Students pleased with 2006 Shirt

By KATLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Notre Dame fans who felt they had outgrown the sea of green era and were not quite suited for yellow may now contribute to a new hue in The Shirt's recent years — navy blue.

A cheering crowd greeted the unveiling of the 2006 version of The Shirt at the Hammes Bookstore Friday afternoon. The Shirt project president Richard Fox said he was excited to see a positive response to the Navy blue color and simple design of The Shirt.

I thought the reaction was going to be good," Fox said. "But I'm surprised by how well the reaction went over. The Shirt Project — in its seventeenth year — raises money for different aspects of student life at Notre Dame. The Shirt above a packed Notre Dame stadium. A Knute Rockne quote, "This is the day and you are the team" was written across the bottom.

Bush speechwriter returns to Notre Dame

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

William McGurn left the halls of the West Wing and the Oval Office Friday for the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Though miles away from Washington, the chief speechwriter for the White House — a 1980 Notre Dame graduate — was hardly disoriented as he returned to his alma mater to present his lecture "Future Government and Public Policy.

A former editorial writer at the Wall Street Journal, McGurn first became a part of the Bush administration in early 2005, and has since become the head of the entire speechwriting team in the White House.

He spoke to an audience of students and faculty members on topic ranging from his work in the West Wing, the challenges of speechwriting for the President and the role of the media in the portrayal of news.

McGurn said for any given speech, there might be anywhere from 30 to 50 people working to produce an average of ten drafts. He said local and delicate matters such as the war in Iraq generally require even more preparation.

"We're trying to explain to the American public a very difficult situation and the President's perspective, his voice," McGurn said.

When asked if he had ever written a speech outlining something contrary to what he believed was correct, McGurn said that there may have been occasions where his personal opinion was different from that of the White House — he would never promote anything he did not consider true.

"It's a very difficult part of the job," McGurn said.

"Tradition" Bishop disapproves of Jenkins' recent choice

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

In a visit scheduled months before campus controversy about academic freedom would prompt him to issue a statement of disappointment with the University, Bishop John D'Arcy of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese spoke Friday to students and faculty at Notre Dame Law School about a particularly timely topic — the pastoral role of the bishop and his relationship to the Catholic university.

"We see an attempt to move the bishop from being a CEO and administrator to a pastor and evangelist," he said.

When asked by a student about his relationship with the University administration, D'Arcy connected his pastoral role to the recent debates on academic freedom that have for months embroiled Notre Dame's campus.

"It is important to recognize the independence of the University and its academic freedom," D'Arcy said. "But I have pastoral freedom. I cannot saw 2006 Shirt.

Dancers raise record amounts

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Senior Staff Writer

After nearly 12 hours on their feet, participants in the Riley Hospital for Children dance marathon were beginning to look weary Saturday morning.

Then came the announcement that made it all worthwhile — Saint Mary's had broken the record for the most money raised by any institution's first dance marathon in the state of Indiana.

The $21,047.42 total roughly doubled to previous years — navy blue with co-founder and executive director of the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) Madeline Janis-Aparicio spoke about the variety of career options within the field of social work.

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"In the face of globalization, in the increasingly faceless world of capital, how can we make the world a better place," Janis Aparicio said. "Sometimes poor people are hidden.

Janis-Aparicio encouraged students to consider a career in social work through the retelling of her own experiences in the field.

Social justice careers have many forms from community and union organization to research and legislative advocacy. 

Speaker encourages careers in social work

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
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Leaving out a legend

The Shirt 2006 was almost one of the best seasons ever. The 100-plus-years of Tradition — The Shirt’s theme — converging with the hope of an unforgettable season to come may last as an undergrad on Pat O’Brien’s timeless prophecy in Knute Rockne All-American: “This is the day, and you are the team.”

Down right inspirational — it literally gave me chills to think of the possibility of seeing my life’s fulfillment more months away. But like a loss in next year’s record, it had one fatal blemish, and The Shirt fell short — shockingly so.

Frank Leahy’s .864 winning percentage is Division I college football’s second highest career mark, behind only Knute Rockne’s .881. His last 39 game unbeaten streak (27-0-2) from 1949-1950 remains Notre Dame’s longest ever and ninth in Division I history. No list of all-time college football’s greatest coaches that omitted his name would be credible, much less a list of great Notre Dame coaches.

The same goes for any shirt that uses the moniker of lighting Irish coaches to boost its proud Tradition and refuses to acknowledge the special place Leahy has in the annals of Notre Dame an enduring rivalry for each person who has ever dreamt of those gold helmets shining in the sun.

Unfortunately, The Shirt Committee didn’t get the memo.

Knute Rocke, The Four Horseman, Ara Parseghian, Lou Holtz, and Charlie Weis unmistakably deserved to be on The Shirt. Although the committee’s “system” has yet to include the shirt ad (current hula) has some truth to it, under the 2006 system of Tradition, that “system” omitted the absolute most important reason why those four coaches belong on The Shirt. Knute had three of them, Ara two, Lou one, and Weis — well, according to the committee’s interpretation of Rocke’s immortal words at the 1928 Army game, this coming fall should be his first. Leahy, on the other hand, led all Notre Dame coaches with four consensus national championships.

While Rocke certainly started the Tradition, Leahy is truly the one who made it perennial, from his dominance in the late-40’s in his All-American grand-lad Ryan Leahy of 1964, who donned the blue and gold and piloted the team to the first championship in 1966. If Leahy’s imago is The Shirt, Knute’s Tradition is what the committee should have focused on.

Leahy’s image on this year’s shirt is an absolutely remarkable affair to the 87 wins he earned and the 23 consensus All-Americans — including four Heisman winners — he produced in the 11 years of service and Tradition he gave to Our Lady’s University. In the end, The Shirt is closer to Jack LaMotta than The Gipper. It could be a contender.

It shouldn’t take a giant statue outside of Notre Dame Stadium to prove my point, but it is there nonetheless. For the millions of fans who walk around the stadium next year staring into the tens of thousands of The Shirt’s scaring around the stadium on game day, their only visible reminder of Leahy’s place in ND Tradition will be that hefty hunk of bronze outside the East Gate. At least Jerry McKenna knew something about Tradition.

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INSIDE COLUMN

QUESTION OF THE DAY: DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN MUDDY SUNDAY?

Caroline Green freshman Caravanagh

Christian Medeiros sophomore Caravanagh

Hollywood Healy junior off-campus

Megan Marsh freshman Caravanagh

Michelle Byrne sophomore Keough

Phil Mauro sophomore Keough

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AnTostal to return to campus

Student Union Board has week of fun events planned for Notre Dame

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
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From free movies and tie-dying T-shirts on the quad, the events of the 39th annual AnTostal will distract students from their homework throughout the week.

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AnTostal — Gaelic for "the festival" — returns to Notre Dame's campus this week as a celebration of spring. Events this year are a mix of old and new, and the Student Union Board (SUB), AnTostal's sponsor and organizer, hopes to bring the traditional festival back to its early days of glory.

The SUB spends the entire year programming this event that hopes to "truly complete the college campus experience outside the classroom," SUB manager Pat Vassel said.

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AnTostal is all about...

A show called "Shoot 'Em Up Gun" on North Quad and the Quarter Dog Eating Contest — two annual traditions — will take place Tuesday evening.

Thursday's carnival on North Quad boasts a Mechanical Bull, Euro Bunjee ride, caricature artist and other traditional carnival games.

AnTostal's musical events include Thursday's acoustic cafe, which will take place on the Fieldhouse Mall. Friday evening Legends will host the annual Battle of the Bands, which will feature ten student groups. Judges and audience voting determine which band will be deemed the best of Notre Dame. The evening's events will conclude with late night Karaoke at Reckers.

On Saturday students can return to Legends to hear rock band Matchbook Romance.

"Whether through contests, performances, or any other variety of activities, students in decades past always looked forward to the end of the year celebration organized by the Student Union Board," Vassel said.

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"It was amazing to have so many people there... at five in the morning when we released the total amount. It was the best feeling ever," said organizer and freshman class president Francesca Johnson.

The money raised at the event, which ran from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday, will go to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. The hospital, which neverdreams earnings expectations, receives no state funding and is entirely dependent on corporate and individual donations.

"One out of every two children that walk into the doors of the hospital can't afford to pay for the service they are receiving," Riley special events manager Kreti Judson said.

On a scale of one to ten, Judson said, she would give the Saint Mary's dance marathon a 10. "We live off groups like this who stay up all night (and raise money for us)," Riley events coordinator Katherine Cain said. The number of universities and colleges who put on dance marathons has grown to 14, Cain said. While the basic structure of the event is set, Cain works with student leaders to develop programs that best fit their schools.

Cain described the Saint Mary's dance marathon, which was largely spearheaded by the freshman class, as "impressive." The participants were entertained by dancing group TroopNQ, a cappella singers The Undertones, Saint Mary's cheerleaders and the Notre Dame band Speedway. Further, dancers kept busy playing improvised games of volleyball and basketball, as well as writing cards to patients at Riley.

