The Observer
The Independent Newspaper Serving Notre Dame and Saint Mary's
VOLUME 40 : ISSUE 115
MONDAY, APRIL 3, 2006
NDSMCObserver.COM

Law profs anticipate Supreme Court case

Justices’ decision on Gonzales v. Carhart could have major effect on current abortion law

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

With the U.S. Supreme Court poised to hear a case challenging a federal partial birth abortion act, Notre Dame legal experts say the case may seriously affect current abortion law and the future of abortion-related jurisprudence.

The Court said on Feb. 21 it will hear the case Gonzales v. Carhart and decide upon the constitutionality of the federal Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act of 2003.

The 2003 act bans late-term abortions in which a viable fetus is partially delivered before being aborted, except in cases when necessary to save the mother’s life. It does not, however, include an exception for the health of the mother — the point that led an appellate court to rule it unconstitutional.

Gonzales will give the Court an opportunity to reconsider its 5-4 decision to strike down a Nebraska law banning partial birth abortions in the 2000 case Stenberg v. Carhart — a possibility political science professor Donald Kommers said makes Gonzales a very significant case.

“A reversal of that decision would result in effectively sustaining the constitutional-ity of similar statutes passed by many other states,” Kommers said Friday.

The Stenberg ruling struck down 30 state partial birth abortion bans because although they allowed for an exception if needed to save the life of the mother — like the federal act — there was no exception made for the mother’s health, law professor Carter Smead said Friday.

In its monumental 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion, the Court said any limit on abortion must include exceptions for both the health and the life of the mother. In Doe v. Bolton — Roe’s companion decision — Smead said the Court defined health expansively so that it encompasses many factors only tangentially related to a woman’s physical health.

“The bottom line,” Smead said, “is that the state and federal government may not ban abortions before viability.”

New leaders set goals for the year

At ND, Shappell and Andrichik promise ‘proactive’ leadership

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Student body president Lizzi Shappell and student body vice president Bill Andrichik savored the first few days for it to sink in that they’re the student body after serving last year.

“I think it’s gonna take a few days for it to sink in that it’s Bill and I and not former student body president Dave [Baroni] and 1, which has been the norm for me,” said Shappell, who was student body vice president last year.

“We’ve taken over [at] a time where there’s some local news,” Andrichik said.

The former co-rec football teammates describe their administration as a “working partnership told his audience in the same dedication and perseverance as an athlete on a field.

As individuals in the roughly 300-member audience snapped pictures, Lou Holtz said both faith and athletic pursuits require “total commitment.” He encouraged his listeners to let go of past mistakes and focus on the possibilities of the future.

“I don’t worry about the past because God forgives the past ... and I don’t worry about the future because I know what is going to happen if I live my life the right way,” Holtz said.

He addressed the theme of the evening — Catholicism and competition — Holtz said he does not see a conflict but rather a strong correlation between the two. Becoming a successful athlete and a Catholic takes sacrifice and discipline, Holtz said.

“You are gonna have to do without things other people do,” Holtz said.

Holtz described how on the eve of Notre Dame’s 1988 matchup against rival USC in Los Angeles he suspended his two biggest offensive threats, Ricky Watters and Tony Brooks, for disciplinary reasons.

“The next morning we put them on the plane. I told myself, ‘Lou Holtz, that was a mistake. Next time I will put them on the bus.’”

That’s Notre Dame. Notre Dame stands for something. When they say something they mean it. It all goes back to discipline.”

In 1987, as the team prepared for the perfect summer job

Students seek jobs for break

Center can help find last-minute options

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
New Writer

While many Notre Dame students have already landed internships in their hometowns, in new cities, or even in foreign countries, it isn’t too late to find the perfect summer job.

Susanne Thorup, manager of internship development at the Career Center, said while most employers have already hired their interns for the summer, some are still looking for qualified students to fill positions.

“It’s the end of recruiting season, but we can still help students tap into lots of resources,” Thorup said. “There are still lots of local internships available for students who will be staying on campus this summer.”

Hundreds of employers have interviewed students on campus in the Career Center during the past few months.

Most of those were for business majors, but the Career Center prides itself on its wide variety of resources for all majors, particularly on its Web site, she said.

The Web site features Goldfish, a database where students can search for hundreds of internships across the country. Hot Internships, a site focusing on particular internships that might attract students.

Summer internships are not limited to business majors and those in other career-specific fields, Thorup said.

“We have helped students find all types of internships,” she said.

Students speak to full house on competition, Catholicism

By MEGAN O’NEIL
Senior Staff Writer

Greeted on stage by a hearty “Lou, Lou” chant, the man who coached the Irish to their most recent national football championship addressed his audience in the Student Center Friday night that Catholics must approach their faith life with the same dedication and perseverance as an athlete on a field.

As individuals in the roughly 300-member audience snapped pictures, Lou Holtz said both faith and athletic pursuits require “total commitment.” He encouraged his listeners to let go of past
**Inside Column**

Project Takes You State by State

He is a Michigan native who claims to be a graphic designer, an amateur seamstress, a crocheter of ski caps and a writer of short fiction. He played whistles for the Michigan folk quartet, Marzinki, and released a noise pop electronic album inspired by the Animal House of the Chinese Zodiac.

He has released four other solo albums that he recorded, produced, and engineered all but one ("Seven Swans"), and he is a man who also plays most of 20 or more instruments incorporated into his music.

Many of you have heard his successful and very hoped in album "Illinois," the second installation of his epic conception—a CD about each of the 50 states that aims to capture different experiences, histories, and feelings of each region through music.

He is Sufjan Stevens. "Illinois" is the second release of Sufjan’s 50 state project, the first embracing his home state, Michigan ("Greetings from Michigan, The Great Lakes State"). Stevens draws from personal experiences, state heritage, regional history, and political and social issues for his "Greetings from Michigan, the Great Lakes State" with songs about snowmobiler Henry Ford, the Detroit Race Riots and love.

He has said he plans on approaching other states by doing a bit of observing, listening and reasoning, and then using these personal experiences, relationships and history, to write songs about the man types—"the same stuff he says he does for fiction writing." Stevens is passing on history through the oral tradition of song, which is such a rich and mystic way to tell a culture about itself. It’s not a textbook or a movie, but it’s personal interpretation coming to terms with being americans in a way that is "a serious effort to combine history and myth and geographical color with stories in song.

Sufjan wants to expand the project into other forms. He is contemplating a Christmas CD most likely for Vermont, and an EP or split 7-inch for Rhode Island.

Which state will come next is a mystery to all us, and if it is even possible to put 50 releases as this concept has eagerly claimed, it is absolutely ridiculous. This is a monumental artistic endeavor that I promise will be nothing short of brilliant. I know that I am going to have to buy each release, and I’ll be waiting anxiously for California.

Contact Jarred Wafer at jarredwafer@nd.edu

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

**Corrections**

The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and assumes for the highest standard of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4281 as we can correct our error.

**Question of the Day:** What do you expect from the new student government administration?

Brandon Faus, sophomore, Morrissey

Sarah Boeding, sophomore, Pangborn

Alex Vossler, sophomore, Stanford

Jack Laskowitz, senior, Dillon

**The demolition of Morrissey.**

**"Wisdom decisions.**

**"Better Grab-and-Go."**

**"Better weather."**

"A guaranteed national championship in football."
Africa Week set to begin today

Banquet, speakers, Mass meant to raise awareness and money for region

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Created to educate Notre Dame students about the political and economic struggles of the African continent, Africa Week 2006 kicks off today with a full schedule of speakers and cultural events.

This is the second year for Africa Week, which is put on by Notre Dame’s African Faith and Justice Network along with the Student African Association. The African Faith and Justice Network was formed last spring with the events of Africa Week in mind.

"It doesn’t matter if it is far away or if they have different backgrounds — they are still fellow Catholics and fellow people."

Laura Feeney, co-president and co-founder of the African Faith and Justice Network.

The Hunger Banquet will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Coleman Norton Lounge. Attendees are asked to make a $5 donation, and proceeds from the banquet will go directly to Oxfam famine relief efforts in East Africa.

The other keynote event, "Mourning Genocide and Stopping One," will take place at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Center for Social Concerns Coffeehouse. The lecture will mark the 12th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide and will address its national and international consequences. It will also focus on the current genocide in Darfur and what steps can be taken to stop it.

In addition to these events, Thomas Mambro, president of the African Student Association, highlighted the Hunger Banquet for famine in East Africa.

With events during the week that will feature three professional performances, and it is an important and entertaining cultural event.

The African Student Association is organizing the show that will feature three professional performances, and it will begin at 7 p.m. Friday in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Other events during the week include a special Africa Mass in Dillon Hall Chapel and lectures featuring topics such as trade policies and self-determination in Africa.

Sponsors of Africa Week are the Center for Social Concerns, Student Government, the Helen Kellogg Institute for International Studies, the Department of Africana Studies, the Office of the President, Student Activities, Multicultural Student Programs and Services, the College of Arts and Letters, the Mendoza College of Business and International Students Services and Activities.

Feeney said the week is important to Notre Dame and its students because of its religious character.

"One of the reasons for the week is the fact Catholic bishops called Americans to stand in solidarity with Africa," Feeney said.

"It doesn’t matter if it is far away or if they have different backgrounds — they are still fellow Catholics and fellow people. There are many Catholics, as well as others, in dire situations that we need to do something about," she added.

Feeney said Americans have the power to change their government’s policies toward Africa and to demand more assistance.

"We have the ability to lobby our government to help people out of poverty and to stop wars," she said.

Contact Ryan Sydlik at rsydlik@nd.edu

Research sheds light on antibiotic function

For nearly half a century, scientists have known that bacteria possess a cell wall. Since the health and integrity of the cell wall are critical to the survival of these organisms, it is not surprising that many antibiotics work by either impairing biosynthesis of the cell wall, or simply bind to it to inhibit its full three-dimensional maturation.

Now, a new research study led by Notre Dame chemist Shahriar Mobashery has provided, for the first time, a clear understanding of the structure of peptidoglycan, the building unit of the cell wall. This knowledge has led to a three-dimensional depiction of the cell wall structure itself, which has, in turn, contributed to an understanding of how certain antibiotics interfere with the functioning of the cell wall.

Boughtly 50 years ago, scientists determined that the cell wall of bacteria consists of peptidoglycan, a mesh-like network. Peptidoglycan is the building block of the bacterial cell wall and neighboring peptidoglycans undergo a so-called "cross-linking" reaction to generate the rigid entity known as the cell wall. Since bacteria cannot regulate their internal pressure, bacterial cells would burst apart and die if cross-linking did not occur.

Although scientists recognized the critical role peptidoglycan plays in the bacterial cell wall, they have been unable to determine its exact three-dimensional structure.

Samples of peptidoglycan did not exist in either sufficient purity or quantity for researchers to be able to describe its structure and that of the bacterial cell wall. Mobashery, the Navari Family Professor of Life Chemistry, and his team were able to characterize the framework of peptidoglycan by developing, through a painstaking 37-step procedure, a synthetic fragment of the cell wall in a lab. And, through extensive studies of the fragment, the researchers were able to characterize the structure of the cell wall.

The breakthrough reveals what the cell wall looks like and provides insights into how β-lactams (e.g., penicillin) and glycopeptide (e.g., vancomycin) antibiotics are able to impair the bacterial cell wall.

"For the first time, we can visualize how this entity that is critical for the survival of bacteria looks and operates,"Mobashery said. "And, as the old saying goes, a picture is as good as a thousand words..."
Law continued from page 1

which is the point of development at which a fetus is capable of surviving outside the womb.

For viability, they cannot ban abortions and an abortion provider claims that the procedure is necessary to preserve any aspect of the woman’s well-being — financial, educational or familial.

The state abortion bans struck down in Stenberg did not include exceptions for health but, in case such an exemption has been found unnecessary and because it would severely constrain the practical effects of a ban. "Health is [currently] defined so broadly that it preserves the political branches from the necessity to preserve the health of a woman."

In deciding Gonzales, the Court may choose to redefine health — a definition Sneed said is the single most important factor in abortion decisions — in a more common-sense way.

With its recent additions of Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, the Court is likely to uphold the federal act and overturn Stenberg, both professors said. Alito, who Kammers and Sneed said will likely vote to uphold the federal ban, replaced Justice Sandra Day O’Connor, whose stance with the majority in Stenberg to strike down the state ban.

"I think it’s likely the Court will overturn Stenberg in a 5-4 decision," Sneed said, adding that the question considered in deciding relevant cases may be constitutional. The Court’s decision in the abortion case.

The Court is unlikely to admit to making a mistake in its Stenberg decision, Kammers said, but "in some matters, the Court is more deferential to congressional than to state laws." "I think here the Court will defer to Congress' judgment on the matter because of its superior fact-finding capabilities, findings of fact that in effect conclude that a ban on partial birth abortion poses no real threat to the health of the pregnant woman," he said.

The case, Sneed and Kammers agreed, may have an extremely significant impact with the future of constitutional law.

If Stenberg is overturned, "the elected branches of government will, for the first time in 33 years, have an opportunity to impose meaningful limitations on abortions," Sneed said.

An overruling of Stenberg would undermine Roe because the latter decision prohibited bans on abortions in the third trimester if they were needed to preserve the mother’s life or health, Kammers said.

"The case would result in the further hollowing out of the Roe case," he said.

The Court is expected to reach a decision sometime in the fall.

