance by Schoenauer. In extra innings, the Irish were shut out in the top of the 10th, but a perfect fly ball by Kiki Munoz scored Gollhardt from second base, ending the game and giving the Irish their third extra inning loss of the season.

The Irish rebounded by winning their next two games, a 3-2 victory over No. 12 Arizona State (2-2) and a 1-0 win against Fullerton (3-2) in the early morning hours before ending the inning. With the score tied going into the bottom of the sixth, Bouchard gave up a solo shot to Rachael Cook to give the Titans a lead, 2-0. The Irish responded in the top of the seventh, when a single by Sarah Potts scored the tying run, before a sacrifice fly by Kiki Munoz gave the Irish the lead back, 3-2.

Against Arizona State, the Irish dropped a 1-0 decision when Tiffany Mechem knocked in the lone run with a two-run home run by right fielder Stephanie Brown, her second home run of the season.

The win against the Seminoles was a huge confidence booster for the Irish as they made up some time because of its pitching performance. Booth gave up only three hits and struck out 11 in the complete game win, while her counterpart, Tiffany McDonald, struck out three and scattered three hits.

Notre Dame managed key hits and the right time, as consecutive two outs singles by Brown and Andrea Kotcheff—combined with Brown’s ninth steal of the season—gave the Irish the only run they would need in the inning.

The game was played over the course of two days, beginning Friday, but rain forced the last three innings to be played Saturday morning.

Catcher Mallorie Leen was excellent at the plate with five hits and four runs.

“It was great that we could remain focused for playing the next day,” Lenn said. “We showed a lot of intensity especially in this game.”

The win against Florida State pushed Notre Dame into the championship bracket against No. 3 Texas on March 15, who defeated the Irish 6-5.

Notre Dame took a 3-1 lead after four innings against the Longhorns, then it fell apart. After Bouchard gave up back-to-back-to-back-to-back doubles to start off the frame, she managed to get the first two outs, but gave up an RBI single to Amber Hall to cut the lead to 3-4. Booth replaced the starter Bouchard and surrend­ered an RBI double down the left field line, giving the Irish a 4-2 deficit, before ending the inning. With the score tied going into the bottom of the sixth, Booth gave up a solo shot to Rachael Cook to give the Titans a lead, 2-0. The Irish responded in the top of the seventh, when a single by Sarah Potts scored the tying run, before a sacrifice fly by Kiki Munoz gave the Irish the lead back, 3-2.

Notre Dame finished off its spring break schedule with a 4-3 loss to Alabama Sunday. The Irish took the lead in the fourth with a two-run homerun by Lenn, but lost it in the bottom of the inning to the Tide, who rallied for three unearned runs against Booth. A home run by Jordan Praytor gave Alabama a crucial insurance run in the bottom of the sixth to make the score 4-2. After a home run by Linda Praytor for the Irish, Booth brought the Irish to within one, but that was all the offense Notre Dame could muster as it fell in the sixth-ranked Crimson Tide 4-2.

Lenn said she is impressed with the play of the pitching staff this season.

“All the pitchers, Heather (Booth), Brittany (Bouchard), and Tiffany (McDonald) have contributed to our success,” Lenn said. “Heather is doing a great job leading this staff and Brittany and Tiffany have done an excellent job.”

The Irish continue the season with a trip to the Western Michigan Classic on Saturday at 1 and 3 p.m.

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Irish keep unbeaten streak alive with four wins

By DAN TAPETILLO
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The Irish proved their strength and depth this past week with wins over four top-30 teams—including their latest victim, No. 11 Texas on Monday.

The No. 2 Irish (15-0) took a giant leap forward this weekend with a shutout over the Longhorns, as they matched their best start in the year—history of the program.

“We went into this past weekend thinking that we will be competing against some of the top teams in the nation,” freshman Katie Potts said. “But we managed to stay focused and played some of our best tennis this season,” which has had us undefeated.

The Irish swept the doubles matches against Texas to earn a one-point advantage as they headed into the singles matches.

The No. 4 duo of juniors Catrina and Christian Thompson defeated the Longhorns Mia Marovic and Courtney Zadzic 8-3.