The morale committee kept students energized by torching them a "moral dance" in small increments throughout the evening. The groups then performed the dance in its entirety at the end of the 12 hours.

A local family who personally benefited from the medical services offered by Riley was present to share their story with the students.

Johnson said 140 of the 190 registered students showed up to dance Friday night. They were joined by 50 marathon committee members. There were student leaders who left the event, Johnson said, but she estimated there were still 120 dancers on the floor at the closing ceremony.

While the first dance marathon exceeded all expectations, Johnson said, there is always room for improvement.

She said she hopes to confine future events to one condensed area in order to keep the group united, noting that at any given time Friday night there were 25 people on the second level of the gym.

"In the future I would like to have a few hundred dances stay the whole time," Johnson said.

Freshman Andrew Bertoli said it was difficult to convince people to return to the dance floor after they were permitted to sit briefly in order to eat.

"For the first year, I think the marathon ran smoothly," Dardinger said. "We followed the schedule almost exactly until about three in the morning, then we started some games. A little after, the dancers realized that they were actually going to make it until 6, so the energy level picked up again."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Insurgents kill three soldiers
BAGHDAD — Insurgents killed three American soldiers in the Baghdad area Sunday and fired mortars near the Defense Ministry in a spree of violence that killed at least 27 Iraqis as politicians began work on forming a new government.

The Iraqi Sunni Arab party raised new allegations of sectarian killings — one of the most urgent issues facing the new leadership.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said the next government must decommission sectarian militias and integrate them into the national armed forces, warning that the armed groups represent the "infrastructure for civil war.

Protesters burn effigy of king
KATMANDU, Nepal — The protesters crowding a Kathmandu road in a whirling dust cloud were clearly unified in their quest to force Nepal's king from power. They rejected the king's approval as a step to condemn police.

"We will continue to demonstrate until we get a return of democracy," one of the protesters said as a straw effigy of King Gyanendra was burned.

They chanted for an end to royal rule.

The warning followed a spike in weekend protests causing officials from Europe, the United States and other countries at the institutions' weekend meetings to worry about the prospects for long-term growth.

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The policy-setting committee for the 18-country International Monetary Fund and the World Bank told the World Bank to attack corruption and directed the IMF to explore ways to give tougher policy advice to member countries in such areas as budget deficits and currency values.

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In talks that wrapped up Sunday, ministers resolved a dispute over anti-corruption efforts by pledging to improve their performance, according to sources at the meeting.

"These are complex and nuanced issues, but we must develop a common approach" if we want to deliver results for the poor," he said. "It is an effort that will take some time."

The Bush administration says it's critical to crack down on corruption so that the U.S. is assured its dollar-lars supporting the bank are not wasted.

"With billions of people still living in destitute conditions, we cannot rest," Treasury Secretary John Snow said. "We must do more to make these ideas and programs even more productive, beneficial and effective."

On the issue of oil, the world's seven wealthiest industrial countries met Friday night with three big oil-producing countries — Saudi Arabia, Russia and the United Arab Emirates — to explore ways that more was not accomplished equalizing toward meeting the U.S.-sanctioned goal of cutting poverty in half by 2015.

"By their next meeting, we want to see real change — not just pocket change — for the 100 million poor children out of school," said Max Lawson, policy adviser for Oxfam International.

Getting the go-ahead at these meetings was what supporters hope will prove to be a broad overhaul of IMF operations. Proposals include giving rapidly growing economies such as China, South Korea and Mexico greater voting power.

AFGHANISTAN

Troops face increased resistance

KABUL — British defense secretary warned Sunday that any let-up on militants could see the toughest days ahead for Afghan and al-Qaida regin power in the region.

As John Reid made his call during a visit to Kabul, gunbattles raging outside the capital killed five people and rockets slammed into a U.S.-run base in the south.

The warnings followed a spike in bombings and shootings targeting coalition forces, Afghan forces and often ordinary locals as the Taliban apparently have made good on threats to increase attacks during the warmer spring and summer months.

"The greatest danger of all for the people of Afghanistan and the people of the United Kingdom would be if Afghanistan ever again came under the rule of a Taliban regime prepared to protect al-Qaida or terrorist groups," Reid told reporters in the capital.

The warnings come as growing concern for nations contributing troops to a force operating here under a NATO mandate. The force is to rise from its current 10,000 soldiers to about 21,000 by November as it gradually assumes command of all international troops in Afghanistan.

Some 6,000 mainly British, Canadian and Dutch soldiers have started deploying in the remote tribal-dominated southern region. At least 18,000 U.S. soldiers are in Afghanistan — more than four years after the U.S.-led invasion toppled the hard-line Taliban regime for hosting al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.
North Pole students return to class

Associated Press
ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Students were encouraged to return to North Pole Middle School Monday with the assurance that police would patrol the halls following the weekend arrest of six seventh-graders suspected of plotting a deadly attack.

Nine other seventh-graders also were suspended in possible connection with the elaborate scheme to kill faculty and classmates using guns and knives at the school, where about 500 sixth- through eighth-graders have four weeks until summer vacation.

"We're going to have school," said principal Elise Johnson. "We feel that all the students involved are not at school, so we feel it's safe." The town of 1,500 is about 14 miles southeast of Fairbanks, Alaska's interior and is home to many military families from nearby Eielson Air Force Base and the Army's Fort Wainwright.

The story has been widely broadcast, but some aren't worried about the arrests tainting the image of North Pole, where about 500 sixth- through eighth-graders have four weeks until summer vacation.

"I think most people are aware enough to realize that violence of this nature can happen anywhere, to the best of families and the best of communities," Mayor Jeffrey Jacobson said.

Still the allegations have shocked this "nice little community," said Laura Harper, who has lived in North Pole for 2 3 years and works in a local restaurant. "We just can't believe something this horrible is happening in this good town."

The boys, who could face charges of first-degree conspiracy to commit murder, are at the Fairbanks Youth Facility in Fairbanks. While not elaborating on the evidence, North Pole Police Chief Paul Lindtag said the boys had planned to disable the school's power and telephone systems giving them time to kill their victims and leave town.

The boys sought to seek revenge for being picked on, he said.

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"The Diocese was notified of an additional audience that would be in attendance at the Luetke Medal ceremony," D'Arcy said. "The Diocese has a right to be consulted for the Luetke Medal ceremony."
Eli Lilly involved in racism suit

Laughter alleges discriminatory pay rates on behalf of 1,000 black employees.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A racial discrimination lawsuit against Eli Lilly & Co. claims that black employees were paid less than their white counterparts and were passed over for promotions and subject to harassment and the use of derogatory epithets.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court also claims a Lilly human resources supervisor retaliated against a female employee that her managers on the manufacturing side considered to be too accepting of blacks and that they were no longer in a position to overlook her complaints.

"It's like the plantation, unfortunately, at the manufacturing site, it's blatant discrimination," Cassandra Welch said Friday. The day after the lawsuit was filed, Lilly fired her in 2004 for allegedly falsifying e-mails in an unrelated financial dispute with another employee of the Indianapolis-based drug company. 

Welch, two other former employees and a current one are named as plaintiffs in the complaint, which seeks class-action status on behalf of more than 1,000 black employees whose attorneys said might have faced the same kinds of discrimination since August 2003. It seeks unspecified damages, lost compensation and an order enjoining Lilly against future discrimination.

Each of the four plaintiffs also have complaints pending with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the lawsuit said.

Lilly spokeswoman Carla Cox said the company was withholding comment on the specific allegation. "We officials had not yet reviewed the lawsuit. "It's certainly part of our company fabric to treat people fairly and with respect," Cox said.

More than 20 present and former Lilly employees have contacted the plaintiffs' lawyers, Joshua and David Rose of Washington, D.C., about possible representation in the case. Joshua Rose said.

"Lilly managers tend to groom white employees for promotion and bonuses more effectively, more rapidly and more often than their African-American peers," the attorneys, who specialize in employment discrimination, said in a written statement.

Welch, 45, now a northern Virginia-based business consultant, said she began at Lilly in 1992 as a production worker earning an hourly wage, transferred to finance and, after obtaining her bachelor's degree in accounting and information technology, was promoted to a salaried position in 2000. The lawsuit alleges she was paid at a grade lower than her responsibilities merited and was part of a team whose white male members received bonuses, merit awards and promotions that were denied to her.

"I have to say the executives and Lilly, in terms of diversity, strategy and policy, has one of the best in the industry," Welch said in a telephone interview. However, she said managers only went through the motions with those policies.

"A policy only is as good as it is implemented. It was more of a check-the-box exercise." 

Racist comments by and among white workers against black employees and other blacks were common in a manufacturing department where Welch worked, the lawsuit said.

"On one occasion, Welch found a dark colored doll with a noose around its neck on her desk," the lawsuit said.

When her complaints about discrimination went nowhere with her department managers, she went to human resources, where a representative told her manufacturing managers considered corporate officials to be too accepting of blacks, referring to them with a hostile slang term, the lawsuit said.