Summer continued from page 1

she said. "Some internships are more competitive than others, but it depends on what type of internship you want to do."

As a result of such fierce competition, some students, Thorup worked with this year applied for up to 50 internships apiece, Thorup said%

The Career Center has helped students find jobs for this summer in museums, research laboratories, film and television and even the not-for-profit sector.

"Paid internships are generally more competitive than unpaid ones," Thorup said. "But we’ve found that there is also a high demand for unpaid ones."

Suanne Thorup manager of Internship Development Career Center

In addition to poring through the Career Center’s Web site and pamphlets, many students have applied for Summer Service internships through the Center for Social Concerns. Each summer, the CSC offers both domestic and international service opportunities for Notre Dame students.

Andrea Smith-Shappell, director of Summer Service Learning, said, "I appreciate the popularity of the program, but I feel that the elected people's views on abortion are not to be imposed in direct service."

Participants in the domestic Summer Service Learning Program receive $2,300 scholarships from sponsoring Notre Dame Alumni clubs, with some students who qualify for additional grants from AmeriCorps. The Summer Service Learning Program has been in place for 26 years, while the competitive International Summer Service Learning Program began in the last decade. The international program has "grown exponentially" in terms of the number of service sites and the number of students interested, Smith-Shappell said.

"Some internships are related to students' majors and some are not," Andrea Smith-Shappell director of Summer Service Learning

Josh Hoen, a junior economics and political science major, will spend his summer in the West African nation of Ghana. Smith-Shappell was accepted to go through the Gulf Coast Summer Service Program application process. "I’m going because I love traveling and Ghana is something that I really care a lot about," Hoen said.

In Ghana, Hoen and another student, junior Morgan Dill, will work with children in primary education and teach computer skills to adults. They will also write grants for service organizations in Ghana and teach others to write grants.

To prepare for the summer, Hoen said he and other ISP students participated in a retreat and must take one credit class called Global Issues this spring. In the months leading up to his departure, Hoen said he must receive required immunizations and attend lectures about African issues.

"I’m trying to familiarize myself with the culture so I’ll be ready when I get there," Hoen said.

Contact Adrienne Ruffner at aruffner@nd.edu
**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

U.S. diplomatic policies criticized

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu criticized the United States on Sunday for restricting diplomatic ties with the Hamas government, saying his people were being punished for electing the militant Islamic group.

Seeking to end chaos in the Gaza Strip, Palestinian Interior Minister Said Siyam pledged the new government would pacify the area but appealed for patience. “Let them bear with us for a year,” he said. Four people were killed and 36 wounded in unrest over the weekend.

The United States said Friday that American diplomats have been forbidden to contact officials in any Palestinian government agency controlled by Hamas, whose charter calls for Israel’s destruction. The Islamic group’s new Cabinet controls every ministry.

Three killed in bus bombing

ISTANBUL — A group of men stopped a passenger bus and tossed gasoline bombs at it, sending the vehicle careening into pedestrians and killing three in Turkey’s largest city on Sunday as pro-Kurdish riots continue to spread.

In the country’s heavily Kurdish southeast, a pro-Kurdish demonstrator was killed, and local officials blamed police for his death. Clashes between Kurdish demonstrators and security forces have spread from the southeast to Istanbul, which has a large Kurdish population.

In the attack in Istanbul’s Bagcilar district, the driver reversed his flaming vehicle onto a sidewalk after the bombing, running down a group of people nearby, police said.

**VATICAN CITY**

**Freed journalist returns home**

WASHINGTON — An Associated Press reporter arrived at Boston’s Logan International Airport just after noon on Monday, April 3, 2006 — the first anniversary of the death of Pope John Paul II — in time to report the first anniversary of his death with a prayer vigil that culminated with a blessing by the current pontiff.

**Scottish Pope beatification**

Benedict recalled his predecessor’s teachings, "to follow Jesus and his teachings," before the moment the Polish pope died a year ago.

"His illness, which he faced with courage, made us all aware of human pain, every physical and spiritual pain, he gave suffering dignity and value, showing that man isn’t just worthy of our efficiency and how he appears, but because of himself, because he is created and loved by God," Benedict said.

Polish Catholics filled churches Sunday and voiced hopes for a quick beatification of their beloved native son.

In Krakow, thousands gathered with candles and flowers at the Archbishop’s Palace to await the moment of John Paul’s death. Thousands of believers flocked to John Paul’s hometown of nearby Wadowice, where an open-air Mass in the town at noon drew an estimated 8,000 people.

"We came to pray for his quick beatification and also to pray to protect our family,” said Wojciech Gladysz, 33, a gardener who traveled 220 miles from Warsaw with his wife and three children.

Ones of thousands filled Mexico City’s Basilica of the Virgin of Guadalupe, the most important Catholic shrine in the Americas.

Many of the faithful used mirrors to reflect the morning sun to the heavens as a way of sending the late pope their love.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Workers confused by time change

CRANE, Ind. — For the 3,000 or so people who work inside the United States Naval Surface Warfare Center, Sunday’s time-change pose a big question: What time to report to work starting Monday?

The recent time zone boundary changes for southern Indiana’s second-largest employer — into the Central Time Zone — but most of its workers live in the Eastern Time Zone.

**Freed journalist returns home**

BOSTON — Journalist Jill Carroll was back on U.S. soil Sunday, tearfully embracing her parents and twin sister after 82 days as a hostage in Iraq that she said gave her a deep appreciation for the freedoms she enjoyed.

“I finally feel like I am alive again. I feel so good,” Carroll said.

"To be able to step outside anytime, to feel the sun directly on your face — to see the whole sky. These are luxuries that we just don’t appreciate every day.”

The 28-year-old Christian Science Monitor reporter arrived at Boston’s Logan International Airport just after noon, and was quickly driven away in a police-escorted limousine to the newspaper’s headquarters.

She didn’t step out into public view, but reports on the Monitor’s Web site, along with photos, showed a joyful and tearful reunion with her parents and twin sister.

Carroll has said her kidnappers confined her to a small, soundproof room with frosted windows before she was released Thursday after nearly three months in captivity.

She was seized Jan. 7 in one of Baghdad’s most dangerous neighborhoods, near where a Sunni Arab official had agreed to meet her for an interview that never took place. The gunman who abducted her killed her Iraqi translator.


\section*{Shappell continued from page 1}

"proactive" in its initiatives, especially when pushing for better community relations — the issue Shappell believes will define her administration.

"I would say in Dave and R's administration, we laid the groundwork," Shappell said. "Now Bill and I have the opportunity to take that and form it how we would like to leave it for future student governments.

Shappell and Andrichik were still working on the minority voice on policy issue, which is "proactively" addressing the need for enhancing the lines of communication between the South Bend Common Council and Notre Dame students.

"We want to establish the idea that in the future, if there are going to be any major ordinances or major acts by the city that ultimately affect students, that they aren't done in a manner that might not take into account student voice," Andrichik said.

Andrichik said, refusing to make any amendment to the disorderly conduct ordinance, is another focus the council is placed stricter rules on campus partying.

"Andrichik said the most important thing is not to do this is open the lines of communication between the city and the students and get them to talk," he said.

There will be two meetings with the executive board of BOG and every two weeks we're going to see if they're going well and if more problems come up with the student government," Shappell said.

"Whether it be special activities or academic problems, we need to be going after what the students want," Shappell said.

The amended ordinance allows for an eviction after the first offense — a provision Shappell wants to change.

"It's all about risks. And without taking risks you can't make a difference," said Maggie Siefer, student body vice president.

"It's all about risks. And without taking risks you can't make a difference," said Maggie Siefer, student body vice president.

The observer • CAMPUS NEWS

\section*{WE'VE MOVED!}

New location: 620 W. Edison
(Inside St. Andrew's Plaza)
Students receive 15% off all services Mon.-Wed.
Our new phone number: 574-258-5080
www.salonrougeinc.com

\section*{Contact Mary Kate Malone at mmalone@nd.edu}
Consumer spending, incomes down

WASHINGTON — Consumer spending slowed to the weakest pace in six months in February, while incomes grew at the lowest rate since November.

The Commerce Department said Friday that personal consumption spending rose by a weaker-than-expected 0.1 percent following the huge 0.8 percent increase in January, which had been aided by a mild winter.

Personal incomes were up 0.2 percent in February, less than half the 0.7 percent increase in January, which had been boosted by government payments and by cost-of-living adjustments for millions of Social Security recipients.

Whirlpool finalizes Maytag acquisition

FIS MOINES, Iowa — Whirlpool Corp. completed its acquisition of Maytag Corp. on Friday and said it will immediately begin integrating the two appliance companies.

Maytag stockholders will get about $848 million in cash and about 9.6 million shares of Whirlpool common stock, under the previously signed agreement, which was approved by Maytag shareholders in December.

The agreement paid Maytag shareholders $10.50 in cash and 0.193 of a share in Whirlpool stock for each share of Maytag stock held.

The value of the deal is about $2.6 billion, including the assumption of Maytag debt.

Court dismisses Mattel patent lawsuit

NEW YORK — Toy maker Mattel Inc. on Friday said a federal court in Delaware dismissed a patent lawsuit brought against the company and its Fisher-Price subsidiary by LeapFrog Enterprises Inc.

The lawsuit was originally filed by LeapFrog in October 2003 and revoked another Mattel-Fisher-Price PowerTouch toy, which is an interactive book that helps children learn reading and other skills.

On Thursday, a U.S. District judge found that El Segundo, Calif.-based Mattel and Fisher-Price did not infringe the LeapFrog patent.

FRANCE

Lucent Technologies purchased by rival

PARIS — Alcatel SA and Lucent Technologies Inc. announced Sunday that the French telecommunications equipment maker had agreed to buy its U.S. rival in order to form a major new global player in the industry.

About 8,800 jobs will be lost.

The companies said the cost savings would come from several areas, including consolidating support functions, leveraging research and development and services across a larger base and cutting about 10 percent of their combined worldwide work force. As of Dec. 31 the companies had about 88,000 total employees.

Alcatel said it agreed to buy Lucent to both improve its chances to compete in the telecom equipment marketplace and to generate significant growth in revenues and earnings on the basis of the companies.

"There will be some job adjustments," Kokomo Mayor Matt Mckillip said. "It's clear that they will streamline their work force."

Messages seeking comment were left Friday for United Auto Workers officials in Anderson and at the union's state office.

Delphi, its unions, and General Motors Corp., in which Delphi's largest customer, spent months negotiating but were unable to reach a wage agreement.

Delphi wants to void its union contracts and cut U.S. hourly workers' pay by nearly 40 percent, a move union officials warned could lead to a lengthy strike if the judge approves.

"Noncore" facilities targeted in company's plans to emerge from bankruptcy

INDIANAPOLIS - And Delphi Corp. plant didn't make the list of plants the nation's largest auto parts supplier says it must when it emerges from bankruptcy.

Kokomo's did.

The difference for thou­sand Delphi workers in central Indiana cities is their jobs.

Troy, Mich.-based Delphi filed for bankruptcy in October and plans to emerge from bankruptcy during the first half of 2007. To meet that goal, it plans to exit certain prod­uct lines and sell or close noncore plants by 2008, including 21 of its 29 U.S. plants.

"We very clearly laid out where the core manufactur­ing sites are," said spokesman Lindsey Williams, "if you're not included in that option there are three options — sale, wind down, or relocation.

The right core plants, including the 5,000-worker Kokomo operation, will focus on product lines such as safety features, elec­tronics, diesel and gas powertrains and climate control products. The other 21 plants could be sold or phased out, or some of their operations could be shifted to core plants, Williams said.

Delphi is in Anderson, where about 700 work for Delphi, and Kokomo — and at the Statehouse — were sorting out the implications of the companies' announcement Friday.

"Our first thoughts are for our fellow Hoosiers in Anderson," Gov. Mitch Daniels said in a statement. "We obviously will have work to do there.

"The Indiana Economic Development Corp. already was working with Anderson officials to develop new jobs and invest­ment, Daniels said.

General Motors — from which Delphi spun off in 1999 — once had some of their operations in Anderson, which Delphi wants to void its union contracts and cut U.S. hourly workers' pay by nearly 40 percent, a move union officials warned could lead to a lengthy strike if the judge approves.
Two American pilots shot down

Apache helicopters and bodies of soldiers recovered by U.S. military

The soldiers' remains were recovered following aircraft recovery operations at the crash site.

**U.S. military statement**

The bodies of at least 42 men — handcuffed and shot in the head or chest — were found over the weekend in several neighborhoods of the Iraqi capital, police Maj. Falah al-Mohammedawi said Sunday.

However, about 400 Iraqis died, many in violence between Shiite and Sunni Muslims that escalated following the Feb. 22 bombing of a Shiite shrine in Samarra that triggered a wave of reprisal attacks against Sunni mosques and clerics. The rise in sectarian violence has added new urgency to the need to form a government of national unity following the Dec. 15 national elections to prevent the country from disintegrating into chaos.

"There is no other way out of the government formation problem." — Jalal Eddin al-Sagheer, United Arab Emirates

"The soldiers' remains were recovered following aircraft recovery operations at the crash site."

Andrzej Antczak

In Baghdad Saturday during counts and operations west of Youssifiyah, about 50 km southwest of Baghdad, the U.S. command said in a statement.

"The soldiers' remains were recovered following aircraft recovery operations at the crash site" of the helicopter "which went down due to possible hostile fire," the statement said.

