[The Observer]

**Trustees chair awarded Laetare**

By JOHN-PAUL WITT

Patrick McCartan, the chair of Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, will join the company of accomplished Catholics like former president John F. Kennedy and activist Dorothy Day as the 133rd recipient of the University's Laetare Medal. McCartan will receive the medal during the University's undergraduate commencement exercises May 14.

The Laetare Medal — first awarded in 1883 — is typically regarded as the most prestigious award given to American Catholics. It is modeled as an American compliment to the Golden Rose, a papal award that has existed since the 11th century. "Notre Dame's auspicious institutional position as it enters a new era owes much to Pat McCartan's strong and sure leadership," University President Father John Jenkins said in a news release. "We hope to convey with this, our highest honor, the gratitude Notre Dame owes him as well."

McCartan has been cited in surveys conducted by The National Law Journal as one of the country's most respected and influential lawyers.

He was elected Board chair and University fellow in 2000 and has served on the Board since 1989. His tenure as chair was highlighted by the election in 2004 and inauguration in 2005 of Jenkins as Notre Dame's 17th president. McCartan graduated from Notre Dame as an undergraduate in 1956 and earned a juris doctor degree from Notre Dame Law School in 1959. He served as a law clerk for former Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart before becoming a senior partner at Jones Day, an international law firm with 30 offices worldwide. Among other honors, McCartan has received the Archdiocese of Cleveland's 1994 Archbishop Edward F. Hoban Award and the Anti-Defamation League's 1998 Torch of Liberty Award. He also received an honorary degree from Notre Dame in 1996. See LAETARE/page 8

**SUB anticipates SNL speaker series**

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By BECKY HOGAN

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**New editors assume roles at The Observer**

Observer Staff Report

The Observer's new department editors take over their 2007-08 General Board positions today, although two of the editors will not begin until August and three positions are not yet filled. Editor in Chief Menna Menella announced Monday.

Three of the 14 positions are being filled by those who have previously served in their posts. Kyle West has served as copy editor since the fall of 2006 and will continue through this semester before becoming business manager in the fall.

Joey King will remain as editor of the Viewpoint Department through 2007-08. He has held that post since the spring of 2006.

Priscilla Shank will also serve as photo editor through 2007-08. Menella was appointed to the position in the spring of 2006.

The nine new General Board appointments are:

- Karen Langley, news editor
- Chris Prieto, features editor
- Joey King, copy editor
- Kyle West, copy editor
- Menna Menella, sports editor
- Katie Kohler, Saint Mary's editor
- Madison Reese, senior editor
- Kelly Gronli, ad sales manager
- Cortez, managing editor

"All of the editors bring significant talent and experience to their respective positions," Menella said. "I am confident the
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Loving the college life

The moment I stepped onto the Notre Dame campus, I fell in love with the school.

Ever since, I've continued to love the school and the people, but until recently, I wasn't ready to call it my home. Throughout the year I have been one of those students who got so excited to go home for break.

But this spring break I realized something. I realized that Notre Dame is my new home, my college friends are my true friends, and frankly, I really enjoy (and I am now used to) the freedom of college.

My spring break started out awesome. I went home to Scottsdale, Arizona. My parents picked me up from the airport Friday afternoon, and then I met up with my best friend, and we all went out to dinner.

On Saturday, my mom took me shopping and we got our nails done. I went to a spring training game with my mom and my dog (kind of random, I know) so we went there on Monday I went to lunch and did some more shopping with more friends. But by Tuesday I was already bored. Some friends and family went back to work and back to school while others had already drifted so far apart from me.

I've grown so accustomed to the freedom of living on my own (well at least away from my parents). I can do whatever I want, whenever I want, with whomever I want on campus.

At home I'm back under my family's roof. My parents aren't too strict or anything, but I can't randomly leave at two o'clock in the morning if I feel like it. And I can't come home one night without an explanation if I don't want to give one.

Also, at home my friends aren't able to just walk from my room like they are at school. It takes a little more planning and driving to hang out with anyone at home.

At all, in all, I really enjoy the freedom and convenience of living on campus.

As spring break comes to an end, I'm ready to head back to my home under the Dome. My week off school has been relaxing, but, like my family and friends in Arizona, I'm ready to get back to work and back to life as I now know it. During this break, I realized Notre Dame is my new home, and my friends at school are my true friends. As ironic as it is, I'm excited to sleep in my twin-sized bunk bed, share a room with my amazing roomies, and eat food outside the dining halls, etc.

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Group co-sponsors Midnight Madness event

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) members awarded a $3,000 co-sponsorship to the prize committee of the College’s annual Midnight Madness event at the group’s meeting Monday. The committee will use the money to purchase prizes to give out at the event.

Midnight Madness, which will be held Friday, is an all-school event where each class competes in events like tug-of-war and pie eating contests to show school spirit.

"Our goal this year is to get more people involved because in years past people felt left out in the games that were going on," said Julie DeMaio, co-chair of the prize committee.

"The grab of Midnight Madness is to have big prizes so people will want to come," Cassie Callon, Midnight Madness prize committee co-chair.

"The problem is that we’ve gotten five of this and five of that and we’d preferably like to have the same thing for, say, 23 people on the same team," DeMaio said.

Event organizers also hope to feature larger prizes such as a big screen television, prize committee co-chair Cassie Callon said. "The grab of Midnight Madness is to have big prizes so people will want to come," Callon said.

In the course of deliberations about how much to award to the committee, BOG members pointed out that Linda Timm—the former vice president of Student Affairs who donated big-ticket items in past years—was no longer at the College. "I know Dr. Timm would donate a few big prizes, and those won’t be there this year," admissions commissioner Annie Davis said.

In other BOG news:

• The Women Honoring Women Dinner will be held on Wednesday. Professors Astrid Henry, Susan Latham and Nancy Turner were nominated for the award, and the recipient will be announced during the dinner.

• The Student Academic Council will host a luncheon Monday at 12 p.m. for students and faculty in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall to discuss possible changes to the general education requirements in the curriculum at Saint Mary’s.

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We try to bring people in that change things up a bit," Vassel said. "The SNL idea just came up this semester - there is a lot of diversity there, and it is a show that everybody knows, so everybody rallied around this idea."

In the past SUB has hosted speakers in entertainment, including "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" drummer Max Weinberg and "Family Guy" writer Mark Henry, but this is the first time that SUB has organized a speaker series - a project Vassel said would not have been possible without the help of Student Activities.

"This is a unique project that is largely being made possible by the Student Activities Office," Vassel said. "Normally we wouldn't be able to take this on without Student Activities. We organized it, and they are helping us out with the financial resources."

Vassel said SUB Ideas and Issues committee programmers Brian Sarnacki and Kerri Keelsonsky "put in a lot of hours and research" contacting prospective speakers and working with their agents to determine whether the speakers would be within SUB's budget.

"Once agents give a standard asking fee, we pass it on to our advisor, and a contract is worked out," Sarnacki said. Sarnacki said SUB plans to make an announcement in the near future indicating when the speaker series will take place. Vassel said SUB also hopes to have one SNL speaker at the beginning of April and another during April.

Bringing celebrities to campus is not always an easy task, he said, since many of the speakers that SUB planned to book for the Speaker Series have busy schedules.

"Tim Meadows was one of the people at the top of our list, and we were disappointed when his agent called and said he wasn't going to be able to make it," Vassel said. "We plan on being a lot more diligent about this in the future to make sure we don't have another situation like this."

Meadows was scheduled to appear Feb. 28 as the first speaker in the series, but canceled because he is in the process of filming an upcoming movie.

Despite scheduling conflicts, Vassel said most celebrity speakers are eager to accept the invitation to speak to Notre Dame students about their experiences.

"Generally it doesn't take a lot to get speakers to come to campus. They are generally willing and interested - it just comes down to a matter of their schedules and what they've got going," Vassel said. "In terms of willingness, we receive a very positive response."

Many of the speakers that SUB has hosted in the past have requested campus tours. "Most speakers that come tend to want to walk around campus, and see the Dome and the Basilica, but beyond that most of the speakers haven't requested anything too unusual," Vassel said.

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We hope that, as they leave the program, they're making choices about how to spend their money that are based on how to make money work for them..."