Sophomore Brooke Buck and freshman Keely Telft toppled Kelly Bartoli and Kendra Strohn 8-2 at No. 2. The remaining two singles matches were both won by the Irish as they defeated Petra Dzdar and Marija Milic 8-2 at No. 3.

“I was really proud of our team earning the doubles point against the runner-up at last year's NCAA,” Potts said. “At each match, we're building confidence.”

In singles, No. 32 Catrina Thompson needed a third-set breaker to earn the 7-5, 6-1, 10-11 (9-9) win over No. 71 Marovic.

No. 2 Notre Dame No. 3 Texas A&M 3

The Irish earned their second consecutive 4-3 victory with the help of Purdy March 18.

“I was behind in the first set and knew that our team needed every win we could get [in singles] to pull out the match,” Potts said. “I’m just glad not only have been able to contribute to the team this season.

In doubles, the team registered two wins to earn the doubles point, garnering an 8-2 win for the Irish over Mia Marovic and Courtney Zadzic on Saturday. Connolly and Stastny recorded the second win for the Irish over Tiffany Clifford and Marika Drus with a score of 8-5. The loss for Notre Dame came at No. 2 from the duo Buck and Telft who fell 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.

The doubles and singles matches were all won by the Irish except one loss in singles matches by the duo in the first set, showing that the Irish were dynamic throughout the season.

Notre Dame No. 4 Duke 0

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No. 5 Notre Dame 0 No. 3 Duke 3

The 6-0 loss to the Blue Devils was the first that the Irish had suffered this season.

“Before the match I was definitely nervous, but knowing that I would be close,” Thompson said. “I just caught a break.”

Thompson responded in the second set over No. 62 Tura Kyer for the Irish with a 7-5, 7-6, 6-3 performance. Connolly was the lone Irish winner in the third set, as she defeated Cella Detoe 6-2, 7-5.

No. 4 Notre Dame No. 7 Oregon 0

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No. 4 Notre Dame No. 6 Western Michigan 3

The Irish were untroubled by the Broncos in the third set, as they defeated Malena Remynse 8-4.

The Irish showed how deep their team was with victories over each of the doubles positions, starting with the win at No. 3 from Buck and Telft. The duo edged out Carrie Jeannaire and Malena Remynse 6-4, 7-5.

Thompson and Stastny proved the team of Linda Yang and Lena Sherbakov were less than a challenge by claiming an 8-3 victory.

In only their second match as a doubles team, the women of Christian Thompson and Potts showed their strength by defeating Rattia Hiranrat and Noriko Saruta 8-3 at No. 3.

The Broncos also fell in every singles match, with No. 48 Oregon defeating Jeannaire 6-3, 6-0.

Buck collected an easy 6-1, 6-0 win over Boedhina Parekh, followed by Telft’s victory over Parekh 6-1, 6-0.

Notre Dame showed how deep its team is with victories in the bottom of the singles positions, including a win by junior Samantha Parekh 7-5, 7-5, and Potts over Maria Pavek 6-2, 6-2. The last win came from Connolly as she overwhelmed Saruta 6-3, 6-0.

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Irish finish strong week, post 4-1 mark over spring break

Notre Dame loses in Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic finals

By KATE GALES
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Despite a loss in the finals of the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic, the Irish had a successful spring break, ending with a record of 4-1 to improve to 13-5 overall.

No. 20 Notre Dame topped No. 30 Florida State 4-3 March 14 en route to a crucial road win. They then knocked off William and Mary, Fresno State and Boise State before losing to No. 26 Virginia Commonwealth.

“When you ripped back from the moment of the loss and the pain and agony that went with that and look back at what we achieved over the break, I think we realize how well we did,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

No. 20 Notre Dame 4, No. 30 Florida State 3

Before a raucous Seminole crowd, Eric Langenkamp clinched a win for the Irish as they toppled No. 30 Florida State.

The Seminoles recently toppled Clemson, then ranked No. 5.

“It shows you the quality of that win,” Bayliss said of his team’s victory.

The Irish lost a hard-fought doubles point as all three pairs fell in close matches.