In political developments, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw made a surprise visit to press Iraqi political leaders to maintain the formation of the government. The trip came as Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari, who faced mounting pressure from the Northern Bloc to withdraw his nomination for a second term.

No further details were released on the helicopter crash, but Youssifiyah is known as the "triangle of death," a religiously mixed area notorious for attacks by Sunni extremists against Shiites traveling between Bagdad and the holy city of Najaf, which is north of the Shia community in southern Iraq.

It is the second crash in 48 hours of an American helicopter since three of them crashed in a 10-day period in January, killing a total of 18 American military personnel. At least two of those helicopters were shot down.

The U.S. command also said three more soldiers had been killed — two by a roadside bomb late Saturday in central Baghdad and another from non-hostile related injuries suffered near the northern city of Kirkuk on the same day.

The five U.S. deaths brought to at least 2,333 the number of service members killed since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

In Ramadi, an insurgent stronghold 70 miles west of Baghdad, a roadside bomb exploded near a U.S. convoy, blowing parts of a vehicle onto the roof of a nearby building. The explosion injured 20 U.S. casualties were reported, but witnesses said men danced around the wreckage chanting "God is great."

The latest U.S. casualties followed one of the least deadly months of the Iraq war for American forces. 31 American service members died during March, the lowest monthly death toll for the U.S. military since February 2004.

Holtz continued from page 1

"Just because you're Catholic, because you have faith, does not mean you aren't going to face adversity ... What it does is give you the courage to handle it." — Lou Holtz

Lou Holtz, former Irish head football coach

Information Session for University of Notre Dame's International Study Program in Dublin, Ireland Summer 2007

Tuesday, April 4 5:30 pm

117 Hayes Healy with Seona MacReamoinn, USIT

www.nd.edu/~intlstud

Monday, April 3, 2006
NYC hosts march for illegal aliens' rights

Thousands of Americans gathered in downtown Chinatown formed a line stretching more than a mile long Saturday as they marched across the Brooklyn Bridge, waving flags from more than a dozen countries as they demonstrated against possible immigration reform in Congress.

Herded by a cacophony of trumpets, whistles and drums, the crowd of mostly Latin Americans gathered in downtown Brooklyn and trudged a path laden with symbols of the city's immigrant strength.

"We came to say that we're here. We have to speak, legal or illegal," said George Criollo, who migrated from El Salvador to the Santa Ana area, and said he brought his two children into the United States illegally. "Congress needs to know the laws we have don't work."

Last year, the Costa Mesa City Council approved a policy that would give local police in certain cases the authority to enforce federal immigration law. The plan, which would be the first in the nation, still must be approved by federal officials.

Hundreds of people marched peacefully in downtown Los Angeles to honor the late Cesar Chavez, co-founder of the United Farm Workers, who would have turned 79 on Friday.

In Campo, about 40 miles from San Diego, more than 500 people gathered at Cesar Chavez Park to celebrate the civil rights leader.

In Oklahoma City, more than 5,000 people jammed into the Capitol's south plaza to protest proposals in the Legislature designed to stop illegal immigrants from receiving tax-supported services, such as Medicaid and food stamps, and require state employees to report suspected illegal aliens.

"We came to say that we're here. We have to speak, legal or illegal. We have to speak about this issue," said George Criollo, immigrant.

CHICAGO — Many young children are too heavy for standard car-safety seats, and manufacturers are starting to make heftier models to accommodate children, according to research on the obesity epidemic's widening impact.

More than a quarter of a million U.S. children ages 1 to 5 weigh over 40 pounds, the weight limits for standard car seats, and most are 3-year-olds who weigh more than 40 pounds, the study found.

"We don't recommend that a parent use a restraint system for a child that has outgrown that system," said Eric Bolton, spokesman for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"It's risky," based on national growth charts and the 2000 Census, last 283,305 children aged 5 to 6 are too heavy for standard safety seats. That includes nearly 23 percent of 5-year-olds, or about 5 percent of U.S. 3-year-olds, the researchers said.

Their study appears in the April edition of Pediatrics, being released today.

Lara Triffletti, lead researcher at Columbus Children's Research Institute in Columbus, Ohio, poses next to one of only a handful of child car seats that would fit overweight children.

Car seats too small for obese kids

More than a quarter million children in the U.S. exceed weight limit

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Thousands of immigrant rights supporters formed a line stretching more than a mile long Saturday as they marched across the Brooklyn Bridge, waving flags from more than a dozen countries as they demonstrated against possible immigration reform in Congress.

Herded by a cacophony of trumpets, whistles and drums, the crowd of mostly Latin Americans gathered in downtown Brooklyn and trudged a path laden with symbols of the city's immigrant strength.

"We came to say that we're here. We have to speak, legal or illegal. We have to speak about this issue," said George Criollo, who migrated from El Salvador to the Santa Ana area, and said he brought his two children into the United States illegally. "Congress needs to know the laws we have don't work."

Last year, the Costa Mesa City Council approved a policy that would give local police in certain cases the authority to enforce federal immigration law. The plan, which would be the first in the nation, still must be approved by federal officials.

Hundreds of people marched peacefully in downtown Los Angeles to honor the late Cesar Chavez, co-founder of the United Farm Workers, who would have turned 79 on Friday.

In Campo, about 40 miles from San Diego, more than 500 people gathered at Cesar Chavez Park to celebrate the civil rights leader.

In Oklahoma City, more than 5,000 people jammed into the Capitol's south plaza to protest proposals in the Legislature designed to stop illegal immigrants from receiving tax-supported services, such as Medicaid and food stamps, and require state employees to report suspected illegal aliens.

"We came to say that we're here. We have to speak, legal or illegal. We have to speak about this issue," said George Criollo, immigrant.

CHICAGO — Many young children are too heavy for standard car-safety seats, and manufacturers are starting to make heftier models to accommodate children, according to research on the obesity epidemic's widening impact.

More than a quarter of a million U.S. children ages 1 to 5 weigh over 40 pounds, the weight limits for standard car seats, and most are 3-year-olds who weigh more than 40 pounds, the study found.

"We don't recommend that a parent use a restraint system for a child that has outgrown that system," said Eric Bolton, spokesman for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"It's risky," based on national growth charts and the 2000 Census, last 283,305 children aged 5 to 6 are too heavy for standard safety seats. That includes nearly 23 percent of 5-year-olds, or about 5 percent of U.S. 3-year-olds, the researchers said.

Their study appears in the April edition of Pediatrics, being released today.

Lara Triffletti, lead researcher at Columbus Children's Research Institute in Columbus, Ohio, poses next to one of only a handful of child car seats that would fit overweight children.

Car seats too small for obese kids

More than a quarter million children in the U.S. exceed weight limit

Associated Press
Keep class where it belongs

In the national interest

In February, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment, a law that allows the federal government to withhold federal funds from universities that bar military recruiters or ROTC programs from their campus. Many universities block these programs because they disagree with the constitutionally mandated "don't ask, don't tell" policy that prevents openly gay individuals from serving in the military. As a result, they have barred military recruiters from the same access to students granted to other employers. The law exempts only those with "a longstanding policy of pacifism based on historical religious affiliation." Thirty-six law schools and faculties challenged the constitutionality of the law on the grounds that "forced hosting" of military recruiters constitutes a "crisis of conscience" over compelled speech. They argued that they are compelled to communicate the false message that they support the "don't ask, don't tell" policy and their hosting also sanctions the military's expression of its view that openly gay persons are not suited for service. We are not comfortable with moral questions of constitutionality. Instead, we must ask whether the Solomon Amendment will harm or further the interests of liberal arts institutions such as Princeton University. While we grant that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy is discriminatory and hinders the opportunity of open homosexsuals from pursuing a career in the military, it is also true that by banning military recruitment and ROTC programs from campuses the faculty limits students' opportunities as well. This is especially true with regards to the ROTC. Many students rely upon ROTC scholarships as their only means to fund a private university education. We are forced to judge between the evils of two forms of discrimination — the army's unwillingness to allow open gay individuals within its ranks versus depriving qualified and deserving students of the opportunity to attend the college of their choice. Furthermore, it is within the rights of both faculty and students to criticize and condemn legal policy but not to create a double standard of the open society. We believe that the military is a part of the open society.

Monday, April 3, 2006

The Observer Online

In this column, the views expressed are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Peter Schroeder
Will Write For Food

In the national interest

In February, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the constitutionality of the Solomon Amendment, a law that allows the federal government to withhold federal funds from universities that bar military recruiters or ROTC programs from their campus. Many universities block these programs because they disagree with the constitutionally mandated "don't ask, don't tell" policy that prevents openly gay individuals from serving in the military. As a result, they have barred military recruiters from the same access to students granted to other employers. The law exempts only those with "a longstanding policy of pacifism based on historical religious affiliation." Thirty-six law schools and faculties challenged the constitutionality of the law on the grounds that "forced hosting" of military recruiters constitutes a "crisis of conscience" over compelled speech. They argued that they are compelled to communicate the false message that they support the "don't ask, don't tell" policy and their hosting also sanctions the military's expression of its view that openly gay persons are not suited for service. We are not comfortable with moral questions of constitutionality. Instead, we must ask whether the Solomon Amendment will harm or further the interests of liberal arts institutions such as Princeton University. While we grant that the "don't ask, don't tell" policy is discriminatory and hinders the opportunity of open homosexsuals from pursuing a career in the military, it is also true that by banning military recruitment and ROTC programs from campuses the faculty limits students' opportunities as well. This is especially true with regards to the ROTC. Many students rely upon ROTC scholarships as their only means to fund a private university education. We are forced to judge between the evils of two forms of discrimination — the army's unwillingness to allow open gay individuals within its ranks versus depriving qualified and deserving students of the opportunity to attend the college of their choice. Furthermore, it is within the rights of both faculty and students to criticize and condemn legal policy but not to create a double standard of the open society. We believe that the military is a part of the open society.
Puzzles not to be overlooked

Unacceptable. At hand here is a problem greater than the University of Notre Dame in the derogatory label of "Irish" to our football team. I'm not talking about the daily crossword puzzle and jumble experience.

Two days in a row now we've had the same crossword. And this is no isolated incident. Back in January, a similar travesty occurred. Not that it's not fun flying through an answered puzzle, thinking I'm the next Einstein, but where's the challenge? The thrill? Suddenly the Monday-through-Friday spectrum of difficulty is thrown awركة, leaving our dear readers gasping in shock.

And if rampant reprinting wasn't bad enough for my strained soul, there's the failure to print the crossword and jumbles in the right chronological order. Puzzles always contain the answer to yesterday's trials, helping us hone our wordmithing skills.

While a pesky word may have bested me Westwood, I'll rest easy Thursday, knowing that "TTKACA" was actually "ATTACK." Failing to maintain the proper order is like not revealing "rotor" in "Glimmer Kane" or cutting out the final scene of "Sixth Sense."—we are all left wondering and confused.

These are arguably the must-read section of this fair news journal, and the failures of the editorial staff can disrupt literally thousands of students' lives. Whether one chooses to race with friends to that final jumbled phrasing or prefer to stretch the crossword out to a full 30 or 75 minutes of classification, puzzle mistakes affect us all and cast a dark cloud over our lives.

I urge the editors to put down the dozens of pointless viewpoints about petty matters and spend more time carefully laying out the gems of the Observer crown, before I have actually have to start paying attention in lectures.

- Scott Beuning

Knights of Columbus no mystery

So here's the word on the most mysterious building on campus (after the radiation lab, that is)—Love-ly, columned building conveniently located at the juncture of God Quad and South Quad is the home base for the Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Council No. 1477. The Notre Dame KofC has been serving the University since 1919 and has organized hundreds of Catholic men to serve Notre Dame and the wider community. We are probably best known for our steak sandwiches, which we sell every home football game right out front of our building. Each year, the Knights raise in the neighborhood of $50,000 with the steak sales, and every bit of it is distributed to charities near and far. We have supported the Gibralt School for Troubled Youth for decades, and we have also contributed to Right to Life, Holy Cross Missions, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and dozens of other worthy causes throughout the years. We helped to found the Bengal Bouts, and legend has it that we coined the slogan "God, Country, Notre Dame." As a Catholic men's fraternal organization, we are dedicated to upholding and promoting the mission of the Church. We are always looking for new members and would love to talk with any men who would like to join us in this mission. Anyone who has any questions or would just like a tour of our building should feel free to stop by voluntary the Blue and Gold grill for a steak sandwich, or email me at jwbaugh@nd.edu. The Notre Dame Knights of Columbus: 96 years of service, and counting.

- Jarrod Waugh

Knights of Columbus: 96 years of service and counting

Editors' Cartoon
Vocalists compete to be named Irish Idol

By GRACE MYERS
Senior Writer

Legends was packed with people excited to see their friends perform, to hear the judges responses, to see who would make it to the final three Thursday in the fourth annual Irish Idol. The show began with clips from the Irish Idol audition, showing several of the 55 Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students who tried out. Only 10 contestants were chosen from this large pool. The top 10 all received a prize of 25 dollars while the top three received more cash prizes.

The show began with an opening performance by the Wookies, a group of Glew Club members who sang “That's What Friends Are For” and “It's Alright” after an introduction by emcees Molly Butler and James Weber. They then introduced the judges, Dan Barcus, Joe Varchetto and Paula Kim, and followed this by introducing all of the contestants.