Jay Caponigro Robinson Community Learning Center director

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being on the other end of working to make money." The goal of the program is to help students obtain the skills they will eventually need when they open their own checking accounts, manage a budget and make financial plans, he said.

This grant will be used for instruction purposes and will provide incentives for students to finish the program. Students who stick with the program will proceed to the next level of financial education, the entrepreneurship program, Caponigro said. Some students who are in this program get the chance to go to the National Conference for Teaching Entrepreneurship to get a first-hand look at finance.

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Gas explosion kills, injures miners

Siberian coal mine blast trumps 50: Putin orders Emergency Situations Minister to act

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A methane gas explosion deep in a Siberian coal mine killed at least 78 people and left another 50 trapped in Russia’s worst mining disaster in a decade.

Among the missing were company officials and safety experts who had been inspecting a British-made hazard-monitoring system, said Sergei Cheremisinov, a spokesman for the regional government in Kemerovo, where the mine is located about 1,850 miles east of Moscow.

A British man and his interpreter were among those killed, he said. It was unclear what the two were doing in the mine.

Up to 200 workers were in the Ulyanovskaya mine when an explosion occurred about 885 feet underground in the rich southern region known as the Kuzbass, emergency and regional officials said. At least 75 people were rescued.

Rescuers were checking a large section of the mine for the missing people and were in contact with some of the surviving miners, officials said. It was unclear if the survivors were in immediate danger.

"Their work is complicated by a great number of obstacles," said Sergei Sivtsov, a spokesman for Yuzhkuzbassgollug, a Russian state company that operates the mine, told NTV.

Russian television broadcast footage of one miner, blackened and semiconscious, being led on a stretcher by police on his way to a hospital. At least five miners were injured.

President Vladimir Putin ordered Emergency Situations Minister Sergei Shoigu to travel to the area, and the industrial regulatory agency Rosstekhnadzor sent inspectors.

The mine is located in the city Novokuznetsk, the site of two of the deadliest mine disasters in the past decade.

In 2004, a blast at a mine on the outskirts of the city killed 47 workers and in 1997, a methane explosion killed 67.

Russia’s mining industry fell into disrepair when government subsidies dried up after the Soviet collapse. At least 30 workers died in Russian mining accidents last year, including 25 killed in a fire at a Siberian gold mine.

In the U.S. last year, 47 workers died in coal mine accidents, including 17 in the Sago Mine accident in West Virginia. It was the U.S. industry’s deadliest year since 1995, when 47 were killed.

In recent years, conglom­erates like Evraz SA have bought up coal mines and similar enterprises and consolidated operations, selling raw and semi-processed material to steel smelters, electricity producers and other major industry. Some government officials have accused private companies of cutting corners on safety measures to save money.

Alexander Sergeev, chair­man of the Independent Coal Miners’ Union, said the Ulyanovskaya mine operated with new equipment, but he said that human and natural forces always created the potential for accidents. He said miners may have encountered a pocket of methane while working and he called for new safety reg­ulations to help prevent such accidents.

"It’s necessary, in my view, to pass legislation forbidding underground coal mining without the required (ventil­ation) from the surface for methane," he told Ekho Moskovy radio.

Sergeev also blamed the blast on quota systems that encourage miners to work faster and harvest more coal, potentially leading to carelessness.

The families of the dead will each receive at least $25,000 in compensation, Kemerovo Gov. Aman Tuleyev was quoted by ITAR-Tass news agency.

Nobody answered repeated calls to Yuzhkuzbassgollug. The company, an affiliate of Russian coal and steel com­pany Evraz Group SA, is Russia’s leading producer of coking coal, producing 14 million tons in 2005, accord­ing to the Evraz Web site.

Senate debates restraining Gonzales

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales faced a new job growth debate Monday as the Senate debated removing his authority to unilaterally appoint U.S. attorneys, and the White House said it merely hoped he would survive the tumult.

Asked if Gonzales had contained the crisis, the Justice Department also planned to turn over to Congress late Monday a couple of thousand pages of new documents related to the firing.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett said that Bush had full confidence in Gonzales and that the attorney general had not offered to resign.

The good news for Gonzales late Monday was that the two most senior Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee, Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania and Orrin Hatch of Utah, both former chairmen, had not called for a new attorney general. But nei­ther were they nurturing the embattled Justice chief. Specter said he will reserve judgment until he gets all the facts; Hatch has not given interviews on the subject, his spokesman said.

Either way, Gonzales faces a tough week. The Senate was devoting Monday and Tuesday to debating and voting on rescinding his authority to appoint replacement U.S. attorneys without Senate confirmation.

The Senate needs to clear the logjam created by the White House and the Department of Justice that facilitated this abuse," Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said opening the debate.
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the Prayercast," Steven Warner said. "It's designed to give
the feeling that you're alone in a room with a few musicians. It's
a very personal feeling, more
intimate than a track from a CD." The idea came to Warner in
November as a way to reach out to the increasingly "tech-savvy"
body of Notre Dame students and
campus visitors.
"The Church meets people
where they are — people work-
ing 60 to 80 hours a week in a
business or between classes and
tests," Steven Warner said. "They need time to pray." Warner said he is especially
concerned with the struggles
among family at the working
world.
"When people leave here,
there's a spiritual void," he said.
"We're trying to fill it.
The use of this type of tech-
ology is new at Notre Dame.
Steven Warner said. He credited
the Office of Information
Technologies (OIT) — and lots of
hard work — with helping him
transform prayer into something
downloadable.
"[Director of Campus
Ministry] Father Warner said to
get it up and running, so we
spent months working with
Information Technology Manager Vincent Melody at OIT
and studying podcast technolo-
gy," Steven Warner said.
The Prayercast will soon be
available through iTunes and
will be downloadable to iPads —
something the developers had
always intended, said Campus
Ministry intern Josh Stagni.
"[Our goal] is to have the
Prayercast show up on search
results when people search for
Notre Dame on iTunes," Stagni
said.
The voiceovers in the
Prayercast are provided by
Emissi n Schoen, a 2003 Notre
Dame graduate and current
employee of Saint Mary's
Campus Ministry. She became
involved with the Prayercast ini-
tiative in part because of her
participation with the Folk
Choir as an undergraduate.
"It's a new technology, and I
think that especially the student
population is very attuned to
it," Schoen said. "It makes sense to
use another avenue to approach
and connect with people spiritu-
ally.
Students like junior Elizabeth
Stewart have generally been
responsive to the Prayercast —
there have been almost 7,000
hits on the Prayercast Web site
since the first broadcast on Ash
Wednesday.
"I think it is a great tool to
bring] traditional Catholicism into
today's culture," Stewart said. "Integrating technology
and faith holds so much poten-
tial for reaching a computer-
driven society and making prayer available in a whole new
context." Steven Warner said the
response from Notre Dame stu-
dents, alumni and friends has
been strong.
"I've gotten e-mails from all
over the country — Boston,
Toledo, Chicago, D.C. — and a
lot of students at Notre Dame," Steven Warner said.
The Prayercast can be found
at www.ndprayercast.org by
clicking on "Weekly Prayercast." It will play in
Quicktime format, but the
iTunes-playable version should
be available soon.

Search continues for missing Boy Scout

Associated Press
McGRADY, N.C. — Warmer
weather raised rescuers' hopes
Monday as they searched for a
third day for a 12-year-old Boy
Scout who disappeared while
camping with his troop in the
rugged mountains of western
North Carolina.
Michael Auberry vanished in
the heavily wooded terrain
after lunch Saturday with the
other Scouts and troop leaders.
Searchers found his mess kit
late Saturday within a mile of
the camp site, but no other sign
of him, authorities said.
"We're still confident in call-
ing it a search-and-rescue oper-
ation," National Park Service
spokeswoman Tina White said.
The boy's father, Kent
Auberry, told the News &
Record of Greensboro: "Any
sign that he's still out there,
that he's still fighting, we're
climbing to."
Temperatures fell to the 20s
before dawn Monday, but sunny
skies and temperatures in the
50s prevailed during the day.
Overnight weather was expect-
ed to be milder, with lows in the
40s, but there was a chance of
rain Tuesday.
"The temperatures definitely
play a factor. It has been very
cold at night, but this young
man was very well dressed. He
had a fleece jacket on and
another jacket," White said.
"We've had people who have
been out a week or longer and
survived." About 70 people aided
by dogs and a helicopter searched
the area's logging roads and
trails and scoured off-road
regions.
During the night, searchers
planned to fly a plane with
heat-sensing equipment and
have dogs teams out, among
other efforts, she said.
Searchers planned to stick to
the trails at night to avoid los-
ing anyone else.
The FBI was among the agen-
cies on the scene, "but we still
do not have any indication of
foul play or that this young man
has been abducted," White
said.
The boy's mother, Debbie
Hayes, told the Winston-Salem
Journal that Michael had only
potato chips to eat and no
water. She also said he takes
Ritalin to control attention-
deficit disorder.
Park rangers worked with the
boy's family to learn about
Michael's wilderness skills and
how he might react to the situa-
tion, White said.