Brett Helgeson and Andrew Boll, playing at No. 3, lost 8-4 to Sam Chang and Jonathas Soucru in the first match to finish. The Seminoles clinched the match as Andrew Balley and Marcik Sykut toppled Barry King and Langenkamp 8-4 for the point.

Ryan Keckley and Shveea Parhoo lost 8-5 at No. 1 to Tial Abougzir and Chris Westerhol, ranked No. 26 nationally.

But the Irish took four of the six singles matches to pull out the win.

“That was a pretty solid win in fairly hostile territory,” Bayliss said. “I’m very proud of the guys, the match — it was a big match for Florida State, they had their hand out playing during the match and they were pretty professional and they had a big crowd. It was a fun atmosphere in which to play.”

Keckley — one of the most consistent athletes for the Irish this season — tied the score at one with a 6-2, 6-2 win over No. 109 Sykut. Parhoo, playing at No. 2 and ranked No. 33 nationally — won 7-6, 6-4 over Soucru.

But the Seminoles clinched the score again with wins at Nos. 3 and No. 1, as Helgeson lost 7-6, 6-4; and Bass fell 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

“The match came down to No. 6 and Eric Langenkamp played a terrific tiebreaker to win the match for us,” Bayliss said.

Langenkamp won 6-3, 5-7, 7-6(11) for the Irish victory.

“I think the match took a lot out of him physically but he was able to get the job done,” Bayliss said. “Several of our guys played extremely well — Shveea Parhoo had a great win at No. 2, Ryan Keckley kept his terrific serve alive, Barry King had a big win at four over Chris Westerhol.”

Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic: Runners-Up

The second-seed Irish cruised to a 4-0 victory over third-seed Florida State in the final round with wins at the four, five and six positions, as Keckley, King and Roth all won. Helgeson clinched the match at No. 3, and Bass and Parhoo were leading at the top two positions when the match was abandoned.

Next, the Irish topped Fresno State 4-2 to advance in the tournament.

“They played Fresno State and had a close 4-2 with them,” Bayliss said. “Stephen Bass deserves a great deal of credit for that match.”

Wins in doubles by Keckley and Parhoo at No. 1 and Langenkamp and Roth at No. 2 put the Irish up 1-0 going into the singles. King won 6-1, 6-2, for a 2-0 lead, but Helgeson fell 6-2, 6-3 as Fresno lost, battling back. Parhoo won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 2, but Keckley fell 7-5, 7-6(7-3) in an extremely close straight-set loss.

Bass clinched the match at No. 1 with a win over Jacob Cech.

“That set up a semifinal showdown with Boise State,” Bayliss said. “They won a hotly contested doubles point and took a 1-0 lead. Helgeson won 6-4, 6-1 at No. 3 to tie it, but Parhoo lost at No. 2 to put Boise State on top again. Keckley and King took back-to-back victories to put the Irish up 3-2, but Boise State won at No. 6 to put all the pressure on the No. 1 match.

“We played exceptionally well at No. 2, 3 and 4 to give us three points and then the entire match fell on Stephen’s shoulders at No. 1 singles,” Bayliss said. “Stephen fought off that game, broke serve, and then played a great tiebreaker.”

This gave the Irish a berth in the finals against Virginia Commonwealth (VCU). VCU [was] a much older, more experienced team,” Bayliss said. “I’d say the average age is 23, 24 years old. They’re all international players, they didn’t have an American on their team, and they’re all very good.”

Officials decided singles would be played first, as weather forecasts were questionable and calling for rain.

“It was very hard fought — we did have opportunities we didn’t capitalize on,” Bayliss said.

The Irish went up 2-1 with wins by Keckley and Parhoo, but four losses by Buchanan, King, Bass and Helgeson gave the tournament title to VCU.

“That’s a pretty big national event and we felt fortunate to get to the finals,” Bayliss said. “We’d hoped to win it but I think we gave a pretty good accounting for ourselves and we’re ready to go to Texas next weekend.”

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so it really felt like a home game."