“Judging Irish Idol allowed me to hear some of the best singers on campus and just for that fact it was well worth the time,” Varchetto said. The 10 performers put on a wonderful show. Songs varied from Ashley Cook’s “I Wanna Dance with Somebody” to Leslie Penko’s “For You” and Tiara Torres’ capella version of “Contigo en la Distancia.”

“Forget butterflies. There were several bats in my stomach, with large spiked heels jumping around,” contestant Molly Dawes said. “But everyone, especially the contestants, were so supportive. I have never seen so much talent in one room.”

The performances were judged on vocal performance, stage presence and personality. Positive comments abounded when the judges spoke. In fact, there was not a trace of any Simon-like remark. It was obviously a difficult decision to choose three of these contestants to move onto the next round.

The audience was greatly involved, with sections of the crowd wearing matching T-shirts supporting one contestant, and even holding signs such as “Go Cat!” and “Marry Me Molly?” A few contestants even had family members in the crowd for support.

The three contestants whom the judges chose to move onto the next round were John Fister, Tiara Torres and Mallory Jane O'Brien. During the final round, the audience voted for the contestant it wanted to win. Their performances were impressive as Fister sang “Don’t Let the Sun Go Down On Me,” O’Brien performed a modern, Mariah Carey-like version of “Danny Boy” and Torres sang “The Moon and Back.”

While the votes were being counted, judges Varchetto and Barcus performed a musical intermission, giving renditions of two Ben Folds songs.

Torres won third place as O'Brien was named Irish Idol 2006. The judges and emcees were chosen by show directors Elaine Toutant, Sheena Plamoottil and acting judge Paula Kim.

Contact Grace Myers at gmyers1@nd.edu

Vocalists compete to be named Irish Idol

PENCo. provides evening of song, dance

"We are the Altar Boys" from the musical "The Altar Boy" detailed the rise of a religious boy band. The song was one of many funny songs sung by PEMCo.

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Billed as "A Not-So Black-Tie Affair," the Pasquerella East Musical Company (PEMCo.) proved an exciting night of entertainment that mixed comedy, drama, music and dancing.

The show, which ran Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the LaFortune Ballroom, included songs from a variety of musicals. Songs ranged from the humorous to the dramatic, but all of the works showcased the wide range of musical talent present in PEMCo.

The show maintained consistent excellence with regard to singing and dancing, and the songs were all well-chosen pieces.

The event opened with the group number "A Wild, Wild Party," from the musical "The Wild Party." The up-tempo song, coupled with the lively dancing and choreography, set up an energetic tone for the entire evening.

The classic song "I've Got Rhythm" from "Farewell," was well done by the six sisters involved, but it was the tap routine that came later in the number that was truly impressive. The dancing added to the song itself and pleased the crowd.

"Confrontation" from the musical "Jekyll and Hyde" allowed for an impressive selection for a solo number because it requires the singer to be both Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. But Robert DelBranco’s impassioned version of the song worked effectively and made it a distinctive and memorable part of the performance.

A group of sophomore girls later performed "Being on the Men" from "Jekyll and Hyde" later in the evening. While somewhat different from many of the other songs performed, it was an equally interesting and effective part of the PEMCo. show.

Another impressive group number, "Into the Fire" from "The Scarlet Pimpernel" included only male singers. It proved to be one of the more powerful numbers, both because of the inspiring nature of the song itself, and because the group of all-male voices was more effective at being heard perfectly in spite of the bad acoustics in the LaFortune Ballroom.

One of the highlights of the evening was "A Selection from Annie." This piece featured the classic "It's the Hard-Knock Life" and "Raining in the Wilderness" from "Annie." The second song of the evening, "Lost in the Wilderness" from "B.A. the Musical" was a powerful number, both in regard to singing and dancing.

Another impressive group number was "It's Alright" from "For a New World." In addition to the comic numbers, some of the more serious songs were popular with the crowd during the review. "Opening: The New World" from "Songs For a New World" showcased some talented singers with the sweeping, swelling music of the song. The second song of the evening, "Footloose," from "Footloose" showed the vocal range of soloist Tim Masteron with a slow and moving song.

Jenny Badeo, who directed this year’s PEMCo. show, added all of the entire cast on two numbers in particular. The first, from "Monty Python’s Spamalot," entitled "Find Your Grail" ended the first half of the show. The song showcased PEMCo.'s vocal abilities, as well as her comic timing.

"Defying Gravity," from the musical "Wicked" is an extremely complex solo number, and Badeo managed to handle both the complex inflections while still projecting, and it made the song a perfect segue into the final number of the evening.

The show’s finale, "Final 8" from "West," proved a fitting end for the show. The moving number, coupled with the scenes from past PEMCo. Musicals projected onto the walls, made it a moving end to a great night of music.

Overall, the show proved to be a hit of the season with the LaFortune Ballroom. While some of the numbers could have been improved, the show was consistent and frustrating at times. The show itself was a routine night of entertainment that showcased the depth of vocal talent present in PEMCo.

Contact Molly Griffin at mgriffin1@nd.edu

PENCo. provides evening of song, dance

PENCo. provides evening of song, dance

"We are the Altar Boys" from the musical "The Altar Boy" detailed the rise of a religious boy band. The song was one of many funny songs sung by PEMCo.
The Observer

Monday, April 3, 2006

SHOW REVIEWS

La Alianza’s Latinacion highlights Latin culture

By TAE ANDREWS
Assistant Scene Editor

Bailamos! On Friday night, University student organization La Alianza held Latinacion, its annual Latin Expressions cultural show. Held at the O’Laughlin Auditorium at Saint Mary’s, the show was a night of celebration dedicated to celebrating traditional and current Latin-American culture.

After an opening act featuring both bomba and salsa-style dancing, the show continued with Rock LatinoAmerica, performed by Tiara Torres and Mauricio Ormachea. Dance performances were performed in a prevalent staple of the show that many in attendance have wondrous memories of the Notre Dame students involved should have changed their collective moniker to the “Dancing Irish,” instead of the conventional “Fightin’ Irish.”

Perhaps the most powerful act of the first half was “Dear Statue of Liberty,” a moving tribute that featured the words of a piece of slam poetry by Elias J. Mos. Ms. Mos provides a sense of social conscious on the plight of illegal alien immigrant Mexicans of descent currently living in the United States. The poem implores America to remember the words engraved on the Statue of Liberty — “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to live free."

It’s an entertaining event...for all students who understand the true value of one’s roots.

Vanessa Quezada La Alianza vice president

The performance lived up to the billing as Latinacion, when a host of culturally relevant performers took to the stage to perform with the evening’s theme, the group the modern sensation of reggaeton music sweeping Latin America.

Latinacion then followed with a performance by Noelle’s and Fashion Bug as they reenacted Sunday church at home filled with gospel music and witnesses. The end of the first act saw the models wear clothes by Buckle and followed Kodi, after her breakup with a football player, telling their favorite stories of life and love at Notre Dame.

After a brief intermission, Latinacion returned right where it left off with another talented performance by Mariachi ND. Following this, the Julian Zamora Scholarship Award was presented to Elias Mos and Alfredo Trusca.

The next events included another performance by Ballet Folklorico Azul y Oro entitled “Pelea de los Gallitos,” and “Cazadores de Bolivar,” a performance by El Tremendo Guandu.

The show took a turn for the modern with “Pop Idols” of Latin America, a celebration of the modern fusion of Latin and reggaeton music sweeping Latin America.

The performance then followed with “Mamí Chula” by Master of Ceremonies Lawrence Denson, Anne Marie Desir, and Josephine Martinez. The group performed to a reggaeton rhythm, and the troupe then performed a troup- de-ailes performance of a home game, from the cheers to the music. While the pre-recorded parts provided a burst of energy to the performance, the smoke cleared, and they won the inaugural title.

Throughout the evening, the show was seasoned by the comedic antics of the show’s emcee triple team — Rosa Lopez, Onitzi Martinez and Michelle Mou. At one point, the three staged a skit in which they held mock auditions for the show’s three-headed monster acting as Master of Ceremonies rotated between playing colorfulwould-be Latin American stereotypes and giving out brutally honest “constructive criticism” worthy of talent judge Simon Cowell on the television program American Idol. After “Tango y Paso Doble,” performed by Passion Artime, the show concluded with a Shakira mix for its closing act.

La Alianza’s Latinacion was a wonderful glimpse into the beauty that Latin American cultures have to offer,” said Vanessa Quezada, La Alianza vice president. “For the Latino students specifically, it gives us great pride to share with the rest of the Notre Dame family the richness of these communities which we call home. It is an embracing event, not just for the Latinos of Notre Dame, but for all students who understand the true value of one’s roots.”

Contact Tae Andrews at tandrew@nd.edu

BCAC Fashion Show more than just models, clothes

By CASSIE BELEK
Scene Writer

Hopscotch, football, cheating lovers and heartbreakers; these are things one usually expects from a fashion show, but the BCAC proved this stereotype wrong. Saturday’s BCAC Fashion Show was more than just strutting around in high heels — it was a high-energy display of the season’s best fashions presented with music, choreography and a background story.

The production took place at the South Bend Century Center, and it marked the Black Cultural Arts Council’s 25th year putting on the fashion shows. BCAC also went along with backing from clothing sponsors such as Buckle, Charlotte Russe, DEB, Fashion Bug, Noelle’s and the Hammes Bookstore, all contributed to the show.

The emcees of the evening — Lawson Denson, Anne Marie Desir, and Justin Gray — guided the audience through the journey of a young woman named Koki (UKachi Okorenwo) as she transitions from childhood in an all-black community to life under the Dome. Taped segments with dialogue filled the gaps of the silent story put to music. While the pre-recorded parts rounded out the plot, the true entertainment came from the five segments merged with energetic music and featuring the male and female models showcasing their fashions while telling their stories of life and love at Notre Dame.

The choreography added to the fun and energy of the segments and matched the music perfectly. The models themselves never missed a beat as they strutted down the runway; the music was performed by El Tremendo Guandu.

Saturday’s BCAC Fashion Show was more than just strutting around in high heels.

Highlights included “Jammin’ for Jesus,” “First Football Game” and “Freshman Puppy Love.” In “Jammin’ for Jesus,” the models walked in black and white to “Electric Slide” at family barbecues, even going so far as to pull members of the audience to dance with them. They also proved their improvisational skills when they were asked to kill time for clothing changes.

The most humorous moment of the evening came when the three warned Spring Visitaton prospects in the audience of the danger of facebook.com pictures and then proceeded to display their favorites of Notre Dame students with faces whited-out, followed by demands for the people in the embarrassing pictures to show themselves.

The show culminated in “Ring by Spring,” in which two of the characters got married, giving the models a chance to show off suits as well as formal and semi-formal gowns. This finale also allowed them to tie up the story’s loose ends.

Despite the start and long wardrobe changes, the BCAC Fashion Show was a unique and entertaining show that engaged the audience, told a story and displayed the hottest fashions of the season. The models were clearly having as much fun as the audience, and they brought that to the stage while they showed off what’s hot and what’s not.

Contact Cassie Belek at cbellek@nd.edu
Gionta gets game-winner in comeback effort

Selanne, Pahlsson score two each as Anaheim blows out Vancouver to maintain first place in the Western Conference

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — In a matter of minutes, the New Jersey Devils won the biggest game of their careers with no points in earning two.

Brian Gionta scored the game-winner that clinched a comeback victory in overtime after Patrik Elias had given the Devils a 2-1 lead with 20 seconds left in regulation to beat the Pittsburgh Penguins 3-2 Sunday afternoon.

"I'm sure a lot of people were counting us out without regulation left," defenseman Colin White said. "We had been in this situation before and always seem to come up a little bit short. The timing could not have been better after two penguine's rookie star attempted to flip a shot to the back of the net. Devils almost won it at the end of regulation when Brian Rafalski shot that had been stopped by Brian Rafalski at the right point. The puck hit goalie Marc-Andre Fleury but spun over his head. It was Elias' 16th goal of the season and only his third in the last 14 games.

I saw that he made a shot and I had a lane in front of him, so I got a stick on it," Elias said. "It took a long time to get into the net." The timing could not have been better after two penguine's rookie star attempted to flip a shot to the back of the net. Devils almost won it at the end of regulation when Brian Rafalski shot that had been stopped by Brian Rafalski at the right point. The puck hit goalie Marc-Andre Fleury but spun over his head. It was Elias' 16th goal of the season and only his third in the last 14 games.

I saw that he made a shot and I had a lane in front of him, so I got a stick on it," Elias said. "It took a long time to get into the net." The Devils, who also got a goal from Jay Pandolfo, moved into sole possession of sixth place in the Eastern Conference with fourth straight win and fifth in their last six games.

"It was a great win to finish a great week," winger Jamie Langenbrunner said. "We had been in this situation before and always seem to come up a little bit short. The timing could not have been better after two penguine's rookie star attempted to flip a shot to the back of the net. Devils almost won it at the end of regulation when Brian Rafalski shot that had been stopped by Brian Rafalski at the right point. The puck hit goalie Marc-Andre Fleury but spun over his head. It was Elias' 16th goal of the season and only his third in the last 14 games.

I saw that he made a shot and I had a lane in front of him, so I got a stick on it," Elias said. "It took a long time to get into the net." The Devils, who also got a goal from Jay Pandolfo, moved into sole possession of sixth place in the Eastern Conference with fourth straight win and fifth in their last six games.

