Architecture students learn from devastation

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Eleven Notre Dame fourth-year design studio students truly received a hands-on education in January when they traveled with architecture professors Philip Bess and Al DeFrees to the Mississippi towns of Biloxi and D’Iberville.

Bess, director of the Notre Dame graduate program in architecture, said the Congress for New Urbanism in Mississippi, a non-profit organization based in Chicago, met in October of last year and produced “master plans” for rebuilding 11 towns along the Mississippi coast ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. He and his students worked at sites in two of those 11 towns.

“We took those master plans that were produced in four or five days and made proposals for buildings on those sites in accordance with the master plans,” Bess said. “We fleshed them out.”

Bess said he believes the trip was important for the students for two reasons — they did receive not only valuable real world experience, but were also able to see the human value of their work.

“I think it was a good experience for the students to work in the context of a real site, particularly one in which there’s so much devastation, and they realized that what they do is so important to people,” Bess said. “We were treated with great hospitality. Everyone was very grateful for our efforts ... and I think

Weekend attracts top prospects

Talented applicants enjoy campus life prior to committing to ND

By KAITLYNN RILEY
News Writer

With other top schools like Princeton, Harvard and Yale knocking down talented high school seniors’ doors, Notre Dame Admissions officers, professors and even current students spent the past weekend encouraging 85 of the admitted students of the class of 2010 to commit to the University.

The goal of the Reily Visitation Weekend is to bring the premier students of the early action acceptance

Dreams really do come true for ND students

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

If you attend Notre Dame, now might be a good time to call your parents and tell them to punch themselves.

According to a recent nationwide survey conducted by The Princeton Review entitled “Hopes and Worries,” parents of college applicants ranked Notre Dame fourth among “dream colleges” they would want their children to attend, placing the University behind Princeton, Stanford and Harvard.

The ranking is the highest Notre Dame has received since the survey first began in 2003. In all previous years, the University ranked No. 5 among the top 100 high school students surveyed.

According to Director of Admissions Daniel Saracino, the positive results for the University are far from

Reckers heats up early Saturday

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Editor

Emergency crews were dispatched to South Dining Hall in the early hours of Saturday morning after flames and smoke were reported to be coming out of the chimney connected to Reckers, the 24-hour eatery attached to the back of the building.

There were no injuries, and the building sustained minimal damage, Notre Dame Fire Department (NDFD) Captain Tim Hoepner said on the scenes Saturday.

Hoepner said NDFD received a call from concerned Reckers staff between 3 a.m. and 3:15 Saturday, and sent a unit to investigate claims of “flames coming from the roof.”

Hoepner said the building’s fire alarm was tripped soon thereafter, when firefighters were already responding to the situation.

NDFD confirmed the fire, it called in the South Bend Fire Department (SBFD) for additional support. Hoepner said according to Hoepner, SBFD came with three fire engines — including two ladder trucks — an ambulance, a fire chief and a safety officer. One ladder truck was used to approach the fire from the outside. Hoepner said, while two crews approached the situation from inside the building.

Notre Dame Security/Police officers were also on the scene, and the presence of a unit from the South Bend Police

Reilly Visitation students about the University’s Honors Program as part of the weekend’s events.

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INSIDE COLUMN

NCAA Men of Genius

Last Thursday night's round of Sweet 16 games was just ridiculous. Between Duke forgetting to box out, Texas' prayer being answered and Adam Morrison flat not losing it after Gonzaga's heartbreak­ ing defeat, there was plenty to keep viewers entertained.

The funny thing, though, was the first person to grace that plane. It wasn't A.J. Abrams, who had passed the ball to Paulino right before his shot. It wasn't LaR政us or DeRosa, who had Texas with 26 points. In fact, it wasn't even a player. It was on the court at the time.

The first person to reach the Paulino was some skinny sub-six-foot kid still wearing his warm-ups. Why in the world was he that excited? It was obvious he hadn't played a single minute all game. I'll even go out on a limb and say he made no contribution whatsoever to Texas' win over West Virginia. Yet there he was, red­ braring like this was the defining moment of his career.

The more I thought about it, though, the more I realized that the behavior of "Mr. Anonymous Texas player" wasn't really that unusual. We see bench­ warmers make fools of themselves all the time in the NCAA.

When the game is on the line, he's the guy. The bench he is exasper­ atious than the guy standing at the free throw line. During a timeout, he's always the first guy off the bench rushing to high five and re-hydrate his teammates. And you can take it to the bank that when a game winning shot is made, he will be the guy who completely loses it during the celebration.

Is it just me or are these guys straight out of a Real Men of Genius commercial? Win one, lose one? Those kids have these marketing geniuses at Bud Light not coming up with this idea just yet. I guess I'll have to go ahead and do it for them. Call it myredo to the benchwarmer.

Bud Light presents Real Men of Genius (Real Men of Genius)

Today we salute you, Mr. NCAA Tourn­ ament Benchwarmer Guy.

(Bud Light warm-up suit)

That's 365 pounds, and without a speck of basketball ability. You can't dunk, but what you lack in athleticism, you make up for with enthusiasm. Nothing can touch... er... enthuse­ miasm.

(Big gulp)

You spend the entire game in your warm-ups. Why? Because you know you have no shot, so you as much chance of playing as that tuba player in the fifth row.

(Blow on that tuba)

But do you let that stop you from making an idiot of yourself on the end of the bench? No, sir. And when your team scores that basket to take their crucial 8-6 lead, you'll be there.

(Thump a pointy foot)

So crack open an ice-cold Bud Light, 0 point­ er of the point. Because this time, we ذو the ones cheering for you.

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

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editorial error, Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney was dubbed to be a member of The Observer. Due to a reporting error, an article in the March 22 edition of The Observer said the one shot of AIE acceptance was Notre Dame student. In fact, Notre Dame student was one of all AIE acceptance. The Observer regrets the errors.

OFFBEAT

Drunks bused — in bars

SAN ANTONIO — Texas has begun sending undercover agents into bars to arrest drinkers for being drunk, a spokeswoman for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission said Wednesday.

The first sting operation was conducted recently in a Dallas suburb where agents infiltrated 36 bars and arrested 30 people for public intoxication, said the commission's Carolyn Beck.

Being in a bar does not exempt one from the state laws against public drunken­ ness, Beck said.

"We feel that the only way we're going to get at the drunk driving problem and the problem of people hurt­ ing each other while drunk is by crackdowns like this," she said.

"There are a lot of dangerous and stupid things people do when they're intoxicated, other than get behind the wheel of a car," Beck said.

"People walk out into traffic and get run over, people jump off of balconies trying to reach a swimming pool and mix.

Public urination ruled Illegal

SAN FRANCISCO — Emptying one's bladder in a public place is a crime, even if there is no specific law pro­ hibiting the practice, a state appeals court ruled.

"Urination on or near a busy commercial street inter­ feres with the comfortable enjoyment of both life and property," Presiding Justice J. Anthony Kline wrote in an opinion that concluded public peeing qualified as a "public nuisance." "The sight and smell of urine are vile and offensive, and those who use the public streets and sidewalks cannot be freely subjected to such displeasure," Kline con­ tinued.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Harvard University professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "A Midwife's Tale," will be giving a lecture on why "Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History," Wednesday at 4:30 p.m, as part of the Provost's Distinguished Women's Lecture Series.

Internationally acclaimed collage and montajste artist Winston Smith will be Visiting Artist in the Saint Mary's Art Department Wednesday through Friday, and will be giving a public presentation of his works at 7 p.m. Wednesday in room 232 of the Morrow Center for the Arts.

O'Neill Hull will host the "O'Neill Spotlight" — a faceoff with McGlinn — Thursday at 8 p.m. The event will feature singers, comedians and dancers from O'Neill as well as karaoke and food.

Saint Mary's seniors Emily Fannon, Stimmam Wolfe, Amanda Caddy and Amber Painter will host a senior compre­ hensive art gallery opening Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 in the Morrow Art Galleries in the Morrow Center for the Arts. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Famed Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz will give a lecture on "Gallicanism and Competition" Friday from 7 p.m. to 8:15p.m. in the Stiepan Center. The event is spon­ sored by Student Government as part of the Catholic Think Tank of America Lecture Series. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students must present student ID at the door for admittance.

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

SAINT MARY'S ART CENTER

Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney prepares to be dunned by students at Friday's Midnight Madness celebration. Students paid $1 for a chance to get various professors and administrators wet in the dunk tank.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WAS NOTRE DAME YOUR DREAM SCHOOL? WHY OR WHY NOT?

Erin O'Neill

Elizabeth Elliott

Ben Clarke

Mark Hinken

Alan Bauer

Villarreal

"With a name like Erin O'Neill, how could I not go somewhere Irish?"

"It was, until I found out Ben Clarke was coming here."

"Yes, because Elizabeth Elliott was coming here."

"No, it's not, because it's in South Bend."

"Yeah, if I didn't come here, I'd be a failure to my family."

"I dream of getting out of here."

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McIlдуff, Siefert name Wallach chief of staff

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's student body president Susan McIlдуff and student body vice president Maggie Siefert have appointed College junior Kate Wallach to serve as the Board of Governance's (BOG) new chief of staff.

Wallach — a nursing major from Hillesdale, Ill. — is the third person to fill the newly created executive position. The chief of staff serves as the executive assistant to the president and vice president, meets regularly with BOG commissioners to maintain communication and help execute goals.

McIlдуff said Wallach is "extremely qualified" for the role, citing her previous contributions to student government as an example of the hard work and dedication she will bring to the position.

"She best exemplifies a Saint Mary's woman through her participation in cross-country, BOG and student role in Student Nurses' Association," McIlдуff said. "She is extremely qualified in all areas — both academically and extracurricular — of Saint Mary's.

Wallach previously served as the publicity chair of the sophomore class board, and most notably as the newly created student services commissioner during her junior year. In this position she has worked to make several improvements to the campus's food service and dining options.

"I felt good placing Kate in this position because I have heard all the work she has done is above and beyond," Siefert said. "She is always trying to improve everything that needs to be improved when it comes to student services."

Wallach said she hopes to mirror the leadership of all past student leaders — not just those in the chief of staff position — to guide her in accomplishing goals.

"I think in some ways I am creating my own path, but also looking at the leadership examples of everyone else," she said.

According to McIlдуff, the chief of staff will no longer have to be a part of the Student Academic Council, allowing Wallach to have more time to dedicate to being the "commissioner's cheerleader."