Notre Dame went 3-1 in the Irish Classic, taking a pair of games from Northern Illinois March 17 and March 19 by scores of 12-2 and 40-2, respectively. The Irish won their third straight game March 16 against the Hawkeyes, 7-5, but could not complete the four-game sweep, falling 10-8 in the second game of a doubleheader March 17.

While playing a non-conference game like Iowa four times in one week was a strange scheduling quirk, Mainieri said facing the same opponent in multiple games during a short period of time is not uncommon in college baseball.

Typically at a conference weekend we play a team three times," he said. "It's not that unusual in baseball to play a team that many times. I didn't mind playing them because they were a good team and well-coached.

The Irish had struggled at the plate before their trip to San Antonio, scoring just one run in three games at the Dairy Queen Classic in Minneapolis March 3-5. But the bats came alive during spring break, as the Irish averaged 7.75 runs over the eight games in Texas.

"Baseball is a game where you get better the more you play," Mainieri said. "Sometimes it takes 30 to 40 at bats to get into the rhythm. Now that we're in the swing of things, you can see the players' confidence grow."

Notre Dame's pitching staff also played well in San Antonio, with Torin Francis earning two wins, including an 84-pitch, 5-hit complete game shutout of the Salukis. Junior Jeff Manship earned his first win of the season in the 16-2 win over Iowa, and freshman Jeff Samardzija allowed just four earned runs in 13 innings over the course of the week.

"All three of them have really been phenomenal," Mainieri said of his top three pitchers. "I think they're trying to outdo each other."

After opening the season with 15 road games, the Irish begin their home schedule today at 5-02 p.m. against Wright State (7-8) at Frank Eck Stadium.

"We laid it all on the line, which has been our style," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a press conference following the game. "But they made some key plays. They made more key plays than us.

Harris finished with 15 points on 6-of-15 shooting. Horton led all scorers with 29 points on 16-of-19 shooting and added eight assists and three steals.

Michigan coach Tommy Amaker said, "5-0 is in a doubleheader against Notre Dame coach Mike Brey — greeted Brey at center court with a hug. The two were assistant coaches together at Duke in the late 1980s and early 90s.

"I hope they're happy with their staff, we have empathy for what they're going through, what they've been through all season," Amaker said in a press conference following the game. "Irish guard Chris Quinn had a chance to put Notre Dame ahead with 16 seconds remaining and Notre Dame trailing 84-83. But the 88-per cent free-throw shooter missed the second of two shots from the foul line.

Quinn led Notre Dame with 18 points on 7-of-17 shooting, including a layup that tied the game at 70 in the final seconds of regulation. Horton hit a 3-pointer on the previous possession in regulation when he curled off a screen and received a Harris pass at the top of the key beyond the 3-point line. The shot put the Wolverines up 70-68, leading to Quinn's baseline layup.

Notre Dame controlled early on, including a 16-4 run after trading baskets with Michigan to start the game.

Irish forward Torin Francis led Notre Dame in the opening period, scoring six points in the first eight minutes of play. But Francis cooled down after his quick start and finished with 14 points on 3-of-5 shooting from the floor and 8-of-10 from the line.

Notre Dame guard Colin Falls also got off to a strong start, scoring 11 points in the first half. Falls finished with 13 points on 5-of-9 shooting.

Turnovers and foul trouble hurt Notre Dame in the second half as Michigan slowly crept back into the game. The Irish led 41-33 at the break, but opened the second half with four turnovers that led to a quick 6-0 Wolverines run.

Quinn (seven) and Irish guard Colin Falls (six) combined for 13 of Notre Dame's 19 turnovers in the game. Quinn made a costly turnover in the first overtime period — one that led to a Harris layup that gave Michigan a 75-73 lead.

Five Notre Dame players had four or more fouls in the game. Irish forward Bob Kurr fouled out and Francis, Falls, forward Rick Cornett and guard Russell Carter all had four fouls each.

The loss marked the final college game for Quinn, Francis, Cornett, who will all graduate in May, Brey said after the game he is proud of his team the given the circumstances.

"I love this team and I am really going to miss not going to practice tomorrow," Brey said. "They didn't win a championship, they had to grind it the whole time, and I am very proud of how they have always banded together."