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New superjumbo jet reaches U.S.

**Plane’s wingspan as wide as football field; Airbus has yet to sell model to U.S. carriers**

In brief

Chiquita admits to paying terrorists

WASHINGTON — Banana company Chiquita Brands International admitted in federal court Monday that for years it paid Colombian Terrorists to protect its most profitable banana-growers.

The agreement ends a lengthy Justice Department investigation. The plea is part of a deal with prosecutors that calls for a $25 million fine and does not identify the Terrorist group in September 2001.

Chiquita has said it was forced to make the payments and was acting only to ensure the safety of its workers.

Prepackaged potato salad recalled

WASHINGTON — DBC Foods Inc. is recalling potato salad sold both prepackaged and at deli counters, because it could be contaminated with Listeria monocytogenes. Listeria is a microorganism that can cause serious or fatal infections in children, the elderly or those with weakened immune systems. It also can cause miscarriages in pregnant women. Healthy adults can experience symptoms including fevers, severe headaches, and diarrhea.

The prepackaged potato salad was sold in 1-pound containers under the labels Midwest Pride, Chobert’s and Cash Warehouse. The containers have lot numbers 7037018A. The Midwest Pride salad was an expiration date of April 2. The Chobert’s and Cash Warehouse salads have expiration dates of March 7.

The potato salad sold at deli counters, packed to order, was available in 99 stores in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan and Nebraska.

FDA looks for pet food contaminant

WASHINGTON — As many as one in five dogs died in tests of suspect dog and cat food by the manufacturer after complaints the products were polychlorinated biphenyls, a chemical that was removed from children. The elderly or those with weakened immune systems. It can also cause miscarriages in pregnant women. Healthy adults can experience symptoms including fever, severe headaches, and diarrhea.

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Agency investigators are looking at other ingredients as well. The wet-style pet food was made by Menu Foods, an Ontario, Canada-based company.

Menu Foods told the FDA it received the first complaints of kidney failure and deaths among cats and dogs from pet owners on Feb. 20. It began new tests on Feb. 27.

During those tests, the company fed its product to 40 to 50 dogs and cats and seven animals — the mix of species was not immediately known — died. Sundlof said the contamination appeared more deadly to cats than to dogs, he said.

The recall now covers dog food sold throughout North America under 51 brands and cat food sold under 40 brands, including Iams, Nutro and Escolar. The food was sold under both store and major brand labels at Wal-Mart, Kroger, Safeway and other large retailers.

The FDA has yet to tally how many reports it has received of cats and dogs suffering kidney failure or death. The company has reported just 10 deaths, of nine cats and a single dog.

"We are still trying to find out what the true picture is out there of ani­mals. We’re talking about 1 percent of the pet food (supply) and it’s really just impossible to extrapolate at this
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1999 The recipient of the Laetare Medal is announced each year on the fourth Sunday of Lent, known as Laetare Sunday in the Catholic Church. The medal has been awarded annually at Notre Dame to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."

The medal bears the Latin inscription, "Magna est veritas et prevalebit," which translates as, "Truth is mighty, and it shall prevail."

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Laetare Medal is announced Sunday in the Notre Dame Page 8

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College alumna discusses human trafficking

Powell describes work with Health and Human Services on international issues to social work majors, additional students

The presentation, entitled "Human Trafficking: The Critical Role of Social Workers in Anti-Trafficking Practices," was attended by about 40 students, faculty and Sisters of the Holy Cross.

The social work majors and minors who attended were informed of the problems that social workers are faced with when they encounter human trafficking cases. Powell described what social workers could do if they encountered victims of human trafficking.

"Social workers play an important role in identifying human trafficking," Powell said. "It's really hidden, but it's also in plain sight if you know where to look for it." Powell works with the Department of Health and Human Services to identify human trafficking victims and put them in touch with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which has outreach services for victims.

Human trafficking is the recruitment, buying or coercing of individuals for a profit, Powell said. "It's modern-day slavery," she said. "It's also the fastest growing industry in the world, if you want to call it an industry." Powell began her presentation by clearing up common misconceptions about human trafficking.

"It doesn't have to be enforced prostitution or someone forced to make videos," she said. "It could be the migrant farm worker who lives in a house of 20 people and is regularly beaten at night." Powell also informed the audience that another common misconception about trafficking is that it is inherently trans-national. "The physical movement of the victim is not a requisite," she said. "Trafficking is not only an international problem. It's here too."

Human trafficking is also confused with smuggling, which is always an international problem, Powell said. "The difference between smuggling and trafficking is that trafficking victims don't consent to being brought to the United States, people who are smuggled consent," she said. "Social workers play an important role in identifying human trafficking. It's really hidden, but it's also in plain sight if you know where to look for it."

Michelle Powell
SMC Alumna

"The difference between smuggling and trafficking is that trafficking victims don't consent to being brought to the United States, people who are smuggled consent and when they get here, they are free," she said. "It's like surprise ending." Powell invited Sister Madeline Wilhoit, a Holy Cross sister, to speak to the group as she addressed the goal of prevention and how the church is involved.

Wilhoit spent 14 years in Ghana — a country in West Africa — as an educational missionary and encountered a lot of instances of human trafficking and women in the poor villages taken to Amsterdam.

"We had the terrible problem in the villages of these nicely dressed business men coming to the village and telling the women that if they came to Amsterdam, they would be able to work in restaurants and make money to send back to their families," Wilhoit said. "When [the women] got to Amsterdam, they were put in large labor camps and the sex trade.

"The mission with which Wilhoit served visited about 800 to 900 villages to try to warn the women that these men could not be trusted, but some were still taken, she said. She said that if the women were found after being taken to Amsterdam and returned to Ghana, they were often disowned by their families because they had promised to bring money with them, which they did not have.

"Safety is also an issue when victims want to return home after being rescued in America," Powell said. "They might want to go home, but it might not be safe for them," she said. "The families may disown them or their families may be threatened."

Human trafficking legislation has gained momentum in the United States, Powell said. The three main goals that the government works toward are protection, prosecution and prevention.

"Our ultimate goal is self-sufficiency for victims," Powell said.

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Last week I saw the movie “300,” a visually stunning epic about a handful of brave Spartans who held a vast Persian army at the pass of Thermopylae long enough for the Greek city-states to mobilize and win the battle, which they ultimately won. Today, the fourth anniversary of Operation Iraqi Freedom is marked by the burning pyres of abandoned tanks and the sorrow of families of those who died from the conflict. Though some believe Congress has a mandate to force a withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq, this would be a disastrous policy not only for the Iraqis but also for the United States, said a correspondent for NBC, expanded on this point when he wrote, “In less than six years, a war that we initiated with the clear purpose of removing a dictator who had been humiliated and destroyed would probably turn Iraq into a humanitarian disaster and might well draw in the Iraqis and Iranians.”

Whichever way you look at it, withdrawal threatens the security of Iraq, the Middle East and the people of the United States. The 2006 elections brought a number of new members to Congress who advocate a withdrawal from Iraq, and the shift in public opinion against the war has led a number of politicians to support the idea of turning the security of Iraq, the Middle East and the people of the United States.

Some politicians also drew on the lack of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and the support the U.S. has received to withdraw. A moment, pretend that in May 2003, U.S. forces covered three nuclear warheads in Samarra, Iraq. Would this discovery justify the loss of American lives and the enormous costs? The American troops in Iraq are in the midst of a civil war, and that Americans should create a timetable for withdrawal to force Iraq to take care of themselves and to avoid putting American soldiers between two warring factions. Second, some argue that the absence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq made the war pointless and that no more American soldiers should die for a misguided war.

