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ND admits 3,484 from strongest pool ever

By KAREN LANGLEY
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If statistics on accepted applicants for next year's freshman class offer any indicator, the incoming class of 2010 — like each of the past four years — will be the strongest academically in Notre Dame's history.

This year's selections were made from a pool of applicants who boasted academic statistics equal to those of Notre Dame's incoming freshman class nine years ago. Director of Admissions Dan Saracino said April 6: "If the end, we think this is the academically strongest and ethnically most diverse class we've ever had," he said.

With 12,800 applicants, this year's pool — the largest ever — was up 13 percent from last year, Saracino said. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions sent acceptance letters to 3,484 students, and Saracino said the University hopes to enroll 1,985 students for the fall 2006 freshman class. Notification letters were mailed March 30.

The size of incoming classes must remain static due to the University's physical constraints, so the number of students admitted each year is based on previous years' yields — or the percentage of admitted students who choose to attend. The yield has ranged during the past four years from 56 to 58 percent, Saracino said.

If we admit them, there's a good chance they'll come," he said. "That's not the norm across the country."

Saracino said private U.S. colleges have an average yield in the 20 percent range. This year's admitted students — who boasted academic statistics of 84 percent from 5.6 percent in class 32 foreign countries — are on average slightly more academically qualified than last year's admitted students. The admitted students' average class rank places them in the top 4.5 percent of their high school classes, and they boast an average SAT score of 1,398 out of a possible 1,600 and an average ACT score of 32 out of a possible 36.

Last year's admitted students also averaged a top 4.5 percent rank and 32 ACT score, but had a

PROJECTED 2006 ENROLLED CLASS

1,985 students

52% Male

48% Female

- top 5.6% in class

1380 SAT

31 ACT

84% Catholic

23% alumni children

23% ethnic minority

4% international

ND's Class of 2010 will likely be the strongest to date academically, according to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Room picks present challenges at College, University

SMC students stress over selection process, choices

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

The looming stress of upcoming finals and projects is nothing compared to the anxiety of the room selection process for many Saint Mary's students.

"This is the worst part of the year," junior Alison Golubski said. "I'm hot, sweaty, nervous and stressed."

Golubski's sense of stress is familiar amongst most Saint Mary's students who made their final housing decisions in last week's room selection process.

Upon paying their housing deposit fee, students in each class are assigned a random lottery number that determines their room selection order.

"All students who have paid their housing deposit on time are entered into the computer by class year," Saint Mary's Office of Residence Life and Housing. Others, such as Alumni Hall and Carroll Hall, use an internal selection process.

Procedure differs by hall for Notre Dame residents

By PATRICK MOORE
News Writer

From searching for the perfect single to deciding who would be the perfect roommate, the intricacies of Notre Dame's room selection process are sending some students into panic mode — while others enjoy the lack of their great room pick.

Room selection within Notre Dame residence halls is typically based upon randomization and seniority. Many halls, however, add a personal touch to the sometimes-complicated process, which begins this week.

Some halls, like Dillon Hall and Morrissey Manor, receive lottery numbers from Notre Dame's Office of Residence Life and Housing. Others, such as Alumni Hall and Carroll Hall, use an internal selection process.

Students rebuild area homes

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Senior Staff Writer

Hundreds of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students took part in the annual Rebuilding Together project Saturday in a west side South Bend neighborhood in hopes of making individual home improvements.

The event, based at the Charles Black Recreation Center, takes place each April and helps low-income homeowners with necessary repairs such as new roofing, electrical wiring and yard work. This year's group spread out among two dozen residences in the area.

A student paints a house in the west side of South Bend Saturday as part of the Rebuilding Together project.
A moment of Zen

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But bonsai is much more than trimming and bending. There is also an almost mystical aesthetic to it. There are three goals which bonsai growers attempt to bring out of the tree: shien, Zen and hi, or truth, essence and beauty. No easy task, indeed.

A Japanese cliché says the tree, its shape and the surface of the soil and the selected container come together to express "beauty and earth in one container." Whether or not I will accomplish this remains to be seen, as well as unlikely. Contrary to what Mrs. Simpson, my grade school art teacher, used to tell me, I've never been very artistic. But then again, maybe I've always sold myself short. I just keep telling myself I have some kind of love for art and creative. Maybe you think that this Zen stuff is just a bunch of mumbo jumbo. Instead of sitting at my desk, checking out some pictures of bonsai, which I could really take your breath away. One of my favorites is the second one that comes up in a Google image search for "bonsai." I recommend you check it out.

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**Correction**

The Observer regrets its earlier, unintentional omission of the word "a" in the following sentence: "The ( )bserver regards itself as a professional publica­ tion..." The correct sentence reads: "The Observer regards itself as a professional publica­tion..."
The Observer, staff writers garner honors at ICPA conference

Observer Staff Report

The Observer was named the third-best Indiana daily student newspaper at the annual Indiana Collegiate Press Association awards ceremony Saturday. The Observer editorial board earned first place in the Best Staff Editorial category for "Ordinance a step backward," an editorial describing the amendment to the city's disorderly house ordinance passed by the South Bend Common Council in July 2005 as a step backward for relations between off-campus students and South Bend residents. The Observer staff earned second place in the Best Single house story category for its Nov. 18, 2005 issue, which featured several Irish insiders as well as a front-page series on discipline procedures at Notre Dame. The staff also earned third place for Best Stand Alone/Poll/Out Section for a section on University President Emeritus Father Edward Malloy. Numerous staff members captured a variety of individual honors as well.

Editor-in-chief Mike Gilloon won first place in the Best Sports Column category for "Give seniors credit," about the 2005 football team's senior class. Gilloon also won first place in the Best Sports Story category for "Strong start in the Seel City," an article covering Notre Dame's season-opening victory over Pittsburgh. Another first place honor went to scene writer Mary Squillace in the Best Reporting Column category for "Welcome to the freak show," a piece on reality TV.

Second place honors went to former assistant managing editor Heather Van Hoegarden in the Best Sports Column category for "Navy rivalry more than football," about the relationship between the Naval Academy and Notre Dame. Winning third place were Van Hoegarden and former editor-in-chief Claire Heining in the Best Breaking News Reporting category for their coverage of Dave Duerson's resignation from the Board of Trustees. News writers Eileen Duffy and Nicole Zook won third place in the Best Non-Deadline News Reporting category for their coverage of tuition increases at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's. Another third place honor went to former managing editor Pat Leonard in the Best Sports Feature category for "Oh captain, my captain," an Irish Insider profile of linebacker Brandon Hoyte. Leonard and Van Hoegarden teamed to take third place in the Best Sports Story category for "Weiss inspires," about the hiring of Irish football coach Charlie Weiss.

Other third place honors went to some writer Molly Griffin (Best Entertainment Column for a story on the loss of a favorite TV show) and viewpoint columnist Joey Fuku (Best Opinion Column for a piece on the TV show "Laguna Beach" and how it relates to college students). Other Notre Dame media groups represented at the ICPA convention included the Juggler, named top literary magazine; Scholastic, named the second-best news magazine; and the Dome, named the second-best yearbook.

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Darrell Paulsen, who was responsible for recruiting and coordinating student volunteers, said the project strengthens ties with the local community and gives students the opportunity to give back to the South Bend area.

"I just think it is important that we recognize the fact that the people whose homes are worked on are so appreciative," Paulsen said.

Rebuilding Together is a broad community effort, Paulsen said, which includes city officials, Notre Dame and Saint Mary's.

Each year the police department identifies a specific neighborhood that could benefit from the project. Residents within that area then submit an application to have their home worked on, Paulsen said.

He said skilled laborers such as roofers and electricians worked on the homes April 1. The following month, April 30, volunteers at each house, including college students, worked to complete non-skilled labor like scraping, cleaning and painting.

Roughly 430 student volunteers—slightly fewer than the 500 Paulsen expected—worked on more than 20 homes between Linden Street and Sample Street, Paulsen said. This year, information and registration for Rebuilding Together took place via the Internet for the first time, Paulsen said, making it easier for students to get involved.

"It worked out very well," he said. "Next year it will be even smoother.

Financial sponsorship for the project comes from donations, grants and fundraising, Paulsen said. "Students' energy and commitment to the event is all that is asked of them," Paulsen said.

Carrie Call, the director for the Saint Mary's Office for Civic and Social Engagement, arranged for Saint Mary's to sponsor its own house for the first time this year. The project had a personal connection for the College community, she said, because the owner of the Saint Mary's-sponsored house is the mother of a Building Services worker on campus.

When the woman saw the transformation of her home, Call said, she was deeply appreciative.

"She just sat there smiling the whole time. She said how grateful she was, how thankful," Call said. Faculty and staff members joined student volunteers as mothers in town for Saint Mary's Junior Mom's Weekend, Call said. They weeded yards, planted flowerbeds, cleaned ovens, emptied basements and painted rooms throughout the day.

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"I just think in what it means to be a Catholic school, to be a faith-based school. It's part of what we do," she said.

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Catholic students will likely make up 94 percent of the class, and alumni children will comprise 23 percent of the class, Saracino said. The admissions office does give alumni children "special attention," Saracino said, a privilege explained by the strong allegiance of alumni to the University.