But Quinn saw it differently. The Irish point guard, who was named to the All Big East first team, had to handle much of the pressure this season as Notre Dame struggled in close games.

"It kind of signifies our whole season, really," Quinn said following the game. "Coach Brey was trying to talk to us and put things in perspective, but it is kind of hard to do that right now. It is personal. For me, it is my last game.

"It truly is a tough loss — it's disheartening."

Michigan is now 12-0 in NIT home games. Michigan will play the winner of No. 2 Creighton and No. 3 Miami (Florida) Tuesday.

Note: Brey experimented with a variety of lineups during the game, heavily rotating Falls, Carter, Cornett and forward Ryan Ayers. Brey also inserted forwards Zach Hillmann and Lake Zobel into the game for brief stints.

Ayers played extensively in the second half and in both overtime periods.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Wildcats snap streak at seven, Irish move on

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All good things must come to an end.
Notre Dame's seven-game winning streak started this past week when they faced Connecticut and lost.

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The Irish came away with a loss, but the loss was a good test and an excellent experience for the up-and-coming women's lacrosse program.

She said people were inspired by the experience and motivated for the future.

While the Irish lost, they gained valuable experience.

Dixon

The goalies made a total of 20 saves, respectively.

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Four in the first half, six in the second.

season reached a conclusion Sunday, as the Irish fell 21-12 to Northwestern.

The Irish showed physical and mental vitality with their win over No. 16 James Madison as they rallied in the final minutes of the game to secure a 12-11 win. It was again Foote's stick that united the team, as the senior scored three crucial second-half goals against the Dukes.

The 13-9 victory over No. 19 Loyola proved to be less harrowing, as the Irish swept the Greyhounds before a crowd of 4,000 at the College Sports Television's annual "Spring Fling" tournament.

Caitlin McKinney led the Irish assault with three goals and two assists. Jillian Byers continued her strong play as a freshman with three goals in the contest.

"It was awesome, I mean, to play the way we did, with such heart in front of two thousand people and on TV," Byers said. "It was just a great way to end our season in Florida."

Notre Dame will try to regain its winning ways Saturday at 1 p.m. in a home game against Canisius.

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SMC SOFTBALL

No-hit wonders for Belles

Amram and Davison rule the Ides of March with strong pitching

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Two no-hitters in one day?
No problem.
Freshmen Kristin Amram and Calli Davison tossed consecutive no-hitters for the Belles March 15, highlighting the team's 7-3 spring break record in Fort Meyers, Fla., where Saint Mary's matched its last season's win total in just five days.

After a 4-2 start to their spring trip, Saint Mary's dominated an overmatched Illinois Tech squad with an 8-0 victory. Deanne saw no signs of hope in the entire game as Amram grabbed her third win of the season. The Belles saw strong offensive performances across the board, including home runs by seniors胼a Smith and Sarah Miesle.

It was more of the same in the afternoon as the Belles settled back into their winning ways as they trampled Mount Ida with a 10-0 victory. Davison garnered a home run and threw the second no-hitter of the day.

"We just have to believe that we are a great team and that last year has nothing to do with this year," first-year Belles coach Erin Sullivan said.

Senior captain Audrey Gajar started the day strong with a home run against Montclair State in the top of the first inning March 12, but the Belles could not pull away in the opener. Montclair State came back to win, 5-4.

Saint Mary's bounced back later that afternoon, defeating Heidelberg 2-1, as Amram earned her first career victory.

The Belles fell off the momentum of the Heidelberg victory, crushing both Edgewood and Massachusetts-Boston. Their 7-1 victory over Edgewood was led by third baseman Laura Helin, who went 3-for-3 with 2 home runs and 5 RBIs. Senior pitcher Bridget Grall captured her first win of the season in the victory over Edgewood. The second game of the day against Massachusetts-Boston proved to be just as rewarding. Miesle, Gajar and Amram all drove in two runs, leading the Belles to their 8-0 victory. Amram also struck out 10 from the mound, adding another win to her young career.