Wallach said she is anxiously anticipating taking over her own role, a position she had her hopes set on achieving since her sophomore year.

"I love what I do," Wallach said. "I think that so many people have ideas but most aren't willing to step up and execute them, which is something I hope to help BOG commissioners do."

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Department was reported, but unconfirmed.

HoKppner said initial assessments indicated the fire originated in the chimney flue for Reekers' wood-burning oven used to make pizzas. It then spread to the ventilation equipment at the top of the chimney and remained confined in that area, he said.

HoKppner said the fire was possibly caused by a build-up of creosote in the chimney — a common problem with wood-burning ovens. NDHF will carry out an investigation into the exact cause of the fire, HoKppner said.

HoKppner said Reekers had experienced a similar fire in the past, "at least a few years ago."

Paula Roberts, Reekers manager on-duty at the time, said she was made aware of the situation by students who saw sparks coming from the chimney outside.

"Inside [Reekers] there wasn't a sign that anything was wrong, it didn't smell like smoke," Roberts said. "But when we went outside to see, and sure enough, there were sparks and smoke. We do get that from time to time with the pizza oven, but this did seem excessive."

Roberts said there were seven employees and approximately 20 students in the eatery at the time.

"The kids were so cooperative, everyone evacuated calmly. There was never any danger," she said.

Roberts and several adult employees waited outside for just over an hour until they were allowed back in the building.

"It's pretty cold out here, but I don't want to go too far away from the register," Roberts said at the time. "But these nice kids brought us jackets, so we're okay."

Reekers reopened Saturday with a reduced menu. Damage costs are not yet available.

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Pope-Davis appointed NCAA rep

Special to The Observer

Don B. Pope-Davis, associate vice president for graduate studies and professor of psychology at the University of Notre Dame, has been appointed chair of the University's Faculty Board on Athletics and its NCAA faculty athletics representatives by Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., Notre Dame's president.

As a member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2000, Pope-Davis studies in the areas of multicultural psychology, counseling and education. Specifically, he is interested in cultural and racial identity development, cultural competency training, development, and assessment. Other areas of research include multicultural supervision in professional psychology, development of multicultural measures for assessing environments and supervision, issues of mental health of people of color, and cross-cultural communications.

Pope-Davis is the co-author of three books, "Multicultural Counseling Competencies: Assessment, Education, and Supervision," "The Intersections of Race, Class, and Gender in Multicultural Counseling," and, most recently, "Handbook of Multicultural Competencies in Counseling and Psychology."
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that's been imparted on our students." Student Abbey Oklak said she received both of those benefits.

As part of the project, students talked to professionals, townspeople, Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour and people within city government.

"They have so much hope for the future and they don't want to make what happened to them reflect on their future ... They want to rebuild," Oklak said. "I'm definitely more interested now in rebuilding cities ... making urban communities that can thrive."

Similar sentiments were echoed by senior Brian Settle.

"Our work in Mississippi gave us a hands-on view, and let us see the political process involved," he said. "[Just] to see the devastation was unbelievable. You don't get the same view on TV."

Since the University has "traditional urbanism" required in its curriculum and because of the history of the buildings and communities where Notre Dame's architecture students worked, Bess said they have a lot to offer that those from other schools don't.

"These were towns that were eroded by sprawl ... since World War II, and the hurricane wiped all of that out. There's an opportunity to rebuild these places similar to what they were like prior to 1945 in terms of their 'walkability' and their aesthetics," Bess said. "Notre Dame architecture students are good at traditional urbanism because we're one of the few schools [in the country] that has it in its curriculum."

Settle agreed that Notre Dame's architectural curriculum provided a beneficial background for approaching their projects.

"It's important for us because we want it to be ... rebuilt the right way with traditional themes. It's more beneficial for the area to be built in the way it was supposed to be to begin with," Settle said. "We learned a lot about the area and the culture, and we used [that knowledge] to design our buildings."

"Other than that, just to see the devastation was unbelievable. You don't get the same view on TV."

According to Oklak, Notre Dame's Catholic mission and economic reasons are also reasons for the involvement of Notre Dame's students and professors in the rebuilding of Biloxi and D'Iberville.

"I think that it's important for us as a Catholic university to try to better society, which involves being active when a tragedy like Hurricane Katrina happens," she said. "We have the understanding of what to do and we're free. We're free professionals basically ... They don't have to pay us."

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is studying in Rome with Morin, said she became good friends with him during the last several months. She described Morin as "amazingly tough."

"The [architectural] school has been really great at keeping the other architecture students updated continually on Eric's condition — and it seems that each time doctors project a new timeline for his pace of recovery, he beats their predictions by leaps and bounds," Shannon said in an e-mail.

Shannon said the day after Morin's accident architecture students stopped mid-lecture in a Sicilian cathedral to pray for his classmate.

"A few hours later, we got word that his condition was turning for the better," she said. "And of course, that is the best remedy we can ask for of the Notre Dame family — just to keep Eric in your prayers."

Morin is a former resident of Siegfried Hall, where a mass was held for his recovery March 20. His former roommate, junior Andy Crutchfield, has been updated on Morin's condition through Siegfried rector Father John Conley.

"From what they're telling me everything's going to be perfectly fine," Crutchfield said March 23. "I'm relieved and just ... looking forward to hearing from him."

Brown said all architecture students in the Rome program were on the trip to Naples, but Morin was the only student injured.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Police-associated youth labor law that has sparked violent demonstrations and shut down universities. protests unless the government withdraws a bill limiting the work hours of workers. A grouping of university students, urged a big association of workers to join the protests.

NATIONAL NEWS

Preacher's wife murders husband

A preacher's wife was charged with murder in the death of her husband. The woman was said to have killed her husband during a dispute about finances. An apartment manager said she was sorry for everything she has said.

Township mourns crash victims

A man was shot and killed while he was driving his car on a street in this small town. The man was described Sunday as respectful and polite by an apartment manager. He said the man had been living in the apartment.

Towship mourns crash victims

Four young men and two young women were killed in a tragic accident. The victims were identified as two brothers who were on a tour bus when it fell more than 300 feet down a mountainside.

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shocking.
"It was no surprise," he said.
"We're always going to be up
there for the same reasons
you and I are — Notre Dame is
just a great place."
Saracino said comparable
studies have made similar
conclusions. Two years ago,
a survey asked high school
guidance counselors "If you
had to do it all over again,
which school would you go
to?" According to Saracino,
Notre Dame was the No. 1
school — and for the right
reasons.
"What's really neat and
humbling is that students are
not choosing Notre Dame
because it's in a New York
or D.C. ... Kids are coming to
Notre Dame because they really
want to be a part of the
place," he said. "Notre Dame
has just got so much going
for it. The place is just
quietly each year getting
stronger academically, and
the students that come here
just want to be here."

Despite Notre Dame's repu-
tation, students nationwide
are not rating the University
above schools like Yale,
Brown and Duke — even
though their parents are,
according to the survey.
"I guess for parents, they're
looking at it for ... safety and
in the long-term what a Notre
Dame education would mean,"
Saracino said. "I think students don't have that
perspective yet.
Freshman Dan Perkey said
there are serious differences
between the perspective of
parents and that of students.
"Parents are looking for
what will get you a good job
or make you a good person," he
said. "Students go after Ivy
League schools, party schools
and schools that are in
Florida and California,
depending on the person.
"But Saracino said the
discrepancy between students
and parents is not a major
issue, and the survey will not
affect Notre Dame's admis-
sions.
"We'd be most interested in
surveys if it be the type of
students who would be good
mates for Notre Dame," he
said. "What do we do in
admissions is not sell Notre Dame
— far from it. What do we do is
tell the story of Notre Dame."
The admissions numbers
tell a more important story,
Saracino said. The national
average for yield (whether or not
a student will come to a
university if admitted) is
around 30 percent. But Notre
Dame's yield is over 50 per-
cent, meaning most students
who apply to Notre Dame
really want to attend the
University, Saracino said.
According to freshman Paul
Oddy, Notre Dame was not
just any school on his appli-
cation list.
"If you really want to test
yourself you'll apply to Ivy
because there's no way of
knowing what kind of stu-
dents are being surveyed and
whether or not they would
match the profile of a Notre
Dame student, Saracino said.
"I would match the non-
academic profile of our stu-
dents against any college in
the country in terms of
extracurricular activities ... Our kids are
totally different from what we
go in to do on the wire," Saracino said.
Admissions decisions will be
mailed to students at the end
of March and will likely be
making quite a few dreams
come true for both students
and parents.
Oddy said he knew the feel-
ing of realizing that dream
when he was accepted a year
ago. "My parents were tremen-
dously proud and felt secure
about me coming to Notre
Dame," he said. "It was defi-
nitely a dream school for
them. It's a dream school for
me too — you can't really ask
for more than what Notre
Dame offers."
Housing demand questioned

Federal Reserve continues to raise rates after another quarter of strong earnings

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street closed out the week with modest gains Friday, though trading was erratic as encouraging signs of a cooling housing market conflicted with signals of a stronger economy and left no real clue as to where the Federal Reserve's rate move on interest rates.

The latest report that the housing sector showed new home sales tumbling 10.5 percent in February, according to the Commerce Department, was the biggest one-month drop in nine years. With slowing housing demand, Wall Street felt that would make it easier for the Fed to stop raising rates soon.

However, a surge in big-ticket factory orders raised questions about whether demand would hold steady, possibly offsetting the increasing pricing pressure and the chances for higher inflation. The Fed meets Monday and Tuesday, and is expected to raise the nation's benchmark rate by a quarter percentage point to 4.75 percent.

While questions remain as to how much more rate hikes the Fed will implement, stock bulls still have room to move higher thanks to a decent economy and the chance for another quarter of strong corporate earnings.

"The economic data points to the Fed stopping (hikes) sooner rather than later, and that's encouraging," said Jack Caffrey, equities strategist at Morgan Private Bank.

"Combined with the fact that you have a lot of negative pre-announcements on first-quarter earnings, this is a decent environment for equities," Caffrey added. "The numbers of the average rose 9.68, or 0.09 percent, to 11,279.97. Bonds surged after the previous session's selloff, with the yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note sliding to 4.66 percent from 4.74 percent late Thursday. The dollar fell against most major currencies as the markets weighed the Fed's meeting.

In Brief

Gold and silver prices on the rise

NEW YORK — Gold prices rose sharply Friday due to fund buying encouraged by recent silver gains, reduced rate-hike expectations after a week of U.S. housing report, the strong tone lately in crude oil, plus chart-based factors. Silver also edged higher, underpinned by anticipation that a silver exchange-traded fund soon will get final approval.