"We were 20 seconds away from being able to say what a great game we played," Penguins coach Michel Therrien said.

The Devils' chances for a comeback were nearly lost when Crosby had a breakaway on Martin Brodeur with 2 1/2 minutes in regulation and was in position to score a go-ahead goal after the Devils killed a penalty. But Jeremy Campion deflected the puck away with 14.5 seconds left and then Brodeur made a save.

"I read it pretty well," said Brodeur, who had 24 saves for the Devils in the 36th win of the season. "I just made a good piece of it with my glove."

That play allowed New Jersey to maintain a two-game skater during a power play for a hooking minor against Pittsburgh's Josef Melichar with 1:26 left in the third.

After the Penguins twice missed open nets on long shots, Elias scored while in the slot when he got his stick on a puck that had been shot by Brian Rafalski at the right point. The puck hit goalie Marc-Andre Fleury but spun over his head. It was Elias' 16th goal of the season and only his third in the last 14 games.

I saw that he made a shot and I had a lane in front of him, so I got a stick on it," Elias said. "It took a long time to get into the net." The Devils, who also got a goal from Jay Pandolfo, moved into sole possession of sixth place in the Eastern Conference with fourth straight win and fifth in their last six games.

"We were 20 seconds away from being able to say what a great game we played," Penguins coach Michel Therrien said.

The Devils' chances for a comeback were nearly lost when Crosby had a breakaway on Martin Brodeur with 2 1/2 minutes in regulation and was in position to score a go-ahead goal after the Devils killed a penalty. But Jeremy Campion deflected the puck away with 14.5 seconds left and then Brodeur made a save.

"I read it pretty well," said Brodeur, who had 24 saves for the Devils in the 36th win of the season. "I just made a good piece of it with my glove."

That play allowed New Jersey to maintain a two-game skater during a power play for a hooking minor against Pittsburgh's Josef Melichar with 1:26 left in the third.

After the Penguins twice missed open nets on long shots, Elias scored while in the slot when he got his stick on a puck that had been shot by Brian Rafalski at the right point. The puck hit goalie Marc-Andre Fleury but spun over his head. It was Elias' 16th goal of the season and only his third in the last 14 games.

I saw that he made a shot and I had a lane in front of him, so I got a stick on it," Elias said. "It took a long time to get into the net." The Devils, who also got a goal from Jay Pandolfo, moved into sole possession of sixth place in the Eastern Conference with fourth straight win and fifth in their last six games.

"We were 20 seconds away from being able to say what a great game we played," Penguins coach Michel Therrien said.

The Devils' chances for a comeback were nearly lost when Crosby had a breakaway on Martin Brodeur with 2 1/2 minutes in regulation and was in position to score a go-ahead goal after the Devils killed a penalty. But Jeremy Campion deflected the puck away with 14.5 seconds left and then Brodeur made a save.

"I read it pretty well," said Brodeur, who had 24 saves for the Devils in the 36th win of the season. "I just made a good piece of it with my glove."

That play allowed New Jersey to maintain a two-game skater during a power play for a hooking minor against Pittsburgh's Josef Melichar with 1:26 left in the third.

After the Penguins twice missed open nets on long shots, Elias scored while in the slot when he got his stick on a puck that had been shot by Brian Rafalski at the right point. The puck hit goalie Marc-Andre Fleury but spun over his head. It was Elias' 16th goal of the season and only his third in the last 14 games.

I saw that he made a shot and I had a lane in front of him, so I got a stick on it," Elias said. "It took a long time to get into the net." The Devils, who also got a goal from Jay Pandolfo, moved into sole possession of sixth place in the Eastern Conference with fourth straight win and fifth in their last six games.
NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>team</th>
<th>record</th>
<th>OT</th>
<th>points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NY Rangers</td>
<td>41-21</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Philadelphia</td>
<td>41-23</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New Jersey</td>
<td>29-27</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>87</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>NY Islanders</td>
<td>33-36</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>71</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pittsburgh</td>
<td>19-42</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>51</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>team</th>
<th>record</th>
<th>OT</th>
<th>points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Ottawa</td>
<td>49-17</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>105</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Buffalo</td>
<td>40-23</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>96</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Montreal</td>
<td>36-29</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Toronto</td>
<td>35-32</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>76</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Boston</td>
<td>29-34</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>team</th>
<th>record</th>
<th>OT</th>
<th>points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Carolina</td>
<td>48-20</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>102</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tampa Bay</td>
<td>39-30</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>93</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Atlanta</td>
<td>38-31</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>76</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Florida</td>
<td>34-31</td>
<td>9</td>
<td>77</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Washington</td>
<td>25-38</td>
<td>18</td>
<td>60</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Western Conference, Central Division

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>team</th>
<th>record</th>
<th>OT</th>
<th>points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Detroit</td>
<td>51-15</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>116</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nashville</td>
<td>43-23</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Columbus</td>
<td>31-40</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Chicago</td>
<td>23-39</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>St. Louis</td>
<td>29-40</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>53</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Western Conference, Northwest Division

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>team</th>
<th>record</th>
<th>OT</th>
<th>points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Calgary</td>
<td>42-24</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Colorado</td>
<td>40-26</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>86</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vancouver</td>
<td>39-29</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>87</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Edmonton</td>
<td>37-26</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>85</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Minnesota</td>
<td>34-34</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>75</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Western Conference, Pacific Division

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>team</th>
<th>record</th>
<th>OT</th>
<th>points</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Dallas</td>
<td>40-21</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>103</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Anaheim</td>
<td>39-23</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>San Jose</td>
<td>36-26</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>83</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Los Angeles</td>
<td>39-31</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>83</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phoenix</td>
<td>36-34</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>78</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

NCAA Baseball Top 25

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>team</th>
<th>record</th>
<th>conf</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1 Mississippi</td>
<td>15-6-0</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2 Rice</td>
<td>14-6-0</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 North Carolina</td>
<td>16-3-0</td>
<td>4-2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4 Cal State Fullerton</td>
<td>17-6-0</td>
<td>8.5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5 Georgia Tech</td>
<td>18-3-2</td>
<td>3-3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6 Florida State</td>
<td>21-2-0</td>
<td>1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7 South Carolina</td>
<td>17-3-2</td>
<td>2-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8 Nebraska</td>
<td>15-2-0</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9 Arizona</td>
<td>17-7-2</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10 Clemson</td>
<td>15-6-0</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>11 Arkansas</td>
<td>17-3-1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>12 Tennessee</td>
<td>14-5-0</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>13 Wichita</td>
<td>20-3-0</td>
<td>5-3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>14 TCU</td>
<td>14-6-0</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>15 LSU</td>
<td>17-5-1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>16 Oregon State</td>
<td>12-7-2</td>
<td>1-12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>17 Stanford</td>
<td>11-7-0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>18 Texas</td>
<td>15-10-0</td>
<td>1-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>19 Arizona State</td>
<td>18-7-0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>20 North Carolina</td>
<td>21-1-5</td>
<td>5-1</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>21 Fresno State</td>
<td>14-11-0</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>22 Baylor</td>
<td>14-6-2</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>23 Arizona State</td>
<td>19-8-0</td>
<td>0</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>24 Virginia</td>
<td>19-4-2</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>25 Georgia</td>
<td>14-4-1</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Men's NCAA Basketball
Florida vs. UCLA, 9:21 p.m., CBS

Boston vs. Texas, 2:05 p.m., ESPN
Atlanta vs. Los Angeles, 4:10 p.m., ESPN
San Francisco vs. San Diego, 7:05 p.m., ESPN
New York Yankees vs. Oakland, 10:05 p.m., ESPN

Pre-game ceremony fires up Sox fans

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Fans cheered as soon as the White Sox emerged from the dugout to warm up Sunday night.

Ready to celebrate? You bet, especially after a five-month wait.

Their roar only got louder during a colorful ceremony before the major league opener against Cleveland, a celebration of Chicago's first World Series winner in 88 years.

When the final out of the Game 6 clincher in Houston was replayed on the large center-field scoreboard at the end of a video retrospective, four championship banners hanging beneath outfiel'd light poles were uncovered. As fans cheered, fire-works went off behind the left-center field fence.

One banner saluted the White Sox World Series championships in 1906 and 1917, another was for last year's winner, a third hailed the team's AL championships and the fourth marked its division winners. After the fireworks, another video tribute followed, accompanied by Queen's "We Are The Champions."

"It was awesome. This is really exciting," fan Pat Valskis of suburban Highland Park said. "We've waited a long time for this."

The ceremony also featured the unfurling of an American flag as big as the outfield during the playing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and then a kneecapping flyer by two jets: "It was nice and impressive," said Frank Lakin, another fan who later had to sit through a fourth-inning rain delay. "The jets came a little close to the lights."

Chicago clinched all three of its playoff series on the road last season. And despite a wild parade through the streets of the city, Sunday night presented the first chance for the White Sox and their follow­ers to celebrate in their own ballpark.

"This is kind of a circus atmosphere out here,"

In Brief

Giants' Lowry signs four-year, $9.25 million deal
SAN FRANCISCO — Noah Lowry received quite the affirmation about his status in San Francisco's rotation, signing a four-year contract Sunday that guarantees the pitcher at least $9.25 million.

The 25-year-old Lowry, the Giants' No. 3 starter heading into Monday's season opener at San Diego, is under contract through the 2009 season and the Giants have a club option for 2010.

"It definitely means security," Lowry said. "For me, money isn't the issue. Baseball is game that I love to play. I love to go out and compete. ... This is something I worked my whole life for.

"The left-hander gets a $1 million signing bonus. He was already set to make $385,000 this season and will earn $1.1 million in 2007, $2.25 million in '08 and $4.5 million in '09. The Giants have a six-25 million option that could reach $7.75 million with escalators.

Marlins owner contemplates move to San Antonio
HOUSTON — Florida Marlins owner Jeffrey Loria said Sunday that discussions with San Antonio officials about the possibility of relocating the team there are serious.

San Antonio has been trying to lure the team and county officials have offered to put up $200 million toward an estimated $300 million ballpark if voters approve extending a tax on hotel and car rentals.

The Marlins slashed their payroll to win the World Series in 2003, still have a desire to move and the team there are serious.

"We're still looking at all our options, but our talks in San Antonio are serious," Loria said on Sunday at Minute Maid Park before addressing his team.

Loria said several officials from San Antonio would join him on Monday when the Marlins open the season against the Houston Astros.

"I've invited them to join us to learn more about San Antonio," he said.

Brewers sign reliever Turnbow to three-year deal
MILWAUKEE —Closer Derrick Turnbow and the Milwaukee Brewers agreed Sunday to a $6.5 million, three-year contract, replacing $488,000, one-year deal he signed in February.

The 28-year-old righty tied the Brewers season saves record last year with 39, a mark Dan Kolb set in 2004. The 39 saves ranked fifth in the NL last season, when Turnbow was 7-1 with a 1.74 ERA.

He struck out a career-high 64 batters in 67 1-3 innings.

Turnbow gets $1 million this year, $2.3 million in 2007 and $3.2 million in 2008.

Jets fly over U.S. Cellular Field before the start of Sunday's opening day game in Chicago between the defending World Series champion Chicago White Sox and Cleveland Indians.

Around the Dial

Men's NCAA Basketball

White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski said before the game, "We just want to get to where we can focus on baseball.

"Repeating will be tough. The last team to win consecutive titles was the 1998-2000 New York Yankees After beating the New York Giants in the 1917 World Series, the White Sox went 7-67 the next season, good for sixth place, for 1960 season after los­ing the World Series to the Dodgers, Chicago took third in the AL with an 87-67 record.

"I hope I don't have to wait 88 years again," White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen said.

White Sox fans

"We're really happy," said White Sox manager Ozzie Guillen. "You don't see this every year.

"It was nice and impressive," said Frank Lakin, another fan who later had to sit through a fourth-inning rain delay. "The jets came a little close to the lights."

Chicago clinched all three of its playoff series on the road last season. And despite a wild parade through the streets of the city, Sunday night presented the first chance for the White Sox and their follow­ers to celebrate in their own ballpark.

"This is kind of a circus atmosphere out here,"
Pistons clinch court advantage with win

Clutch free throw shooting from Davis beats Golden State, gives Minnesota first overtime victory this season

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Chauncey Billups wants it all: NBA title, NBA MVP and an MVP trophy.

Billups helped the Detroit Pistons earn home-court advantage throughout the Eastern Conference playoffs and might have rekined his MVP candidacy in the process.

He scored 23 points against reigning MVP Steve Nash and his third-place team, and might have the Pistons ahead in a 109-102 win over Phoenix on Sunday. "I think I made a good case," Billups said. "It would mean a lot. Not as much as another championship, but it means a lot to even be mentioned."

In a matchup of MVP candidates, Billups was sensational while shooting 10-of-11, scoring 4-of-11 for 33 points.

"Chauncey was amazing," Nash said.

The Pistons (59-14) clinched the best record ahead of Miami.

"This is the third of our five stops, but this one might be the most important," Billups said, because of the 2-2-1-1 format in the conference finals.

Detroit coach Flip Saunders said: "The first two goals were to make the playoffs and win the division, and the last two are to clinch the best record in the league and win a second title in three years."

Detroit expects to be without Rasheed Wallace on Tuesday at home against Orlando. Wallace is subject to a one-game suspension for picking up his 16th technical foul.

"I don't care about No. 16," Wallace said. "I'm just going to be cheerling from home."