The reasonable answer to all three of these questions is no. We would face exactly the same problems in Iraq that we face today even if Saddam’s alleged weapons were found in 2003, and we would have to continue to fight to prevent al Qaeda or Iran and Syria from dominating the country. It is not the sectarian violence or lack of political stability that drives us to war, but the ongoing mismanagement of the war and the foreign policy of achieving victory. General George S. Patton once said, “Americans love a winner and will not tolerate a loser. Americans play to win all the time. I wouldn’t give a host in Hell for a man who lost and laughed.” During the 2006 election, voters said President Bush as the man who lost and laughed, determined to stay the course in a losing war, and Americans showed their disdain for that line of thinking through the ballot box.

Fortunately for our country, there are politicians who are focusing on strengthening our military and winning the war. Senators Joe Lieberman, John McCain and others have called for an increase in the size of the Army and Marines and stronger Congressional oversight for the war to ensure its progress. The progressive-socialist anti-war constituency claims that the 2006 election provided a mandate for withdrawal, but its friends in Congress cannot gain enough votes to cut off funding and end the war. I think it is far more likely that Americans play to win, and want the 110th Congress to lead them to victory where Republicans failed in the past by running the road to ignition and defeat.

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Week of Action events raise Iraq war awareness

This week marks the four year anniversary of the invasion of Iraq. As part of the Progressive Student Alliance’s annual Week of Action, two events were held at Notre Dame to remember the continuing affects of the war in Iraq.

To remember the human cost of the war in Iraq, an exhibit entitled “Eyes Wide Open” was on display in O’Shaughnessy Hall on South Quad. The exhibit provides a profound visual representation of the suffering caused by this war.

The second event for today sponsored by the Progressive Student Alliance was a panel discussion on Notre Dame’s St. Mary’s campus. The discussion was focused on the invasion of Iraq and its current work as a member of the Iraq Veterans Against the War. The conversation was centered on understanding how and why individuals have been affected by the war.

The final event of the week was a screening of the film “Iraq, the War Within” at the Alumni Hall. The film explores the experiences of American soldiers who have been wounded in the war, shedding light on the emotional and psychological toll the war has taken on them.

The Week of Action events aimed to raise awareness of the ongoing war in Iraq and its impact on individuals and society as a whole.
By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA and BRADLEY STADLER
Scene Critics

**Rama:** His arsenal includes jet packs and Aston Martins, but James Bond's only essential weapon is his license to kill. Does it ever expire? Not likely, at this rate, since it has helped Her Majesty celebrate with this release. The film comes up a kill count on par with a small nation.

Surprisingly, it's taken 44 years and 20 movies for us to finally see what Bond has to do to earn his mighty gift. It's not pretty, and the gritty prolonge to "Casino Royale" makes sure we'll never forget his first two kills.

On a snowy night in Prague, Bond six clacked in shadow, waiting for his second victim to walk through the door. When he does, a remarkably blunt conversation takes place.

"How did he die?" asks Dryden, a high-ranking British official selling trade secrets.

"The cold, icy stare from Daniel Craig's Bond tells us exactly what to expect from the latest man to wear the 007 mantle."

"Your contact? Not well," he says curtly before eliminating Dryden.

With this latest film, director Martin Campbell follows up the success he had with 1995's "GoldenEye" — the last great 007 adventure — by introducing us to the best Bond since Sean Connery left the franchise. Craig's unyielding intensity and physical toughness are on constant display here. Not coincidentally, "Royale" is also blessed with a charismatic and intelligent bond girl — Vesper Lynd, played by Eva Green. An imposing villain with Le Chiffre (Mads Mikkelsen) and the strongest plot since Pierce Brosnan's first outing.

With all these elements working in unison, "Casino Royale" will be remembered as the best action film of 2006, easily outstripping the vacuous (but entertaining) "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest" and the dull (but heartfelt) "Superman Returns." Sadly, "Royale" is the latest in a series of high-profile releases with sparse special features for truly memorable movies. Martin Scorsese's "The Departed" and Christopher Nolan's "The Prestige" both offered average DVDs in their recent releases. Although it's nice to revisit these films after their theatrical debuts — supported by strong word of mouth and great critical and popular acclaim. "The Departed" lingered in theaters until late December — the DVD debut of "Royale" is a month earlier. It comes on a two-disc set labeled as a "special edition," but there's very little to distinguish it from the first disc.

The first disc houses the movie and little else. Fortunately, the DVD sports a sharp, vivid video transfer and a booming soundtrack to complement the many impressive set pieces in the film.

But while Campbell and Bond producer Michael G. Wilson recorded a stellar, always entertaining commentary track for "GoldenEye," they saw no need — or weren't allowed — to reprise their efforts here. Given the wealth of material to talk about with this film, it's a shame that Sony Pictures didn't seek out another commentator from the pair.

The second disc is not much better, offering only four bonus features that add up to 90 minutes of footage. Of the three documentaries, "Becoming Bond" is the most interesting one. The 26-minute feature has a misleading title as this feature covers more ground than just the selection of Craig for the role. It's an entertaining glimpse into the project's evolution but feels much shorter than its nearly half-hour running time.

The strongest detriment to this collection is that it fails to cover some of the exhaustive releases that the rest of Craig's counterparts have received. For example, the 25-minute "GoldenEye" feature is nowhere in sight. If Sony Pictures is going to include these supplementary features, it should be a part of the set.

Still, the work here on the Bond girls that has previously been released does justice to their performances. It at least provides a glimpse into the project's evolution, to which Bond seems to take a rather casual approach.

A lot of the trademarks of the franchise — Q, Moneypenny, etc. — are still here, but they aren't really missed all that much. Craig has such command of his role that he controls the whole without needing much in the way of support. The support he does get, however, is quite good, especially from his castmates. "Casino Royale" is a film that has a complex sound mix, and the audio comes through quite nicely.

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It's unfortunate that "Casino Royale" didn't get a classier release — the two-disc edition feels pretty standard, with none of the typical bells and whistles often associated with a big-time release. It's likely that a better release is somewhere down the road, perhaps when the next Bond film comes out.

Still, it's difficult not to recommend "Casino Royale" on DVD, simply because it's such a great movie. As a revitalizing next step in the Bond evolution, it stands as one of the great films in the franchise — no small feat considering the series' longevity.

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**Brian:** "Casino Royale" was one of the biggest hits of 2006, both critically and commercially. Although Bond seems to be a franchise that never wants to change, this film brings Bond franchise and brought a new face to the character in the form of Daniel Craig. The film promises to push the series in the right direction. Arriving on DVD in a two-disc special edition, "Casino Royale" will surely be a hit on home video, though the set itself leaves much to be desired.

The film follows Bond, a newly minted 00-agent, who is assigned to compete in a high stakes poker game against the French agent Le Chiffre, who is funding terrorists. Along the way, he is introduced to Vesper Lynd, an accountant who introduces herself as "the money."

Appropriately enough, "Casino Royale" is based on the first Bond novel, written by British author Ian Fleming. It adheres more closely to its source material in both tone and characterization than any Bond film since "From Russia With Love," which is a welcome development. Bond is still suave and charismatic, but Craig inflects the character with an edginess and aloofness that suggests deep-rooted psychological problems — these problems manifest themselves in the form of violence, to which Bond seems to take a rather casual approach.

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Jackson's five
Irish coach collects fifth CCHA title while leading Notre Dame to its first ever

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

DETROIT — It was a great night for the Irish this St. Patrick's Day when Notre Dame won its first ever CCHA conference championship with a 2-1 victory over Michigan in a hostile Joe Louis Arena.

"It’s been a long time coming, and it’s something we’ve talked about since the time we came to Notre Dame," Irish center Jason Paige said. "It’s just special to be a part of that."

Senior goaltender Dave Brown made 31 saves, including several big stops in the final two minutes, en route to being named the tournament’s MVP. The Michigan goal was only the third that Brown allowed in four playoff games.

Wolverines netminder Billy Sauer also played outstanding between the pipes, with 35 saves, but one minute in the final period cost him, and the rest of the Michigan club, a chance at their seventh CCHA title.