Almost 10 percent of applicants are children of alumni, and enough of those applicants are accepted that they comprise 17 percent of the accepted student pool. A higher confirmation rate by legacy applicants explains their 23 percent proportion in the projected class, he said.

Despite the admissions office's reciprocation of alumni loyalty, Saracino said he is committed to keeping Notre Dame "inclusive, not exclusive" and preventing it from becoming a "club.

"I'll always be sympathetic to those students who want to go to Notre Dame but don't have a hook to get them in," he said, noting that many accepted students have no connections to alumni, faculty, athletic teams or benefactors.

The class is also projected to be the most diverse in the University's history, with 23 percent ethnic minorities and four percent international students, Saracino said.

Though high class ranks and test scores are an undeniable factor in admissions decisions, they never guarantee admission, Saracino said. He noted that the admissions committees chose to accept only 438 of the 849 applicants who were ranked number one in their high school classes.

In addition to turning down almost half the valedictorians, admissions also rejected a candidate who had a 1600 SAT score, Saracino said.

All University officers are notified when the admissions office sends out letters, Saracino said, because alumni, benefactors, parents of current students and current students can contact officers on behalf of high school seniors whose applications were denied.

Saracino said about 600 e-mails, faxes and voicemails were received last year with even more expected this year as 1,400 more rejection letters were sent out.

Though the admissions office does not compile statistics on accepted students' extracurricular involvement until they agree to attend, Saracino said next year's freshman class — like the rest of the Notre Dame student body — will have resumes built on more than grade point average and test scores.

"These students are just as talented out of class," he said, "I wonder when they sleep."

Saracino said admissions is currently holding online information sessions for admitted students and is working with alumni clubs across the world in an attempt to ensure alumni contact with every admitted student.

"We're not selling Notre Dame — we're telling the story of Notre Dame," Saracino said. "I don't want to lose a single student because of unanswered questions."

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Rising junior and RA Margaret Clark said RAs need to be adaptable to a variety of situations while also able to enforce the rules.

"The RA position is not a popularity contest, but rather a position to ensure the safety of the students," Clark said.

To ensure that safety, there are certain criteria that RAs must meet to be considered for the position.

"Candidates must not have any outstanding debts to the College or be on disciplinary probation, the Residence Life Web site reads. Applicants must also be at least rising sophomores and have at least a 2.5 grade point average."

RAs' residential placement depends entirely upon where Residence Life feels the candidates' strengths would best fit the needs of the residents.

Brittany Pangburn, a rising junior and RA in McCandless, said she thinks she will continue to improve as an RA throughout her time at Saint Mary's.

"This year I definitely taught me how to deal with certain crises situations and how to say what needs to be said at the exact moment," she said, citing instances where she was able to convince, rather than force residents, to seek help at the Counseling Center.

Being an RA is a full-time job, Pangburn said, since RAs must set aside large amounts of time to be on call and meeting with other RAs. They must also be available to work the front desk in case a shift needs to be covered at the last minute.

While it is a lot of work, being an RA is fun, Pangburn said — but there are rules to follow.

"The rules are there for a reason," she said. "You have to follow them for a reason. If something bad happens it's because we weren't doing our job."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Chavez clashes with diplomat

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said the U.S. ambassador was "provoking the Venezuelan people" and threatened Sunday to expel the American diplomat.

Chavez accused Washington of seeking to "excelerate tension" by "looking for another incident." The U.S. embassy in Caracas had no immediate response to the president's comments.

The State Department said the incident Friday "clearly was conditioned by the local government," adding, "On several occasions, snacks to perpetrators at the stadium. U.S. officials accused police of doing nothing, saying a single police car was shells fired from the Mount of Olives into the holy city.

This year's Holy Week will likely be bittersweet for many Roman Catholics, who remember the 2005 ceremonies, when John Paul made his final public appearances.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gas prices increase 17 cents

CAMARILLO, Calif. — Retail gas prices averaged $2.67 a gallon Friday, said Trilby Lundberg, who publishes the semi-monthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations in the country.

Self-serve regular averaged $2.67 a gallon. Mid-grade cost $2.76 a gallon while premium was $2.97. The lowest average price for all three grades increased to $2.69 a gallon by Friday, said Lundberg.

Among the stations surveyed, the lowest average price in the country for regular unleaded was in Salt Lake City. At $2.52 a gallon.

White House intruder jumps fence

WASHINGTON — A screaming intruder made it onto the front lawn of the White House Sunday while President Bush was at home before being apprehended by Secret Service officers.

Secret Service spokesman Eric Zahren described the man as "someone who has come to our attention in the past as a fence jumper."

The bearded man jumped the fence outside the White House and ran across the north lawn while yelling, "I am a victim of terrorism!"

The man eventually knelt on the ground and was taken into custody around 4 p.m.

LOCAL NEWS

Voters blame technology for error

INDIANAPOLIS — Three central Indiana counties are blaming a Nebraska company that makes ballots and voting machines for errors in the past as a fence jumper. Three central Indiana counties are blaming a Nebraska company that makes ballots and voting machines for errors in the past as a fence jumper.

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Four known Maoists were among the 800 people arrested, and they had told authorities that militants had infiltrated the protests and planned to carry out attacks, Home Minister Kamal Thapa told reporters.

The government's crack­down on the protests has prompted condemnations from the United States, Japan, the European Union and neighboring India, all of which have been critical of the king's seizure of power.

Work crews clear tornado damage

GALLATIN, Tenn. — Diesel smoke filled the air as work crews used heavy equipment to clear paths through tornado-damaged debris and victims rum­maged for mementos in the remains of their neighborhoods.

Two people were blamed for the tornadoes, which weather officials said were spawned Friday in 10 Tennessee counties.

It was the second deadly storm sys­tem to hit the state in less than a week.

Last weekend, thunderstorms spinning out debris from tornadoes killed 25 people in western Tennessee and four others in Missouri and Illinois.

"After the tornadoes in west Tennessee, I said, 'Lord help us if it comes through a more densely populat­ed area,'" Gov. Phil Bredesen said. "And then it did a week later."

Sumner County emergency officials implemented a curfew for the areas hardest hit areas and National Guard soldiers were brought in to patrol.

The worst damage appeared to be in Gallatin and a suburb northeast of Nashville.

Steve Hurt and eight others survived by taking shelter in a Gregson room at Lee Electric Supply Co. in Gallatin.

"You could hear people yelling and screaming outside and the debris hit­ting the walls," said Hurt.

One tornado chewed up a path about 150 to 200 yards wide and at least 10 miles long, said Jimmy Templeton of the Summer County Sheriff's Department.

"I'm amazed we didn't have more fatalities," said Sonny Breggness, rescue chief for the Sumner County emergency management agency.

Seven people were killed in Sumner County and three in Warren County, about 65 miles southeast of Nashville. Two more died in a Gallatin hosp­ital. Hospitals admitted at least 60 peo­ple injured in the storms.

As many as 1,600 homes were damaged or destroyed in Warren and Sumner counties. Several multimillion­dollar homes were pulverized.

NAPAL

Citizens assemble for protest

Nation unites to end absolute power of King Gyanendra, newly-imposed curfew

Associated Press

KATMANDU — The crisis in this Himalayan nation deepened Sunday as crowds demanding the restoration of democracy took to the streets Friday in protest against the an­nouncement of a daytime curfew, throwing stones at security forces and burning govern­ment offices.

With King Gyanendra and his opposition both refusing to back down, the situation appeared to be reaching its most volatile point since he seized absolute power more than a year ago. The well­armed communist insurg­ency has allied itself with the political opposition, which vowed Sunday to continue demonstrations indefinitely. The govern­ment has declared a state of martial law.

Security forces have killed three protesters, and thrown more than 800 in jail during four days of demonstrations that for the first time brought thou­sands of workers, profes­sionals and business people into the streets alongside students and political activists.

"Even the parties didn't expect such a massive public­ity campaign across the country," said Lok Raj Baral, executive chairman of the Nepali Centre for Contemporary Studies and a protest leader.

There were protests in at least four different parts of the country demanding the private Kantipur television station broadcast footage of police firing rubber-bullet­ted bullets, hitting at least one protester.

The protests, part of a four-day nationwide strike, were organized Saturday to protest against the king's opponents announcing that they would continue, with no end in sight.

The Maoists' support by the political opposition for the first time, although the two­ sides struck an alliance late last year. The rebels' leader, Prachanda, on Sunday announced a nationwide campaign to include defying curfews orders, blocking highways, breaking royal statues and a rally in the capital.

The demonstrations will be "long-drawn. I can't say how this will end," said Ram Shankar Mahat of the country's largest party, the Nepali Congress, one of seven parties that have banded together to oppose Gyanendra. "The king must restore democracy," he said.

Saturday was the 16th anniversary of the introduc­tion of democracy in Nepal, which came about after dozens of pro-democracy demonstrators were shot by police, prompting a surge of anti-royal sentiment and forcing the late King Birendra to yield much of his authority.

Gyanendra abruptly ended the democratic experiment last year when he re­claimed absolute power from other parties of the government, arguing he needed to bring order to a chaotic and corrupt political scene and end a communist insurgency that has killed nearly 13,000 people in the past decade.