Agreements settled $9.70 at $560.50 an ounce on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Spot gold rose $9.90 to $560 an ounce. "It's staging what I would call a catch-up move," said Tim Evans, analyst with IFP Morgan. "After resisting the upward pull of silver for so long, the market's couldn't hold back any more and is making up for lost time here.

Recent strength in crude oil is another background factor helping gold, said Evans. May crude gained $2.14 Thursday, and Friday settled 35 cents higher at $64.26 a barrel.

"That market has kicked into the upper part of its recent trading range over the last two days," said Evans. "That brightness concerns about inflationary pressures, even though the recent CPI and PPI data has been benign."

Dollar value slips against euro

NEW YORK — The dollar slipped sharply Friday morning against the euro, but gained Friday afternoon after reading news reports of the recalls last summer. Funeral directors typically get family permission to remove the devices before cremation to prevent them from exploding during the process.

Maher says he collected the devices because he believes the makers have no standard way to collect them once they are removed from the deceased. He said he tried to return them to their manufacturers, without success.

"Claims lawyers subpoenaed any Guidant or Medtronic devices in Maher's collection after reading a news story about it in February. "This really is about the preservation of evidence," said Randy Hopper, an attorney involved in the cases against both companies. He said an independent lab would test the devices.

Bob Clark, a company spokesman, said Medtronic had no evidence that Maher had contacted the company or tried to return its devices.

"We are easily accessible and receive returned devices on a daily basis," Clark said.

Technicians for both companies were on hand when the devices were collected. Clark said that of 26 Medtronic devices inspected by its technicians, all but one was operating properly.

About a dozen devices collected Tuesday were from makers not involved in the two federal court cases.

Medical devices collected for defect

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Immigration debate faces fire in Congress

Statutes determine the fate of 12 million people

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Founded by immigrants and praised as a haven for the oppressed, the United States now is struggling to decide the fate of as many as 12 million people living in the country illegally.

The Senate takes up the emotional debate on the heels of weekend rallies that drew hundreds of thousands of people protesting attempts to toughen laws against immigrants. Among the issues President Bush and members of Congress are considering:

- Erasing a fence on the Mexico border to deter illegal immigration.
- Treating people who sneak across the border as felons to be deported.
- Allowing foreigners to stay in the country legally if they take a job that Americans are unwilling to do.

Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., also supports the idea and has vowed that his committee will advance a bill to allow immigration to stay in the country legally if they take a job that Americans are unwilling to do.

On Monday, the Senate Judiciary Committee takes up the issue and Bush headlines a naturalization ceremony for new citizens. As the Senate takes up immigration, one of half dozen around the country, Police Chief Louis Gray Jr. said aerial helicopters estimated the crowd.

Many marchers wore white shirts to symbolize peace and waved U.S. flags. Some carried the flags of Mexico and other countries, and wore them as capes.

President Bush on Saturday called for legislation that does not force America to choose between being a welcoming society and a lawful one.

"America is a nation of immigrants, and we're also a nation of laws," Bush said in his weekly radio address about the emotional immigration issue that has driven a wedge into his party.

Bush sides with business leaders who want legislation to let some of the estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants stay in the country and work for a set period of time. Others, including Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, say national security concerns should drive immigration reform.

"They say we are criminals, we are not criminals," said Salvador Hernandez, 43, of Los Angeles, a resident alien who came to the United States illegally from El Salvador 14 years ago and worked as truck driver, painter and day laborer.

On Friday, tens of thousands of people were estimated to have joined in rallies in Los Angeles, Phoenix and Atlanta and staged school walkouts, marches and work stoppages.

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Catholic Church names 15 new cardinals in Vatican City

Pope Benedict XVI welcomes religious dignitaries, reflects on Pope John Paul II’s life during traditional ceremony

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — From traditional crimson robes to the rare sight of the red flag of China, St. Peter’s Square was a study in scarlet on Friday.

Pope Benedict XVI warmly embraced his new cardinals in a ritual-filled ceremony that displayed the worldwide reach of the Roman Catholic Church.

In a poignant moment, tears welled in his eyes as he gripped the shoulders of the Polish cardinal who faithfully served his predecessor for 40 years.

The tribute to Pope John Paul II drew long applause from the crowd near St. Peter’s Square as Benedict elevated Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, the pope’s private secretary, as well as key churchmen from Hong Kong, Boston, Venezuela and the Philippines.

They are now members of the elite group who will eventually choose the German pope’s successor.

Coming from North Africa, Asia, Europe and Latin America, they showed the global power of the 1 billion-member Roman Catholic Church.

One by one, they walked up to Benedict, who was seated on his papal throne, and exchanged a kiss, a four-sided hut with three distinct ridges on its upper side whose primary task of cardinals, 12 of whom are Latin American, and warns the new cardinals, 12 of whom are of voting age, 80 and thus eligible to vote in a conclave. The additions raised the total number of cardinals to 193, 120 of whom can vote.

While electing a pontiff is the primary task of cardinals, they also are called on to advise the pope on running the church.

Following Friday’s ceremony, Europe will still have the vast majority of cardinals at 100, 60 of whom are of voting age. Latin America is next with 20 voting-age cardinals, followed by North America with 16. Asia has 13, Africa nine and Oceania two.

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Prom survives hurricane

Associated Press

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss. — Wearing a candy yellow strapless evening gown, Jessica Jenkins walked across the remains of her home, raising her peticoat to keep it out of the red clay.

From season holds a special importance for Jenkins and other Gulf Coast students whose last year of high school was defined by hurricane Katrina. "The littlest things get to you now," said Jenkins, who was named the prom queen Saturday. "Things that you would never have thought would bother you before the storm, bother you now."

Next to the site of her old home, where their new house is under construction, Jenkins and older sister Leah share a trailer supplied by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Her parents and younger sister Brett live in an adjacent trailer. At one time, they all shared one trailer, with a white mattress and golden-haired goldfish.

"You have a lot of rough nights trying to get ready in a FEMA trailer," she said. Before Saturday's prom, she had to apply her makeup in the trailer's dim lighting while a bulldozer cleared debris from a nearby lot.

She and her classmates from Pass Christian High have been attending school in portable classrooms set up on the campus of the local elementary school. Enrollment was down from 600 students last year to 320.

Other senior classes from Pass Christian High have had their proms at a downtown Gulfport but it, too, was damaged by the storm, so Saturday's party for the Class of 2006 was moved to the Orange Grove Community Center off scenic U.S. 49, next to the Kangaroo Gas Station.

Senior Ryan Spear was shocked the school could hold a prom at all, much less have it ready on time.

"It isn’t a little sweet. It’s just sweet," fellow senior Heidi Knight said. "Having one just makes you feel normal.

They got some assistance from far away, as six students from Pennsylvania’s State College High School came to help them decorate and others in the central Pennsylvania town donated 150 formal dresses for the Pass Christian seniors. "I figured that most people wouldn’t think of a prom for hurricane survivors, but it is something important to high school students," said Jony Rommel, a State College High student who put on a performing arts show to help raise money for Pass Christian’s big night.

In November, another group of Pennsylvania students, from Lampion-Strasburg High School in Lancaster, donated money and supplies for an elaborate homecoming gala for Pass Christian and Long Beach high schools.

Karza’s effects extend into the post-high school plans of some students. Spear will attend a community college in Tennessee, where his family evacuated during the hurricane. Jenkins has decided she will attend Mississippi Community College, where she expects to play softball.

"I was going to go off farther to a university but now I’m just going to go to a junior college just to stay closer to home," she said.
The sex-politics connection

Zahn House resolution out of context

I am responding to Katie Perry’s March 24 article contrasting dorm life and fraternitizers (“Domers defend dorm life at Notre Dame”)

I dispute Perry’s opening thesis that the Nov. 16 Student Senate Resolution SS0506-14 Recognizing Zahn Hall as Zahn House “demonstrated the desire of Zahn House residents to have an officially recognized Greek system at Notre Dame.”

The resolution did not support that end. No references were made to fraternity or Greek life, either in the resolution itself or in the question and answer period that followed its introduction. The resolution did not support that claim. Furthermore, the scope of the resolution was limited to student recognition. It did not seek administrative or other approval for Greek or fraternal status because there were no such references, desires or requests for Greek or fraternal status, implied or otherwise.

Perry helps to justify her claim by stating “Billon senator Tim Bower... opposed the resolution and said Zahn was ‘trying to leave the impression they’re a fraternity.’” Bower then followed that statement by invoking the memory of George Kaufmann of Notre Dame’s Zahn House and later informed the Senate of the gender inequality of only recognizing men as members of the Zahn House fraternity. The votes of the other senators. The minutes of the meeting and the Nov. 17 edition of The Observer reflect this.

Bower’s remarks were clearly in jest, not to be used as support for other claims. The Zahn House resolution only demonstrated Zahn’s desire to be recognized for its unique place in the Notre Dame community. The assertion that Zahn was demonstrating the desire of some students for a gender-based organization is out of context and wholly inaccurate.

Pat Knapp

Zahn House senator

March 25

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take action on domestic violence in OUR community

By the time you are finished reading this column, three people will have been threatened or abused or killed in the place where we all expect to feel safest — our homes. According to the National Coalition Against Domestic and Family Violence, a woman, man or child can be victimized by domestic violence every 15 seconds in America. Yet, you won’t find this issue competing for national attention with issues like war in Iraq or the latest corruption scandal. But you should.

In St. Joseph County alone, police are asked to respond to approximately 8,000 domestic violence calls a year. However, the U.S. Department of Justice estimates that only 44 percent of all reports of domestic violence are reported. Thus, the number of incidents of domestic violence may be over 16,000. The challenges of speaking out for victims are both psychological and physical. In times of crisis, survivors may visit as many as 19 different offices for necessary medical, legal, childcare and social services support. The system is set against the victim.

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Make no mistake, the stereotyping of the Irish people that exists at Notre Dame is not just more out of control parties, I am sure you can find those too, but I do think the University needs to promote any institution that would help that meet you that goal, especially here at Notre Dame. The logic of this is this year’s football schedule, it is a truly privilege to go here. It is the rules or institutions that are preventing you to seize the day. As a transfer student who got denied admission from the University the first time, I urge you to think about how many people wish they were students here. The student body is huge, as well as using the tremendous resources here to make yourself truly happy. Don’t waste the gift of being a Domer.