Shawn Marion scored 32 for Phoenix, which has lost five of its last six.

The Pistons have won eight of nine and for their second straight victory, they had to overcome a big deficit.

Detroit trailed 10-7 in the first half and 16 in the third quarter before coming back with a pair of 7-0 runs in the third. Billups scored 15 in the third and Ben Wallace had 10 of his 11 points.

The teams traded leads in the fourth quarter until Billups took over.

Billups put the Suns away with a 3-pointer from about 30 feet just before the shot clock expired, and he was named the game's most valuable player.

"I'm just going to be cheering from home," Nash said. "Chauncey was amazing.""Steve Nash

Suns guard

Jason Richardson scored 33 points and Derek Fisher scored 22 for Golden State, which has lost 10 of its last 13.

"We were better defensively, for the most part, against one of the tough teams in the Western Conference," Johnson said. "We knew we had to be physical." The Mavericks responded with better defense as the Nuggets shot 33 percent from the field in the first quarter while Dallas grabbed a 29-18 lead.

"I thought we had a lot more sense of urgency coming out," Nowitzki said. "We got back to the basics and what we've been doing all season long. We want to stop the bleeding.""Denver finished 29-for-75 from the floor, committed 19 turnovers and was outrebounded by 42-30.

"We were so bad offensively," Nuggets coach George Karl said. "Defensively they found all the answers. We simply lost confidence in our offense.

The Nuggets were tentative against a Mavericks defense that included plenty of zone.

Dallas 103, Denver 79

Mavericks coach Avery Johnson was a little happier with his team's defensive effort.

Dirk Nowitzki had 30 points and 12 rebounds to help the Mavericks snap a season-long three-game losing streak with a victory over the Denver Nuggets on Sunday.

Jason Terry scored 21 points and Josh Howard added 20 for the Mavericks, who had lost five of their previous seven and experienced the first three-game skid under Johnson.

The Mavericks had been competing with Detroit and San Antonio for the NBA's best record before falling off the pace.

Johnson gave his team an angry dressing down for lax defense following Friday night's loss. Chauncey Billups was displeased with his team's defense in all of the three consecutive road defeats to Detroit, Cleveland and Orlando.

"I thought we were pretty good defensively, for the most part, against one of the tough teams in the Western Conference," Johnson said. "We knew we had to be physical."

The Mavericks responded with better defense as the Nuggets shot 33 percent from the field in the first quarter while Dallas grabbed a 29-18 lead.

"I thought we had a lot more sense of urgency coming out," Nowitzki said. "We got back to the basics and what we've been doing all season long. We want to stop the bleeding." Denver finished 29-for-75 from the floor, committed 19 turnovers and was outrebounded by 42-30.

"We were so bad offensively," Nuggets coach George Karl said. "Defensively they found all the answers. We simply lost confidence in our offense.

The Nuggets were tentative against a Mavericks defense that included plenty of zone.
TENNIS

After strong start, Belles break even

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

While Saint Mary's appeared unbeatable Friday, defeating Olivet's Jennifer Muleady and Kelly McDavid, Grace Gordon and Kristen Palombo and Melissa Dingler and Mary Elizabeth Campbell, all picking up wins by the score of 8-6.

In singles action, Saint Mary's proceeded to win five of the six match-ups. Only No. 2 Muleady failed to defeat her opponent as she lost to Jennifer in a total of two sets. In doubles, the No. 1 team of Muleady and McDavid lost 8-1, the No. 2 team of Palombo and Gordon was defeated 8-2 and the No. 3 team of Campbell and Dingler lost 8-2.

"Part of it was that we didn't play as well against Wheaton. But part of it was that Wheaton was just a much better team," Palombo said. "We could have won more games against Wheaton, but they're a very solid team all around." The weekend gives the Belles an overall record of 7-6 and 5-2 in the MIAA. Saint Mary's will now turn its focus on this week's conference matches. Despite the results against Wheaton, Palombo said the team will go into this week's matches with a worthwhile experience from this weekend's tournament.

"We feel positive because Friday's match was so good," Palombo said. "We played well together, but sometimes you just come across opponents who are better than you. We were happy with our results and efforts." Saint Mary's will play its next match Monday against Alma, a team that has a record of 4-6, 6-4 (7-4), 11-9.

"I'm really proud of it," said the team will go for basket after basket. Kristi Tollefson's 3-pointer with 8 minutes left gave the Terrapins their lead at 63-52. As the ball dropped through, Tollefson nodded to the Maryland fan section and coolly gestured "bring it on."

For a while, it did seem Maryland was ready to run away with it. But Latta and the Heels had one more run left: North Carolina chipped away with a 11-4 run and Latta's two free throws with 1:06 left got the Heels within 3 at 73-70. But there was no panic in the Terrapins. Shy Doron played cat-and-mouse with Latta as she brought the ball upcourt, then dished to a wide-open Coleman for a layup. The Heels would get no closer. Doron said the game plan was to keep Latta "in front of us all the time, make sure we contested every one of her shots and try to keep the ball out of her hand."

Campbell, 28 points and 14 rebounds. Ivory Latta, Maryland's feisty point guard, was keys up, knocked down and carried off the court at one point.

Contact Greg Arbogast at garborges@nd.edu

Maryland coach Brenda Frese barks orders from the sideline in her team's 81-70 defeat of North Carolina Sunday.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

No dancing for Heels this year

Terrapins top UNC to reach first-ever national championship game

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON — Maryland is playing for its first national championship, and these Terrapins are no fluke.

The only team to beat top-ranked North Carolina in the regular season did it again Saturday night, outclassing and outmuscling the disjointed Tar Heels 81-70 in the NCAA women's national semifinal.

In just four short years under coach Brenda Frese, the Terps have joined the nation's elite.

"They have the heart of a lion," Frese said. "They believe in each other ... I'm really proud of them."

The Terps outscored the Tar Heels' uptempo game, forcing them in to a halfcourt match for much of the game.

Crystal Langhorne and Laura Harper asserted their strong inside presence -- and the sophomores intend to be around for a while. Harper had 24 points and Langhorne scored 23 for the Terps, who had beaten the Tar Heels, their Atlantic Coast Conference rival, 98-95 in overtime in the regular season.

"There were several reasons for there was no fluke," Frese said. "They believe in each other." The Terps led by just two at the half, then began to methodically add to the lead. Kristi Tollefson's 3-pointer with 8 minutes left gave the Terrapins their lead at 63-52. As the ball dropped through, Tollefson nodded to the Maryland fan section and coolly gestured "bring it on."

For a while, it did seem Maryland was ready to run away with it. But Latta and the Heels had one more run left: North Carolina chipped away with a 11-4 run and Latta's two free throws with 1:06 left got the Heels within 3 at 73-70. But there was no panic in Maryland coach Brenda Frese barks orders from the sideline in her team's 81-70 defeat of North Carolina Sunday.

--"...::=:-- ....

"Part of it was that we didn't play as well against Wheaton. But part of it was that Wheaton was just a much better team," Palombo said. "We could have won more games against Wheaton, but they're a very solid team all around." The weekend gives the Belles an overall record of 7-6 and 5-2 in the MIAA. Saint Mary's will now turn its focus on this week's conference matches. Despite the results against Wheaton, Palombo said the team will go into this week's matches with a worthwhile experience from this weekend's tournament.

"We feel positive because Friday's match was so good," Palombo said. "We played well together, but sometimes you just come across opponents who are better than you. We were happy with our results and efforts." Saint Mary's will play its next match Monday against Alma, a team that has a record of 4-6, 6-4 (7-4), 11-9.

"I'm really proud of it," said the team will go for basket after basket. Kristi Tollefson's 3-pointer with 8 minutes left gave the Terrapins their lead at 63-52. As the ball dropped through, Tollefson nodded to the Maryland fan section and coolly gestured "bring it on."

For a while, it did seem Maryland was ready to run away with it. But Latta and the Heels had one more run left: North Carolina chipped away with a 11-4 run and Latta's two free throws with 1:06 left got the Heels within 3 at 73-70. But there was no panic in Maryland coach Brenda Frese barks orders from the sideline in her team's 81-70 defeat of North Carolina Sunday.

--"...::=:-- ....

"Part of it was that we didn't play as well against Wheaton. But part of it was that Wheaton was just a much better team," Palombo said. "We could have won more games against Wheaton, but they're a very solid team all around." The weekend gives the Belles an overall record of 7-6 and 5-2 in the MIAA. Saint Mary's will now turn its focus on this week's conference matches. Despite the results against Wheaton, Palombo said the team will go into this week's matches with a worthwhile experience from this weekend's tournament.

"We feel positive because Friday's match was so good," Palombo said. "We played well together, but sometimes you just come across opponents who are better than you. We were happy with our results and efforts." Saint Mary's will play its next match Monday against Alma, a team that has a record of 4-6, 6-4 (7-4), 11-9.

"I'm really proud of it," said the team will go for basket after basket. Kristi Tollefson's 3-pointer with 8 minutes left gave the Terrapins their lead at 63-52. As the ball dropped through, Tollefson nodded to the Maryland fan section and coolly gestured "bring it on."

For a while, it did seem Maryland was ready to run away with it. But Latta and the Heels had one more run left: North Carolina chipped away with a 11-4 run and Latta's two free throws with 1:06 left got the Heels within 3 at 73-70. But there was no panic in Maryland coach Brenda Frese barks orders from the sideline in her team's 81-70 defeat of North Carolina Sunday.

--"...::=:-- ....

"Part of it was that we didn't play as well against Wheaton. But part of it was that Wheaton was just a much better team," Palombo said. "We could have won more games against Wheaton, but they're a very solid team all around." The weekend gives the Belles an overall record of 7-6 and 5-2 in the MIAA. Saint Mary's will now turn its focus on this week's conference matches. Despite the results against Wheaton, Palombo said the team will go into this week's matches with a worthwhile experience from this weekend's tournament.

"We feel positive because Friday's match was so good," Palombo said. "We played well together, but sometimes you just come across opponents who are better than you. We were happy with our results and efforts." Saint Mary's will play its next match Monday against Alma, a team that has a record of 4-6, 6-4 (7-4), 11-9.

"I'm really proud of it," said the team will go for basket after basket. Kristi Tollefson's 3-pointer with 8 minutes left gave the Terrapins their lead at 63-52. As the ball dropped through, Tollefson nodded to the Maryland fan section and coolly gestured "bring it on."

For a while, it did seem Maryland was ready to run away with it. But Latta and the Heels had one more run left: North Carolina chipped away with a 11-4 run and Latta's two free throws with 1:06 left got the Heels within 3 at 73-70. But there was no panic in Maryland coach Brenda Frese barks orders from the sideline in her team's 81-70 defeat of North Carolina Sunday.
MLB

Chicago looks impressive in first game against Cleveland

After long rain delay, Sox pick up where they left off last year

Associated Press — The Chicago White Sox celebrated the past. Then newcomer Jim Thome showed them the promise of a new season.

Thome hit a two-run homer after a nearly three-hour rain delay and the defending World Series champions beat the Cleveland Indians 10-4 Sunday night in the major league opener, a game that didn't end until 1:10 a.m. EDT.

Thome played his first 12 seasons with the Indians before spending the last three in Philadelphia. Facing Cleveland for the first time, he drove out a long homer in a three-run fourth inning off reliever Fernando Cabrera and made his first curtain call at U.S. Cellular Field.

Cleveland, which chased Chicago for the AL Central title a year ago only to falter in the final week, sustained an early loss when starter C.C. Sabathia had to leave after two 1-3 innings after he strained an abdominal muscle while delivering a pitch. He will be re-examined Monday.

Brandon McCarthy, who replaced starter Mark Buehrle after the long delay, pitched three perfect innings for the victory.

After the two-hour, 57-minute delay, the game resumed in the bottom of the fourth and, after Cabrera (0-1) walked the first two hitters, the rain began to come down again.

Tadahito Iguchi's sacrifice fly gave the White Sox a 3-1 lead and Thome delivered a long shot to right through the rain for a three-run cushion. A.J. Pierzynski hit an RBI single and rookie Brian Anderson a two-run single in the fifth to make it 9-3 as the skies finally cleared.

The attendance was announced at 38,802 — a sell-out — and about a one-fourth of the crowd stayed around for the resumption of the game after a long wait.

But White Sox fans know how to wait — 88 years between World Series winners.

SMC SOFTBALL

Defense dominates as Belles shutout Adrian

Senior Bridget Grall strikes out six and records first career no-hitter in the first of two wins this Saturday

By DEIRDRE KRASULA

Cold weather couldn't stop Bridget Grall from dominating on the mound Saturday.

Grall threw her first no-hitter of her four-year career in the first game of Saturday's doubleheader against Adrian College. Saint Mary's shut down Adrian, winning both games 5-0 and 7-0, respectively.

Grall struck out six and collected her fifth win for the season. Sarah Miesle also strengthened the defense as she shut down the Bulldogs' offense from shortstop throughout the first game.

Both Miesle and Grall's energy from the first game carried into the second contest.

"Grall's no-hitter really motivated our team to come out ready for the second game," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said.

Sullivan said the Belles were able to remain focused and not get ahead of themselves.

"We kept our focus and intensity, but realized this was a new game, and we needed to play as hard as we did in the first game," she said.