Delphi attempts to cancel contracts

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers and its Machinists labor union opposed Delphi Corp.'s attempt to cancel its labor contracts in court filings Friday, saying the parts supplier has failed to prove it needs to slash workers' wages as part of its Chapter 11 restructuring.

"This is a case when the debtor has opted to place litigation before bargaining and restructuring before consultation," said the United Steelworkers, which represents about 1,000 of Delphi's 33,000 U.S. hourly workers.

Unions aren't the only parties opposed to Delphi's motion. Appaloosa Management LP, a New Jersey-based hedge fund that owns 9.7 percent of Delphi's stock, said in a filing that Delphi doesn't know canceling its contracts would be better than waiting until they expire and renegotiating them.

Appaloosa also is concerned Delphi's motion will be considered before a committee representing Delphi's 300,000 shareholders can be formed to review it.

Delphi, which filed for bankruptcy protection in October, asked a federal judge to void its labor contracts March 31 after it failed to reach an agreement to lower wages with its unions and General Motors Corp., its former parent and largest customer. Under its latest proposal, Delphi wanted to lower wages from $27 an hour to $16.50 an hour by the end of 2007. U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert Drain is scheduled to consider Delphi's request May 9. He ordered opponents of the plan to file their objections by Friday and gave Delphi until May 1 to respond.

The UAW, which represents 24,000 Delphi hourly workers, said Delphi's motion is premature because it depends on GM to supplement workers' wages.

A financial adviser to the UAW from New York-based Lazard Freres & Co. said Delphi also failed to provide relevant financial information until a few days before its motion, if at all, violating its bargaining agreement with the UAW.

Ford records loss for first quarter

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IN BRIEF

Merck responsible for Vioxx death

RIO GRANDE CITY, Texas — A state jury found Merck & Co. liable for Friday for the death of a 71-year-old man who had a fatal heart attack within a month of taking its withdrawn painkiller Vioxx and ordered the company to pay $32 million. Merck said it would appeal.

The damage award will likely be reduced because of a state law capping punitive damages.

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Terrorist leader warns of civilian attacks, remains most wanted

Osama bin Laden today issued new threats in a video message in which he warned of civilian attacks.

The video, which was distributed by al-Qaeda in the Arab Peninsula, shows a man in a dark room with a gun in his hand, delivering a message in Arabic.

"We must continue to target civilians," bin Laden said. "Civilians are the soft target of the enemy. They are the easiest to hit."

The video also shows footage of attacks on U.S. military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan, along with images of burnings and explosions.

Bin Laden added, "We will continue to target civilians until the American imperialists leave our land."

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Wal-Mart practices under fire

Company engages in battle with politicians aiming to change its policies

WASHINGTON — There is no candidate. There are no ballots. But Wal-Mart continues to be the focus of every day.

And yet it may be the hottest, highest-stakes political contest in America today.

It's the campaign against Wal-Mart.

A year-old effort to force the nation's No. 1 private employer to change its business practices has evolved into a Washington-style brawl: tens of millions of dollars spent by Republican and independent political consultants using polling, micro-targeting, ads, e-mails, direct mail, grassroots demonstrations and a strategic "smoke grenade" to shroud their无情接战。

Companies-union leaders see it as a coordinated attack on the world's largest and most successful retailer about methods to drag the company into the public square and try to shame it into change.

Both groups have hummed up the world's largest retailer about its wages, health-insurance treatment of workers and pro-

Wal-Mart's main opponents are the Service Employees International Union, which started an ad-Wal-Mart Watch, and the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, which funds a separate campaign called WakeUpWal-Mart.com.

"Our opponents have organized a new and more aggressive campaign against us," said Bob McNamara, vice president of corporate communications for Wal-Mart. "It would be nonsense for us not to respond to that." They are working with others to use modern campaign and communications methods to drag the company into the public square and try to shame it into change.

Kerry, a former political leader who helped draft and run the George W. Bush-\n
Wal-Mart's advertising campaign and communications efforts are increasingly being seen as a reference to the U.S. Marines used to recruit members and designed to shine a bad light on the Bentonville, Ark., company.

"We are mobilized with a computer to recruit members and participate in media events designed to shine a bad light on Wal-Mart," McNamara said.

In the past two years, the group has made headlines by staging protests at Wal-Mart stores.

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Easter celebrations, a blend religious and local traditions, typically include a split-rise lamb dinner and a display of hard-boiled eggs, dyed red to symbolize the blood of Christ.

In Cyprus, youths around the island's traditional Easter fires to burn effigies of Julius — the disciple thought to have betrayed Jesus.

In Greece, Orthodox leader Archbishop Christodoulos said the church remains a source of defiance against the negative effects of globalization and dominion of major world powers.

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Christodoulos' remarks were seen in part as a reference to the United States, ahead of demonstrations planned this week by anti-globalization and other groups against a visit by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Political and religious leaders in predominantly Orthodox countries used Easter messages to issue appeals for national unity.

At Moscow's Cathedral of Christ the Saviour, new president Vladimir Putin attended Easter prayers led by Patriarch Alexy II.

"God will give us wisdom and lead us down the correct path," he said.
WASHINGTON — College graduates are flocking to America's big cities in search of higher rent, higher crime and driving up home prices.

Though many of the largest cities have relaxed admissions in the past three decades, nearly all have added college graduates, an analysis by The Associated Press shows.

The findings offer hope for urban planners: young people have decoupled from struggling with financial problems, job losses and high poverty rates.

But they also spell trouble for some cities, especially in the Northeast and Midwest, that have fallen behind the South and West in attracting young talent.

"The largest predictor of economic well-being for cities is the percent of college graduates," said Ned Hill, professor of economics at Cleveland State University. To do well, cities must be attractive to educated people.

Nationally, the percentage was more than one-fourth in 2010 among 18- to 34-year-olds and at least bachelor's degree holders in 2011. Some 54 percent had a high school diploma or the equivalent.

By comparison, in 1970 only a bit more than one in 10 adults had a bachelor's degree and about half had a high school diploma.

Seattle was the best-educated city in 2004 with just over half the adults having bachelor's degrees. Following closely were San Francisco, Raleigh, N.C., and Washington and Austin, Texas.

While more males in the Northeast have higher percentages of college graduates, their big cities do far worse.

Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey are the only three states where more than five percent of adults with college degrees in 2004. But the Northeast placed no city among the top five, and only one from the region — Boston — was in the top 20.

Cities with few college graduates have a hard time generating good-paying jobs. That, in turn, makes it hard to attract new residents, said Richard Vedder, an economics professor at Ohio University. "I think they are struggling to recover from the decline of U.S. manufacturing," Vedder said.

Among the three, Cleveland had the largest share of college graduates in 2004 and 2011 and older. "So people are paying more for their brains than for their bones," said Vedder. "The nerds and the geeks are ruling the world.

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Many cities with a lot of college graduates, such as Baltimore, have a high percentage of businesses, even with the softening real estate market.

"Washington was the coolest in 2004, with a median home value of $345,000 and $155,000 in new data. That was more than four times the national median of $18,144.

Cities that want to increase their college graduates can focus on an environment that welcomes outsiders, including immigrants and people of different races, said the U.S. said Richard Florida, professor of public policy at George Mason University.

"You know what they say, they say we want our kids back. We want them to stop leaving," Florida said, paraphrasing leaders of many depressed cities. "They don't say in that they want other people's kids to move there."

Most big cities are strapped with struggling public schools and need to attract outsiders to improve education levels among adults. It's possible, in part because unmarried college graduates are the most mobile demographic group, according to census data.

"Cities realize that they can attract educated people and they don't need good schools to do it," said Florida today. "The Rise of the Creative Class.

"But cities need good schools to keep people from fleeing to the suburbs."

Wankel died in a single-engine plane crash while in Bloomington. The main fuselage appeared to be in one piece, but the landing gear was still attached, but the wings were damaged.

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The music school, with about 1,600 students, is one of the largest in the nation, with programs in opera, jazz, orchestral music, contemporary music and early music. Still, Gerber said, it has "a family kind of environment.

Students are taking it very hard," he said.

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In his response to University President Father John Jenkins' closing statement, Rev. John J. Coughlin, O.F.M. argues that "the University needs to hire more devout Catholic professors who cherish the Catholic approach to reason and are also top-notch in their respective academic disciplines." This is to enter classroom discussion, outside of possible scriptural part of the Church. He never once in my courses in political science did I hear any mention of religious perspectives on issues, and I would have benefited immensely from such input.

Unless a student gets to know a professor on a one-to-one basis, the faith and beliefs of the professor seem to be irrelevant. There is a long held tradition in academia that seems to separate the personal beliefs in both the secular and religious spheres from teaching. If this is the case, why would a person's religious background matter? In my two years of Notre Dame, the most meaningful conversations that I had about Catholicism were with a non-Christian faculty member who, out of personal interest, knew an immense amount about Catholicism and challenged me to understand more about Catholicism, particularly about the Church that is important to Hub bard's writings. To be honest, I was pleasantly surprised by the scriptural part of the Church.