The latest death came in the town of Banepa, just east of Katmandu, when security forces fired on pro­testers hurling stones and shouting slogans, said an official who spoke on condi­tion of anonymity.

More than 2,000 people rallied in the southern town of Bhairapar, about 90 miles southwest of Katmandu, angered by the shooting of a demonstrator a day earlier.

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Carroll's room pick ceremony allows residents to receive their lot-
tery number through the use of a computer program that assigns numbers electronically.

Carroll residents gather in the lounge around a big screen TV to watch what Carroll rector Father Jim Lewis described as "a kind of vertical Wheel of Fortune," replete with sound effects.

While positive sounds — like an Alkaline Chorus — accompany good numbers, Lewis decided those who are down on their luck could do without the sound effects. "The music was funny, but the one who got a bad number usually doesn’t need people laughing at his misfortune," he said.

Students "floating" between dorms in hopes of living in a single room are handled according to individual dorm rules and room availability.

Alumni rector Father George Aronson said floors are placed in the hall's lottery, giving them virtu-
ally the same chance as any other resident.

But Badin rector Anne Nagoli said she automatically places floors at the bottom of her list — barring extremely circumstances — while Dillin rector Paul Doyle fills all singles internally and leaves no room for floaters.

Unlike most dorms at Notre Dame, Doyle said Dillin residents have the option to "choose" their rooms, allowing students to remain in the same dorm room for two consecutive years.

Pasquerilla East sophomore Kate Napleton said she lives in a dorm where room dimensions do not vary, she thinks the University's overall room selection process is "pretty fair." "If my dorm people basically do room picks on section preference rather than differences between rooms," she said.

Kest Protect Wunder said although the process is never error-
free, "there is no perfect way to go about it... but selection process organizers do the best they can."

"I say don't panic," she said, "but somehow girls always end up fighting over the bottom floor.

This scenario, however, was not the case for freshmen roommates Katie Kohley and Rebecca Gannus, who will room together in McClain again next year after developing a close friendship.

"It's pretty keen that we not only got along, but we're actually really good friends," Kohley said. "We have a lot of hobbies and I honestly couldn't imagine rooming with another person next year.

Even though Kohley's roommates' lottery number allowed them to have a decent choice of a double, she said she believes the procedure is not perfectly fair.

"I know some girls in forced triples this year who think they should've gotten first pick for next year, which I sort of agree with since they had less space this year," she said.

Dillin freshman Jason Nowak was not as fortunate, receiving the 94th room pick out of 95 freshman. He said he believes a completely random lottery is unfair.

"I have last pick and I've done nothing wrong, whereas people who have roomation bias... from the Office of Residence Life and Housing and everything are much higher than me," he said. "Even people with multiple 'Reserveds' are above me."

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Director of Residence Life Michelle Russell said, "Then the computer randomly assigns each student a lottery number which we [publicly] post."

According to Russell, rising fifth-year students and seniors kicked off the selection process last Monday, having the option to choose to live in any of Carroll's dorm rooms.

After they make their selection, Russell said she determines quotas for the number of rising juniors and sophomores who will be permitted to live in each of the College's four residence halls.

"Quotas exist because the College believes in integrated living," Russell said. "We want, as much as possible, to have each hall be representative of the entire student body."

Russell said she determines quotas by dividing the number of rooms available in each residence hall by the percentage of rising juniors and sophomores she deems appropriate to live there.

First-year student Meg Frechette said Holy Cross Hall was the most desirable dorm to live in for the 2006-07 school year.

"All our friends are living there and its filling up really fast," Frechette said.

Sophomore Siobhan Lezynski said she ended up with her sixth room choice overall, deeming it not "ideal, but still good."

"There was no tear shed this year, so that's a good sign," Lezynski said. "It's always painful when it gets down to those last few remaining room choices."

Russell said she empathizes with the room selection troubles.

"I think the inability to control what is happening is what causes students' frustration," she said.

Russell said she realizes students can become frustrated easily dur-
ing room selection processes because "they want to live close to friends and have a nice room in a certain hall."

She advises stu-
dents to go into the process with an "open mind" and realize that with a random process it is impossible for stu-
dents to know how everything will work.

"Realizing that it may not go exactly how you hoped it would... doesn't mean it will be ter-
rible," Russell said.

She said subtle changes to the process have been made over the years to make it both student-friendly and more efficient.

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ers to enter housing information.

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**IN BRIEF**

Burger King CEO Brenneman resigns

MIAMI — Burger King’s chairman and chief executive resigned Friday after starting a turnaround at the No. 2 hamburger restaurant chain, but his departure raised questions about the company’s impending initial public offering and its continued troubled companies, such as restaurant chain, but his departure raised revolving door for leaders.

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Navistar faces accounting problems

CHICAGO — Truck and bus maker Navistar International Corp., which has been sorting through accounting problems for months, said Friday it has dismissed its auditors and will keep health care and pensions.

Ford CEO accepts 40 percent payout

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. Chairman and CEO Bill Ford received total compensation of $13.3 million in 2005, or 40 percent less than the previous year after the automaker’s North American division lost more than $1 billion, according to a proxy statement filed Friday with federal regulators.

The No. 2 U.S. automaker also said shareholders will vote on 10 proposals at Ford’s annual meeting on May 11 in Wilmington, Del., including one that would remove sexual orientation from Ford’s nondiscrimination policy and another that would tie executive compensation to progress in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from vehicles. Ford opposes both changes.

New drug plans prove successful

WASHINGTON — It wasn’t easy to sign up, but now that she’s enrolled in the new Medicare drug benefit, Ruth Dike says her biggest difference in her finances.

The cost of her medicine ranges from about $10 to $15 a month, she says, versus at least $100 a month before.

“It’s just a relief that I can buy the medicines I need, knowing I can worry how I’m going to pay for them,” says Dike, 74, of Casper, Wyo.

Congressional supporters of the program worry that the problems that marked its beginnings have drowsed out success stories such as Dike’s.

Dike said the enrollment process was horrendous. Her friends had the same problem.

“None of them could do it themselves,” she said.

She enrolled with the help of the local senior center and now spends between $2 and $5 for each prescription. She takes medicine for high blood pressure, arthritis, an ulcer and her thyroid, and she uses a potassium supplement. By year’s end, she estimates she will have saved about $1,000.

Her story fits the profile that Republican lawmakers and some advocacy groups have stressed in recent weeks.

One older couple enrolled in one of the drug plans, offered about three-quarters of those beneficiaries say they are satisfied, according to Medicare Rx Education Network. The organization includes patients groups such as the Alzheimer’s Association and trade associations representing insurers and drug makers.

Seniors who have enrolled are finding the benefit worth the time and effort it takes to check out the plans and sign up,” said former Sen. John Breaux, D-La., who is the group’s honorary chairman.

**Market Recap**

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**NEW YORK**

Auto parts maker Delphi Corp. can offer as many as 13,000 hourly employees lump sum payments of up to $35,000 to retire, a bankruptcy judge ruled Friday, marking a key milestone in its effort to scale back staff amid falling production.

Troy, Mich.-based Delphi, one of the largest suppliers of auto parts, filed for bankruptcy protection in October and is trying to shed what it says are increasingly unsustainable labor agreements that have left it overstaffed and saddled with costly benefit programs.

Judge Robert Drain, of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Manhattan, said Delphi’s plan to offer eligible employees a $35,000 lump sum payment in exchange for their retirement. The payments will be funded by former parent General Motors Corp., which agreed to keep health care under a broader labor deal.

Delphi, GM and their largest union, the United Auto Workers, announced that deal in March. Under the agreement, some 135,000 GM workers could be eligible for early retirement incentives by buying out of between $35,000 and $140,000, depending on age and seniority, and whether they want to keep health care and other benefits.

At Delphi, GM’s former parts division and largest supplier, 13,000 UAW-represented workers could be eligible for the retirement payments of up to $35,000. In addition, 5,000 existing workers will be eligible to return to GM.

Delphi has about 6,000 employees in Indiana, most of whom work at the company’s Electronics & Safety Division headquarters in Kokomo. It also has about 700 workers at an Anderson plant that’s due to close.

The agreement, which both GM and Delphi say is key to turning around their businesses, hinges on Delphi getting permission from the bankruptcy court.

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Delphi’s unsecured creditors’ committee, which includes representatives from companies including Electronic Data Systems Corp. and General Electric Co., wants GM to provide it with various documents so that creditors can examine any claims GM has made or makes on Delphi’s assets.

On Friday, attorneys in the case said GM and the unsecured creditors have reached an agreement in which GM will cooperate with creditors as long as the parties agree to the scope and other terms of the creditors’ inquiry.

The parties plan to file their agreement with the bankruptcy court.

Kenneth Craig, left, and Theresa Barber carry signs outside of the meeting where Delphi Corp. CEO Robert S. Miller gave a speech in Detroit April 3.
**Airport business flies pizza to remote Alaskan villages**

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**Eggland’s Best beats regular eggs**

Associated Press

OME, Alaska — Last Christmas, residents of the Yupik Eskimo village of Savoonga added a special dish to their everyday fare of staple foods: waffles, eggs and berries — fresh pizza flown in from Nome, 170 miles away.