The Belles did not settle into their comfort zone as they took on Adrian for the second time. Miesle, a defensive force in the first game, showed she could bring power from the plate as well. Homer in the top of the second, Miesle started the scoring and gave the Belles an early 1-0 lead.

Grall answered Miesle's homerun in the top of the third as she drove a double, eventually scoring to give the Belles a 2-0 advantage.

The score remained at 2-0 during the rest of the game as the Bulldogs were unable to score. Kristin Anram dominated from the mound, striking out 12.

Anram also broke open the game in the top of the seventh from the plate. After she doubled — driving in three runs — Martha Smid followed with a single to drive in two runs off an error.

Contact Deirdre Krasula at dkrasula@nd.edu

Saint Mary's freshman Kristin Anram winds up to deliver a pitch in the Belles' 7-0 win Saturday. Anram had 12 strikeouts in the shutout win.

The Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy Presents:

The Future of Labor Unions

TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2006
5:00-7:30P.M.

Eck Center Auditorium
The University of Notre Dame

A symposium panel discussion featuring:

DR. JACKIE SMITH, Associate Professor of Sociology, Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies

DR. PAUL MISHLER, Assistant Professor, Indiana University Labor Studies Division

DR. JORGE BustAmante, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants; Nobel Peace Prize Nominee

Labor unions have played a key role in shaping economic and political issues that affect the American worker. With the split in the AFL-CIO and dwindling numbers of labor union members, many wonder if the heyday of the labor union has passed.

What will it take to reinvigorate labor unions in the United States? Why is this important for blue collar and professional workers? How will changes in immigration policy impact labor unions? How will labor unions meet the challenges of globalization?

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
For more information: Please visit www.nd.edu/~ndiepp
Contact Bruce at Combsy.39@nd.edu
Irish defense hangs on to defeat Big Green

Squad holds its opponents scoreless for the last 11:37 of Saturday's back-and-forth game against Dartmouth

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Dartmouth's attack the last 11 minutes of the game to hold on for an 8-7 victory Sunday at Moose Krause Stadium.

The No. 11 Irish outlasted the Big Green in a back-and-forth game that saw five ties and six lead changes thanks to lock-down defense in the fourth quarter.

After Dartmouth scored to make it 8-7 with 1:47 left in the fourth quarter, Driscoll snatched a high skew out of the air in front of his net and outran Dartmouth's 5-6 defense to keep the ball in the back of the cage.

"It came down to just playing through groundballs, not just panicking around the cage," said D.J. Driscoll, Irish defenseman.

Dartmouth responded less than a minute later, Walsh notched his fourth assist with a behind-the-back flip that found senior Matt Kurock in front of the net to even up a 6-6 game.

Walsh's six-sick work was one of several nasty passes by him and Dougherty that heated up a crowd shivering from a bit of poor weather around a bit of tight defense.

Driscoll said. "We really addressed the fact that's how you have to contend with poor weather last time this week the Irish out-muscled their Ivy League opponent, as we're improving as we go and our footwork," Walsh said.

"To start the first quarter and grind out a game definitely will help us later in the season, during league play or in the playoffs." Walsh started the Irish scoring attack Brian Hubschmann made a precision pass to Walsh to set up for the next two goals.

Saturday's game was the second time this week the Irish out-muscled their Ivy League opponent, as they constantly assaulted Big Green ball handlers with big hits and swinging sticks, allowing Dartmouth to convert only 13-of-24 clears and winning the groundball battle 43-39 — an extension of their execution in Wednesday's 11-5 win against Brown. The Irish successfully cleared 18 of their 21 attempts, as they continue to dominate opponents 800 to 678 in that area.

The game was also Notre Dame's first victory in a contest that lacked long scoring runs from either team. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he was disappointed that the Irish could not capitalize on the chances they created to put the ball in the net and break the game open. But he was pleased to see Notre Dame win a game where neither team scored four goals in a quarter.

"Since I've been here at ND, Coach has always harped on losing close games," Driscoll said. "To come back after the first quarter and grind out a game definitely will help us later in the season, during league play or in the playoffs." Walsh started the Irish scoring four minutes into the game, feeding freshman attack Ryan Hoff, who scored twice Saturday.

Contact Tim Dougherty at tdougher@nd.edu

ND TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame takes 11 events in outdoor home opener

Despite bad weather, several athletes record personal best times

By FRAN Tolan
Sports Writer

The Irish hosted the Notre Dame Outdoor Invitational at Moose Krause Stadium Saturday and recorded victories in 11 events.

Facing a field that included athletes from DePaul, Loyola Chicago, Central Michigan, Hillsdale College and Detroit Mercy College, the Irish had to contend with poor weather conditions after previously competing in meets in California and Arizona.

That weather significantly impacted the athletes — the Irish failed to produce any NCAA qualifying marks.

After the (Cal Poly Invitational), it was pretty frustrating to have to deal with the 45-degree temperature," said Austin Wechter, who won the men's 400-meter dash with a time of 49.52 seconds.

Despite the sub-par conditions, some of the Irish athletes did produce outstanding performances.

Shot-putter Mike Schubert won the men's competition with a throw of 15.76 meters, the longest toss of his career. Schubert betters his previous career-best by almost a full meter and won the event by nearly two meters. The runner-up, Adam Manning said.

"I'm just looking at the weather, that's how you have success," Walsh said.

Sunday's game was the second time this week the Irish out-muscled their Ivy League opponent, as they constantly assaulted Big Green ball handlers with big hits and swinging sticks, allowing Dartmouth to convert only 13-of-24 clears and winning the groundball battle 43-39 — an extension of their execution in Wednesday's 11-5 win against Brown. The Irish successfully cleared 18 of their 21 attempts, as they continue to dominate opponents 800 to 678 in that area.

The game was also Notre Dame's first victory in a contest that lacked long scoring runs from either team. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he was disappointed that the Irish could not capitalize on the chances they created to put the ball in the net and break the game open. But he was pleased to see Notre Dame win a game where neither team scored four goals in a quarter.

"Since I've been here at ND, Coach has always harped on losing close games," Driscoll said. "To come back after the first quarter and grind out a game definitely will help us later in the season, during league play or in the playoffs." Walsh started the Irish scoring four minutes into the game, feeding freshman attack Ryan Hoff, who scored twice Saturday.

Contact Tim Dougherty at tdougher@nd.edu

Respectful Observers: Real Experience. Real Money.
Team sweeps two doubleheaders over weekend

By DAN MURPHY and JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writers

Notre Dame refused to let a 2-1 lead slip away in the top of the third inning when the game went through four batters strung together on the first double and two singles resulting in two runs and batters on second and third. Second baseman Katie Laing dropped a sacrifice bunt in answer to the third run of the inning. Sara Schoonenart was able to sneak in a score in the fourth by catching the Friars’ defense off guard and stealing home.

“I was always extremely aggressive on the bases and love to use my instincts,” Schoonenart said.

The run gave the Irish a 4-1 lead which Booth was able to hold for the remainder of the game. Booth stayed hot Sunday, improving her record to 9-7 on the year. The only run for Providence in the game was due to a fielding error in the top of the fourth inning.

The stingy defensive play continued in the second contest as freshman Brittany Bargar led the team to a 6-0 victory.

The top of the order continued to dominate as the plate as both Mallorie Lenn and Brown finished the day going four-for-four. Brown’s last hit was a walk-off home run in the sixth that gave the Irish the eight-run mercy rule win.

The bulk of the scoring came in the fourth inning when the team sent nine batters to the plate and posted five runs on four hits and one error. The big blows came from Laiing and Lenn, who each drove in two runs on long doubles.

The duo struck again as they both drove in a run, each setting up Brown to deliver the knockout punch in the sixth.

Contact Dan Murphy and Jay Fitzpatrick at dmurphy@nd.edu and jfitzpat@nd.edu

Irish take 4th in Jessop-Whittier

Result an improvement on the squad’s eighth place finish last season

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s women’s rowing team came away with an impressive fourth-place finish in the Jessop-Whittier Cup competition at this weekend’s Big East Championship.

The Irish finished second in their preliminary heat on Saturday with a time of 6:28.53 to advance to the finals for the Jessop-Whittier Cup, the top four for collegiate varsity eight teams at the Classic. The Irish varsity eight boat, manned by coxswain Marina Romero and rowers Julie Sobolewski, Amanda Polk, Mary Quinn, Laura Pearson, Allison Marsh, Melissa Felker, Meg Boyle and Sarah Palandech, finished fourth in the Cup finals with a time of 6:56.66. The California rowers finished first with a time of 6:52.10, and were followed by Southern California and Washington State with times of 6:54.39 and 6:57.83, respectively.

The Irish improved on last year’s time — 7:00.15 — which earned them an eighth-place finish in the competition for the Cup.

“It was great to come in on this day and race very competitively in the varsity eight,” head coach Martin Stone said. “It was a great race, and we defeated some quality opponents in the process.”

Martin Stone
Irish coach

rowing

result an improvement on the squad's eighth place finish last season

By TIM KAISER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s women’s rowing team came away with an impressive fourth-place finish in the Jessop-Whittier Cup competition at this weekend’s Big East Championship.

The Irish finished second in their preliminary heat on Saturday with a time of 6:28.53 to advance to the finals for the Jessop-Whittier Cup, the top four for collegiate varsity eight teams at the Classic. The Irish varsity eight boat, manned by coxswain Marina Romero and rowers Julie Sobolewski, Amanda Polk, Mary Quinn, Laura Pearson, Allison Marsh, Melissa Felker, Meg Boyle and Sarah Palandech, finished fourth in the Cup finals with a time of 6:56.66. The California rowers finished first with a time of 6:52.10, and were followed by Southern California and Washington State with times of 6:54.39 and 6:57.83, respectively. The Irish improved on last year’s time — 7:00.15 — which earned them an eighth-place finish in the competition for the Cup.

“It was great to come in on this day and race very competitively in the varsity eight,” head coach Martin Stone said. “It was a great race, and we defeated some quality opponents in the process.”

Martin Stone
Irish coach

ND SOFTBALL

Team sweeps two doubleheaders over weekend

By DAN MURPHY and JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writers

Notre Dame began Big East play Saturday by showing how dominant it truly is on both offense or defense, sweeping a doubleheader against Connecticut with a 3-0 shutout and a 2-1 no-hitter.

For the Irish, everything seemed to go their way in the game, especially on offense. Notre Dame lit up the Huskies' starting pitcher, Krista Misculey, for nine runs on 11 hits in the first three and one-third innings of work. Each of the first five batters scored in the first inning on Misculey.

Irish head coach Deanna Gumpp said her team's ability to get ahead early that really sparked the Irish offense.

“We get into a really good hitting rhythm,” Gumpp said. “That the fact that we jumped out early really helped us win.”

Although the Huskies quieted down in the second, third and fourth innings, the Irish offense threatened to erupt each of the third and fourth innings.

The top of the Irish lineup continued to help start the offense as it has all year, as the second, third and fourth — center fielder Alexandra Kotschy and second baseman Brittany Bargar — each scored two runs while Kotschy reached safely in all three times through.

Second baseman Katie Laing, batting fifth for the Irish, also had fun at the plate, driving in three runs on a double and a triple.

But it was not just the Irish lineup that beat the Huskies, but also one of the other pitchers — starter Heather Booth and reliever Kenya Fuemeller — who combined for a five-inning shutout before the game was called due to the running out of time.

Booth continued out strong by striking out five in her four innings of work. Her performance was impressive given she was having just come off an 11-inning complete game against Rowan.

“Booth is a great job coming in and we go,” Leen said. “She knew that she had to be ready for this game, and she did it.”

But the Irish proved their ability to hit well again Sunday. With Booth pitching, the second game showed Notre Dame’s potential dominance over Big East hitting with Brittony Bargar’s eight-inning no-hitter.

Bargar pitched well against the Huskies in the second game, something the Irish needed as their bats were no longer a problem against the now Huskies pitcher, Michelle Cauette. Bargar was perfect through four and one-third innings, including four strikeouts at the plate. A warning error by third baseman Morgan Ruthrauff allowed the first Husky runner of the game to reach base. Bargar did not let this faze her and moved on through the next two innings with no trouble.

But going into the top of the
Bender continued from page 24

ment Sunday. "In the end, the only reason I have coached at Saint Mary's for five years is because of the student-athletes involved and they are shocked, hurt, angry and mad."

Several players contacted by The Observer Sunday declined to comment on the situation. Bodensteiner said the 2005-06 coaching staff would support members of the team in any way it could. "All throughout this past sea­son, Coach Bender said over and over that this team was a family," she said. "That is not going to change now."

Contact Ken Fowler at kfwolr@nd.edu

The Observer ♦ SPOR

PPE THE MINOR IN PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, AND ECONOMICS

The PPE minor offers students from undergraduates with special interests in the inter­areas of political philosophy, political theory, and economic analysis. Every year about 18 interested and advanced students are admitted to PPE. Check it out to see if it is for you. If you are interested in knowing more about the PPE program, you can visit our office or contact Professor John Roos, Political Science Department

FEE FOR MORE INFORMATION Professor John Roos, Political Science Department

FEE FOR E-MAIL APPLICATION: simply send a request to Professor The application deadline is noon on Thursday, April 6. Late applications will be accepted only if space remains.

PPE INFORMATION

11th place. Freshman Josh Sandman also made an impact for Notre Dame this weekend, as he fin­ished tied for 25th with a score of three-over par 219 (74-71-74). Sandman, who made his college debut this past weekend at the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind. The event was a struggle for the Irish, but just couldn’t pull out the win.