The Belles carried their winning streak into the third day of the tournament with a 12-4 win over Cazenovia March 14. Cazenovia threatened with an early lead, but the Belles answered in the bottom of the first. The Saint Mary's winning streak came to an end as the team finished the day off with a 2-1 loss to North Park.

The Belles went 1-1 during their final day of competition, March 16. They defeated Dickinson 12-3, once again seeing strong offensive performances, including a homerun from Grall.

But the Belles suffered a tough loss to Brescia in their second game of the day, falling 2-1.

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Third baseman Laura Helin lays down a bunt in a game versus Olivet last season. The Belles are 7-3 this season.

KELLY REGISGUTH/COURIER
Fourth American just went out, got ahead from the start and kept the second strong performances Jacobson won 15-11.

Still, St. John's Stephe... focused the pressure... Zagunis' remarks. Zagunis' remarks.

Notre Dame ended March 18 with 127 points, just four off the pace of first-place Harvard. Channa finished 11th in the mile competition. Chamney, who earned the All-America citation, finished No. 14.

Tom Cavanaugh... All-America honors for the event. "I really feel like we needed to prepare ourselves for some of the situations that we encountered," Bennett said. "It was a really weird race, not at all what we were expecting, and I feel like we didn't show how good we really are this year.

The distance medley relay team finished in sixth place at last year's indoor championships and each of the members was looking for a stronger performance at this year's event. After earning the fourth fastest time in the nation at the Alex Wilson Invitational, the team entered the weekend with hopes of winning. In the end, the team was still able to earn All-America honors and gain experience for its next opportunity at nationals.

All members of the relay squad will be returning for another year. "I'm really excited about the outdoor season and am looking forward to accomplishing the goals I set for myself," Bennett said. "I'll be training hard for the next few weeks to get my strength up and get myself ready for the season."

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Notre Dame gets three All-American honors

Stephanie Madia leads Irish at Indoor Championship meet

By JASON GALVAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame earned three All-America honors at the NCAA Indoor Championships March 9-11 at the Randall Tyson Track Center in Fayetteville, Ark.

Senior Stephanie Madia earned her fourth All-America honor with a fourth place finish in the 5,000-meter run. The distance medley relay team of senior Ryan Postol, junior Kurt Benninger, sophomore Alex Wilson and sophomore Adam Currie earned All-American honors with a sixth place finish.

Junior Thomas Chamney earned his first All-America citation with a sixth place finish in the final of the 800-meter dash.

Chamney, who earned the All-America citation with a time of 1:49.94. "I'm really hungry about the outdoor season and am looking forward to accomplishing the goals I set for myself," Bennett said. "I'll be training hard for the next few weeks to get my strength up and get myself ready for the season."

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head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I knew she would be ready, because she had some great practices the past few weeks. It's unfortunate the rest of the team didn't help out so much today."

Boston College took a 37-26 lead into the half thanks to 52 percent shooting and strong rebounding for the first 20 minutes. In the opening frame, the Eagles had 26 rebounds - including eight on the offensive glass - to Notre Dame's seven. Queenan alone equalled the Irish rebounding in the period, finishing the first half with seven boards.

"We definitely came into the game with controlling the rebounds as a goal of ours," Queenan said.

"I think we did a really good job of sticking to that game plan, especially getting some offensive rebounds."

The Irish went with a 1-3-1 zone, which capped in the second half as seven points were scored. Boston College scored five in the second half as senior forward Brooke Queenan hit the foul line 29 times in the second half, and Boston College converted 22 of those attempts.

Five Eagles finished the game in double figures. Center Kathrin Reiss scored 15, guard Kindyll Dorsey netted 10 and center Lisa Macchio added 10 points of her own off the bench.

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Notre Dame committed 18 fouls in the second half alone and 26 in the game.

"It was the exaggerated embodiment of an entire season of outcomes," Muffet McGraw said. "And that's just giving them easy points.

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ND Women's Basketball

Grounded by Eagles

Irish outmatched by Boston College, lose in NCAA first round

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Senior forward Brooke Queenan scored 18 points and added 11 rebounds as No. 8-seed Boston College ended No. 9-seed Notre Dame's season Sunday with a 78-61 victory over the Irish in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Mackey Arena.