A tiny delivery joint, Airport Plaza, had opened several months earlier just steps from Nome’s busy runways, and many of Savoonga’s 700 residents were eager to try something new at conventional prices and plain cheese.

Nome’s first and only pizza delivery service does a robust business in the western Alaska town of 3,500. But it really started out as its free deliveries via commuter plane in more than a dozen remote Alaskan villages spread over a region about the size of Washington state.

The village council in Savoonga, on St. Lawrence Island in the icy Bering Sea, approved the holiday treat for young families in the village. It ordered 50 pizzas, half to be delivered to chicken and rabbit dressing and the other half with Canadian bacon and pineapple.

Julia Noongwook, 41, swapped some of her bacon and pineapple for slices of chicken ranch from a relative. Noongwook said it was the first time she had tasted the popular chicken ranch pie, which also comes with bacon, red onions, tomatoes and mozzarella and cheddar cheeses.

“It was good,” she said. “I like chicken.”

Frontier Flying Service, an intrastate airline, volunteered last year to fly the pizzas at no charge to every village on its regular flight schedule out of Nome, a Bering Sea town settled in 1899 during a massive gold rush.

Craig Kenmouth, general manager of Frontier, said the free delivery service helps the carrier market itself in a way that benefits customers in the largely Yupik and Inupiat villages.

“Our success is directly tied to the success of the communities we serve,” Kenmouth said. “And it’s a fun thing to do.”

The savings can be enormous for Nome’s largely impoverished satellite communities, which pay some of the highest fuel prices in the nation. In White Mountain, gas cost $3.39 a gallon at the beginning of April, according to Dorothy Barr, travel coordinator for the village.

Delivery of three or four pizzas would normally cost a village about $25, said Matt Tomter, who manages Airport Plaza. Tomter’s wife, Jeri Ayn, owns the business.

Freight is charged 40 to 60 cents per pound, depending on the village’s distance from Nome, with a $10 minimum.

“These fly the pizzas for nothing, which is huge for people out in the villages,” said Tomter, who quit his job as a pilot at Frontier to run the thriving pizza joint.

The Christmas pizza order cost Savoonga anyway after a snowstorm grounded Frontier, said Noongwook, who handled the order as the city’s gaming manager.

Only 25 of the pizzas made it out on Frontier before the weather closed in. The council wanted to make sure no one felt left out by getting late pizzas on the holiday.

Noongwook said it was the first and only pizza delivery service that some of her bacon and pineapple.

“Santa brought the pizzas,” said Tomter.

The Savoonga pizza order was one of Airport Plaza’s largest, but it isn’t rare to get calls for bundles of 10 or 20 pizzas from villages nearly 200 miles away. Tomter said an order for six reindeer sausage pizzas once came in from the Arctic Ocean town of Barrow, the northernmost community in the U.S., 500 miles to the northeast.

“Anytime they bring a lot of people into the village it’s an easy way to feed everybody,” Tomter said.

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Playboy creator Hugh Hefner turns 80, reflects on life

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Playboy cre­
ator Hugh M. Hefner is in the mid­
dle of an interview about his 80th
birthday when a TV cameraman
asks him to move a statue of for­
er girlfriend Barbi Benton from the
shelf behind him.
The statue's nude breasts were
in the shot and that might not pass
 muster with TV decency standards.
"As much as things change, they
stay the same," Hefner remarks,
disappointment in his voice. "There
is still controversy about, maybe
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That is Hefner's point — that
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"There's a war on men in this coun-
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Or at least that's what Stephen Colbert announced during a recent interview with conservative Harvard professor Harvey Mansfield on Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report.

Mansfield, of course, was on the show pro-moting his new book, "Manliness," which delves into a topic that he claims society is ignoring in the wake of the gay and transgender equality movements.

Unfortunately, for the appropriately named Mansfield, though, he forgot a vital fact while writing his book of UTC politics that Colbert was kind enough to point out on the show: "Real men don't read books.

Still, what exactly does it take to be a real man in America? According to Mansfield in his 300-page paean to prostates, real men are "often intolerant..." "irrational..." "fearful of war, conflict, and risk" and, most importantly, "they disdain women's work." In fact, during his interview with Colbert, Mansfield pointed out that in an ideal world, men would earn twice the family income while doing no more than half the housework. After all, as he relates it in his book, "Women still rather like housework, changing diapers, etc." (Sure they do, Harv. When I think of "housework," I think Papem & baby poo, too.)

But what else makes a man a man? A discussion about the war in Iraq would be a good thing, but please leave the invasion of Iraq in light of the presence of the United Nations to be properly addressed. Instead, Mansfield goes on to discuss conflicts. The mirror and the other half attempting to use the lake, the reflecting pool, the lake, the reflecting pool, the mirror and the other half attempting to use the lake, the reflecting pool, the lake, the reflecting pool. Mansfield pointed out, perhaps, as Mansfield writes, that the presence of women makes a man a man.

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In my mind, politics is the art of making compromise, and if Parrot wishes to engage in discussion, let's engage in mutual respect, consideration and consideration for others. The issue of "First Things" offers a compelling argument justifying the inclusion of Iraq in light of Catholic just war tradition.

Tom Aranda
Senior Class of 1995
April 8

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Letter to The Editor

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Campus comics: Questioning Jockular
Comical harm to relationship

I write with a heavy heart today after having seen yesterday’s (April 6) “Jockular” strip characterized as “parasites.” It gives me reason to believe that some of the authors of this comic enjoyed the experience of mocking or making light of the presence of Saint Mary’s College students on the Notre Dame campus. However, I believe that this type of behavior is parasitic. A comic that appeared in today’s Observer is a comic that appeared in today’s Observer (April 6). It seems that each time a step is taken forward in strengthening the relation between the two institutions, two steps backwards are taken when a few students and perhaps the whole student body do not act accordingly.

It is important to remember that Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s College share a long history and a close relationship. In calling Saint Mary’s a “parasite” to Notre Dame, it is important to view how that relationship works both ways. While it is true that Saint Mary’s students are able to attend football games, classes, and even the dining hall at Notre Dame, it must be kept in mind that Notre Dame students are given equal opportunities. On many occasions I have seen Notre Dame students in our dining hall during my four years at Saint Mary’s. Even more importantly, as an education major, I have several Notre Dame students in my classes, as this major does not even exist at Notre Dame. Without Saint Mary’s, these students would not have had many of the opportunities that they did.

In addition, the use of the term “parasite” implies a negative relationship in which one body is harming another. In posing the comic strip in the fashion the authors chose to do, they are saying that Saint Mary’s is in some way threatening to the Notre Dame community. If the ability to take advantage of multi-campus opportunities was stifling, then perhaps the authors need to reevaluate what a positive relationship would be. I would hope that a group of adults could continue to promote what has been for so many years such a positive relation—ship in which both parties benefit rather than making an attempt to harm what could be such wonderful experiences and opportunities for students on both campuses, before the tension between the campuses mounts up so high that this great history dies along with it. Instead of trying to find the negative in situations, let’s look for the positives and what we can do to create a new, fresh relationship for the students parasitic. students.

Lauren Roederer
Saint Mary’s College
Class of 2005
April 6

Humor juvenile

While I was disappointed by the blatantly back-handed content of Alec White and Erik Powers’ editorial “Jockular” comic strip in the April 6 edition of The Observer, I was more appalled by how little improvement has been shown in their most recent comic strip. It read like a comic constructed from the Seaman Revue’s rejected punch lines.

Really biting satire, wit and irony, when used effectively, are the staples of great comedy — and when really great, it should leave the critical parties stung a chuckle in spite of themselves. But when humor’s potenti is placed in juvenile hands, the effect is akin to a whooping cushion placed on the chair of that unsusp ectable, but very skinny and meek aura in her senior year of lecture. While the joke may provoke a few reflex giggles, it should also produce a collective win — both the stunt and its target are so obvious that the joke would be best suited to elementary school playgrounds or Adam Sandler movies. I was actually surprised that the comic didn’t some how try to work in quotes from “Billy Madison” another wonderful spoof of Notre Dame, but one that tactically certainly would have been as easy as the name-calling Powers and Whamups can continue to enjoy the experi ences we as alumni have been so fortunate to enjoy and continue to strengthen this relationship as we work to make each insti tution the best it can be.

Lauren Roederer
Saint Mary’s College
Class of 2005
April 8

Portrayal inaccurate

I am writing this letter as both an alum Saint Mary’s (Class of 95) and parent of a Saint Mary’s student. In the April 6 edition of The Observer, the “Jockular” comic strip refers to Saint Mary’s and its student population in general as “parasites.” I question The Observer’s editorial board policy and overall judgment in allowing the comic strip to run in opposition to the issuance of University President Father John Jenkins’ highly publi cized letter to the student body a mere 4 years after Saint Mary’s contribution to what we know Notre Dame in the future — a vision that attempts to promote a campus-wide sense of reaching in the Keenan Revue’s rejected punch 3. It is a comic strip constructed from the Seaman Revue’s rejected punch lines.