With just under 10 minutes remaining in the game, sophomore left wing Garrett Regan skated over the blue line and fired a shot at the net. Sauer was able to make the initial save, but fumbled with the rebound when he tried to sweep it into the far corner. Paige seized the opportunity and slapped the loose puck over his shoulder at three Michigan defenders during a Notre Dame power play.

Goals are precious in a game like this," Michigan coach Red Berenson said. "It was a game that took different directions, and I thought we had some really good chances in the first period, even though we were killing off penalties."

Porter and crew threatened several times throughout the period — they outshot the Irish 11 to nine and produced many more scoring chances. The majority of those chances came for the Wolverines while on the penalty kill. The Irish power play unit was swarmed by the aggressive, speedy Michigan forwards at the blue line. They created turnovers which quickly became odd-man rushes on the other end.

Senior forward David Rohfs came the closest to capitalizing on these chances when he rang a shot off the post five minutes into the game. Defenseman Jack Johnson also struck iron midway through the third on another short-handed rush for Michigan.

"I like to think of the posts as an extension of my equipment, hopefully they don't really have anything else to shoot at," Brown said.

The near miss brought all 16,451 fans to their feet as most thought the Wolverines had reclaimed the lead with Johnson’s blast. Notre Dame tied the score at 1-1 with four minutes remaining in the second period on Erik Condra’s 15th goal of the year.

Freshman Kevin Deeth started the game behind the net and shoved a pass into the slot. The puck redirected off Michigan center T.J. Hensick’s skate to Condra, who was waiting in front of the half-empty net.

The Irish dominated most of the second period, outshooting the Wolverines 15-7 as their physical play began to wear down the faster Michigan club. Notre Dame's superior conditioning and discipline continued to show itself in the third period.

"Throughout the year we've given up goals and been down, but it seems like every time we come back," Condra said. "(Irish coach Jeff Jackson) keeps us calm on the bench, you can't get too high or too low."

Jackson's team controlled the pace of the game throughout the remainder of the contest until the final Michigan spurt.

The victory was Jackson's fifth conference title in his eight years behind a CCHA bench. He won the first four while coaching Lake Superior State in the early '90s. The two weekend victories brought Jackson's CCHA career playoff record to an unprece-dented 28-4, two of those losses coming in previous title matches.

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### Summary

The Wolverines defeated Notre Dame on Saturday night in Joe Louis Arena, winning 2-1. The Irish did not have a good game in their attempt to contain the speedy Wolverines.

#### Offensive Notes

- Michigan's defense was solid, allowing only 14 shots on goal.
- Notre Dame had 32 shots on goal, but only two were on target.
- The game was relatively close, with the Wolverines holding a slight advantage in the final minutes.

#### Defensive Notes

- Michigan's defense was strong, allowing only one goal in the second period.
- Notre Dame's defense was broken twice in the third period.

#### Other Notes

- Michigan's辗cet was strong, making 32 saves in the game.
- Notre Dame's Kael Johnson had a strong game, making 21 saves.

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**Report Card**

**Offense:** Two goals is a bit below par for the Irish forwards who are averaging 3.5 goals per game. However, they battled back and got the job done against a red-hot Billy Sauer.

**Goalie:** Dave Brown bailed the Irish out many times during the contest with 31 huge saves and earned perfect grade with an MVP performance Saturday.

**Power Play:** Notre Dame was 0-for-6 on the night and also gave up multiple short-handed goals. Two shots off the posts on these chances saved this game from being lost.

**Penalty Kill:** A lack of a power play was made up by the consistently stingy penalty killers, who kept Michigan from scoring on all five attempts — including one in the last two minutes of the game.

**Coaching:** Saturday night was the official stamp of Jackson's two-year renovation of the Irish hockey program, earning a deserved mainstream from a man with no big accomplishments.

**3.38 overall:** A modest grade for a conference championship, but it pales against positively the most offensively talented teams in the country — a great accomplishment.

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**Senior defender Wes O'Neill and Michigan center Andrew Cogliano battle over a loose puck in front of the Wolverines net during Saturday night's championship in Joe Louis Arena, which the Irish won 2-1.**

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**Brown gives back to his blue liners**

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**Detroit — Notre Dame goaltender Dave Brown lifted the Mason Cup high over his head and raised his eyes toward the rafters of Joe Louis Arena to give the league championship trophy a kiss. The rest of the Irish clambered to get a closer look and choked back victory tears in an arena that has seen countless hockey legends weep at the sight of a silver bowl.

Only minutes before, Notre Dame had won its first-ever CCHA championship with a 2-1 game-for-the-ages victory over Michigan and celebrated by engulfing Brown — and his net — with a human tsunami that sent players, padding and pipes crashing into the boards.

Helmets, gloves and sticks burst so high out of the tidal wave that they might have brushed the stratosphere sitting high above the ice in He Rooneytown (right wing Evan Rankin was found in his gloves). And in the middle of it all, crushed under a mob of Notre Dame swaters, huddled a goalie who had just played his heart out in the biggest game of his life.

Irish coach Jeff Jackson said after the game that Brown is as good a goallender as he has ever coached — telling words from a man with two national and five league championships and a tendency to go light on praise.

The Wolverines and their bullpen fast offense bombarded Brown with 14 shots in the third period alone, which the senior gloved, blocked or smothered as part of his 31 saves in the game. And the Maize and Blue express, saying charged down the tracks with no greater force than in the final two minutes of the game.

Michigan forward Tom Sawske was whistled for a cross-check with 1:33 remaining and the Wolverines threw out CCHA points leader T.J. Hensick's line out onto the ice along with the All-conference first-team defensive tandem of Jack Johnson and Matt Hunwick. All five Michigan players lined up for the power play were NHL draft picks.

The Irish don't have five picks on their entire roster.

Michigan left wing Kevin Porter broke through the Irish penalty kill for the start and backhanded a shot on Brown that the goalie squeezed between his pads, but not before he had to check behind him to see if the puck squeezed through. The Irish kill until, backed by defensores Wes O'Neill and Noah Bieber, dumped the puck away from Brown and out of the zone several times as the Michigan-dominated crowd of over 16,000 drowned out the Joe.

But each time the Irish cleared the blue line, Hensick bore back into their zone and zerod in on Brown. With 35 seconds left, Michigan worked the puck in front of Brown's crease, where — down in his butterfly stance — he scrambled to make several saves from point-blank range. Johnson took one last whack at the loose puck, but Brown smothered it, and the Irish got to take their own whacks at him after the buzzer sounded seconds later.

Not only in those gut-wrenching final minutes, but in a majority of the game, Notre Dame was forced for one of the few times this season to throw much of the burden on Brown, expecting him to emerge from the pile with puck in glove. And he did it again and again.

The senior Hobey Baker finalist entered into showdown after showdown with Hensick and the rest of the quick Michigan forwards, who wheeled past Irish defenders that were left looking at multicolored numbers.

Wolverines left wing Chris Summers and Hensick each had a small breakaway in the first period when they burst around the defense on odd-man rushes, but Brown played his angles well and the scoring chances were quickly stuffed. Brown even got a little taste of the Irish — in a game played on St. Patrick's Day — when Johnson dinged a slap shot off the right post six minutes into the third period in a 1-1 tie.

To be bailed out by Brown was a role reversal of sorts for a Notre Dame defensive unit that allowed only 22.8 shots per game this season. In contrast, the Wolverines, coming off a weekend as goalie Billy Sauer, who looked nothing like the goaltender that surrendered 11 goals to Notre Dame in two regular season games.

And then nine minutes into the third period, Irish center Jason Paige capitalized on Sauer's only mistake when the goalie mishandled the puck in front of his own net right onto Paige's stick for the eventual game-winner. The goal was the capper to an Iron Man weekend for the alternate captain.

Paige broke his nose in the first period against Lake Superior State when his loose helmen rangie was crushed back into his face — and was back in the game by the third period. The senior center's mug looked like a bad impressionist painting for the championship, with two midnight-black eyes and a red gash above the bridge of his nose, but — like Brown and the rest of the Irish — he came up big in arguably the most important Notre Dame hockey game in the program's history — for the time being.