Amanda Golbabai
junior, Badin Hall
March 24

“Fighting Irish” inaccurate

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Residence hall system not to blame

I think it’s a shame that a number of our students currently are over a “victim mentality” and blame the rules and institutions (or lack thereof in the case of Fraternities) of Notre Dame for certain deficiencies in their lives. I have checked, Notre Dame doesn’t prevent men or women from attending other residential halls. It isn’t Notre Dame that promotes the Facebook and Instant Messenger as primary means of communication. Partials only begin at 12 a.m. on weekdays—what is to blame parietals or single sex dorms if one desires. If a student like one of the quoted partials has a choice, the series of letters and comments doesn’t find adequate resources to “pay the price” on this campus, then it’s not the University’s fault. As college students, it’s time to assume personal responsibility to get what we want out of life. And if what you want out of life is just more out of control parties, I am sure you can find those too, but I do think the University needs to promote any institution that would help you that meet you that goal, especially here at Notre Dame. The logic of this is this year’s football schedule, it is a truly privilege to go here. It is the rules or institutions that are preventing you to seize the day. As a transfer student who got denied admission from the University the first time, I urge you to think about how many people wish they were students here. The student body is huge, as well as using the tremendous resources here to make yourself truly happy. Don’t waste the gift of being a Domer.

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Greek life not for ND

Just a comment as someone who tried desperately to get admitted to Notre Dame but did not (even as the son of an alum), this series of letters and comments about Greek life are not rooted in a determined and dynamic struggle for emancipation and sovereignty. The Irish men of 1916 envisioned a free and independent Ireland, one for which which indeed exists today. However, many of the economic and political realities of modern Ireland are contrary to this ideal of a principled and sovereign nation. Ireland’s primary industry, the service industry, is completely reliant on tourists, many of whom are American. Thus, our Tourist Boardougthputrates a vision of a mythical land of leprechauns and shamrocks—brides, engaged in bar brawls. We have become so dependent on foreign tourists that we compromise national integrity in exchange for cold, hard American cash.

Sinéad Howley
graduate student
March 23
MOVIE REVIEW

'Top Hat' offers fantastic dancing, little plot

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Scene Critic

When is the story completely sacrificed for the entertainment value of a film? When Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers join in on the silver screen in Mark Sandrich's "Top Hat." The five times Astaire and Rogers dance together define the film forward and present its only reason for existing — making it dif-
ficult to find fault with its content.

"Top Hat" played at the Del Vallo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) Saturday as part of the DPAC Classic 100 series. The story revolves around Jerry Travers, played by Fred Astaire, and his romantic pursuit of Ginger Rogers' Dale Tremont. Mismatched identities ensue, and slaps on the cheeks from London to Venice.

As is from the main characters, Horace Hardwick's butler Bates spies, and the Italian dancer designe, Alberto Beddini, runs through the film with his rapier sense of gender roles. The char-
acterization and plot take a back-
seat to the the-
atry of the dance-
ing sweeping around every cor-
ner.

According to IMDB.com, this was the first film written with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers in mind as the leads — and they both dance beauti-
fully. While Astaire steals the show as the better dancer, his voice work is also to be desired. The beautiful Rogers — while an excellent dancer — truly shines when she sings.

Perhaps the most famous scene of the film is the "Cheek to Cheek" dance sequence. The song was written by Irving Berlin and garnered an Academy Award nomination for best original song. This sequence sums up the film's themes of dancing and romance, as both are dis-
played here. Astaire in appropriately suave while Rogers swoons. It may not be politically correct, but the relation-
ship between the two adds a classic feel to the film.

Two other memorable scenes occur near the opening of the film. When the characters of Travers and Tremont are first introduced, Travers wakes Tremont with his impulsive dancing and then lulls her to sleep as he dances on sand above her room like a true gentleman.

The next is when a storm stands both of them on a gaze-
bo. This is the point where Rogers dispenses her superior desirable dancing and singing skills. Travers begins the dance and Tremont follows his lead. She ultimately ends up adding another part of the dance in an elaborate and obvious courtroom scene where Travers steals her heart.

While the dancing is top notch throughout the film, the production value is not. The parts of the film that take place in London look like sets from an older film — appropriately glamorous while classically reserved.

However, when the film shifts to Venice, the production value drops. The wooden canals and Venice are sur-
rounded by sets that look like they belong more in children's fantasy than a Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers film. While the acting and dancing does not suffer, this brings the film down to what it could be.

The old saying about the two stars, "He made her classy, while she made him sexy," applies to this film. Rogers brings the voice and very good dance skills, while Astaire plays the reserved lover who steals the show with his danc-
ing. The entertainment value is very high and the dancing excellent — but do not expect a particularly developed plot.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Ballet Russes' entertains with real-life drama

By MICHELLE FORDICE
Scene Critic

Filmmakers Dan Geller and Dayna Goldfine present a beautiful documentary in "Ballet Russes," revealing the present-day way art can mold the lives of those it touches. Its detailed look into the world of ballet may be formulaic for some who say it is aAbove)

"Ballet Russes," a documentary directed by Dan Geller and Danya Goldfine, follows Russian ballet troupe during their turbulent history in the 20th century.

photography of a recent interview with the ballet dancers. The film captures the spirit of the dancers and their dedication to their craft.

The film traces the Ballet Russes' phenomenon from its origins with Diaghilev and his team that consisted of such famous artists as Ni jinsky, Balanchine, Stravinsky, Picasso, Miro and Matisse through its peaks during the 1930s and 1940s. It finally looks at its demise due to rising costs, inexperience, management, egos, love affairs and outside competition in the 1950s.

Geller and Goldfine fuse together harry artistry in "Ballet Russes," revealing the present-day interviews with the veteran dancers in making a strong statement of the lasting effect this troupe had on ballet and the people who experienced it. The old film and photographs of these dancers in their prime stirr amazement among the audience as it watches the stunning movements and bodies of these dancers.

Ultimately, it is their voices decades later that inspire the latest at-
tention. From the interviews emerge characters that could not be more captivating if they were fictional. There is Natalie Krassakova who says she "always wanted to be a dancer" and still giggles, even though she is nearly a century old, as she speaks of her marriage to a violinist that lasted just weeks.

There is Irina Baranov who admits that she "never wanted to dance," but her mother was never one to be dis-
agreed with, so eventually it grew on her. There is Marc Platt who, after declaring he would never do it, allows his name to be "Russianized" into Plavet, so that the first American dancer, would fit in among the rest of the ball.

The Ballet Russes included dancers from so many different places and situa-
tions that their per-
sornality, from the staunch ballet galant to the little girl yearning for home, is left out. "Ballet Russes" reveals how art's effects are never left behind. At the 2000 reunion of the Ballet Russes, a dancer who had not seen each other in years took up their old roles. This time they return to the scenes that captivated their audience decades prior. Nearly all the veterans teach dance today, even if they do so leaning on canes, and a few still perform in the shows.

That "Ballet Russes" is a Zeitgeist (or "spirit of the times") film is exceptionally fitting. The story of the Ballet Russes reflects the events of the decades it spans. The original Ballet Russes is known for being a group of Russian refugees who had escaped the Russian Revolution and had never danced in Russia. The later Ballet Russes troupe flee as Hitler begins conquering Europe. Raven Wilkinson becomes the first African-American to be a part of a major ballet troupe and also the first to be forced to quit because of the overpower-
ing racial tensions in the southern United States that wouldn't let her perform. "Ballet Russes" is about more than just ballet. It tells the story of both the first half of the 20th century and a select group of dynamic and diverse people. It is a wonderful documentary that will make audiences laugh with delight and inspire them through the determination and strength hidden inside such a deli-
site art form.

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The internationally acclaimed Anglo-Irish band "Flook" captivated the audience at the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center Saturday evening with their energetic tunes and melodies. The recipient of numerous international awards for Celtic folk music, "Flook" has delighted audiences with its innovative style of traditional Irish music. The band combines numerous styles to create a unique folk sound.

By SEAN SWANEY
Scene Writer

Success no 'Flook' for inventive Irish folk band

The band's performance was a full, rich sound that only four players could create. Each band cannot create with dozens of musicians. Perhaps the only fault with the band is the lack of a vocalist, but the sound that they create in their music, especially in self-written songs, more than makes up for the absence of lyrics.

In addition to playing excellent music, "Flook" knows how to win over an audience. For a song called "Gone Fishing," the audience had the chance to try and name the tune being mimicked in the opening to the song. When one audience member figured out the song, she got to join "Flook" onstage and was rewarded with a "Flook" CD for singing the intro to "Hotel California." For another song called "Granny," the entire audience joined the band by sounding like trumpets to provide musical accompaniment to the band.

"Flook" also had a humorous stage presence, led mostly by guitarist Ed Boyd. Ed Boyd put songs back and forth between sets with his jokes and commentary about everything from being in Indiana to his grandmother. The other band members seemed to warm to the audience as the concert progressed, especially after intermission.

Not surprisingly, as the band became more at ease, it took its music to a higher level. The first song after intermission, called "Flutopia," featured Allen and Finucane using their flutes in unconventional ways to produce catchy, staccato sounds. In a later song, "Flook" was joined by two Irish dancers, both of whom are Notre Dame students. The talented dancers mesmerized not only the audience but also the band members, who said they do not perform with dancers often.

Not wanting to be left out of the action, the bodhran player Kelly, who seemingly always had a full audience in front of him, played an amazing drum solo. Kelly is regarded as one of—if not the best—bodhran players in the world and demonstrated his incredible talent in his lengthy solo. As the band rejoined him, it ramped up the tempo once again in its final songs to bring the concert to an energetic close. A thunderous standing ovation from the audience brought "Flook," along with the Irish dancers, back to the stage for an exciting encore that left audience members tapping their toes all the way home.

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Glee Club spring concert blends modern, traditional

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
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After their successful concert tour of California over Spring Break the Glee Club performed their annual spring concert on Friday at the Leighton Concert Hall.

The show opened with two African-inspired songs, "Welcome Song" and "Beautiful Rain," which provided an up-tempo opening to the show and showcased the vocal abilities of the Glee Club well.

The performance balanced classical pieces with more contemporary numbers, and the songs traded success in groups centered around a common musical theme. The songs crossed lines of language, style and arrangement, and allowed the diverse musical talent of the Glee Club to shine. The group included proficiency on musical instruments for some performers along with vocal ability, to shine.