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April 8

Jockular’ is comedy

I am writing with a piece of advice for the authors of Friday’s editorial “Jockular” misleading and offensive, April 7) and the authors of multiple other letters to the edi tor that have criticized “Jockular” for varying reasons over the course of this academic year. Take a chill pill, people. “Jockular” is a comic strip in a joke. Its sheer nature as a comic strip suggests that it is not meant to be taken completely seriously. In the past month, “Jockular” has mocked or implicitly terming Saint Mary’s students parasitic.

My aim with this letter is merely to call out Powers and White on what they did in that comic, which was to repeat a tired joke rather than to seek out new, or at least more cleverly and subtly delivered, material. I am familiar with their hilari ous campaign last year for Notre Dame’s student body president and vice president, so I am sure they would have been capable of creating a joke about Saint Mary’s beyond its stereotypes.

Patrick Needham
freshman
Eisen Hall
April 7

EDITORIAL CARTOON

Jockular: in this comic, a UA student's reputation is plant ed in South Bend over a hundred and sixty years ago. While Saint Mary’s undeniable benefits from its relationship with Notre Dame, the benefits are hardly one-sided — Notre Dame students who wish to become certiﬁed in education take the requisite coursework at Saint Mary’s, for one example, and the Keenan Revue has been hosted at Moreau Auditorium for years because its audience capacity is greater than any of the performing arts venues at Notre Dame.

Alec White and Erik Powers owe a heartfelt apology to the Saint Mary’s community for their narrow and uncharitable remarks and to the Notre Dame community for their poor representation of the same.

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THE OBSERVER

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Salome (Olga Natividad) dances as part of an agreement with her stepfather, Herod. In return for her dance, she asks for the head of the prophet Iokanaan.

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Take a Biblical story adapted for the stage by an Irish writer in a production inspired by Japanese and Filipino performance traditions — and a picture of the production of Oscar Wilde's "Salome," making the show a truly unusual theatre experience that was intriguing on a number of levels.

The production, presented by the Department of Film, Television and Theatre, showcased an all-student cast with the exception of Salome, who was played by visiting performer Olga Natividad. Professor Anton Juan, an internationally acclaimed director who has put on productions around the world, directed the show.

It also had an unusually long run — 11 performances ranging from between March 28 and April 9 — for a theatre production.

The influences of Kabuki and Kyogen, both Japanese theatre forms, and Pangalay, a type of Filipino dance based on half-women, half-bird figures, made the production an exceptionally unique experience. The elaborate costumes, the staging and the movements of the characters on stage added a different perspective on a traditional, Christian Bible story.

The Biblical story behind "Salome" tells the story of how John the Baptist is beheaded. The story — found in Mark 6:17-28 — involves Herod's, ruler of Galilee in Philistia, marriage to his brother's former wife Herodias, who is Salome's mother. Herod asks Salome to dance for him, promising her anything she desires, and she asks for the head of John the Baptist.

In Wilde's version, which changes the Biblical version slightly, the idea of lust and unattainable desire figures as the central theme. Salome desires the head of John the Baptist — called Iokanaan in the play — because he rejects her amorous advances. Herod offers Salome "up to one half" of his kingdom in exchange for her seductive dance, and he is forced to give her Iokanaan's head instead. The Syrian, another character in the play, kills himself because of his unrequited desire for Salome as well.

The costumes — which were designed by Richard Donnelly and showed heavy influences from Kabuki theatre — were breathtaking and made the production visually stunning. The impressive hats and capes of the music playing Nobles (Megan Hartmann, Megan O'Donoghue and Kathleen Hession) and the boxy bamboo armor of the soldiers (JudeAnne Jasso-Murad and Madison Liddy) were particularly unusual.

The more familiar Samurai armor seen in Herod (Luke Cieslewicz), the Young Syrian's armor were made from what Salome, left, and Herod (Luke Cieslewicz), discuss the terms of their agreement in "Salome." The play was performed in traditional Japanese Kabuki make-up.

The most beautiful costumes may have been the robes that Salome and her mother Herodias (Krysta Dennis) wore. They intrigue vivid colors and intricate designs of their Japanese robes were particularly stunning. While Salome's gold-embroidered, white robe was beautiful, it was the intricately detailed red robe worn by Herodias that garnered the most notice. The colors of the costumes also served to highlight the constant references to red and white that occurred throughout the action of "Salome."

The Kabuki make-up was minimal enough to emphasize the impressive costumes, but still added a degree of theatre to the production as a whole. The absence of make-up also served to differentiate certain characters, notably Iokanaan, from other actors on stage.

The music accentuated the half-sung, half-spoken dialogue, which added an interesting twist to what one would expect from traditional theatre. Noises, such as the banging of a stick or the ring of a bell, also served to emphasize certain words or moments during the play.

While not at the center of the action, the villain's constant presence in the play, coupled with the not-quite-sung words, gave the performance a unique quality, somewhere between a musical and a stage play.

Despite the nearly all-student cast of "Salome," the play could have passed as a professional production. Guest artist Natividad made a fantastic Salome, but the entire cast was fantastic. Particularly notable performances included David Full's impassioned Iokanaan and Luke Cieslewicz's gloriously nasty, and later tragic, Herod.

The highlight of "Salome" is the dance Salome gives for Herod, and this production did a masterful job of showcasing its potential. Natividad's dancing was engaging, and the layered dress that came off in pieces during her performance was an achievement in costume design. The number also showed off the music and set design of the production.

The show's final moments, which showcased the danger and destructive power of lust, showed Salome's horrible lust for Iokanaan by having her kiss his decapitated head. The final moments of the play, while somewhat disturbing, were highly engaging and powerfully emphasized the main themes of the play.

Many plays combine different influences and try to place old stories in new perspectives, and "Salome" masterfully balanced the diverse influences it encompassed without distracting from the story itself.

From the costumes to the staging, the music to the performers, "Salome" not only blended different culture elements but also balanced all of the elements of theatre without letting any one overwhelm the others. This combination made "Salome" an exciting and entertaining theatre experience.

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**Concert Review**

**Indiana, here we come**

*Phantom Planet, Slap Bracelet Suicide, Delaney perform for SMC Tostal*

By KATIE KOHLER and MOLLY LAMPING

Phantom Planet may be familiar to most people as the band that sings "California," the omnipresent theme song to Fox's television hit "The O.C." The band's concert at Saint Mary's on Thursday night, though, proved that there is more to the group than just one song.

Phantom Planet, along with openers Delaney and Slap Bracelet Suicide, was able to let loose during its concert in O'Laughlin Auditorium for the annual SMC Tostal.

The setting of the small venue and intimate crowd allowed Phantom Planet to put on an effortless concert and promote its new music, as well as play some old favorites. The venue was so relaxed, in fact, that lead singer and guitarist Alex Greenwald talked to the audience between songs and even added a few sing-alongs.

**The song 'California' is great, but they have a lot of other good songs too.**

Matt Townsend

Notre Dame

Even though the auditorium was far from full, the audience was very receptive to the Los Angeles natives. It is safe to say that most of the audience came for the "O.C." factor, but many left pleasantly surprised at the stage presence of the band and its unique indie rock sound.

"The song 'California' was great, but they have a lot of other good songs, too." Notre Dame freshman Matt Townsend said. "I thought it was the best concert I've seen on campus this year."

The Thursday night concert was the headlining event of SMC Tostal, an annual spring event for Saint Mary's students. The first band of the evening was Slap Bracelet Suicide, who won Saint Mary's Battle of the Bands. Slap Bracelet Suicide, comprised of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students, played a hard rock set.

The second of the two opening bands, Delaney, was also made up of Notre Dame students. The band had a sound that fit more closely with the California rock vibe of Phantom Planet's music, but it was the headliners themselves that finally brought fans to their feet.

As soon as Phantom Planet took the stage, the energy in the room quickly increased and never came back down. The band was constantly impressive throughout its hour-and-a-half long set.

Greenwald showed his immense talent with exciting guitar solos and nearly flawless vocals all night. Greenwald's skill particularly shined when his bandmates left the stage and he entertained audience requests solo, stringing together a total of seven of the band's songs, accompanied only by his acoustic guitar. He also played piano on a few songs, including the popular ballad "Turn Smile Shift Repeat."

Audience participation made the concert a lot of fun for those in attendance. Greenwald asked students to sing along on songs such as "California" and "Lonely Day." Another fun and interesting part of the band's set was the final song. The group broke out into a hard rock version of the theme from "Phantom of the Opera."

"It's so great that Saint Mary's sponsored such a big event." Anna Brennan senior Saint Mary's said. "I wish more people would have come, though."

Phantom Planet has been around since the mid '90s and has released a total of seven albums for record labels Epic and Geffen. The band has opened for such famous and diverse acts as Sting, Elvis Costello, Incubus, Maroon 5 and Ludacris.