Hubbard's teachings did seem to offer thoughtful insights on how to cleanse one's soul and become a psychomathematically sound individual. But then things just got weird.

The minister dragged out an E- Meter — a 1950s electromagnetistic sensor that measures an individual's stress levels — and proceeded to test it on me out of the congregation. Then, the doors to the chapel were ominously slammed shut as the lights were dimmed, and I grabbed my wicker chair expecting my soul to be sucked out and the willows to engulf me with the E-Meter.

Instead, we ended the service with an activity called group processing, in which those of us in the congregation proceeded to roll our necks, nod our heads, find the floor, envision the walls, find our heads and bodies and words like, "You're still in the Church!" back and forth with the minister. I literally felt I was a four-year-old with ADD playing Simon Says with my psychiatrist and therefore had no desire to stick around after the service to sign up for the exceptionally expensive weekday processing sessions.

Still, with absolutely no mention of sins, silent births or Tom Cruise, I have to admit I was a little disappointed with the whole Scientology experience — except for the part where I got to watch middle-aged men and women shouting things like, "My head is a part of my body! My body is in the chair! The chair is on the floor!"

If L. Ron Hubbard really did start this whole thing just to test it out on a member of the church, I'm not sure if the joke was on him or on these ideos.

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Too soon for 'United 93'

On a September morning when I was a junior in high school.

We don’t need a major motion picture about September 11. We can still see footage of it on CNN. Note that CNN is a 24-hour news network, not to be confused with EI, the 24-hour entertainment network.

A film about September 11 will never be viewed as entertainment in the same way that MTV’s “The Real World” is. One hundred and twenty-six years from now, September 11 will undoubtedly evoke strong emotions in those who didn’t watch two airplanes hit the World Trade Center towers in the middle of their American History class. But for these students, the events of September 11 will no longer be front-page news. For these students, September 11 will truly be American history.

Flight 93 crashed in a Pennsylvania field on September 11, 2001. It was part of the most devastating attack on American soil. Four and a half years later, Universal Studios is releasing a movie about it. That’s just too soon.

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Catholicism equals patriarchy?

In the April 19 issue of The Observer, Julie Nichols expressed her perspective on how we students could do our part to “make the world a better place” and “ease the suffering in the world” through decisions based on “compassion and decency” (“Tid campus eateries of battery cage eggs”). I highly doubt anyone—me included—believe that the actions they take are worthy of our attention and commitment, as suffering and injustice rampant on both an international and local scale.

Amidst my consideration of how to address suffering in the world, I found myself wondering what role farmers are confining their egg-producing chickens to “make the world a better place.”

But I’m not alone. What I found myself wondering is that there are those who believe that the actions they take are worthy of our attention and commitment, as suffering and injustice rampant on both an international and local scale.

This is a topic that truly deserves my attention. Let me forget about the international struggles against genocide in Sudan, the enslave-

I cannot truly express my severe disappointment that human rights (on whatever scale) are less important than the quality of life for our average chicken. It is not that we shouldn’t be stepping up our end of the world as a campus or a society. While nothing nec-

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The reason that Catholicism equals patriarchy is that it allows for the idea that men are superior to women and that there are certain roles that are reserved for men and women. This has been a tradition in Catholicism for centuries and it has been upheld by the Church hierarchy.

In a society that values male dominance, the idea that women are equal to men in terms of their rights and freedoms can be seen as a threat to the status quo.

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Paul Greengrass' "United 93" opens next weekend, pre-empting other 9/11 themed films and documentaries. The film is projected to perform well both critically and commercially, particularly in pre-release screenings.

"United 93" is particularly notable because it is the first major fictional film based on the events of 9/11. Prior media coverage, primarily documentary in nature, including slanted non-fiction like Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11." From "Titanic" to "Schindler's List" to Greengrass' own "Blood Sunday," historical tragedies are cinematic staple. Yet never has the event been as close to the American people as 9/11, and perhaps more importantly, 9/11 was a recent event. Unlike most films based on historical events, "United 93" arrives less than half a decade from the tragedy itself.

This raises an important question: is it too soon? "United 93" lacks the advantage of time and history given to more cinematic depictions of real-life events.

The movie's official Web site (www.united93film.com) claimed, "the time has come for contemporary cinema to critically investigate the events of 9/11." But is it truly time for such an investigation? Is it five years enough? There are those for whom the event is still a very real and very fresh experience, and in light of America's continued involvement in the Middle East, the consequences of the event are still left unresolved.

The other important question is this: why are the filmmakers trying to achieve? The shock of the tragedy of 9/11 gave way to unified heroism and unbridled patriotism. Greengrass is in "Director's Statement" on the official Web site, speaks of the "courage and endurance" of the men and women involved in 9/11 — is "United 93" thus a film about heroes, or is it, as the trailers lead us to believe, about ordinary people?

The easy answer, of course, is that it's both — a film about ordinary people who became heroes.

Such a depiction is in and of itself extraordinary, especially since the official Web site describes the film as "one of the most heroic legacies of incomprehensible tragedy." Such a statement raises another question if the tragedy of 9/11 is still incomprehensible, if its meaning has not been sorted through time and understanding, is it really appropriate for filmmakers to be depicting such events?

Some may feel uneasy due to the fact that the media seems to have clashed in so quickly on this tragic event. "United 93" is a feature film with a relatively small, but not unsubstantial budget ($15 million dollars). It will undoubtedly make a lot of money in its theatrical release, and then in DVD sales.

Intense, beautiful 'Exils' chronicles self-discovery

By GRACE MYERS
Scene Critic

The 2004 French film "Exils," directed by Yvan Gollif, tells the story of a young couple who travel back to their parent's Algerian homeland, in search of their past, their families and themselves. The rich story is marked by cinematography of every aspect of society, music, and sound and sex. Throughout their journey through Europe and Africa, the couple struggles to find a place where they belong.

"Exils" deals with the difficult issues faced by thousands of Europeans from Northern African descent in a startling artifical landscape. Indeed, the most successful aspects of the film were the technical achievements and the musical score, which highlights the different cultures encountered and propels the plot.

Director: Tony Gollif
Writers: Tony Gollif
Starring: Roman Duris, Lubana Azabal, Leila Makhloud, Habib Chek and Zoubir Gacem

The couple lets time and their story pass by them while they travel to Algeria to work and study in France. In Andalucia, Zano and Naima work in fields with them and hear their story. They also meet many other immigrants who have also snuck into Spain in hopes of finding a better life. Naima learns a little Arabic, while she teaches Leila how to survive in Paris. The couple lets time slip by while they stay in Andalucia, until they finally decide to cross the Mediterranean. Once in Africa, it becomes painfully clear that they are traveling against the norm. This is represented in a scene where the couple walks to the city where Zano's parents and grandparents lived. They must walk against a large crowd going the other way, and in this manner, Zano and Naima recreate the path of refugees.

Upon arrival in Algeria, Zano and Naima's entire backgrounds are not revealed. Instead, the audience only sees the childhood house Zano fled from and a series of photos of relatives, making the past appear even more elusive.

The couple also struggles with the difficulties of the new culture, which is compounded by the fact that they speak very little Arabic. Naima is forced to wear traditional Algerian clothing to avoid being publicly scoffed for her immodest dress. However, she soon feels too constrained and quickly loses the garments. In spite of how little they knew about their past, the couple manages to find a sense of who they are through these trials.

"Exils" is an incredibly interesting and striking film. The cinematography and music is stunning and highly memorable, a showcase for Gollif's talents as a director. The film is difficult at times, but, overall, it is a remarkable portrayal of a passionate journey to self-discovery.
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SHOW REVIEW

‘Rent’ rocks the Morris Performing Arts Center

By LAURA FOX
Scene Writer

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Angels squat past A’s, Rockies outlast Giants

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Greg Maddux is turning 40 in April and making a team missing its offensive star and two of its best pitchers look that much better.

Maddux, who won the Cy Young Award winner, who turned 40 during the first couple scoreless innings Sunday on his way to helping the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-3. He has won his first four starts for the first time in his career, to go with a miniscule 0.99 ERA.

Maddux’s big start is helping relief crew that doesn’t always look good.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Rocks more optimistic about Helton's health**

DENVER — The music was a little louder, the mood a little lighter in the Rockies' clubhouse, and the Rockies' 3-2 win over San Francisco in 10 innings Sunday wasn't the only thing they were celebrating.

Shagger Todd Helton seems to be improving, although the stomach ailment that landed him in the hospital and on the disabled list Friday remained a mystery 48 hours later. "More of a positive vibe because he is feeling better," team trainer Keith Dugger said.

Helton is expected to be released from Rose Medical Center on Monday after another battery of tests. Dugger said doctors "haven't officially eliminated anything" but reiterated that Helton's condition isn't considered life-threatening.

"I think there is improvement," manager Clint Hurdle said. "More optimism maybe today than was yesterday."