The show contained a number of "Flook" what more somber religious pieces. This group of songs began with the powerful "Dorge from Cymbeline," which featured a trumpet solo from Steve Feutz. From there the group moved on to Rachmaninoff's "Nava v Vishinh Bogu" and the stirring "Abadal filili." The Gregorian chant "Alma mater" ended the first half of the evening's performance.

Interspersed throughout the performance were songs performed by small groups, which provided some musical diversity—as well as humor—to the evening. The small group called the Wookiees chose a more contemporary piece and sang "Ugly" and immediately brought them back to the show after intermission. One of the highlights of the whole evening was the following songs, "Marry a Woman Uglier Than You," which added some humor to the show while still being vocally well-executed.

The next section of the show featured a selection of Celtic songs, beginning with the slow and beautiful "She Moved Through the Fair," the next song, the gorgeous Gaelic song "Dulaman," which was followed by the club standard "Lida Rose." The final Celtic song of the evening was the boisterous "Bonnie bluett," which was arranged by current Glee Club member Tom Schulz.

The biggest crowd-pleasers of the night were, naturally, the final songs of the evening, performed to the musical "The Music Man," which included "Trouble," "Lida Rose" and "76 Trombones." One of the evening's highlights was "Trouble," which allowed the group to showcase their humor skills once again, which provided some contrast to the love song "Lida Rose." The final selection from the set, "76 Trombones" was a hugely entertaining song and revealed the unique baritone in front of him, played an amazing drum solo. Kelly is regarded as one of—if not the best—bodhran players in the world and demonstrated his incredible talent in his lengthy solo. As the band rejoined him, it ramped up the tempo once again in its final songs to bring the concert to an energetic close. A thunderous standing ovation from the audience brought "Flook," along with the Irish dancers, back to the stage for an exciting encore that left audience members tapping their toes all the way home.

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Red led as Milwaukee defeats Toronto in overtime

Cavs outlast Rockets; T-Wolves beat Knick

Associated Press
MILWAUKEE — The best game of his NBA career couldn’t save a losy day for Charlie Villanueva.

Villanueva scored a career-high 48 points, but the Milwaukee Bucks got 33 points from Michael Redd to beat the Toronto Raptors 125-116 in overtime Sunday.

That came less than an hour after Connecticut, Villanueva’s college team, was upset by George Mason in the NCAA tournament.

“Just now I am a little disappointed and frustrated,” Villanueva said. “We lost. If we won, it would have made my night even bigger. UConn lost, too. That’s 6-0 for me.”

Toronto scored much of the way without Injured All-Star Chris Bosh, but stayed in the game behind Villanueva, who shot 28-of-32 and had the highest point total by an NBA rookie this season.

But it was Redd, Charlie Bell and the Bucks who stole the show late. Bell filled in for the injured T.J. Ford and added career-high 18 points and 11 assists in 47 minutes.

Reserves Joe Smith had 19 points and Dan Gadzuric had 17 for Milwaukee, which was also playing without the injured Michael Williams. Gadzuric added nine rebounds.

“I am starting to play a little better. My confidence is coming,” said Bell, who joined the Bucks this season after playing overseas.

“I just try to make the best of it because you never know what is going to happen in the future. I am getting a chance to go out there and show other teams and this team what I can do.”

Bubby Simmons added 15 points for Milwaukee. He was quick to credit the bench, including Tony Kukoc, who had nine points, six rebounds and seven assists in 30 minutes.

“It was an unbelievable effort for these guys,” Simmons said. The Bucks shot 55 percent and made 34 of 42 free throws to 12-18 for Toronto.

Rasho Nesterovic played 22.7 points and 9.4 rebounds. He played just 7 minutes before injuring his left thumb while chipping in a rebound with teammate Papou Shew, X-rays were negative, and the injury was listed as a mild sprain.

Cavaliers 104, Rockets 102 OT

The Cleveland Cavaliers got their second overtime win of the week and LeBron James took down the game-winning layup in the huddle.

Jameer Nelson scored 36 points, including the go-ahead dunk with 3:24 left in overtime, to lead the Cavaliers to a 110-107 victory over the Houston Rockets on Sunday.

Four days after hitting his first game-winner in the final sec­ond of a 110-108 overtime vic­tory over Charlotte, James broke his five-game losing streak against Houston.

The win is Cleveland’s fifth straight and helps the Cavaliers move closer to their first playoff berth since 1998.

“We did a great job. Yao’s (Ming) was not a factor again,” James said. “It was a team effort.”

The Cavaliers are now 103-101 when James Jones hit the second of two free throws to stretch the lead.

Houston’s Rafer Alston made the first of two free throws with less than a second left and inten­tionally missed the second, but Houston didn’t think it was a foul.

The Rockets didn’t lead in overtime, but tied the game twice on baskets by Yao Ming before James Jones hit the free throw.

“Going through games like this should be able to help us be able to close it the right way,” Cavs coach Mike Brown said. “To execute is obviously critical and defensive­ly at the end is huge.”

Timberwolves 98, Knicks 94

After the Minnesota Timberwolves avoide their biggest collapse in franchise history, Kevin Garnett made it clear he didn’t want to go through another season like this one.

And both Garnett and Stephen Marbury said they would be open to being reunited in the future — although neither seems to want to change cities.

“I’ve always said I’ll be in Minnesota as long as they want me,” Garnett said after scoring 26 points and grabbing 15 rebounds in the Wolves’ victory over Marbury and the New York Knicks.

But he didn’t think he’d take another season of rebuilding stages.

“It’s been a frustrating season for both Garnett and Marbury, who also three seasons in Minnesota together before an unholy alliance for the first time in 1999. Despite the league’s highest payroll, the Knicks are one of the worst teams. And the Wolves will likely miss the play-offs for the second consecutive year after playing in the Western finals in 2004.

Cavs forward LeBron James shoots over Rockets center Yao Ming. Cleveland beat Houston 104-102 in overtime Sunday.

Chicago center Tyson Chandler blocks the shot of Boston swingman Paul Pierce during the Bulls’ 103-97 win Sunday.

Chicago 104, Rockets 97

Chandler scored 20 points, grabbed 17 rebounds and blocked five shots — including three in the fourth quarter. He “need­ed some guys to shake things up, and the last couple of games we’ve been able to provide that,”

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With Ben Gordon and Tyson Chandler on the court, the Chicago Bulls are starting to recrute their formula from last year.

Lund Deng scored 20 points, Gordon added his 14th of the season, and the Bulls routed to beat the Boston Celtics Sunday.

“The last two games have been very similar to a lot of wins we had last year where we’re not playing our best but we keep battling, stay in the game and make the big plays in the end,” Chicago coach Tom Thibodeau said.

The win, coupled with Philadelphia’s loss to Indiana, gave the Bulls a 1½ games lead of the 76ers for the eighth and final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

The Bulls trailed 78-68 after three quarters of play, but outscored the Celtics 33-19 in the fourth to win their second straight after losing four in a row.

It was the Bulls’ sixth win this season when trailing at the start of the fourth quarter. They won 10 such games last year to make the playoffs for the first time since Michael Jordan retired in 1998.

Chicago improved to 2-0 since Skiles took Gordon and Chandler out of the starting lineup to help create a spark off the bench.

Gordon scored 25 points, Chandler had 18 rebounds and the Bulls outscored New Orleans 27-17 in the fourth quarter Friday en route to a 96-82 win.

“Coach was telling us to shake it up,” said Chandler, who had 10 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots — including three in the fourth quarter. “He need­ed some guys to shake things up, and the last couple of games we’ve been able to provide that.”

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Cleveland — Ivory Latta cramped in the floor when the pain became unbearable. But by the time she was carried out, a hero had been saved, rescued by the tenacious, tenacious point guard with a heart of gold.

With her left leg crumbling, Latta was driving down 2.8 seconds left and top-ranked North Carolina moved on in the NCAA tournament with a 70-68 win Sunday over Purdue in the semifinals of the Cleveland Regional.

"She's a winner," Tar Heels coach Sylvia Hatchell said of Latta. "She's just a tough little kid and she finds a way to win." After flinging in her game-winning, the 5-foot-6 Latta tumbled onto the floor.

"Ivory Latta is one of our cheerleaders as Purdue inbounded the ball for a final chance," Hatchell said as Latta hobbled to her feet near the baseline, grabbed her leg and watched as Purdue's Shaunte Evans missed a 3-point attempt as the clock ran out.

The top-seeded Tar Heels (32-1) then surrounded a handful of Purdue players, who gripped decor to the court and struggled near the end of seconds, an arena buzzing from another madcap finish in March Madness.

Latta, tears rolling down her cheeks, laid on the floor on her right side. The Tar Heels' point guard was cramping as she got her team out with a basket that led Tennessee to its 21st regional final appearance.

Summitt said her final 3-pointer put the Lady Vols up 69-59 with 42.6 left. "You were feeling it, huh?" said Summitt, Tennessee's No. 2 seed in the same region with top overall seed North Carolina.

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"I've got to move," Turner said with tears in her eyes. "I've just got to move. I've just got to move." She was mobbed by her teammates.

Humphrey, Turner drove out the first half and cut the deficit by 8:45 to play. In the closing minutes, Turner drove to the basket and forced a foul.

But the Blue Devils couldn't get any closer, and Humphrey knocked down a 3-pointer from 3-point range with 20.3 seconds left to seal the party up crowd of 9,911.

Aguirre dribbled a bit and passed to Parker, who was fouled and sent to the line and to the bench. Humphrey scored a season-high 21 and helped the Huskies (32-4) rally from 37-37 lead into the half.

Parker, a junior guard, has been having a monster season.

"I didn't know if we had played a team this year that was harder to play than Georgia was in every area of the game," Hatchell said. North Carolina players celebrate their 70-68 win over Purdue Sunday. The Tar Heels move to the Elite Eight where they will play the No. 2-seeded Lady Volunteers.

Carolina fans celebrated as good friend C. Vivian Stringer in March.

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Florida Men's Basketball

Florida knocks off top-seeded Villanova 75-62

No. 3-seed Gators face George Mason in Final Four in Indianapolis

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Joakim Noah and the rest of Florida's sophomores were simply too strong for the last No. 1 seed standing.

With a 75-62 win over top-seeded Villanova in the Minneapolis Regional on Sunday, the young Gators are going to the Final Four a lot sooner than anyone would have thought.

Noah had 21 points, 15 rebounds and five blocks to lead the third-seeded Gators. Fellow sophomore Al Horford added 12 points and Taurean Green scored 19 points for the Gators (31-6). Florida will play No. 3 seed George Mason next Saturday in the national semifinals in Indianapolis.