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Saint Mary's Battle of the Bands winner Slap Bracelet Suicide opens for Phantom Planet Thursday. The members of the band are all local students.
**Men's Golf**

Freshman leads Irish at Purdue

**Sandman shoots 69 in third round at invite**

By JOE QUINN

Sports Writer

No. 11 Irish out-roar in Iowa City, Indiana Crew Classic

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**ND Women's Golf**

Flight cancellation forces withdrawal

Impact of tournament on Irish postseason hopes still unknown

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**NBA Standings**

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

| Team       | Record | GB
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| New York   | 21-24  | 20  |
| Philadelphia | 20-25 | 19.5 |
| Boston     | 32-21  | 19.5 |
| Miami      | 29-26  | 19   |
| Toronto    | 25-29  | 18.5 |

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

| Team       | Record | GB
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| Miami      | 30-21  | 21   |
| Charlotte | 21-25  | 20.5 |
| Atlanta   | 24-21  | 20   |
| Washington | 29-26  | 19   |

Eastern Conference, Central Division

| Team       | Record | GB
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| Portland  | 25-20  | 20.5 |
| Golden     | State  | 30-26 | 20.5 |
| Minnesota | 37-23  | 20   |
| Utah      | 34-27  | 19.5 |
| Seattle   | 31-35  | 19   |

Western Conference, Pacific Division

| Team       | Record | GB
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| LA Clippers | 44-31 | 6  |
| Sacramento | 40-37  | 6   |
| LA Lakers  | 46-37  | 9   |
| Golden State | 30-36 | 20.5 |

Western Conference, Northwest Division

| Team       | Record | GB
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| Denver    | 43-34  | 513  |
| Utah      | 37-36  | 5   |
| Minnesota | 37-33  | 5   |
| Seattle   | 31-43  | 11   |
| Portland  | 27-35  | 11.5 |

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**Associated Press**

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Phil Mickelson is a Masters champion again, and now he’s making it look easy.

Once known as a lovable loser who went a dozen years and 42 majors before figuring out how to win golf’s biggest events, Mickelson captured his second straight major Sunday at Augusta National without needing a nail-bitting finish. He closed with a 3-under 69 for a two-shot victory over Tim Clark, and his second green jacket in three years.

The only surprise was the way he won.

There were no thrills for Phil, rather calculated shots that forced Fred Couples, Tiger Woods and Vijay Singh to try to catch him. Instead, they stumbled along with three-putts and a litany of other mistakes that allowed Mickelson to stroll up the 18th fairway with no worries.

He won his first major at Augusta two years ago with an 18-foot birdie putt on the final hole. He added the PGA Championship last year at Baltusrol with a flop shot to 2 feet for another decisive birdie on the final hole.

Mickelson’s only bogey on a breezy afternoon at Augusta National came when it no longer mattered. He missed the 18th green to the left, chipped to 20 feet and settled for two putts.

This time, he didn’t leap with arms thrust into the air, as he did two years ago. Mickelson simply smiled and walked off the green and into the arms of his wife and children.

He finished at 7-under 281 and earned $1.26 million, putting him atop the PGA Tour money list. The victory also moved him up to No. 2 in the world rankings behind Woods.

Mickelson emerged as a major threat to Woods’ pursuit of Jack Nicklaus’ record 18 victories in Grand Slam events. This was the third straight year Mickelson has won a major — Woods is the only other player to have done that in the last 20 years. Only five others have won majors in three straight seasons since the Masters began in 1934.

Clark held a bunker shot from across the 18th green for birdie that left him alone in second with a 69.

Woods was trying to become the first player to twice defend his title at the Masters.

**In Brief**

**Nuggets’ Hodge in good condition after shooting**

DENVER — Nuggets rookie Julius Hodge’s condition was upgraded Sunday to good, a day after shots fired into his car on a highway wounded his legs.

Hodge was resting comfortably in the hospital, team spokeswoman Terri Washington said. No other information was immediately released.

The Nuggets said earlier Hodge was expected to recover and could play in two to three weeks. Coach George Karl said Hodge was hit three times.

Adams County sheriff’s deputies said the 22-year-old was shot while driving on Interstate 76 in north Denver at about 2 a.m. Saturday. Investigators said they had no suspects and did not have a motive.

A sheriff’s spokesman did not immediately return calls Sunday.

Investigators said Hodge had been at the Paladin nightclub, where he had met with hip-hop artist Juelz Santana, who was performing there. Investigators and the Paladin manager said there had been no fight at the club.

**Dolphins’ Williams seeks to overturn suspension**

NEW YORK — Ricky Williams will meet with league officials Monday seeking to overturn a drug suspension that could cost him the entire 2006 season.

League officials will not confirm drug suspensions under league policy that maintains confidentiality for positive tests. But Williams’ agent, Leigh Steinberg, said last week that the hearing will take place at the NFL offices in New York.

If the positive test is upheld, it would be Williams’ fourth violation of the NFL’s substance abuse policy, meaning at least a one-year suspension.

“I don’t know what happened, but I know Ricky didn’t test positive for anything,” Steinberg said. “Someone made a mistake.”

Previous positive tests were for marijuana, which Williams acknowledged using. But the latest test apparently involved a drug other than marijuana.

**Indians’ Sabathia making progress in recovery**

CLEVELAND — Indians left-hander C.C. Sabathia did some light throwing Sunday for the first time since leaving Cleveland’s opener after only two innings.

Sabathia, on the disabled list with a strained abdominal muscle, reported no pain but did not have a timetable for his return.

“I made about 40 throws from 75 feet and felt just fine,” he said. “It’s not as bad as last year.”

A year ago, Sabathia missed six weeks of spring training and didn’t make his 2005 season debut until April 16 because of a similar ailment. His latest injury occurred against the White Sox on April 2.
ND SOFTBALL

Irish win three on road trip

Ruthrauff leads Notre Dame lineup in sweep

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame bounced back after dropping the first game in a Saturday doubleheader to Syracuse 2-1 with three straight wins — a 7-5 ten-inning win at Syracuse and a sweep of the Pittsburgh Panthers (7-0 and 14-4) today.

The Irish (21-12, 5-1 in the Big East) started the weekend off strong against Syracuse against the Orange (20-15, 5-1 in the Big East) but failed to come out with a win.

Syracuse left fielder Tonye McCorkle singled down the left-field line with two outs in the bottom of the second inning. Designated player fence Morals scored from third as the go-ahead run in the 2-1 Syracuse win.

Despite the score, the Irish still outplayed Syracuse in the eyes of Notre Dame head coach Deanna Gumpf.

"In our one loss, we definitely played well," Gumpf said. "We out-hit and out-pitched them, but the intensity just wasn't there that day for the Irish came in the second game," Gumpf said.

The pitching duty for the game was split between senior Heather Booth and starting pitcher Meghan Bostick.

"Ruthrauff was on fire this weekend, and it really showed in that game," Booth said.

Booth shut down the entire Syracuse first inning, but we were a lot more disciplined in the second game," Booth said.

"Notre Dame played its second doubleheader of the week in Pittsburgh Sunday, sweeping both games in decisive fashion as its bats came to life against the Panthers (24-17, 7-3)," Booth said.

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"It showed in the first half. With Mike Dunleavy and Derek Fisher as their only true scoring threats, the Warriors couldn't must much offense early, hitting only eight of 26 shots in the first quarter and shooting 34 percent in the first half. It didn't help that Dunleavy and Fisher went a combined 3-for-15 in the first half and Camby was all over the place on defense, swatting four shots in the first quarter.

But after their first-half struggles, Dunleavy and Fisher were dominant in the second half, helping the Warriors cut Denver's lead to 71-68 by the end of the third quarter.
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ND TRACK
Irish finish third in tournament
Notre Dame qualifies five more for Big East

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame Left George Rider Track in Oxford, Ohio Saturday with seven wins and five new qualifying marks for the quickly approaching Big East Tournament. Both men's and women's teams finished in third overall with 113 and 120 points, respectively.

The host Redhawks took first place for both groups in the 12-team meet.

Freshman Marky Saxon managed to qualify for the NCAA regional meet with his victory in the pole vault competition. His 3.8 meter (12 feet, 6 inch) leap was the second highest mark cleared in the conference so far this season. He also landed a spot in the program's top five all-time marks, tying senior Jaime Vollmer for fifth place.

With a smaller squad, Notre Dame's focus was directed towards getting conference qualifying marks rather than wins. The five new additions to the conference meet are Elizabeth Phillips (steeplechase), Lauren Biceardi (high jump), Kellen Lewis (400 meter dash), Jeff Mensch (decathlon) and Mike Schubert (hammer throw). The Irish now have 15 athletes headed to Storres, Conn. for the Big East Meet.

"As long as we stay healthy, we have a good chance of winning the Big East," Irish sprinter Okeyi Ogbutu said. Along with Mensch and Schubert, the Notre Dame throwers were able to dominate their competition, collecting 39 points on the men's side and 27 for the women.

Sophomore Kyle Annen continued his success with his second consecutive win in the hammer throw with a distance of 53.42 meters.

"He is really focusing on his form a lot recently, and his body awareness is getting better as he continues to take more throws," Mensch said.

While Garek Koalens' throw was about three meters shorter, it was enough to land him third place. Koskinen blew away the competition in the discuss event, out-burling the second place finisher by nearly four meters. His mark of 50.39 left him just short of the 51.78 meters needed to qualify for the national meet in May.