**NHL**

**Injured Jagr unable to practice Sunday**

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — Jaromir Jagr got only as far as the trainer's room Sunday after leaving the ice with his left arm limp a day earlier in the New York Rangers' playoff opener.

His teammates practiced without him and there was no indication immediate that the All-Star who scored 123 goals and 223 assists in 11 seasons with the Pittsburgh Penguins was going to play any time soon.

"We're definitely playing with confidence," Devils forward Jamie Langenbrunner said. "When you have confidence, things seem to go better."

The first half of New York's practice was sluggish without him and there was no immediate indication that Jagr was going to practice at all before the Rangers' next game against the Devils at 4 p.m. Monday.

"There's no immediate indication that he's going to play," coach Tom Renney said.

"More of a thought would probably sideline him for only a couple of days could end up keeping him off the mound for more than a week," Renney said.

"But we're going to be really very, very careful here and make sure that we give him a chance to assess where he is, both psychologically and physically," Renney said.

"Rangers defensemen Dartus Kasparaitis also sat out Sunday's practice as he recovers from a groin injury that forced him to miss 12 of the last 14 games."

**Injured Street still unavailable for A's**

OAKLAND, Calif. — Huston Street's strained chest muscle is taking longer to heal than he might have expected.

What the Oakland Athletics' closer thought would probably sideline him for only a couple of days could end up keeping him off the mound for more than a week.

Street was unavailable to pitch for the fifth straight day Sunday and his status for a three-game series at Texas starting Monday also is in doubt. The A's have an off day Thursday before a weekend series at Kansas City, so they might decide to rest the reigning AL Rookie of the Year until then to be extra cautious.

Street played catch for the second straight day Sunday but did not feel good enough to work off the mound, which had been a possibility if he had been physically able. Trainer Larry Davis is going to be conservative with Street.

**Red Sox, former player agree to send World Series ball to Hall of Fame**

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox and their former first baseman, Doug Mientkiewicz, agreed to end their legal fight over ownership of the ball from the final out of the 2004 World Series by sending it to the Hall of Fame.

An amicable agreement was reached months ago, and it provides a permanent home for the ball at the Hall of Fame, with opportunities for some public display as well as Fenway Park," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said via e-mail Sunday.

The agreement was first reported Saturday night in The New York Times.

Pitcher Keith Foulke fielded the ball off the bat of Edgar Renteria on Oct. 27, 2004, and threw to Mientkiewicz for the final out of Boston's four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals.

**Around the Dial**

**NBA**

DENVER — The music was a little louder, the mood a little lighter in the Colorado's clubhouse, and the Rockies' 3-2 win over San Francisco in 10 innings Sunday wasn't the only thing they were celebrating.

Shagger Todd Helton seems to be improving, although the stomach ailment that landed him in the hospital and on the disabled list Friday remained a mystery 48 hours later. "More of a positive vibe because he is feeling better," team trainer Keith Dugger said.

Helton is expected to be released from Rose Medical Center on Monday after another battery of tests. Dugger said doctors "haven't officially eliminated anything" but reiterated that Helton's condition isn't considered life-threatening.

"I think there is improvement," manager Clint Hurdle said. "More optimism maybe today than was yesterday."
by ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

No. 7 Notre Dame senior Cristy Appleby led the team with four goals and five assists as the Irish snapped their five-game losing streak Sunday, toppping Rutgers 13-8 in a rainy game at Yurcak Field in Piscataway, New Jersey.

"It was ecstatic about the win," Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne said. "I was really happy that our team responded to a lot of the challenges they put out for us."

The Irish got off to a quick start, with senior All-American Caitlin Foote scoring 48 seconds into the game, and recording an assist on freshman J-Shawn Byers' goal 1:04 later. Senior All-American Allie Estes' goals from Katie Batik and the Scarlet Knights were able to tie it just as quickly, breaking the score 2-2 at 22:46.

Although the Irish increased their lead to 5-2 with goals from sophomores Mary Carpenter, Heather Ferguson and Caitlin McKinney — Foote picked up assists on two — Rutgers again fought back, scoring four unanswered goals to go into halftime with a 6-5 lead.

As the second half began, Foote took control offensively. The senior was involved in the first three goals of the half, scoring two goals after picking up an assist on Byers' halftime-opening goal.

A candidate for the Tewaaraton Trophy, which honors the nation's best player, Foote has 55 goals and 29 assists this season, and is among the four-assists-and-up breaking Notre Dame's singleseason and career records.

Foote's nine-point performance was her third of the season and another one by the first Irish player to score more than 200 career points.

"The thing about Cristy (Foote's) game is that she just accomplishes things you don't even notice," Coyne said. "She works hard creating opportunities for others. If ever the defense throws at her, she can recalculate whether it's her time or someone else's.

Once Foote's first goal of the half made the score 7-6, the Irish never relinquished the lead.

After Kathryn Lawrence's goal 6:47 into the half again made it a one-point game at 8-7, Rutgers, who finished with three goals and two assists, scored with 22:16 left to play and ignited a Notre Dame offensive run.

The Irish scored five straight goals, increasing their lead to 13-7 while holding the Scarlet Knights scoreless for six minutes.

With games against No. 13 Syracuse and Vanderbilt remaining on the schedule, Notre Dame hopes to enter the postseason on a high note.

"Our goal this year is to finish on a winning record, and we can do that if we win our next two games," Coyne said. "(However), that will be a tall order with two good teams left to fall.

Notre Dame will play Syracuse at home Saturday at noon.

Notes:
• Byers now holds the Notre Dame freshman record for goals scored. Her first goal of the game, which was scored by Byers, was pushed over the mark.

Byers and senior All-American Allie Estes are the only two Irish players with two goals against.

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The Observer • SPORTS

Irish freshman jumper Blair Majcina prepares to compete in the high jump Jan. 27, 2006 at Notre Dame. For the Irish included Okechi Ogbutukik and Katie Mattson, both took home third place finishes in the 400-meter race and the pole vault, respectively. Notre Dame also added to its point total in the women's high jump as Stacey Cowan, Emily Lim and Lauren Biscardi swept the top three spots.

"We went in with a new philosophy — to win the competition, rather than go for the best mark," Cowan said. "It helps to get your adrenaline pumping.

On the men's side, Garet Kostien was also a winner, dominating the competition in the discus throw with an initial mark of over 51.5 meters. Ryan Postel finished second behind Michigan's Stann Walie in the 400-meter race.

The men also sent four distance runners to Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore. for the Oregon Invitational. Both Benninger and Carpenter, became the third and fourth members of the team to qualify for the NCAA Regionals, as they both finished eighth in the 3000-meter steeplechase since the beginning of the outdoor season.

Chamney finished third in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:29.44. Reminger compet- ed in the 5000-meter run and finished in seventh place of the 15 entrants.

Freshman Patrick Smyth also ran the 5,000-meter for the Irish. His time 14:10.05 was good enough for third place, and he was only 05 seconds away from joining both Benninger and Chamney as a qualifier for the regional meet.

Next week the Irish will split up again with the top athletes going to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. The rest of the meet will compete in the Hilldale Gana Relays in Hilldale, Mich. The two competitions will be the last tune-up before the Big East meet kicks off May 5.
Irish, Walsh down Lehigh in final away game

Fourth quarter surge propels Irish in win

By TIM DOUGHERTY

The only signs of Irish senior Pat Walsh's illness Sunday was his sick play on the field.

Walsh, who Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said felt ill all day, took over in the fourth quarter against Lehigh, scoring three of his four goals to lead No. 17 Notre Dame 18-4, 3-2 GWLL to 10-7 victory at Georgetown Prep in Bethesda, Md.

With the score tied 6-6 after three quarters, Walsh sparked a late Irish surge that outscored the Mountain Hawks (8-6, 4-2 Patriot League) 4-1 in the final frame to pull out Notre Dame's last non-league game.

Despite recording their fourth game with 10 or more goals, Corrigan said poor defensive awareness by the Irish kept Lehigh in the game by making mistakes that led to Mountain Hawk opportunities.

"I thought we did a good job of keeping them in the game for 50 minutes," Corrigan said.

"We also did a good job of closing the game out in the last 10 minutes."

Down 1-0, senior attacker Brandon Harbor gave Corrigan his first score with 7:38 in the first period, and feeding freshman Ryan Hoff's strike minutes after for a short-lived lead.

After knotted the game 2-2 after one period, Lehigh jumped on top to take a 4-2 lead several minutes into the second quarter after one of junior attacker Alec Hooff's team-high three goals.

The Irish closed out the half up 5-4 with three straight scores, the last coming from Walsh's first of a season-high four goals.

Though senior attacker Matt Karweck lifted the Irish lead to two minutes into the third quarter, Notre Dame could not ground the Mountain Hawks -- who soared back after another Hooff goal to win two games after the quarter.

Despite traveling much farther to Georgetown Prep than Lehigh's eastern Pennsylvania home, Corrigan said he arranged the location of the arena because of Notre Dame's home team throughout the day.

Sophomore goalkeeper Joey Kelty, who graduated high school at Georgetown Prep.