Florida players celebrate their 75-62 win over top-seeded Villanova Sunday in Minneapolis. The Gators advanced to the Final Four in Indianapolis April 1 against George Mason.

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Noah and Horford were too tough for the Wildcats to use much of the flashy, four-guard attack for which they are known.

Foul trouble made it impossible in the second half, as Foye drew his third at the 18-minute mark.

Kyle Lawry picked up his fourth with 14 minutes left and Ray's third came soon after.

A foul by Will Sheridan, a timeout, and two more free throws by Noah, it was a nine-point edge for Florida.

The cap came when Horford, slowly backing down with the ball in the post as if he were Charles Barkley, spun and dropped an easy pass on the baseline to Noah - who powered up and dunked it for a 66-54 lead with less than 3 1/2 minutes to go.

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A foul by Ray a little later in the half sent him to the bench, and put Green on the line for three shots.

Green made two of them to give the Gators a 31-21 lead with 5:46 left before halftime.

Despite shooting 21 percent from the field (8-for-38), Villanova refused to limp into the locker room with a double-digit deficit — as it did two days before in a third-round win over Boston College.

Florida became a bit careless, starting getting frustrated with the officials and struggled when the Wildcats used their full-court zone press with Mike Nardi pestering Lee Humphrey at the top.
Women's Crew

Notre Dame wins in spite of harsh weather

By FRAN TOLAN

Notre Dame dominated the Lancer, a team led by the Stanford Cardinal, in the third race of the season. The Irish had a strong showing in each of the races.

Amid rain and hail during the races, the Irish recorded victories in the varsity-eight, second varsity-eight, varsity-four, third varsity-four, novice-eight, and second novice-eight competitions.

The race was postponed to a second day because of the weather conditions.

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Irish rookie Dana Paul dies in practice lap crash

High speed collision kills racer in warmups

Associated Press

HULL, Iowa (AP) — Paul Dana was an up-and-coming rookie driver living his dream, a former motorsports journalist who was hours away Sunday from beginning his most promising season.

Then, before the green flag flew, Dana's promising future went terribly, inexplicably wrong.

While streaming around the Homestead-Miami Speedway oval during a warmup session, Dana's car went out of control. The driver lived longer than many might have expected, but his death was a tragic reminder of the risks that come with racing.

Dana's wife, Tonya, was in the car at the time and was notified of her husband's death while attending a church service.

Dana, who began his career in Formula Fords and worked his way up through the ranks, was known as a strong driver and promoter.

The accident was a bitter end for Dana, who was looking forward to the Ethanol sponsorship to the Rahal Letterman Racing team.

Still, the wreck might have been a result of previous experience, as Dana's previous IHL experience included just three races with Ethanol.

The accident occurred as the race was coming to an end, with Dana's car sliding into a wall.

The driver's injury was severe, and he was pronounced dead about two hours after the accident.

Dana was a promising driver who was expected to make a big impact in the racing world.

He was a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and had a passion for motorsports.

Dana's death was a tragic reminder of the risks that come with racing, and it serves as a reminder to always put safety first.

The Rahal Letterman Racing team withdrew Patrick and Rice from the Toyota Indy 300, and a moment of silence was observed before the start of the 300-mile race.

The race was postponed due to dangerous weather conditions.

Vettet, Badgers defeat Gophers in Minnesota

NCAA Women's Hockey

Wisconsin wins first NCAA title

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Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS -- Jessi Vetter and Jinelle Zaugg teamed to help Wisconsin win its first NCAA Women's hockey title Sunday.

Vetter made 32 saves for second straight shutout in the Frozen Four and Zaugg had two two-power-play goals in the Badgers' 3-0 victory over Minnesota on Sunday.

Vetter, who beat St. Lawrence 1-0 in the semifinals on Friday, was selected the tournament's most valuable player.

The freshman finished the season with five shutouts, "I made the first save in every period, and that really got me into the game," Vetter said.

"I was a little more relaxed in the last few minutes with the 3-0 lead, but we all defended really well.

"With the win, the Badgers (36-4-1) claimed the school's first NCAA title since the cross country team won in 1985.

Zaugg opened the scoring midway through the first period, tapping in a rebound.

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Mauresmo, Craybas to face off in 5th round

No. 2 Clijsters, No. 3 Henin-Hardenne fall

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — The lone American woman left at the Nasdaq-100 Open is Jill Craybas, which says something about Amelie Mauresmo's title chances.

With several top players absent or already eliminated, the No. 1-ranked Mauresmo eased into the fourth round by beating hobbled French compatriot Marion Bartoli 6-4, 6-0 Sunday.

Craybas knocked off a seeded opponent for the second day in a row, sweeping No. 27 Klara Koukalova 6-1, 6-2. That wasn't quite as monumental as her win over world No. 1-ranked Mauresmo upstaged Saturday of defending champion Kim Clijsters, 6-1, 6-2. That was an upset Sunday by Svetlana Kuznetsova, who erased eight set points in the fifth set.

Mauresmo said.

"Standing in the middle of Olympic hopefuls. It was a lot of fun diving with those guys." He qualified for the meet two weeks ago at the Zone-C diving championships by placing fourth in the 3-meter dive, a finish that came as a surprise to him.

"Next year, my expectations will increase a little now that I know making it to Nationals is possible," Bulfin said. "I hope to repeat several more times. I have a chance at nationals."

The top 16 in each event scored points. The top eight qualified for the finals. Bulfin said he cannot yet grasp the importance of his performance.

"I don't think it has really sunk in yet," he said. "I think I was more nervous at the meet, which determined if I would go to Nationals or not, than I was actually competing in Atlanta."

Bulfin's accomplishment was the culmination of his first season in the water. He dove in the 1-meter and 3-meter events, with his better finish in the latter competition.

The atmosphere was amazing," Bulfin said. "World records were being broken in the pool, and in the diving, well, I was in the midst of Olympic hopefuls. It was a lot of fun diving with those kids."

While the 5-foot-3 Rhode Island native is still standing, fellow Americans Serena and Venus Williams and Lindsay Davenport withdrew before the tournament. Two-time champion Martina Hingis was beaten Sunday by Svetlana Kuznetsova, and No. 2-seeded Clijsters and No. 3 Justine Henin-Hardenne lost their opening matches.

The depleted draw leaves the second day in a row of openers, with three top players focusing on themselves as the depleted draw leaves the tournament. Two-time champion Kim Clijsters was beaten Saturday by Svetlana Kuznetsova, and No. 2-seeded Clijsters and No. 3 Justine Henin-Hardenne lost their opening matches.

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3 Irish athletes qualify for NCAA Regionals

10 others earn berth to Big East Championship

By CHRIS HINE Spurn Wire

Three Notre Dame competitors recorded NCAA Regional qualifying marks, while ten earned Big East Conference Championship qualifying spots at the NCAA Midwest Regional meet at the Yankton YMCA pool in Yankton, S.D.

Senior Ryan Postel and seniors Stacey Cowan and Emily Loomis all set regional qualifying marks. Postel's first-place mark of 47.03 seconds in the 400-meter was the seventh fastest time in school history in the event.

Cowan and Loomis both qualified in the women's high jump by clearing 5 feet, 8.75 inches. They finished third and fourth, respectively, after a jump-off.

In addition to Postel, sophomores Austin Wechter, freshman Mary Saxer, and freshman Alyssa Hasan also recorded regional distances in the top-10 in Notre Dame history. Wechter is now third in Notre Dame's record books with a personal best 52.67 seconds in the 400-meter hurdles.

Saxer captured the ninth best mark in Irish history with a height of 12 feet, 1.5 inches in the pole vault, and Hasan's 4,665 points in the heptathlon was the second most in program history.

Junior Maryann Erigha won the women's 100 meters in 11.67 seconds — just a hundredth of a second slower than her previous regional qualifying time — while junior Okey Ogbuokiri earned his sixth in the 260-meter dash with a Big East qualifying time of 24.72 seconds.

Regional qualifier Laura Huarte, a senior who holds the school record in the javelin, finished sixth in the pole vault. The Observer could not contact Irish coach Joe Piane Sunday.

This week, part of the track team will trek west to the Stanford Invitational March 31 and April 1 while the rest of the team will compete in the Notre Dame Indoor Classic at Moore Stadium April 1.

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**NBA**

Foyle and Dunleavy lead Warriors to win

Sacramento has slim chance to get back in thick of playoff race

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — This isn’t the first time the Golden State Warriors have looked like a playoff team just after the post-season slipped out of reach.

Still, if Jason Richardson and his teammates maintain this latest late-season surge, they’ve got a slim chance to put themselves right back in the playoff hunt.

Adonal Foyle scored a season-high 18 points, Mike Dunleavy added 17 and the Warriors hung on to snap the Kings’ 14-game home winning streak, beating Sacramento 101-93. It was another win in their last eight games against their Western Division rivals.

Richardson added 16 points for the Warriors, who never trailed but blew a 16-point lead in the second half before winning for the fifth time in seven games overall. Richardson struggled all night with 5-for-19 shooting, but hit a 3-pointer with 1:18 to play and added two free throws in the final minute to put the game out of reach.

As usual, the Warriors are playing splendidly now that their near-month-long slide is over. Last season, Golden State won 14 of its final 18 games after Stanislav Davis arrived in a deadline trade.

But the Kings, who were last-place Golden State in 11th place in the Western Conference, just put four games behind eighth-place Sacramento with two games in hand. Sure, it’s a long shot — but after 11 straight seasons out of the playoffs, the Warriors will tell themselves just about anything.

“We’re still fighting,” Richardson said. “The Kings have got the playoff spot we want. We know we’ve pretty much got to run the table from here on out.”

Davis sat out his fifth straight game with a strained ankle that’s limited him for several weeks, but the Warriors got several big shots from Derick Fisher, who scored 16 of his 17 points in the second half. Foyle and Richardson made the final big baskets.

“There’s still a possibility, and that’s what we’re playing for,” Fisher said of the postseason. “The game felt really good. This was some of the best balance we’ve had in a long time. It’s nice to win one of these games with out Jackson having to score 99 points.”

Shawn Abdur-Rahim scored 24 points for the Kings, who had lost 10 of their last 11 games. Richardson missed practice Friday with a bruised knee, but said he will play tonight.

“Budaj’s pads. Dowd broke it at 3 with his fifth season, scoring off a cross ice pass from Brad May. “It was just one of those things you just keep going,” Dowd said. This is a pressure type team they want to go without giving up on the defensive side.”