Freshman Anna Weber posted second and third-place finishes in the shot put and hammer throw for the Notre Dame women. Her distances improved her standing in the Big East in both events, placing her fifth overall in the shot put. Other winners for the Irish included Ryan Postel and Maryann Erigha, who both finished first in the 200-meter races. The sprinters have now captured three individual titles in the outdoor season. Erigha's time of 24.05 seconds tied her personal best set at the Cal Poly Invitational on March 18.

"After Coach gave us the last weekend off, we were both pretty fresh. (Erigha) ran pretty well," said Ogbutu, who finished third overall in the long jump.

With less than a month until the trip to Connecticut for the Big East Championships, the Irish will attempt to stay on top of their game in order to complete track's triple crown by winning championships in cross country, indoor and outdoor track.

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Irish pole vaulter Mary Saxer competes against Marquette Jan. 27. Saxer qualified for the Big East tournament Saturday.

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SFC SOFTBALL
Belles beat Scots in doubleheader
SMC split two games with Rockford Sunday

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's put an end to its three-game, region loss streak against Alma Saturday, defeating Alma 9-1 in the first game as Bridget Gsell throw one-hitter to finish the game in five innings.

Alma hadn't lost a conference doubleheader since Albion swept the Scots in 2002 — a history that Saint Mary's head coach Erin Sullivan said motivated the Belles to win.

"Our team is tired of Alma coming in and intimidating people," Sullivan said. "We wanted to show them they can't walk all over us."

Alma jumped ahead early in the first game as winger fielder Missy Morcom scored off a wild pitch in the top of the first. Saint Mary's rebounded in the bottom of the fourth with third baseman Laura Heline singled, driving in a run. Left fielder Kristin Amram followed with a sacrifice groundout to knock in a run. Gsell drove in a run to finish off the inning.

Gsell maintained the Belles' lead from the mound in the top of the fifth, allowing no hits. She struck out three, walking one in six more runs to end the game in the bottom of the fifth.

The Belles carried their energy from the first win into the second game.

"We took that win and kept up the intensity," Gsell said. "The excitement carried into the second game."

Saint Mary's continued with the momentum of the first game to beat Alma 9-0 in the second game of the doubleheader. Pitcher Kristin Amram struck out eight and allowed only four hits.

The game remained scoreless until the top of the fifth when the Belles racked up four runs. Saint Mary's finished the game in the top of the seventh, scoring four more runs.

Saint Mary's hit the road Sunday to take on Rockford College in Rockford, III. The Belles split the doubleheader, dropping the first game 3-0 but coming back in the second to win 7-1.

Rockford didn't score until the bottom of the third when designated hitter Jessica Starr scored off an error. Starr knocked in another run for Rockford in the bottom of the sixth, and Emily Corrigan followed with an additional RBI.

Sullivan said the Belles made mental mistakes in the first game.

"With so many games in a row, it's hard to stay mentally tough all the time," Sullivan said.

Saint Mary's came back in the second game scoring early. Shortstop Sarah Miesle drove in a run in the top of the first. The Belles followed with two more runs in the top of the second. Saint Mary's brought the score to 7-0 in the top of the fifth when Heline and Amram both earned an RBI. First baseman McKenna Conti doubled, driving in a pair of runs.

In the bottom of the seventh, Rockford's third baseman Jamie Prunty doubled, knocking in their only run of the game.

The Belles next face Beloit Monday at 5 p.m. at By Field on Notre Dame's campus. Pilots head coach Anna Welsh was the head coach at Saint Mary's for the past three years. Welsh led the Belles to their first-ever tournament championship in 2004.

The Belles hope to put this history behind them when they face off against Beloit.

"We have had some great wins behind us," Gsell said, "but we're just a matter of carrying them over."

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**Men's Lacrosse**

**Irish attack scored two late goals to seal win**

*By TIM DOUGHERTY*
*Sports Writer*

Notre Dame senior attackman Matt Karweck scored the game-winning goal with 1:46 remaining Saturday against Butler to give the team a 15-9 victory in its Great Western Lacrosse League (GWLL) opener in Indianapolis.

Karweck assisted on Notre Dame's first goal to senior midfielder Matt Podgajny to knot the game at three apiece. Podgajny and freshman attackman Peter Christmas led the team with two assists each. Walsh finished the day with one assist and three goals — his first hat trick of the year — to lead all scorers.

Senior attackman Brian Hubschman also extended his team point lead (27) with a goal (17) and an assist (10). Bill Liva scored his fifth goal of the season and freshman attackman Ryan Hoff added his tenth. Butler's offense — ranked outside the top 20 in the country — scored 17 in the game's final 61 minutes.

The Bulldogs successfully held Irish to four first quarter possessions en route to a 2-0 advantage. After Ryan's goal, Butler responded with two unanswered goals before halftime. The Bulldogs appeared to hold a 3-1 lead into halftime, but after a quick turnaround with a more than a minute remaining, the Irish attack moved into the Butler zone.

Notre Dame fired three late shots that missed the mark before junior midfielder Bill Liva found senior attackman Pat Walsh for a goal with 24 seconds remaining. Walsh scored again with 1.4 seconds left in the game to account for two of the team's last three goals, including the game-winner on a rebound from Ryan's shot that ricocheted off Butler goalie Ryan Kizer.

While Notre Dame (7-2, 1-0 in the GWLL) won the game, Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan said the team will need to improve while Indiana continued a slide we're seeing in our games with an injury to one of their key players.

**Wallace, Pistons hurt Pacers' playoff hopes with big win**

Associated Press

**AUBURN HILLS, Mich. —** Detroit took another step toward earning home-court advantage throughout the NBA playoffs while Indiana continued a slide that could keep it home during the postseason.

In fact, Jermaine O'Neal said the Pacers don't deserve to make the playoffs.

Tayshaun Prince scored all of his 17 points in the second half to lead six double-digit scorers for the Piston's in a 98-73 victory over Indiana on Sunday.

Detroit (62-15) is a victory away from matching its franchise record for wins and barring a late slide, will likely finish with the league's best record. The Pistons, who already have home-court advantage throughout the conference playoffs, improved to 35-3 at The Palace.

Both teams appeared lethargic for most of the game, while Detroit wasn't playing for much on this particular afternoon, the Pacers were.

Indiana had just seven of eight field goals in the first half and had just nine points at halftime.

For the Pacers, who came into the game on a 20-plus game win streak, it maintained the lead for the rest of the game.

The Pistons led 45-35 at halftime and had 20-plus point leads in the second half of the game.

The Pistons outrebounded the Pacers 52-35 and held them to 36 percent shooting.

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doubles to put the Irish one
match away from clinching the
point. Irish freshman Brett
Hillackson and sophomore
Sheeva Parbhoo lost 8-4 at No. 2
to even things up and junior
Stephen Bass and freshman
Sanjota Montereya lost 9-8 at
third doubles to give SMU the
opening point.

"Winning the close sets was
crazy," Bayliss said. "I think
there were four tiebreakers, and
we won all of them. The only
one we didn’t win was in dou-
bles."

SMU extended its lead to 2-0
with a win at No. 6 singles, as
Notre Dame senior Patrick
Buchanan fell 6-4, 6-2 at No. 6
doubles.

The Irish roared off five
straight victories to run away with
the match.

King started the rally at No. 4, where he topped Southern
Methodist senior Henrik
Soderberg 6-3, 7-6 (1).

"Parry dictated — the key
there was Parry had to get
the first strike in," Bayliss said.
"He was able to do that. He
did have a little hiccup when he
served for the match at 5-4 and
again at 6-5 but really played big
in the last half of the tiebreaker."

Langelenkamp tied the score
at two apiece with a 7-6 (7-3), 6-0
win at No. 5.

"He was down 2-1 and won
the next six points to win the
match and did not lose a
game in the second set," Bayliss
said. "I think he really broke
Kuczer’s spirit the way he
played aggressively in the
tiebreaker where it mattered
most.

No. 16 Bass, playing in the
No. 1 spot, topped Southern
Methodist senior Peter
Oredsson truncked No. 33 6-4, 6-4 for
the only singles victory that didn’t
go into a tiebreaker.

"Stephen handled Oredsson’s
wide serve very well," Bayliss
said. "He countered awfully
well when Oredsson tried to
pressure him and applied enough
pressure of his own to get the job
done.

Parbhoo put the icing on the
cake with a 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 win
at No. 2 in the final match.

"Sheeva just kept getting him-
self out of trouble, he bent but
he did not break, and he refused
to give in when he was down," Bayliss said. "His willingness to
always meet any deficit seemed
be the difference in that
match."

The Irish have been able to
come together and win close
matches after a three-match
skid. "I think the schedule has
toughened us and I’ve seen team
play both ways on that," Bayliss
said. "You can take hits and
after a while your confidence
eroses and you’re not as good,
but if you have the resolve to
back it up you will really benefit
from the level of competition
you’re seeing, and I think that’s
what we’ve done."

The team dedicated its match
to Keckley, and Notre Dame visi-
ted him at the health center
after the win. He is expected to
play on Thursday when the
team takes on Louisville in its
final match of the regular sea-
son.

"To win without Bryan the way
we did, I think gives me a lot of
optimism about the postseason," Bayliss said.

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Irish sophomore Sheeva Parbhoo prepares to return the ball
during Notre Dame’s 7-0 win over Michigan State Feb. 15.