"It was a nice atmosphere," Corrigan said.

"We had a good team in the game. They had seven at one point, so I should've probably been 9-3."

After disappointing losses in Colorado last week against No. 15 Denver and Air Force, Corrigan was pleased the Irish made the plays necessary to come out on top Sunday.

"We kept our poise at the end," he said. "And we made the plays down the stretch we needed to make."

With four-point performances by both Walsh and Hubschmann, Sunday's win marked the sixth game this season that the duo combined for eight or more points. It was the second Irish win against a team ranked in the Top 20 at the time of the game.

When the two leading Irish scorers (Walsh 36, Hubschmann 35) fell to notch eight points, the Irish could not play 40 more minutes of consistent lacrosse.

"However, the Irish coach wished Halvorsen's efforts paid dividends in the Irish defense."

"We need them to score and take advantage of opportunities we create as a team," Corrigan said. "Clearly, they're our two best offensive players, and we play better when they put points on the board."

Freshmen attackmen Ryan Hoff and Peter Christman also added their 14th and fourth goals of the season respectively, and Matt Karweck picked up his 16th -- good for third on the Irish season leader board in both goals and points.

Senior reserve face-off specialist Steve Panos split time with injury-ridden sophomore Tom Clagett (whose 616 percentage would put him 10th in the country if he had enough face-offs to qualify) to go 12-19 against the 13th best face-off team in the nation.

"(Clagett) is a little banged up, and Steve gave him a break," Corrigan said. "(Clagett) is really toughing it out... and there are no complaints from him. He's a warrior."

With the non-league schedule finished, the Irish turn their attention to this Saturday's contest against Ohio State (6-5, 3-1 GWLL), who was seeded matches falling 13-9 to No. 15 Denver Friday and downing Air Force 11-7 Sunday. The Irish need convincing wins against the Buckeyes and May 6 at home against Quinsipici (6-5, 0-3 GWLL) to make a late case for an-at-large tournament bid.

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ATP

No. 2 Nadal upsets Federer in Monte Carlo Masters final

Tennis star beaten in French Open warmup

Associated Press

MONTE CARLO, Monaco -- Rafael Nadal called his latest clay-court win over top-ranked Roger Federer easier than No. 8 in the country.

Federer believes he is closer to figuring out how to beat Nadal on clay.

Second-ranked Nadal defended his title at the Monte Carlo Masters with a 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 7-6 (5) win over Federer Sunday, handing the seven-time Grand Slam champion his second defeat of the year.

Nadal has beaten Federer four times in five meetings, and twice on clay after winning in four sets last June at Roland Garros.

Federer, who had 78 unforced errors on his serve, which is the most of his career, also did a good job of keeping the game out in the last 10 minutes."

"To begin the clay season like this, for me, is unbelievable," Nadal said.

"I'm on a very good streak on clay to 42 matches and can pass Bjorn Borg's mark of 46 and move behind Guillermo Vilas (53) if he wins next week at Barcelona.

"One day, for sure, I'm going to lose on clay," said Nadal. "I just hope it isn't next week."

Federer complimented himself on "a fantastic week" and felt his chances of one day overhauling Nadal on clay "went up."

"I've got to adjust quite a bit to play Rafael," Federer said. "But I already feel like I'm improving a lot. The more I play against him, the more I'll be able to figure out his game and the easier it will be."

Nadal broke Federer seven times, overcame a 3-0 deficit in the fourth-set tiebreaker and won the match with a forehand pass that bounced on the line.

"I was giving my best to defend the title," Nadal said.

"I don't care about the unforced errors, as I had no choice but to attack him," Federer said. "I'm going to make errors because I'm the guy pressing."

Nadal served for the second set at 5-4, but Federer broke him, and closed out the tiebreaker with an ace. At the start of the third set, Federer broke Nadal to love and looked comfortable on serve before serving a lapse.

"I thought I let him have a few more points, you know, just stuff out of the blue really,"

Nadal broke for a 5-3 lead, and Federer screamed in frustration while losing the next game.
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Notre Dame dominates opponents in sweeps

Irish hitters unload for 31 runs in four games

By DAN MURPHY and JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writers

Notre Dame finished its home Big East schedule on a high note, sweeping both Villanova and Rutgers in weekend doubleheaders.

Irish pitcher Heather Booth dominated the Scarlet Knights in game one, throwing a perfect game in the five-inning win. The perfect game was Booth's first, as well as her first solo no-hitter in her already illustrious career. The complete game also brought Booth over the 800 inning mark, making her the first Irish pitcher to accomplish this feat in the school's history.

The Irish were also able to hit the ball hard all weekend, driving in eight runs in each of their games and seven in the fourth.

Notre Dame catcher Mallorie Lenn and third baseman Meagan Ruthrauff had bagged days at the plate, each hitting a homerun and driving in multiple runs, and shortstop Sara Schoonaelt made a big impact in the field by robbery hits of what would have been base hits.

Notre Dame 8, Villanova 7

The weekend started in exciting fashion as the Irish (13-13, 13-1 Big East) needed some last minute heroes to overcome the worst inning in Notre Dame's recent history for an 8-7 win over Villanova.

Notre Dame entered the bottom of the seventh down two runs. Ruthrauff started the inning with a deep solo shot over the centerfield wall. Then consecutive doubles brought around Notre Dame first baseman Linda Kohan to tie the game as right fielder Carissa Jaquish, the winning run, stood at second.

Two batters later Notre Dame designated player Erin Glasco stepped to the plate and delivered her second game-winning hit of the season. A sharp single through the left side of the infield scored Jaquish easily, and the Irish survived Villanova's scare.

The excitement for Notre Dame came after an explosive Wildcat fifth inning. Villanova piled up seven runs off of six hits against Booth. There were no errors or extra base hits - the entire Wildcats' lineup got the job done with consistent hitting.

Notre Dame 8, Villanova 3

The second game of the doubleheader was also close for the majority of the game and once again, Glasco came through with the big hit Notre Dame needed. A two-run home run in the fifth inning put the Irish ahead for good.

The score was tied 3-3 as a first up Villanova once again looked to be in position to upset the Irish. Two sacrifices scored Wildcats leadoff hitter Koenig after she started the game with a double to right field.

Notre Dame's scoring started in the fourth frame with three consecutive bunt hits at the top of the order. Ruthrauff then added more as she double into left field to take a 3-2 lead.

The advantage did not last long as the Wildcats responded in the fifth as Villanova first baseman Laura Determan singled in the tying run - setting the stage for Glasco's homer.

The Irish tacked on two more in the fifth and one in the sixth to go ahead 8-3 and freshman Brittany Bargar (4 hits, 7 strikeouts) was able to silence the Irish in the final three innings.

Notre Dame 8, Rutgers 0

The Irish started game one strong against Rutgers (12-34, 4-14) behind Booth's perfect game in five innings of work, including four strikeouts. Booth overpowered Rutgers, using all of her pitches effectively to keep every Scarlet Knight off the bases.

"Booth's perfect game was aided by a hardworking defense behind her, including great plays by Kohan and Jaquish. The defense played awesome today," Booth said. "They went out and took away a lot of hits.

Notre Dame also had a big day at the plate from the start, sending seven batters to the plate in the first and scoring three runs behind a Ruthrauff single and a two-run double by Kohan.

After a quiet second inning, Notre Dame continued the onslaught in the third with two more runs. Kohan knocked in sophomore pinch runner Brittany Gunn with a sacrifice fly while Lenn poked an RBI single over the shortstop to add another run to the Irish lead.

Notre Dame finished off the five-inning contest with a big final inning, led by back-to-back homeruns by Lenn and Ruthrauff. Kohan followed with a walk and Glasco finished off the win with an RBI double to left center.

"We unloaded on their pitching today," Booth said. "They tried a lot of different things against us, but no one could control our bats today.

Notre Dame 7, Rutgers 0

The Irish came out a little slow in the second game, but an explosive five-run fifth inning helped Notre Dame pull well out of reach from the Scarlet Knights and complete the sweep.

Notre Dame batted around in the fifth, starting with a double to the warning track in center by second baseman Katie Laing. Laing's base hit was followed by a single from Schoonaelt and a two-run double to left center by Lenn to give the Irish a 3-0 lead.

The Irish were able to knock in three more runs in the inning to secure their eventual 7-0 win.

One important reason for the offensive turnaround for the Irish in the fifth was their ability to make adjustments to Rutgers' pitching.

"We needed that big rally in the fifth," Gumpf said. "We had the bases loaded with no outs twice, and we couldn't have that. We made some good adjustments in the fifth and that really helped out.

With the sweep, the Irish complete their home Big East schedule, but still have key matchups on the road against Louisville and South Florida to come.

"We aren't looking to the postseason yet, because we still have a lot of tough parts of the season left," Booth said. "Louisville and USF are going to be big games that we need to win.

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Irish pitcher Heather Booth delivers a pitch in an April 21 win against Ball State. Booth pitched a perfect game Sunday against Rutgers in an 8-0 win.