**NHL**

Samsonov propels Oilers

Edmonton beats the Rockies in tiebreaker to garner two points

Associated Press

DENVER — Not even a muffled shot on a shot clock scoring attempt could ruin the spirits of Edmonton’s Ryan Smyth.

Sergei Samsonov scored the lone shootout goal and the Oilers beat Colorado 4-3 on Sunday night, leaving the Avalanche tied for first place in the Northwest Division.

After Samsonov scored, Edmonton’s Michael Peca and Smyth failed to get the puck past Avalanche goalie Peter Budaj.

“We needed this one badly,” Smyth said. “Right now we’re just two points better than one.”

Jarret Stoll and Steve Staals also scored in regulation for the Oilers, third in the division — two points behind Colorado and Calgary.

“We all know what’s going on here and we maintain getting points, especially teams that are right there with us,” said Smyth, who scored the first goal of the game for Edmonton, “We had our chances and we still won in a shootout.”

The Oilers’ Dwayne Roloson stopped Anssi Luokkonen, Miller Plunket and Joe Sacco in the shootout after making 31 saves in regulation and overtime.

Oilers coach Craig MacTavish pondered using another goalie a day after Edmonton had beaten Vancouver 3-2.

“My mindset all along with Richardson was that I was going to take the read on Budaj. Last night’s game and determine how many shots he faced, what the result was, and his makeup coming through it,” MacTavish said. “After last night’s game, I knew I was going to play him tonight.”

The Avalanche had much more to stew about, missing a chance to move past Calgary for first place in the division.

“It’s tough when you don’t have a lot of goals to win and don’t,” Colorado coach Joel Quenneville said. “But we did get three out of four points this weekend, and we’re tied for first place.”

Jeffreyi, Andrew Brunette and Jim Dowd scored goals for the Avalanche.

Stoll broke a 2-2 tie at 3:51 of the third period, deflecting a shot from Raffi Torres between Budaj’s pads. Dowd tied it at 3 with his fifth season, scoring off a cross ice pass from Brad May.

“It was just one of those things you just keep going,” Dowd said. This is a pressure type team they want to go without giving up on the defensive side.”

**SMC TENNIS**

Belts win conference match, fall to Aquinas

Saint Mary’s beat Adrian 9-0 in second league match of year

By GREG ARBOGAST

Sacramento was cold against San Francisco, winning all nine matches while never allowing the Saints to win more than three games in any set. In the 9-0 win, Saint Mary’s won all 11 of the 18 sets without allowing Adrian to win a game.

Katie McAuliff, Mary Elizabeth Campbell and Grace Gordon all won their singles matches 6-0, 6-0.

But the Belts fell to the visiting Saints seven times earlier this season, as Saint Mary’s lost a close match Aquinas 5-4.

Four of the six singles matches went to three sets — and the overall outcome came down to a tiebreaker in the No. 3 doubles match.

Ultimately, Campbell and Tara O’Brien fell short in a tiebreaker, losing 9-8 (6-7, 4-6) to Karri Santusky and Kelly Magoe.

Saint Mary’s won two of three doubles matches but captured just two of six singles points.

Picking up wins for the Belts in singles were Kristen Palombo and Campbell. The two met last season, with Palombo taking the match 6-3.

Callie Mushaly, and Palombo and Gordon won the doubles matches.

Saint Mary’s record for the season stands at 6-4 on the season.

The win over Adrian moved Saint Mary’s to 2-0 in conference play, as the Belts prepare to face the University of San Francisco in the coming weeks.

The stretch of tough competition begins Wednesday against conference rivals Hope.

Belts coach Steve Stevenson could not be reached for comment Sunday.

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Fifth-ranked Hofstra upends eleventh-ranked Notre Dame

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hung tough with No. 5 Hofstra for two quarters Saturday, but a 6-0 third-quarter run by the Pride put the game out of reach for the No. 11 Irish. The Irish were looking to snap Hofstra’s four-game winning streak but couldn’t recover from Hofstra’s late surge and lost 13-5. Hofstra also scored the game’s final four goals.

“We talked about how they’re a streaky team,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan. “They can turn three goals into six .... They play on emotions, and they score in bunches. We knew we had to be ready for that.”

Hofstra’s four game winning streak put the game out of reach for the No. 11 Irish.

“We knew we had to be ready for that.”

Though Corrigan hopes to have Caglett back this week, he is not sure how long it will take him to recover. He does expect Caglett to return sometime this year — as well as injured sophomore midfielder Mike Podgajny, who has missed the last three games.

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By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The No. 2 Irish dominated another opponent Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, defeating No. 39 Iowa 6-1 to improve to 16-0 on the season — the best start in the program’s history.

“We knew we had to be ready for that.”

Irish remain unbeaten after win against Iowa

Juniors Christian and Catrina Thompson propel Notre Dame as team has yet to lose a doubles point this spring

By DANNI TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

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“Everybody has really played their best tennis,”

Notre Dame claimed the doubles point for the 16th time in as many matches. The first team to win for the Irish was the No. 3 pairing of seniors Christian and Catrina Thompson. The All-American juniors downed the Hawkeyes’ Jacqueline Lee and Meg Racette 8-2 at No. 1. Playing at No. 2 for Notre Dame was the No. 29 duo of sophomore Brook Buck and freshman Kelcy Tefft. The two-some defeated Kaya Berry and Ashleigh Trigg 6-2, 6-1. But the Irish failed to complete the sweep with a loss at No. 3. Seniors Kiki Stastny and captain Lauren Connelly fell to the pairing of Kristy Corwin and Milica Veselinovic after forcing a tiebreaker.

“We’ve played well in every match,” Tefft said.

In singles, No. 30 Catrina Thompson recorded her 11th victory of the season against Iowa’s Dowlin 6-3, 6-1 and Potts topped Merel Beelen 6-1, 6-2.

“I just went into the match confident and found an early rhythm during the match,” Potts said.

Despite the challenges the Hawkeyes gave the Irish during the contest, the Irish were just glad to be playing at Eck.

“We just didn’t have any home match after being away for 11 days (during spring break),” Tefft said.

The Irish head back to the road Tuesday when they face No. 12 Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn.

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Notre Dame charged to the top of the Atlantic 10 standings with a 6-1 victory over St. Mary’s.

“It’s definitely exciting to be playing our first (season) in college for a team that is doing so well,” freshman Katie Potts said. “Everyone has really played their best tennis.”

Notre Dame will look to keep its winning ways rolling over the weekend in teammate competition.

“We’ve played well in every match,” Tefft said.

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**NBA**

**Seattle overcomes San Antonio**

SuperSonics guard drains a 3-pointer to secure crucial victory

**Associated Press**

SEATTLE — Ray Allen got the final say Sunday night in his escalating feud with San Antonio’s Bruce Bowen.

Allen’s 3-pointer with 5.4 seconds left capped a 33-point performance and gave the Seattle SuperSonics a 106-102 win over the San Antonio Spurs.

Earlier in the game, Allen was kicked in the back by Bowen while the two were laying on the ground. Bowen was called for a technical, while Allen had to be restrained by Robert Swift and Naji Mohammad.

“It’s just dirty basketball. It’s plain, outright, dirty basketball,” Allen said. “You guys have chronicled our battles, the last couple of years and I don’t mind the competition, someone going at me on both ends of the floor. But when guys start throwing elbows and kick you when your down, that’s dirty basketball and I don’t respect guys like that.”

Afterward, Bowen was apologetic, admitting it was a mistake. Allen believes the Spurs forward should be fined.

“Idid what I did and I’m sorry for that,” Bowen said. “But there’s nothing I can do to take that back.”

After Allen had his shot blocked out of bounds with 9 seconds left, Seattle inbounds to Johan Petro trollling 102-100. The center then banked off to Allen and screened Bowen, giving Allen room to shoot over Tim Duncan.

San Antonio still had a chance to keep its lead over Dallas in the race for the top spot in the Western Conference. After a timeout, Allen dribbled the ball in to Duncan, but the ball was knocked away by Petro and to Bowen.

On San Antonio’s next possession, Bowen’s pass was intercepted by Robert Horry, but Horry fell out of bounds before calling timeout, giving Seattle possession with 12 seconds left.

“We just needed to call timeout,” San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich said. “We could never put that in a referee’s hands to call a push or not.”

Trailing 100-93 with 3:12 left, the Spurs scored seven straight to pull even at 100 on Ray Allen’s reverse layup with 1:12 remaining. Horry missed the rim on the free throw, and Bowen added a short jumper, while Seattle turned the ball over twice.

“We did a good job to fight back into it,” Duncan said. “We got the stops and jus made too many mistakes down the stretch.”

Bowen finished with 12 points and Horry scored 10 off the bench for San Antonio. Chris Wilcox scored 14 for Seattle and Petro had six points and four rebounds in the fourth quarter.

**SMC SOFTBALL**

Belles take sweep of doubleheader in rain

Team dominates Rose-Hulman in two games Saturday afternoon

By DEIRDRE KRASULA

Forced to play in less than comfortable weather conditions, the Belles were able to both physically and mentally outplay Rose-Hulman Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind., as Saint Mary’s swept the Engineers in a doubleheader on the road.

“We went into the game knowing that the team who was mentally toughest would be the team who was going to come out of with a win,” said Saint Mary’s Bridgett Grall.

Grall led the Belles from the mound in their dominating 10-1 win over Rose-Hulman Saturday.

"Our offense was key," Grall said. "They helped the confidence of our pitchers to go out and get the job done."

Bridgett Grall

Belles pitcher

Belles focused better than their opponents. The nine minute both teams were dealing with the cold and snow and the next day. Allen said there was no one moment that showed the Belles’ win, since everyone delivered impressive performances across the board.

“Our offense was key,” Grall said. “They helped the confidence of our pitchers to go out and get the job done.”

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Orr's offense matched Coyne Monday, March 27, 2006.

"We've got a whole bunch of guys with return ability that are coming into the box," said Aldridge, a 6-foot-1, 215-pound running back, and Weis got 4-1, 172-pound receiver, are settling in to spring practice well, Weis said.

"I think they're going through a little bit of transition to a faster pace," he said.

Weis said competition in special teams will be important after Notre Dame averaged just 19 yards per return last year on kickoffs. Rising sophomore receiver D.J. Hord and David Grimes were the main return men for the Irish at the end of last season.

"Let's see if we can't get the [best] returners back there — whether it's David or D.J., or George West," Weis said. "I don't care who it is, we need to start getting the ball past the 30 when it's not a touchback.