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The Irish claimed their 23rd
consecutive doubles point by
sweeping all three matches
against the Golden Eagles.

The No. 39 pairing of sopho-
more Brook Buck and fresh-
man Kelley Tefft downed Marquette’s
two-some of sopho-
more Calbeto and junior
Francesca Bonnily 8-2 at No. 1.

Following at No. 2, the senior
duo of Lauren Connolly and Kiki
Stastny enjoyed an 8-0 shutout over Golden
Eagles junior Dominika
Dabrowski and freshman
Robin Metzler.

The final win for the Irish
came from seniors Erin
Watkins and Christian
Thompson in their 8-4 win over
junior Kathleen Donovan and sopho-
more Erin Watkins.

"Their team was good
because they pushed every-
thing," Christian Thompson
said. "They were very tactical,
because she hits the ball low
and closes the net nicely."

In singles, No. 73 Christian
Thompson didn’t need much
time in defeating the duals
point-seeker, 6-2 at No. 1. Buck topped
Marquette’s Katie Watkins 6-1, 6-2
at No. 2. Her win was
followed by an impressive 6-
2-6 shutout by Tefft over
Dabrowski at No. 3.

"(Tefft) has real-
ly proven herself
in the team,"
Potts said. "She
has been the
deciding factor in
many of our
close 4-3 wins this
season."

Playing at No. 4, Stastny
downed Bonnily 6-1, 6-0.
Following Stastny at No. 5 was
Potts, who collected her 20th
win in duals matches this
season.

The final victory came from
Connolly, who topped Donovan
6-0, 6-1.

The Irish return to the courts
to begin the Big East regular season
tournament in Tampa, Fla. on
April 21.

No. 2 Notre Dame 7
DePaul 0

The Irish earned their ninth
shoutout of the season against
the Blue Demons.

In doubles, Notre Dame reg-
istered two wins to earn the
doubles point, starting with the
win at No. 2 from No. 39 Buck
and Tefft. The pair topped
freshman Dunja Antunic and
sophomore Anja Mihaldinec 8-
4.

Despite the misstep from the
Thompsons, both had little
trouble in earning wins in their
singles matches. No. 26
Catrina Thompson downed
Coors 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1.
Thompson was followed by
Christian Thompson, who
defeated Ganeva 6-4, 6-1 at
No. 2.

Buck played at No. 3 and
climbed the victory for the
Irish with a 6-2, 6-1 win over
Antunic.

The bottom half of the lineup
also won in two-set matches.
Tefft defeated Mihaldinec 6-1,
6-2 at No. 4, followed by
Stastny at No. 5, who topped
Muric 6-3, 6-2.

The final Irish win came
from Potts, who topped
Rehsova 6-1, 6-0.

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Vinny Team 75 was one-and-done for orange) in the next round. We think we played really tight defense out there. We played agressively and were ready to defend when the offense was on the court. We played a lot more defense in the last couple of minutes.

But for the final moments of the game, we were able to hold our own. We outscored the other team for the first time in the game. We played with a lot of energy and were able to keep the ball out of the other team's hands. We were able to make some crucial baskets and stifle their offense. We were able to close out the game and secure the victory.

The game was a great opportunity for our team to show our growth and improvement. We have a lot of work to do, but we are excited about the future and look forward to coming back next year.

We want to thank our fans, our coaches, and our teammates for their support and encouragement. We couldn't have done it without you.

We are looking forward to the next game and will continue to work hard to improve and get better.
**Duke**

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Waagbo responded with two goals to tie the game at 3-3. During the rest of the first half, the Irish held the Blue Devils to one goal, while netting three more of their own. Sophomore attack Heather Ferguson put the Irish in front, beating Duke goalie Megan Huether with just under 15 minutes remaining in the first half.

After Duke's Waagbo notched her second goal of the afternoon, Crysti Foote picked up her second of four goals.

The Irish went into halftime confident with a 6-4 lead — the first time during the 2006 season that Duke has trailed at halftime. While Notre Dame seemed poised to upset the favored Blue Devils on their own turf, the second half wasn't nearly as kind, as Duke responded.

Duke didn't waste much time getting back into the contest, as only 10 seconds into the second half, Duke midfielder Jill Byers notched a breakaway, unas­sisted goal. Caroline Cryer continued Duke's offensive assault with a goal 34 seconds later.

Notre Dame quickly regained the lead with two goals by freshman midfielder Jill Byers and Foote, respective­ly.

During the latter part of the second half, the Blue Devil defense rose to the challenge presented by the talented Notre Dame attack.

For the next 12 minutes, Duke's defenders kept the Irish off the scoreboard. In the meantime, effective offensive play on the Blue Devil's part led to a 5-0 run, result­ing in an 11-8 lead. While Foote and freshman midfielder Byers were able to tally a goal a piece in the closing minutes of the game, the Irish's late-game drive was too late, and the Blue Devils came away with a win.

"Duke just happened to be the team up by one goal when the time ran out," Byers said. "I thought we were very well prepared for the game, and it just didn't work out the way we wanted it to."

In both of its losses this sea­son, Notre Dame has fallen to a team ranked No. 4 or better. Considering the Irish only won three games last season, the pair of losses to top­ranked opponents caps 12 games in a marked improvement.

Irish goalie Carol Dixon recorded a career-high 18 saves in the loss. Foote added to her total for the year with four more goals.

"Foote's four tallies on Wednesday against Ohio State gave her 182 goals, making her Notre Dame's all-time leading scorer," Mainieri said. "A lesser person might give up after struggling early, but that's not Je­ff. He just keeps battling."

Defensively, the Irish hung up 12 hits, including three by Cooper, four by Lilley and three by left­fielder Matt Braundfeld.

Notre Dame freshman reliever Kyle Wolland earned his ninth save of the year, tying the school record for first­year pitchers set by Aaron Heilman in 1998.

**Sweep**

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"There are some things I need to correct, but it shouldn't be too hard to fix them."

Jeff Samardzija

Irish pitcher

Notre Dame 10

South Florida 4

The Irish pounded out a season-high 17 hits, including six combined from Cooper and Lilley to put the Bulls away early Saturday.

Notre Dame scored seven runs in the fifth to take a 9-1 lead and put the game out of reach. The Bulls scored three in the eighth, but a run in the top of the ninth pushed the Irish lead back to six.

Senior left­fielder Tom Thornton started the game for Notre Dame, allowing just one run in six innings and earning the win.

Mainieri started freshman Jeremy Barnes at second base, inserting senior second base­man Ross Brezovsky into the lineup at designated hitter. Barnes went 1-for-4 at the plate with a run scored and two RBIs.

"Jeremy Barnes is one of our best infielders, but Brezovsky, Lilley, and [senior shortstop] Greg Lopez are all returning players and good infielders," Mainieri said of his decision. "I'm just trying to keep everyone fresh and healthy and give them experience so if we do have an injury, it won't hurt us as much."
ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Team shuts out visiting Marquette, DePaul

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Irish closed out their regular season the same way they started — with a pair of shutouts.

No. 17 Notre Dame earned its ninth and tenth 7-0 victories with wins over DePaul and Marquette this weekend at the Courtney Tennis Center. Junior Christian Thompson attributed the wins to team members' dedication to each other.

"Our team is led by a strong tradition and the best friendships," she said. "We have performed well as a team all season and have not been focusing on personal achievements. [Two consecutive shutouts] was a great way to finish the regular season (heading into the Big East Tournament)."

In their match against Marquette Sunday, the Irish managed the impressive win without their No. 1 singles and doubles player Catrina Thompson.

"She is someone the team greatly admires," freshman Katie Potts said. "So we had to really focus against Marquette."

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Blue Devil's delight

Foote continues to chase all-time marks, Irish fall to host Duke

By CHRIS WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

In front of a crowd of 217 spectators Sunday, the No. 4 Blue Devils defeated the No. 10 Irish 11-10. With the loss, the Irish fell to 10-2, while the Blue Devils improved to 11-1 on the season.

The Irish took an early 3-1 lead early in the contest with strong and efficient offensive movement. Duke attacks Leigh Jester and Kristen see DUKE/page 22

BASEBALL

Cooper, Lilley spark a series sweep of Bulls

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper and third baseman Brett Lilley keyed an offensive explosion as the Irish swept South Florida 9-6, 10-4 and 10-1 in a three-game series this weekend in Tampa, Florida.

Cooper and Lilley were a combined 9-for-12 at the plate, scoring 11 runs and striking out only once in 31 combined plate appearances.

Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri also praised Lilley's strong play in the field.

"Lilley was unbelievable," Mainieri said. "Obviously he hit well, but he also made three diving catches. I think they would have been on ESPN's Web Gems." Cooper, who has batted at the top of the order most of the year, raised his batting average to a team-leading .429 for the season.

"He's been a great lead-off hitter for us, just like I envisioned he would be," Mainieri said.

As a team, Notre Dame batted .315, got 49 hits and got 49 hits in the series. The Bulls, who dropped to 14-19 overall at 5-7 in the Big East, hit only .231.

"It's time to spread the load," Mainieri added. "It's. It's ridiculous.'"