Tony D'Souza reads from his debut novel

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Average Joe's, Smush Parker also advance

By TIM DOUGHERTY AND FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writers

In a business battle between old and new, No. 11 KPMG steamrolled its toughest competition of the tournament so far to advance to the round of 64 with a 21-7 win against Fully Depreciated.

Matched against five formally-sized University employees in the accounting office, whose name suggests their game account isn't what they used to be, the accounting firm-sponsored students overcame experience with fresh innovation — and KPMG established a physical defensive presence early, locking up its strength with youthful quickness that enabled the team to frustrate turnovers when Fully Depreciated players drove into the lane.

"These guys were pretty big and physical, so it was good to go out and bang with them," KPMG center Tim Dougherty, former Notre Dame student Greg Hiltz said, while adding that fully Depreciated was KPMG's most worthy victim thus far.

former walk-on running back Rob Finken led KPMG to an 11-4 halftime lead with four of his five points. The six-footer, who averaged three points on mid-range jumpers to stretch the lead to 15-4, hit shot tingly the nylon, en route to his game-high seven points for KPMG, of whom Hiltz said — if not for sponsorship restrictions — would be aptly named Tim D'Agostino.

Hylde and Hiltz, two Kegous Hall "Sons of Grace," were too much for Grace Hall's current office occupiers, according to fully Depreciated's Andy Ronder, who said the team did not have high expectations for the game.

Captain Kyle Johnson agreed, especially since the team had to pick up two late subs.

"The score was closer than the game looked," Johnson said.

The Smush Parker Project 23. TEAM VINY

Bookstore Basketball learned a new term Sunday, as Team Viny found out what it feels like to get "smushed" in the final days of its 138 point season.

Though Webster and Oxford may not include "smushed" in their literal lexicons, the definition would have something to do with falling behind 8-0, being dominated in the paint, and succumbing to relentless transition basketball by Dillon Dame.

Michael Wakim was all over the court for Smush Parker,bounding ball handlers by picking their pockets or forcing errant throws. Smush Parker then beat Viny down the court to convert those turnovers into easy baskets around the net. Only one of Smush Parker's first-half points came outside of 10 feet from the rim, as the squad commanded an 11-4 lead.

Team Viny struggled to find an inside presence all day, settling for unsuccessful long jumpers into unpredictably windy conditions.

Wakim was on the receiving end of several fastbreaks that he started, leading Smush Parker with six points and several steals in a game which the team was fully prepared.

"We came and scouted them the game before and knew we had nothing to worry about," Wakim said confidently.

After the win, Smush Parker ran through a tunnel of hands and smiles from his numerous fans.

"We had great fun support out there," Wakim said.

"We had the sixth man on the sidelines." On the court, it was Mark Langhans who complimented Wakim's performance with five points off the bench, while teammate T.J. Paganelli scored seven overall.

"They got smushed," he said.

Team Mountain Lightning 21, Team Pageantry 15

With a smashmouth style of play resembling that of a football team, Team Mountain Lightning defeated Pageantry Monday. Mountain Lightning's Greg Gills was able to put up a game-high 13 points despite the most likely pick-and-pop play by both teams.

"Nobody could hit a shot in the beginning, but I eventually found my stroke," Gills said.

Both teams maintained high intensity throughout the contest, but Mountain Lightning was able to pull away early in the second half after taking a 5-point lead.

"Both teams got pissed off but, after about two hours of play, we were happy to come out with the win," Mountain Lightning's Richard Cervaro said.

"Cervaro also said the Pageantry players were poor sports when they fell behind.

"They got really whiny," he said.

Mountain Lightning was thrilled to advance to the next round against the team that won't hurt him in the slightest.

"We're definitely ready to move on," Cervaro said.

Average Joe's 21, Justice League of Notre Dame 10

Average Joe's cruised to a victory over a less-than-super Justice League of Notre Dame team Sunday. The Average Joe's team was still prognosing for its round of 64 matchup.

"We got" to that next team Monday and Average Joe's coach Benedict "Hendry" DiResta said, "we wanna know where the gold at.

Average Joe's dominated the sphere before he freshmen to build an 11-6 halftime lead. It also employed a slocating 2-3 zone that Justice League was unable to solve throughout.

"Average Joe's point guard Jeff Schweitzer, generously listed at 5-10, was the key to the offensive burden to take the pressure off of the rest of the team," Jeff said. "I played like he was at 5-3-foot-8 today," Pietrzak said.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV
No. 11 KPMG cruises past Fully Depreciated

By JOE QUINN
Sports Writer

After a week-long hiatus following their best outing of the spring, the Irish will travel to Dedes City, Fla. for the Big East Championship on Monday and Tuesday.

After hosting the Big East Championship five out of the past six years, Notre Dame will attempt to win its third straight championship on South Florida's home course.

The course, however, is not the only new element of the tournament this year. After expanding the conference, Notre Dame will see a number of new teams.

"With several new Big East teams now in the fold, it should make for a very competitive event," Irish coach Jim Curran said.

One of the new teams, Louisville, has replaced Notre Dame atop the Big East standings, much to the team's dismay.

"I was a little surprised by that," Kubienski said. "Especially after the win against Seton Hall (Bolliemaker Invitational), to see Louisville cruised to their first place spot, they will most likely call on their seemingly unmatched experience.

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This year's design focuses on connecting Notre Dame's storied tradition to this year's team and to the student body as a whole. The back design highlights some of the images of that tradition that have special significance for current students. The design features Knute Rockne and the Four Horsemen, universally recognized as the founding fathers of Notre Dame lore and for many of us, the first images that come to mind when thinking of Notre Dame Tradition. Also included are Ara Parseghian, whose teams were the subject of so many of the stories our parents told about Notre Dame, and Lou Holtz, the last national champion coach at Notre Dame, and Charlie Weis, our current head coach. Finally, the slogan "This is the day and you are the team" refers to the football team, the students and the entirety of the Notre Dame community and our extraordinary opportunity to add another chapter to the greatest tradition in college sports this upcoming fall.

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THIS IS THE DAY
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Bettis makes return to ND

By ERIC RETTER

American Sports Editor

NEW ORLEANS — Former Notre Dame running back Jerome Bettis said Saturday’s game was the first time he returned to Notre Dame Stadium since entering the NFL in 1993.

Bettis was one of four hon­
onary coaches for the Bulls along with former Irish stand­
s喜欢 Rockit Ismael, Bob Golle and Mike Golic.

Bettis said he had seen road games when Notre Dame played near Pittsburgh when he was with the Steelers, but team­

constraints kept him from attending road games.

That’s a job, so I couldn’t make it," he quipped.

Bettis’ appearance was a long time coming. Bettis said a prior commitment prevented him from serving as an hon­
orary coach at last year’s Blue­

Gold Game but told Irish coach Charlie Weis that he would coach the 2006 event.

"That was a near-and-a-half in advance, and didn’t let me get out of it," Bettis said. "It was a really hot and humid. It’s a
done deal, go to the next ques­
tion.

Bettis said he was glad to finally return to the field at Notre Dame.

"It was fun I got some goose­

bumps on the tunnel, and he said. "I’m just glad to be back and be a part of everything here."

◆ The attendance of 42,279 was the highest in Blue­

Gold history.

Bob Golle attributed this to the fact that the coaching staff have brought to the program.

"That’s a different look in people, there’s a different look in the eyes of the players there’s a different look in the eyes of the fans, because they see something,” he said.

"Everything is going in the right direction, fundamentally there’s this optimism, this excitement, people are actually enjoying going to the game."

◆ Junior punter Geoff Price had a strong showing Saturday afternoon, moving closer in becoming the starting punter. Price punted the ball nine times, with punts of 43, 45, 50 and 52 yards for a 46.3-yard average.

"It’s good to see price punting the ball pretty well," Weis said. "He had multiple 50 yard punts, that lifts my spirits."

◆ Irish kicker Carl Giosa struggled Saturday, going 1-for­

3 in field goals.

"Shaiving two field goals, sign me up I concede," Weiss said.

But he was pleased that Giosa rebounded and made the kick to end the game.

"Even though it’s not the pressure of real game it’s still the last play of the game," Weis said. "You kick the field goal, you’re either in overtime or you win the game in overtime, so just like when a quarterback throws an interception, you want to come out there and throw a pass right off the bat and get it out of the way, well thing with field goals."

◆ Notre Dame’s back Travis Thomas capped his strong spring with the 77-yard touchdown run in the third quarter.

Weis told Thomas’ hard­hitting style complements the type of stamina the

Calvin’s is a really good

league.

SMC TENNIS

Belles drop match to Calvin 8-1

By GREG ARBOGAST

Sports Writer

This is how Saint Mary’s

experience.

We have played such as tough schedule this year, South Florida is a good team, they just won and played as tough of a schedule, and that experience really helped us out,” he said. "We played a lot on the road against good teams, so playing there didn’t affect us.

However, the one variable that was difficult to adjust were the weather conditions. "It was really hot and humid, and we did a good job of surviv­
ing that," Louderback said.