Irish freshman Lindsay Schrader scored a career-high 29 points on 12-of-23 shooting, and senior point guard Megan Duffy netted 15 points and five assists in her final collegiate game, but Notre Dame never found an offensive rhythm to counter the Eagles and dropped its first opening round NCAA Tournament game since 1995.

"Obviously, this isn't the way I wanted to go out, and this isn't acceptable for the Notre Dame program," Duffy said. Schrader and Duffy were the only Irish players in double figures, and none else for Notre Dame scored more than three points.

"I thought Lindsay Schrader was outstanding today," Irish

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FENCING

Young team finishes in fourth at NCAAs

Zagunis wins Sabre, Ghattas takes second to lead Irish efforts

By JACK THORNTON
Sports Writer

Strong individual performances put Notre Dame in the running at this weekend's National Championship in Houston, but the Irish could not overcome the talented, crowded field.

Led by sophomore sabre Marcel Zagunis and junior sabre Patrick Ghattas, Notre Dame finished fourth overall with 152 points. 13 behind champion Harvard. The Crimson were followed by Penn State (159 points), Ohio State (155), Notre Dame, Columbia (152) and St. John's (148).

"This competition showed the place we hold in the nation in reality," head coach Janusz Bednarski said. "During the season we competed well in the format of three fencers per weapon but when you have to compete with two fencers, we had some weak points."

The format of the tournament called for a maximum of two fencers per weapon per team competing in 23 five-touch-round-robin bouts. The top four seeds then participated in a direct elimination round which had no effect on the team scoring.

The Notre Dame women opened the tournament March 17 with 50 points, enough to put the team in third place behind Penn State (59) and Columbia (53). Bolstered by

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ND Women's Lacrosse

Northwestern 21
Notre Dame 12

Irish fall to hold on to early lead against No. 1 Northwestern

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SMC Softball

Two freshmen lead the Belles to consecutive no-hitters to cap 7-3 spring trip to Florida

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ND Women's 1AC

No. 12 Notre Dame goes 3-0 on its road trip, defeating UNC, Villanova and Bellarmine.

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Men's Lacrosse

Freshman Michael Biffin qualifies for NCAA championships with school-record 3-meter performance.

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Men's Diving

Japan 10, Cuba 6

Japan wins first-ever World Boxing Classic Monday in San Diego.

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WBC

Lakers 105, Celtics 97

Kobe Bryant nets 43 in Lakers win.

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BASEBALL

Irish bats come alive over break

By CHRIS KHOERE
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame spent spring break turning around its season.

After a rocky 2-5 start, the Irish (9-6) made the best of nine days in San Antonio, capturing two tournament titles at Wolff Stadium. Notre Dame won four games at the Texas-San Antonio Express Baseball Classic, including a 5-4 upset of Texas A&M March 10, then earning two victories over Iowa by scores of 16-2 and 6-2 March 11 and 13 and defeating Illinois 4-3 March 12.

Later in the week, Notre Dame hosted its own tournament at Wolff Stadium. The Irish Classic has been a Notre Dame schedule staple for ten years now. While the games were played in San Antonio, Irish players were able to use the stadium's home locker room, creating what Mainieri called "a home away from home."

"For being on the road it's as good a situation as we can ask for," Mainieri said. "For the second half of the week we got to move into the locker room, see OPENER/page 23

Above, Irish forward Lindsay Schrader, left, battles for a ball with Boston College forward Brittany Johnson. At left, Megan Duffy drives by Eagles forward Brooke Queenan.

Buzzer-beater sinks squad

Notre Dame loses final game in 20T

By BOBBY GRIFFIN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame lost 87-84 to Michigan in the second round of the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) Monday in Ann Arbor, Mlch., on a Dion Harris' 3-pointer as time expired in double overtime.

It was a fitting end to a season in which Notre Dame competed in every game but had trouble finding a way to win in the final minutes, as the Irish lost 11 Big East games by a combined 39 points.

Harris received a Daniel

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Michigan's Dion Harris, left, beats Irish guard Russell Carter to a loose ball in their NIT game Monday.

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