"It was a heartbreaking loss," Thompson said. "I had a great second set, but just couldn’t pull out the win."

"It feels good though to play well after coming off a low-scoring game." Crystal Foote

Irish attack

"It feels good though to play well after coming off a low-scoring game." Crystal Foote

Irish attack

Purdue continued from page 24

helped us mentally too as the team heads into the last stretch of the season," Byers said.

Notre Dame started the match strong as the Irish powered offense took an early lead as they headed into the singles frame. The Irish have a great match against a strong doubles team," Christian Thompson said. "Purdue also has such a superb record indoors at home, because they have fast courts and make the game a lot quicker."

Playing at No. 2 for the Irish was the No. 29 team of seniors of­fensive Brook Buck and freshman Kelsey Tefft, which downed the Boilermakers' Stephanie Wooten and Randi Schuler, 8-4. The last team playing for Notre Dame who completed the sweep was seniors Lauren Connolly and Kiki Stasny, who toppled Purdue's Brittaney Mann and Anna Deva, 8-2. In singles, No. 30 Catrina Tefft made an impact for Notre Dame over the weekend, and also

The 13th place is not going to change now." Eric Retter contributed to this report.

Contact Ken Fowler at kfwolr@nd.edu

UConn continued from page 24

assists. With six games left, she is just five goals shy of Courtney Calabrese's program record of 38 goals as a fresh­man. "I guess it's pretty cool," Byers said. "This year we have a great team, and they're the reason for my success. We have so many great players - senior midfielder Cristy [Foote], sophomore attack Meghan [Murphy] - who have helped me reach this goal."

In the Big East battle, the Notre Dame's high­powered offense proved too power­ful for the Huskies. Foote led the team with five goals and four assists for a total of nine points, unloading on the Huskies after being held to only one point against Canisius on March 25.

"I think the match-up against Canisius was an opportunity for our team as a whole to con­tribute and gave each player confidence," Foote said. "Some games, you just get into the zone. It feels good enough to play well after coming off a low-scoring game."

Notre Dame is averaging 15.8 goals per game in its 10 contests this season.

"We must continue to hustle and work hard each day in practice," Foote said. "Right now, we're just going to play to give Notre Dame a 9-1 victory."

A key aspect of the team's success was the defensive shut­down of Connecticut in the first frame. The Irish also responded with an offensive volley.

Byers, Foote and McKinney combined for six second-half goals and secured Notre Dame's 13-9 victory.

A key aspect of the team's success was the defensive shut­down of Connecticut in the first frame. The Irish also responded with an offensive volley.

Byers, Foote and McKinney combined for six second-half goals and secured Notre Dame's 13-9 victory.

"It feels good though to play well after coming off a low-scoring game." Crystal Foote

Irish attack

"It feels good though to play well after coming off a low-scoring game." Crystal Foote

Irish attack

"It feels good though to play well after coming off a low-scoring game." Crystal Foote

Irish attack

"It feels good though to play well after coming off a low-scoring game." Crystal Foote

Irish attack

"It feels good though to play well after coming off a low-scoring game." Crystal Foote

Irish attack

"It feels good though to play well after coming off a low-scoring game." Crystal Foote

Irish attack

"It feels good though to play well after coming off a low-scoring game." Crystal Foote

Irish attack
Sweep
continued from page 24
first to beat out an infield single to lead off the inning. After cen-
ter fielder Alex Netley delivered a sacrifice fly, Panthers coach Joe Jordano called on Ciriello to relieve Mike Bussanich.
With first base open, the right-
hander intentionally walked fel-
low righty Craig Cooper, who was 3-0-5 in the game with a home run and a double. Ciriello then struggled against Notre Dame’s No. 2 batter Danny Dressman, walking the junior on five pitches to load the bases.
"I read it as a tough deci-
dion to make there," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said of the choice to have Ciriello inten-
tinally walk Cooper. "If I had been faced with the same situ­
ation... I probably would have done the same thing.
Barnes followed Dressman and lined a 0-1 single in the hole between third and short to give the Irish the win.
With Notre Dame ahead 7-4 in the top of the ninth, Pittsburgh shortstop Jimmy Mayer delivered a two-strike, two-run double off Mike Dury to give the Panthers the lead.
Dury had replaced Joey Williamson, who hit two batters in the inning and left with two runners on base and one out.
"I knew Mike Dury would handle them well, but after you see a pitcher...
I had a pretty good feeling he wouldn’t strike [batter] out. I was just hoping [Mayer] would hit it at somebody."
Right-hander Tom Thornton started the game for Notre Dame and went 7.2 innings, allowing five earned runs on seven hits and two hit batters. He surren-
dered three runs in the first before recording an out, but set-
tled down, retiring 14 Panthers in a row in a stretch between the second and seventh innings.
Freshman righty Kyle Landis threw six innings for Pittsburgh, giving up five runs (three earned) on eight hits and six walks.
Notre Dame 4, Pittsburgh 3
Irish starter Jeff Manshij (1-1) threw seven innings, striking out nine Panthers and scattered four hits en route to Notre Dame’s win over Pittsburgh Saturday afternoon.
Freshman reliever Kyle Weiland worked out of several bases-loaded jams to collect a hard-earned save — his sixth of the season — for his two-inning relief appearance.
Weiland entered the eighth with a 4-1 Irish lead, but loaded the bases with no outs on back-
to-back singles by Sean Conley and Mayer and hit batter Jim Negrych with a pitch. A sacrifice fly by Morgan Keynes scored Conley from third and a fielder’s choice advanced the remaining runners to second and third. A wild pitch to the back-
drop stop during the next at-bat allowed Mayer to score. The Irish then sealed victory with a sacrifice fly to center by Justin Varner and an RBI single by Danny Dressman.
"It’s a successful suicide squeeze for sure," Manshij said of Weiland. "It helps his character for sure. It speaks a lot for him, what he did today."
In the second inning, a Sean Gaston infield single scored Danny Dressman and was fol-
lowed by a run on a Pittsburgh error. Ross Breszovsky — who reached base with a single — tripped just off second base and ran home after the throw to catch him at third went wild. Lopez concluded the rally with an RBI single up the middle.
Brian Muldowney plated the first Pittsburgh run in the fourth with a double to the gap in left center. Dury moved to third on a sacrifice fly to right field, scoring Matt Bransfield.
Lopez is an amazing guy, he just seems to come through in the clutch for us so often," Mainieri said. "You could throw his statistics out the window, we need him most when the game is on the line."
Notre Dame 6, Pittsburgh 1
Jeff Samardzija struck out eight in his first home start of the season as the Irish won the opener of the three-game set against Pittsburgh Friday.
Notre Dame (15-5, 3-1 Big East) won its fifth straight game, while the Panthers (11-13, 2-5 Big East) lost their fifth in a row.
A season high crowd of 2,886 braved windy conditions to watch Samardzija duel with Pittsburgh left-hander Rob Brant. The Notre Dame junior threw eight innings, giving up one run on eight hits, while the Panther sophomore allowed four runs on 11 hits in seven-and-a-
third innings.
Samardzija got off to a shaky start, allowing six Panthers to reach base in the first three innings, but settled down later in the game, retiring seven straight batters in the fifth through sev-
enth innings.
"I think it was a combination of coming out with tough weather, especially with my pitches that move a lot, and, top of that, I was just excited," Samardzija said. "There was a lot of my family and a lot of people in the stands.
"Brant held Notre Dame score-
less through four innings, but the Irish broke through for four runs in his last three-and-a-third innings of work.
"I think he definitely got a little bit tired at the end there," said Lopez, who went 2-5-for-3 at the plate. "He was throwing really well, but after you see a pitcher three or four times, you start to learn his tendencies and his release point."
The Irish played small ball all game, hitting four times, includ-
ing a successful suicide squeeze by Netley that scored designated hitter Danny Dressman in the sixth inning.
"The thing on a suicide is you have to hunt whatever pitch comes to the plate," Netley said. "I just happened to get a curve-
hall that was pretty much at my feet, but I was able to put it in play."
Lopez said Mainieri has stressed hitting and base run-
ning this season.
"That’s how we have to play this year," Lopez said. "We know we’re not going to score a lot, so we have to manufacture runs by being opportunistic and moving run-
ers over."
The Irish will stay at home for their next two games, Tuesday against Chicago State and Wednesday against Ball State, before traveling to Tampa, Fla., next weekend for a three-game Big East series against South Florida.
Contact Ken Fowler, Kyle Cassilly and Chris Kho rey at kwfowler@nd.edu, kcassilly@nd.edu and chkhorey@nd.edu

What are you doing next summer?
The London Summer Programme
May 16 - June 17, 2007
■ All returning ND & St. Mary’s undergrads eligible
■ Study in London
■ Travel in Europe
■ Earn 6 credit hours
■ Still have 2 months of summer left when you return!

Information Session for 2007 & 2008 Programmes:
Wednesday, April 05
Drop in anytime • 11:45 to 12:35 P.M. or 5:00 to 6:00 P.M. • 231 Hayes Healy Hall
Applications are available at 223 Brownson Hall or on-line at www.nd.edu/~sumlon

The Observer • SPORTS
Monday, April 3, 2006
SPORTS

Monday, April 3, 2006

SMC BASKETBALL

Head coach Bender not retained by Saint Mary’s

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Saint Mary’s declined to renew the contract option of head coach Steve Bender this weekend after his first season with the Belles set a program record for wins in MIAA league play. Saint Mary’s Sports Information director Stephen Hinkel told The Observer he could not comment on the particulars of the decision but that Bender’s contract was a year-by-year agreement, which the College has the option to renew after a review following each season.

Such a contract structure is the norm for all Saint Mary’s coaches, Hinkel said. Bender was named MIAA coach of the year after leading the Belles to a 9-7 conference record— their first-ever winning record in league play—and an 11-15 overall record. Sophomore guard Alison Kessel finished fifth in the conference in scoring with 14.2 points per game and was named to the All-MIAA first team. The Observer was unable to contact Bender Sunday. Belles assistant coach Jill Bodensteiner, who has coached for Saint Mary’s since 2001, said she too would not return to the team.

"I am shocked and disappointed by the recent turn of events," Bodensteiner said in an e-mail to The Observer Sunday. "We just completed the most successful season in Saint Mary’s College basketball history — on and off the court."

The College’s Public Relations office was unavailable for comment.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR Lynn Kachmark notified players of the decision in a team meeting Friday. Kachmark said Pat Pierce, the team’s faculty advisor, were unavailable for comment.

BASEBALL

How sweep it is

Irish thump Panthers in three-game series

By KEN FOWLER, KYLE CASILLY and CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writers

Freshman designated hitter Jeremy Barnes delivered a game-winning two-run single off Panthers reliever Justin Cicatello in the bottom of the ninth Sunday, as Notre Dame (17-4, 5-1) edged Pittsburgh (11-15, 2-7) 9-8 to sweep the three-game conference series this weekend.

"He gave me a middle-in fastball, and I put my hands to it and let everything fall as it may," Barnes said.

With the Irish down 8-7, senior shortstop Greg Lopez dove into see SWEEEP/page 22

SMC TENNIS

ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Team rides early lead to 4-3 win over Purdue

By CHRIS WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Since the first moment Jillian Byers stepped on a racquet field for Notre Dame, she’s felt at home.

Byers set the Notre Dame freshman scoring record Saturday with her 45th point of the season as the Irish beat Connecticut 13-9 in Storrs, Conn.

Netting three goals and an assist, Byers increased her season total to 33 goals and 12 assists.

see UCONF/page 21

SQUAD continues to rebound after falling against Vanderbilt

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Notre Dame proved its strength and depth this weekend with a 4-3 win Sunday over Purdue.

The No. 2 Irish (16-1) took a giant leap forward in confidence thanks to this weekend’s victory. Freshman Katie Potts said the team needed to prove to itself that it can perform under pressure.

"After losing to Vanderbilt 4-3, we had lost some of the momentum we had been carrying all season [to remain undefeated after 16 matches into the season]," Potts said. "When the match came down to a pressure situation, we were able to pull through as a team. That really..." see PURDUE/page 21

ROWING

The Irish claimed a fourth-place finish in the Jesse-Whitter Cup competition at the San Diego Crew Classic over the weekend.

see page 20

MEN’S LACROSSE

By CHRIS WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Since the first moment Jillian Byers stepped on a racquet field for Notre Dame, she’s felt at home.

Byers set the Notre Dame freshman scoring record Saturday with her 45th point of the season as the Irish beat Connecticut 13-9 in Storrs, Conn.

Netting three goals and an assist, Byers increased her season total to 33 goals and 12 assists.

see UCONF/page 21

WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Byers, Irish down Huskies

Irish freshman Jillian Byers brings the ball up the field during Notre Dame’s 17-15 victory over Cornell March 5.

see page 19

TRACK

The Irish battled poor weather conditions at the Notre Dame Outdoor Opener Saturday.

see page 19

SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary’s 5

Adrian 0

Bridget Grilli dominated the Belles, tossing a no-hitter Saturday.

see page 18

MLB OPENER

White Sox 10

Indians 4

Defending champion Chicago slugged Cleveland in the 2006 season opener.

see page 18

SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary’s 8

Olivet Nazarene 1

The Belles destroyed the Tigers Friday before falling to Wheaton 9-0 Saturday.

see page 17