The Wolverines' name has been synonymous with Notre Dame hockey this season behind his stellar statistics and fluid style, but in reality, there has practically been a new hero each game for the Irish.

In that fitting it was that Brown elevated his game in the league championship to take another turn in the spotlight and then that after the best game of his collegiate career, the masked face of Irish hockey couldn't be seen beneath a pile of champion Blue and Gold.

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Coach downs old team to reach championship

Defensemen O'Neill, Sheahan both score goals while shutting out Lake Superior State in semifinals

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

DETROIT — Notre Dame advanced to the CCHA championship with a 3-0 victory over Lake Superior State in the first round. The Irish have now won six straight games, and have qualified for the tournament for the first time since 1993.

Junior goaltender Dave Brown became the first Irish player to be named the game's most valuable player. He made 21 saves to lead the Irish to victory.

The Irish out-muscled a smaller Lake Superior State team and cordonned off the slot from the left and right points, forcing the Lakers to make low percentage shots from the outside. Notre Dame allowed two goals in the second period and just one point in the final two minutes.

Brown's efforts were highlighted in the third period when he made a spectacular save on a breakaway by Lake Superior State's Jeff Jakaitis. Brown made a glove save on the shot, then got his stick out to make the save and not allow any rebounds.

Coach the year is nothing more than team of the year, in my opinion.

Jeff Jackson

Irish coach

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Jackson wins second CCHA coach of the year award

Goal tender Dave Brown takes home player of the year honors, becomes Hobey Baker finalist on same night

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

DETROIT — Irish goalie Dave Brown and coach Jeff Jackson were named CCHA player and coach of the year at the league awards show Thursday night at the Fox Theater in Detroit. The same day Brown was named as one of 10 finalists for the Hobey Baker Award.

It was another second of the year award for Jackson, who earned the honor in 1991 with Lake Superior State, and the first time he has earned the award for an Irish player in school history.

The Hobey Baker Committee selected Brown to the group of 10 players under consideration for the trophy that college hockey has to offer. It will be awarded April 6 at the Fox Theater in Detroit. A selection committee made up of media, National Hockey League scouts and college hockey coaches will decide the three finalists March 28 for the award show at the Schott Center.

"We're excited to have three of the top players in the country and three of the top coaches in the country," said Bob Johnson, president of the Hobey Baker Committee. "We're looking forward to watching them play and who will win.

Brown was named to the Hobey Baker watch list earlier this season. He has played in 36 games and has a 9-6-1 record with a 1.62 goals-against average and .926 save percentage.

Brown has had one of the best seasons in the country this year, helping Notre Dame goalie Dave Brown earn his sixth shutout of the year, the 12th of his career — both Notre Dame records — and his first in the playoffs.

Despite facing only nine shots at the end of two periods, Brown was not cold in net when the Lakers scored the first with 11 minutes remaining in the game and then followed it up with a breakaway from Lake Superior State defensemen Ryan Thang and Brock Hunwick. Brown was honored for his efforts in the tournament.

"I'm awful proud of the fact that Jeff Jackson first established my hockey here again. I'll always feel that is part of my heritage — in the Irish's part of the heritage," said Jackson.

"It's been tremendous to help Notre Dame goalie Dave Brown take home the CCHA player of the year award.

"I've been looking forward to this moment for a long time," said Brown.

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Irish offense too much for Nanooks in sweep

ND scores 10 goals in 2 games to advance to semifinals in Detroit

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame achieved its pre-season goal of reaching Joe Louis Arena and averaged an opening round loss in last year’s playoffs to Alaska with a two-game sweep March 9-10 at the Joyce Center.

The No. 1 Irish advanced to the CCHA semifinals after 7-1 and 5-1 wins over Alaska in the second round of the playoffs, during which the Irish never trailed, was not out-shot and dominated man-advantage and man-down situations.

"(Notre Dame) was playing at a hundred miles per hour, and we were at fifty," Alaska coach Tavis MacMillan said. "It's tough to play against a team going twice as fast as you."

The Irish ensured that the ghosts of last season would not return lumbered into the Joyce Center for a playoff series, scoring five unanswered goals in the opening period of the first game. From there, Alaska wasn’t able to close the Irish lead to one goal only one more time, when the Nanooks made it a 2-1 game in the second period of the second game.

Irish right wing Erik Condra continued to create scoring chances and set up open teammates for goals — his hallmark in two seasons at Notre Dame — with five assists in two games.

The scoring was spread evenly through the rest of the Irish roster. Left wing Garrett Regan (two goals, one assist), center Jason Paige (one goal, one assist), center Kevin Deeth (one goal, two assists) and left wing Ryan Thang (one goal, two assists) all contributed to the Irish scoreboard.

The Irish defense stonewalled the Nanooks offense like they have done to the opposition all season, but against Alaska they came alive offensively as well. Defensores Wes O’Neill, Brock Sheahan and Kyle Lawson each scored at least once on Alaska goalies Wylie Rogers and Chad Johnson in the series.

"It's something we've kind of waited for a lot over the year," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said of the offensive defensemen. "Those guys are the backbone of our team, them and (goalie) Dave Brown. They make the difference."

Brown padded his Hobey Baker stats with 37 saves in two games and surrendered one even-strength goal and one power play goal.

Notre Dame 7, Alaska 1

The Irish scored five goals in the opening period to put the Nanooks away before the game began.

O’Neill scored the first goal of the game — and his first of the season — at 3:06 into the first period. O’Neill received a pass in the left side of the high slot from Condra and beat Alaska Nanooks goalie Rogers over his blocker for the 1-0 lead.

"Everybody joked with me and said, 'as soon as the playoffs start you'll start scoring them,'" O’Neill said.

The Irish beat Rogers three more times — on two goals from Condra and one from Sheahan — for the 4-0 lead before the Nanooks goalie was pulled from the game and replaced with Johnson at the 14:25 mark.

Paige then deflected a shot past Johnson only a minute later to welcome the new Alaska goalie to the Irish scorng onslaught and a 5-0 deficit.

"We just wanted to come in and get the foreclosure going, and we were lucky to get a couple of bounces there."

Regan said. "We were fortunate to get a couple goals early."

The Irish scored once in the second period at 16:14 for the 6-0 lead when Lawson broke down the right side of the ice and beat Johnson high on his glove side — yet another goal that began with a Condra pass.

"There was a lot of talk," Condra said of on-ice communication between the Irish. "That's how I found guys open."

Irish left wing Mark Van Gulder gave Notre Dame the 7-0 lead with his power-play goal 58 seconds into the third period. Notre Dame worked the puck around the Nanooks zone several times before center Justin White found Van Gulder alone on the far post for a wide-open goal.

The Irish power play was 2-for-10 in the first game (4-for-16 on the series), while the penalty kill squashed five Alaska man-advantages in the first matchup and killed 10-of-11 penalties for the series.

Alaska scored its only goal of the game to make it 7-1 at the 4:41 mark of the third period. Notre Dame defender Nathan Fornataro beat Brown high with a slap shot from the point through traffic.

Notre Dame 3, Alaska 1

Alaska came out faster and better able to withstand Notre Dame’s attack in the second game, but two late first-period goals were enough to send the Irish to Detroit.

Thang and O’Neill connected on goals 1:23 apart in the last three minutes of the first period to give Notre Dame the 2-0 lead in a physical game played on slow ice.

Thang buried the puck into the open left side of the net after Rogers deflected a Deeth shot right onto his stick in the low slot at 17:19. O’Neill then deflected a slap shot from White on the point for his second goal of the year and the series.

"In the last month, (O’Neill) has been dominant," Jackson said. "He’s been the player that I think I have always expected of him."

Alaska cut the game to 2-1 at the 10:20 mark of the second period with a goal from center Adam Naglich on the power play. Brown made the save on Naglich’s wrist shot, but the puck jolted loose from his pads and bounded into the back of the net.

"We were able to create more pressure and not allow them to come through the neutral zone so much," MacMillan said.

The Irish got an insurance goal from Deeth at 14:47 in the second period to put the game at 3-1. Defenderman Tom Sawatske ripped a high shot from the point that Deeth tipped out of the air toward the ice and past Rogers.

Both teams settled down to a paced, physical contest for the remaining period before the buzzer sounded and the Irish clinched a trip to Detroit.