On Friday, Irish safety and punt returner Tom Zbikowski said his expressed desire to participate on kickoff returns is subordinate to his need to improve on defense.

"I've got to stick to getting better and worrying about the secondary right now," he said. "I'll try to step into his office, maybe. I don't know."

A day later, Weis said he was opposed to the idea.

"He wants to play quarterback — you're backing up the wrong tree," Weis said. "Any time he can touch the ball, he likes to touch the ball."

Weis said the competition for kickoff returns will be similar to the competition at almost every other position. He said he has reminded all the returning players that 25 incoming freshmen will arrive in August to compete for starting jobs as motivation for the team.

"I think that our competition ... will be better this year because we will have more quality athletes competing for the same jobs," Weis said.

Weis said he is most focused on the competition between potential starters at the linebacker position and is looking for improvement at the other defensive positions.

He said the first three days of practice went well in evaluating talent at linebacker.

"We're getting a legitimate look at all of the contenders because they're getting a lot of action," he said.

Defensive coordinator Bill Minter said he was watching the contest for the starting role closely.

"The new guys have got to step up," Minter said. "It's going to be fun and challenging and scary all at the same time to see who those three are going to be — who's going to be starting at linebacker for the spring game."

While the linebacker spot has garnered the most attention, Weis said a lack of depth on the offensive line has forced him to alter his practice setup.

"When you don't have two complete offensive lines ... it forces changes," Weis said. "We have the same number of reps we normally have but it's broken up so much more so people aren't dropping out on you."

Practice resumes today at 4 p.m. at the Loftus Center. Weis said practices will remain indoors until the grass on Cartier Field grows thick enough to avoid injuries.

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Early enrollee running back James Aldridge prepares to hit a blocking sled during practice March 22. Irish head coach Charlie Weis said Aldridge will compete for the kickoff return job.
**Troubles**

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Both points with No. 2 singles victories in each match. Parhbu has played some matches at No. 1 this season, switching positions with Stephen Bass.

“Sheva’s playing at a very high level,” Bayliss said. “He’s been there for us all year and I’m very encouraged by what I see.”

Against Texas A&M, the Irish went down early with a dropped first set in doubles. Eric Langenkamp and Andrew Roth lost 8-1 at No. 2 and Ryan Keckley and Parhbu lost by the same score at No. 1. The No. 3 match was abandoned in the interests of time, but Bass, Barry King were tied 7-4 when the point was clinched.

In singles, Andrew Roth quickly fell No. 5 6-2, 6-2 to Brett Joelson. Parhbu clinched a straight-set victory at No. 2, defeating Bryan Winston 6-3, 7-6 (13-11) for the only point. The rest of the Irish forced four third sets but were unable to finish the point.

“Basically all of them fought back and pulled themselves back in line to win them,” Bayliss said. “It was really tough and go at the Alamo, but that’s a match we could have won.”

Barry King lost 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 at No. 4 of Connor Pollock, clinching the match for the Aggies.

Brett Joelson, who usually played at No. 3 singles, was out with a minor injury. Bayliss said that the Aggie players were very close in ability but did not speculate on the effect Helegsen’s injury had on the match.

“You play with what you have and you don’t make excuses,” Bayliss said.

**Bobby Bayliss**

**Irish coach**

“Texas just spanked us. They showed me why they are a top-five team and they played very well. We were in a lot of the matches but they were the better team and deserved to win.”

Bobby Bayliss

**Milestone**

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**Georgetown 8, Notre Dame 3**

The Hoyas exploded for four runs in the eighth against Notre Dame reliever Jess Stewart to put the game away.

Mainieri sent junior Jeff Mansih to the mound for the first game Saturday. Mansih pitched six full innings, allowing four runs on eight hits, but left the game trailing and ended up with the loss. The Irish opened the scoring with two runs in the top of the first on an RBI double by left fielder Matt Bramsfeld, but the Hoyas came back to tie in the bottom half with two runs of their own. Georgetown picked up two more runs in the bottom of the third, and the Irish answered with one in their half of the fourth after center fielder Alex Nettey took first on his Big-East leading 10th hit-by-pitch and was later driven in on a single by shortstop Greg Lopez.

“I think we’ve got some tough kids that stand close to the plate and when pitchers throw inside they don’t back down,” Mainieri said.

But that was all the scoring the Irish would do.

**Notre Dame 2, Georgetown 1**

The Irish jumped out to a 6-0 lead on the Hoyas before a ninth inning Georgetown rally cut the lead in half.

**Notre Dame 2, Saint Louis 1**

The Irish outlasted the Billikens by a 6-0 score Wednesday.

“We were disappointed not to win all the games. But we’ll be happy to win the series and look forward to Pittsburgh next weekend.”

Paul Mainieri

**Irish head coach**

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3. Heavy woods  
4. Read on the run  
7. Folded letter  
14. Suburate citizen  
15. Shower square  
16. Fall precursor  
20. One who gets a piece of the set  
23. Kind of sauce  
17. Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.  

**DOWN**
1. In style  
2. Start of a Latin conjugation  
3. Elevator part  
4. Baptists leader?  
6. Format  
8. Out of trouble by avoiding any kind of trouble  
9. Peel  
10. Sound setup  
11. Final Four site  
12. Horse fathers  
13. Wear  
21.Poetic conjunction  
22. Combust  
23. Try a sidestep  
24. Luau greeting  
25. Not so common

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**ANSWER**

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**RATTI**

**MOCINE**

**GOADIA**

**JUMBLE**

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- Keira Knightley: 21; Kenny Chesney, 36; Martin Short, 50; James Caan, 66.

**Happy Birthday:** It's your time to shine. Set up a schedule to work by and stick to it. This year is meant for saving and making sure your future is safe and secure financially. Travel should be implemented if it will help you protect your position. Your numbers are 13, 19, 25, 26, 31.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): You can stabilize your position and work through some details today. Progress will be yours if you are smart with the way you handle your money. Make a commitment to a creative project you want to pursue.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Problems with a loved one or older relative may add to your responsibilities today. Someone you thought you could trust is probably leading you on or on entry. Use your better judgment— if something seems fishy, it probably is. **

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You will have to walk a fine line today. If you are intent on getting something you believe in off the ground, face it. But don't count on getting help. If you strive for too much, too soon you will fall short of your goals. ****

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Do something nice for yourself. You can expect a little extra cash or a gift to come your way. Making changes to your home or financially. Travel should be implemented if it will help you protect your position. Your numbers are 13, 19.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Memories will make you want to visit people or places from your past. Someone you used to know may fool you by exaggerating about his or her life. Travel will be a good lesson and experience that will help you put your own life in perspective. ***

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may feel drawn to someone who is trying to use you. Ask a trusted friend for help handling a personal situation you are in. A little thought put into your future professional plans will pay off. ***

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your ability to explain your position and your intentions will help you get the help and support you need. Look at a different locations and opportunities may set the stage for a move. **

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Spend time with people who are enthusiastic about the same things you are. Love is prominent but you will have to test yourself. Virtue clear of getting involved with more than one person. Shopping will lead to a great buy. **

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**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You will be eager to get out and make yourself heard. Love is looking very promising at least someone you think is special know how you feel. Don't promise what you can't deliver. ***

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Not everyone will be open about the way they feel. Make your own decision as to whom you can trust and whom you can't.***

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**Golden goals**

Irish dominate Golden Griffins to rebound from their first loss

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Kaki Orr’s two quick goals in the first half put Notre Dame on top of Canisius early, and the Irish never looked back on route to an 18-2 victory Saturday at Moose Krause Stadium.

The Golden Griffins struck first on a Whitney Card goal less than 30 seconds into the game, but Orr retaliated quickly, scoring her first of four goals only seconds later. She would score an unassisted second goal with five minutes to give the Irish a lead they would not relinquish.

After surrendering the early goal to Canisius, the Irish defense stepped up and stopped any attempts on goal by the Griffins. Canisius had only four shots total in the game, none of which were taken in the second half.

The Notre Dame defense was also important in starting the attack, forcing 34 turnovers.

The tough defense impressed Irish coach Mainieri, who has compiled a 500-204-3 record in 12 seasons in South Bend, downplayed his achievement.

"It has nothing to do with me," he said. "It’s all about the kids we’ve had and the staff over the years."

The coach saw his reign as conference champ, on Irish drop the first game of a doubleheader Saturday 8-3 before winning the second game 12-2 and capping the weekend with a 6-3 victory Sunday. Notre Dame moved to 12-8 overall on the season.

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**Baseball**

Mainieri collects 500th win as team takes two of three

By CHRIS KOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Head coach Paul Mainieri earned his 500th victory at Notre Dame and the Irish got their Big East schedule off to a strong start by taking two of three games from George-town this weekend in Bethesda, Md.

Mainieri, who has compiled a 500-204-3 record in 12 seasons in South Bend, downplayed his achievement.

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**Football**

New faces may return for Weis

Weis says West and Aldridge will compete for kickoff return job

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Early enrollee freshmen James Aldridge and George West will compete for the kickoff return job during spring practice, Irish head coach Charlie Weis said Saturday.

"George, on the one hand,"

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**NBA**

Warriors 90 Kings 83

Adonal Foyle scored 38 and Mike Dunleavy added 17 in the win for Golden State.

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**Men's Tennis**

Deep in the heart, Notre Dame falters

Sheeva Parbhu is lone star for Irish on trip to Texas

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

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**ND Softball**

Fuemmeler and Booth combine for no-hitter

The Irish took the first game 5-0 thanks to a combined no-hitter by Heather Booth and Kenya Fuemmeler, who took out five in the first four innings, and the Irish claimed a 5-0 lead when Irish coach Deanna Gumpf called on Fuemmeler to close out the remaining three innings.

"Kenyas hasn’t gotten the innings that I wanted to get her easy work of Western Michigan.

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**SMC Softball**

The Bells swept a doubleheader amidst driving rain Saturday, beating Rose-Hulman 10-3 and 15-1.

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**NBA**

Cleveland 104 Houston 102 (OT)

LeBron James scored 36 points to help the Cavaliers win their fifth straight game.

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**SMC Tennis**

Saint Mary's captured 6-3 over Canisius Saturday.

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**SMC Women's Tennis**

Notre Dame 6 Iowa 1

The Thompson twins won their doubles match as the Irish remained unbeaten.

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**NBA**

George Mason 86 UConn 84 (OT)

The Patriots continued their magical run, beating the top-seeded Huskies.

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**Men's Basketball**

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