“We also didn’t have really long matches leading up to the final, so we were pretty well­

rested.”

Notre Dame returns to the courts on May 12 in the first round of the NCAA Championships.

The draw will be announced on May 3.
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ing faltered in the seventh.

"I've coached too many games against Rutgers to know that we're not going to quit on us," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said.

Southpaw reliever Mike Duffy surrendered two runs on three straight hits to take the lead for the Scarlet Knights, and we had some leads we didn't turn into wins," Mainieri said. With two on and very senior dominated three runs and was hit in the left knee with a hot-shot up in a game, and I could sit here and say I don't know who the victory was our pitching," Mainieri said. "I thought Kyle Weiland was phenomenal at the end of the game."

"But Rutgers' lead hitter Tom Thornton, who was allowed three runs and was left in the left with a hot-shot up the middle in the first inning. Mainieri allowed Thornton to finish the first inning, but left him after he surrendered a double to Grose in the second.

In the first, the Scarlet Knights catcher Frank Meade delivered a two-run double off the left, and the Irish took a 4-0 lead. But Rutgers' lead hitter was 4-for-5 with two doubles and a two-run dinger. "[Cooper] has been phenomenal. If he's not the player of the year in the conference, I don't know who is," Mainieri said. "He's just been fantastic - great defense at first base, hitting in the clutch, getting us going, hitting home runs, doing all the things that he needs to do."

The Irish added two more runs in the sixth inning off a bases loaded chop RBI single over the pitcher's head by third baseman Brett Lilley and a bases loaded walk by a rookie DH. Mainieri said, "I think we were better, but sometimes you're better and you don't play like it, and I think we established control early and stayed the whole match."

Notre Dame 4, Georgetown 0

In the quarterfinals against eighth-seeded Georgetown, the Irish had no problems overcoming the Hoyas. "Georgetown was not a difficult match in that we've played a much more challenging season, and we're just definitely better in every position, and the scores reflected that," Bayliss said.

In doubles, Heilgen and Rizzo won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 4 and Keckley and Lilley led 7-3 at No. 3 before the match was abandoned. "But we've won our share of close matches this year ... when the point was clinched, the match was abandoned."

Notre Dame defeated the Scarlet Knights 6-0, 6-0 at No. 1, Heilgen and Langenkamp led before the match was abandoned. "The Irish will have a much-needed rest before returning to prepare for the rest of the season.

"We'll definitely take tomorrow off - they're pretty beaten up right now," Bayliss said. "We'll bounce back. The next time, hopefully we're in this situation - maybe in the NCAA tournament - we'll win those matches when they're close.

"We didn't play well in doubles, but well enough to win all the matches, and in singles we were absolutely in control of every single match," Bayliss said. "It was over quickly."
Clausen

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high school teammate Marc Tyler, a 6-foot, 215-pound running back.

Tyler is widely considered one of the top three tailbacks in the country for his class.

"I've seen Clausen's interest in Notre Dame boom since the first time he brought me out here for (Notre Dame's) junior day," Tyler said after the press conference. "I was like, 'What school are you going to recruit me to?' But he wouldn't say. After that, I knew he liked Notre Dame a lot."

Clausen's father, Jim, said he was pleased with Jimmy's decision.

"It's a dream come true," Jim Clausen said. "I'm overwhelmed by all this. We're incredibly honored."

Jim Clausen said he is most proud of the effort his son has put into his football career.

"I don't know if Jimmy's good enough to play football at Notre Dame or not, but I know he's a young man that has worked extremely hard to get to this point," he said.

Jimmy Clausen's brother, Casey Clausen, said he wanted to play at Notre Dame but went to Tennessee because Irish coach Bob Davie wanted an option quarterback at the time instead of a drop-back passer. Casey Clausen started four years for the Volunteers from 2000-03.

"I think one Coach Weis came here and did what he did last year, with Coach Willingham's players basically. It kind of opened up Jimmy's eyes a little bit," he said. "He's one of a kind — and I'm his oldest brother, so I'm his biggest critic. But this is a kid who's kind of in a league of his own."

Clausen's announcement gives Notre Dame three verbal commitments for his recruiting class.

Kerry Neal, a defensive end from Rummel, N.C., and linebacker Aaron Nagel of Lemoent, Ill., have already said they intend to play for Notre Dame.

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up front without blitzing, I thought that there was good pressure applied, especially by that first group on defense," head coach Charlie Weis said. "I thought the first line was creating a lot of havoc in there, which was encouraging."

The effort was led by junior defensive tackle Trevor Laws, whose 10 solo tackles and a tackle for loss earned him the Defensive MVP award.

"Obviously, Trevor (Laws) got the MVP because of the penetration he was causing right there," Weis said.

The blue team was led by the starting offense and the gold team was led by the starting defense. Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis pitted the first team units against each other and the second team units against each other in order to ensure parity.

His plan worked. The game was a scoreless tie for much of the first half, until junior wide receiver Jeff Samardzija caught a 35-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Charlie Weis pitted the first 10-7 victory. Samardzija caught a 35-yard touchdown pass from Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis with 3:15 left in the second quarter.

An 83-yard touchdown run by senior running back Travis Thomas in the third quarter was the only other score until Golic's game-winner.

"I showed patience and someone had to break open for us," Thomas said. "[Ferrine] was coming behind me and I was like 'five more [yards], five more [yards]' and I looked behind me and I was like 'leap!' and I got in there."

The game's first possession ended when Samardzija attempted a pass and was intercepted by cornerback Ambrose Wooden. The play was one of four trick plays drawn up by the two offensive honorary coaches, Raghib Ismail and Jerome Bettis, none of which had much success.

But while Ismail and Bettis used their permitted trick plays, the defensive coaches — Bob and Mike Golic — didn't participate much in the on-field action.

"They gave us both headphones that didn't work, we got incom­ming but there was no ongoing," Bob Golic joked after the game. "I got that right away (that our headphones didn't work, my brother) Mike actually didn't get that until the second quar­ter."

On the next possession, Gold appeared poised to score, driv­ing 60 yards in nine plays behind 4-of-5 passing from freshman quarterback Evan Sharpless, but the drive stalled and Golic missed the 34-yard field goal.

After the game, Weis was pleased with the play of both defenses — especially since the Irish ran a base defense for much of the afternoon.

"I think that it's been pretty obvious that one of the things we've worked our way through the spring is to try it relationship­ally simple to make sure that we can evaluate their athletic abil­ity based off of them not hav­ing to think about what they have to do," Weis said. "I think it's a positive when you can turn 'em instead of playing base defense and be able to hold up pretty well."

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Football Recruiting
Highly-touted recruit Clausen commits to Irish

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

SOUTH BEND — For Jimmy Clausen, it was all about the coach. The Westlake Village, Calif., quarterback said Saturday he will attend Notre Dame thanks to the straightforward recruiting of Irish coach Charlie Weis.

"It all comes down to Coach Weis," Clausen said. "Throughout the recruiting process, he has been straightforward with me. I just think this is a great situation, and every high school quarterback would want to play under Coach Weis."

In front of more than 250 people during a news conference in front of the Hesiman Gallery at the College Football Hall of Fame was the nation's No. 1 high school quarterback — and arguably the most highly touted quarterback recruit since Ron Powlus — announced he will enter Notre Dame as an early-enrollee next spring.

"I think you all know why I'm here today," Clausen said. "I'm very excited and proud to say that in January I'll be attending the University of Notre Dame."

Clausen's announcement was part of a whirlwind of positive news for Notre Dame fans. The 6-foot-3, 195-pound protege of renowned quarterback coach Steve Clarkson has thrown 88 touchdowns and just 11 interceptions while leading his Oaks Christian High School team to a 27-0 record as a starter.

"I'd like to say 'thank you' to Coach Weis for having the confidence in me throughout the recruiting process," Clausen said. "I look forward to meeting my future teammates and help bring us national championships." 

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Feeling Blue
Gioia boots game-winner as time expires, Blue edges Gold 10-7

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Editor

With only 17 total points, it was clear Saturday's annual Blue-Gold game was a defensive battle. But the story of the game wasn't either team's defense — it was the leg of junior Carl Gioia that gave the blue team a 10-7 victory.

Gioia nailed a 20-yard field goal to break the 7-7 tie as time expired in the fourth quarter — in front of a record 41,279 fans. Gioia had missed a 34-yard field goal earlier in the first quarter and Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis was happy the junior ended the game on his goal.

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Baseball
Streak hits 22 with Rutgers sweep

By KEN FOWLER, KYLE CASSHY and CHRIS HOREY
Sports Writers

There was no catch-22 for Rutgers in this weekend's Big East tournament. The Irish (31-8, 14-1 Big East) beat Rutgers 14-12 in a wild game Sunday to sweep the Scarlet Knights and extend their winning streak to a program-record 22 games.

But it wasn't easy.

Ahead of Rutgers 14-6 with a 21-game winning streak on the line, Notre Dame's pitching

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