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DVD REVIEW

‘Robin Hood’ fails to state case for animation excellence

By ERIN McGINN

MOVIE REVIEW

‘Silence’ frightens not with horror but horrible dialogue

By BRIAN DOXTADER

Robin Hood
Most Wanted Edition
Disney

‘Robin Hood’ isn’t likely to cause a big splash in the horror film world — in fact, it’s already seemed to come and go without much in the way of fanfare — and overall it’s a pretty uninspired film. But there are worse ways to kill a couple of hours. It doesn’t have an air of self-importance, and it trades gore for atmosphere, which is a welcome change of pace in modern horror. But it’s a shame that these ingredients don’t elevate "Dead Silence" from anything but a predictable B-film.

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No. 6 Irish lose to No. 11 Syracuse after falling behind early

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No. 6 Notre Dame (5-2) won two crucial away matches over spring break but dropped its Big East opener Sunday against No. 11 Syracuse (4-3) 16-13.

The Irish played behind most of the game Sunday. In the fourth quarter, the Orange took a 4-0 lead early in the first half, said Meghan Murphy helped Notre Dame back into the game, scoring twice on a run that cut the deficit to 5-4. Sophomore Jillian Byers tied the match at six with two goals, but Syracuse countered to take a 7-6 lead into halftime.

The game remained close in a back and forth second half with the game tied at 13 and just over 10 minutes remaining. But the Irish were shut out of the game over the final three minutes.

"We knew it would be a very competitive game," Irish coach Tracey Coyne said. "It was a must-win game for them and they came through at the finish."

The Irish were led by junior Caitlin McGuinn, who tallied four goals and two assists with the losing effort. Murphy and Byers contributed four goals each. Syracuse received huge offensive contributions from senior Ashley Pike with five goals and junior Bridget Looney with four.

The Orange out-shot the Irish 22-24 in the afternoon.

"We knew that the Irish would use the loss and improve," Pike said. "This game exposed things we can improve on and we'll fine-tune before our next few games," she said.

In Notre Dame's first game of the break, the Irish routed Canisius 18-8 on the road. After the Griffins came out to a surprising start, the Irish countered with a nine-goal spurt that put the game out of reach. Byers and McKinney in pre-season All-League selections.

Byers scored six goals and added two assists, and McKinney contributed three goals and three assists. With the eight points on the game, Byers became the fastest Notre Dame player to reach the 100-point mark for her career, breaking the record set last year by McKinney.

The second game of the break, the Irish enjoy spring break in Florida before a game against No. 18 Yale. Sophomore Erin Goodman had a strong performance in goal, collecting 14 saves in the 9-7 Notre Dame win.

The Irish led 3-2 after one quarter scoring first half, and the game remained close until the finish. Goodman's 11 second-half saves were key in the win. McKinney led the way once again, this time with a career-high 11 goals and an assist.

"The Yale game was just a complete team effort, and our best defensive game all season," Coyne said.

Next up for the Irish is a home match against State College Central, who the Irish defeated 14-13. The Irish were 3-1 after an 8-4 win over Davidson on Sunday.

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Two Irish runners earn All-America honors

By BILL BRINK
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Two of the six Irish runners at the NCAA Indoor Championships March 9 and 10 returned All-American.

Senior 800-meter runner Thomas Chamney earned his second All-America recognition, placing eighth in the finals with a time of 1:49.74 and scoring the lone Irish point of the meet in Fayetteville, Ark. Junior middle distance runner Adam Gifford placed 10th in the finals with a time of 4:05.97, garnering his first All-America honor.

"It's thrilling," Notre Dame coach Joe Price said of Watson. "To be one of the top ten in the country is pretty incredible." The All-America recognition goes to the top eight finishers as well as the top eight U.S. citizen. Though Watson finished 10th, he was the eighth American runner to do so.

"We knew it would only happen if he finished the race he'd be an All-American," Piane said of the final. "There were 11 guys, three of whom were foreigners. There was no way he couldn't be an All-American."

When he earned the honor, Watson joined his older brother Luke, who was a six-time All-American at Notre Dame from 1999 to 2003. This is the first time in Notre Dame's 117-year track and field history that two siblings have each received All-America honors.

Chamney's road to All-America status was a tough one. He battled sickness before and during the meet.

"We thought it was the flu," Piane said. "He was definitely sick. He ran the trials and went on all fours afterwards."

"Chamney ran the 800 in 1:49 — an unusual time for him. [For Chamney], 1:49 is like light just went out."

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The Irish distance medley relay fell just short of earning All-America honors on Sunday. Watson and Chammy, Chad Thomas, senior Adam Currie, senior Ryan Postel, junior John Cavanaugh and sophomore Todd Pricek, finished ninth in a time of 4:12.93 — just 0.32 seconds behind Texas, which finished eighth. 

Two Irish runners earn All-America honors from the 1,200-meter segment to the mile segment to replace Watson, and Currie took Pricek's place in the 1,200-meter segment.

"I wanted to give Watson the opportunity to run totally fresh in the mile," Piane said. "He had a really good race and then thought, 'I'm not working hard enough and I could be a great runner.'"

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Miami’s leading scorer Dwyane Wade dislocated his shoulder on Feb. 21 but delayed surgery in hopes of rejoining the team this season. Wade has stayed in the playoff race, but he is unsure when he will return.

Miami Heat head coach Pat Riley said on a conference call to announce his plan for upgrading his old high school gym at Richards High in Oak Lawn, Ill., a Chicago suburb. "We’ve been working every day and doing what they’re telling me to do, so I’m doing all right." Somewhere surprisingly, so are the Heat—who, even without their leading scorer, have rallied nicely to rise in the Eastern Conference playoff chase. Wade isn’t saying whether he will return to the Miami Heat this season. The Heat have stayed in the playoff race, but Wade is unsure when he will return.

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**21 arrested after high school basketball game**

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**NBA**

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**In Brief**

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Associated Press

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SMC GOLF

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**FENCING**

Team will again send 11 to Championships

By KEN FOWLER
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Much as it did two seasons ago on route to a national championship, Notre Dame qualified 11 of the maximum 12 fencers to the NCAA Championships, which begin Thursday in Madison, N.J.

The Irish captured two individual titles at the Midwest Regional March 10, with nine additional fencers finishing well enough to qualify for the fourth competition at Drew University.

Sophomore foilist Adi Nott and freshman epeeist Kelley Hurley continued their dominance of their respective weapons, crashing to crowns. Hurley beat Ohio State's Leslie Lampman 15-5 in the final, while Nott took an individual crown for the second straight week with an 8-6 straight-week victory over Northwestern's Samantha Neesweek.

Not credited first-year Irish assistant coach Gia Macch 20, 2007 said, "Since Gia got here, he's really helped a lot with my footwork," she said. "He always makes my legs feel strong the first bout before storming back from a 10-7 deficit to beat Ohio State's Huly McKibben 15-12.

"This season was really tough," she added, "but my surgery was a good year to qualify. I had some good bouts, but others were not so nice."

Irish senior Valerie Prokoroff finished third in the women's saber, qualifying for a spot in New Jersey. Sophomore Ashley Serreide finished sixth but earned a berth to the NCAAs, as Ohio State had three sabreests in the top five.

On the men's side, Irish sophomore Bill Thanhouser took second in the men's saber, followed by his teammate, senior Patrick Ghattas, in third. Irish senior Matt Stearns beat fellow senior Ryan Bradley for fifth place, but the two-person limit per team per weapon eliminated Stearns from the national competition.

"We have a really tight team," Thanhouser said. "It really is just luck of the draw what happens."

In men's epee, Notre Dame qualified sophomore Karol Koska and junior Greg Howard, who finished third and fourth, respectively.

Irish junior Jakub Bedekowski, who finished second, and sophomore Mark Kulik, who finished fourth, both qualified in men's foil.

Ohio State also qualified 11, including first-year epeeists Ben Tefft and St. John's qualified 12 fencers at other regional events.

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**ND WOMEN'S TENNIS**

No. 2 Irish continue to roll

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Writer

Whether they play indoors or outdoors, the results are the same for the Irish.

No. 2 Notre Dame defeated No. 29 BYU 5-2 in an indoor match March 10, then downed No. 23 Duke 4-3 March 15 and No. 19 Tennessee 6-1 March 16 in a pair of outdoor matches in San Diego, Calif.

"It was a great trip for us," Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback said. "There were two tough things we knew going into it [i.e., the crisis against BYU] and it was good for us to have to handle that.

"The other was to play our first outdoor matches. We had-\n\n\nwe played any outdoors yet. For us to have to go outdoors for the first time, it was very good for us."

The Irish (15-1) took care of the No. 29 Cougars despite los-\nging the doubles point for just the third time all season. The No. 3 ranked duo of seniors Christian and Catrina Thompson dropped their match against BYU's Anastasia Surkov and Jenny Miccoli 8-3. The Thompsons also lost against Duke's No. 36 pairing of Daniela Bercz and Melissa Mang.

Christian Thompson also dispatched all three of her singles matches during the week.

"She had a rough week but played OK, especially against Duke," Louderback said. "She was up and probably should have won."

But Christian Thompson's teammates picked up the slack.

Junior Brook Buck clinched the win against the Cougars with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Dolly Chang. Buck captured her three singles matches last week from the No. 6 position to improve her record to 11-1 in dual match play.

Buck's win over Duke's Giulia Bellour played an important part in Notre Dame's victory over the Blue Devils. The Irish captured the doubles point despite the Thompsons' loss at No. 1 and overcame a slow start in the singles as Buck and Catrina Thompson won their matches early to give Notre Dame 2-1 lead.

"At one point it looked like it was going to be 6-1 us, but the Duke kids fought hard," Louderback said.

"Duke (18-7) needed the remaining three matches to win, and it almost got them. No. 189 Madison Ciobanu over Christian Thompson (16-6, 6-4, 7-5) and Duke freshman Amanda Grunson defeated Irish sophomore Kelsey Tefft (6-1, 6-4, 6-4) to tie the score at three."

"[Duke] stayed in it and all of a sudden it was down to one match," Louderback said.

With the match on the line, Notre Dame freshman Coumi Ciobanu responded. Ciobanu fought back after dropping the first set (2-6) in her match against Blue Devils junior Taryn Zawacki to take the second set, 6-2. Then with her match tied 5-5 in the third set and the overall score knotted at three, Ciobanu took the final two games to win the match and give Notre Dame the victory.

"Duke is ranked 23 but they're a top-15 team," Louderback said. "They just haven't played a lot of good teams yet. Their schedule is tougher at the end of the year when they play all of the ACC teams. They'll be a top 15 school. They're very good and for us to go beat them, outdoors — they've been outside some.

"Ciobanu is not a senior. Her dual match record to 16-0 against Tennessee as she defeated Victor Jones 6-2, 6-0. No. 27 Catrina Thompson also picked up her third match of the week with a 6-0, 6-3 win over Volunteer senior No. 22 Blakeley Griffith. For the sea-son, Catrina Thompson is now 13-3 in dual matches from the No. 1 slot.

"She played very well against Griffith, she's a very, very good player," Louderback said.

Up next for Notre Dame is Wisconsin Thursday in Madison.

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Nakazaki leads the team in two Spring Break tournaments

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame stayed active over spring break. The Irish started slowly at the UNLV Spring Invitational on March 12, finishing the first two rounds in 17th place, but they carded a season-best five-over-par 293 to end in 15th with an overall score of 906 (42-over). No. 14 BYU won the tournament with a 17-under par 847. Wednesday’s team total of 293 matched the program’s best mark. Wetzel tied freshman Krissin Wetzler with a third-round 72, the team’s best mark. Wetzel ended the tournament in a tie for 51st, shooting a 233 (81-80-72). Freshman Annie Brophy shot her best round of the season on Wednesday with a 1-over par 73, leaving her in a tie for 68th with a total of 233 (78-79-76). Notre Dame then traveled to Texas for the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin. The Irish started strong in the first round and eventually placed 8th with a mark of 937 (314-315-308). Notre Dame finished the tournament with a score of 242 (80-79-83), placing her in a tie for 54th, while Maunu’s mark of 245 (81-82-82) placed her in a tie for 61st. Notre Dame’s heads to Indianapolis for the Indiana Invitational hosted by Crooked Stick on April 9-10.

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The Belles dominate on way to early 9-1 mark

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Katie Carroll earns All-America honors

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will be losing one of its program’s greatest swimmers, but senior captain Katie Carroll will be splitting her time and teammates with a vintage performance at the NCAA Championships held March 8-10 at the Minnesota Aquatic Center.

Swimming for the final time in her Irish career, Carroll earned All-America honors in the 200-yard IM, honorable mention All-America honors in the 500-yard IM, and a third-place finish in the 500-yard freestyle.

"I hope I was a good leader," Carroll said. "I hope I taught the other girls how to train hard and how to rise to the occasion."

As a team, Notre Dame’s performance at the NCAA Championships was full of milestones. Despite sending the second largest number of participants in the program’s history — eight — the Irish fell well short of the program’s record for points in the NCAA A-final, 52 set in 2002. This year’s squad tallied 25 points which was good for 27th in the country.

Notable performances included a 34th-place finish in the 200 freestyle by sophomore Christine Riggins. Her time of 1:48.46 was the third-fastest in the program’s history. The 800 freestyle relay team of Riggins, Carroll, freshman Megan Farrell and senior Ellen Johnson entered the meet ranked No. 14 nationally and improved upon that ranking, touching the wall in a time of 7:14.91 — good for 12th.

Overall, the team’s performance was a marked improvement over last year, when the Irish qualified only three women to participate in the meet.

"It was good to have four underclassmen at the meet as it helped them get their feet wet and get some experience," Carroll said. "It really gave them a confidence boost to know that they can compete with the best."

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ND SWIMMING

Irish perform well against strong squads

No. 11 team holds its own in intense week

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

"We were obviously very pleased with how well our top five crew rowed," Stone said. "I'm not sure we have ever had such strong results from this boat to finish second in the season. It certainly is something to build on in the upcoming weeks."

In other action on Saturday, Notre Dame’s varsity-eight boat and varsity-four boat both finished third in all of their races.

The Irish saw a marked improvement in their performance Sunday, winning four of five races against Alabama and Cincinnati. Notre Dame’s varsity-eight, second varsity-eight, varsity-four and novice-eight all won, with the second novice-eight racing to a second-place finish.

The first varsity-eight boat finished in 6:38.31 — more than 18 seconds ahead of second-place Alabama (6:56.52).

Meanwhile, the second varsity-eight crew finished in 6:49.85, with Cincinnati taking second in 7:05.7.

The Irish swept the top two spots in varsity-four action, with the "A" boat clocking in at 7:54.55 and the "B" boat finishing in 7:56.51. The novice-eight boat remained unbeaten on the weekend, taking first place with a time of 7:04.22 — more than eight seconds ahead of Alabama (7:12.33).

"I think we rowed better [Sunday]," Stone said. "We made some adjustments after seeing some things in the Saturday races, and we saw some improvement. We still need to work on some things, but it is very early in the season, and we definitely have time to do that."

Notre Dame will compete in its next regatta Saturday when the team travels to Ann Arbor, Mich., to compete on the No. 14 Michigan State and No. 15 Michigan.

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ROWING

Belles end at 500 in Orlando

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s started its season off with a 500-meter performance in Orlando, Florida.

In the season opener for both Franklin & Marshall and Saint Mary’s, Belles claimed victories in both the No. 1 doubles and No. 3 singles spots before losing a 7-2 match. In the singles match, Belles sophomore Mary E. Gebert defeated Erica Wood 3-6, 6-2, 6-0. Saint Mary’s Rio swept the doubles with senior Kelly McDavitt and freshman Camille Gebert’s 9-7 win over Saint Mary’s doubles team.

Wisconsin-LaCrosse handed the Belles their second straight loss to open the season with another 7-2 match March 12. Wisconsin-LaCrosse swept Saint Mary’s in doubles play, but Gebert and McDavitt won their second consecutive match 7-4 (7-6), 6-2 victory over Rachel Bann at No. 2 singles. Freshman Lisa Rubino defeated Erin Fekete 4-6, 6-3, 6-3 at No. 4 spot.

Later in the day, the Belles handed the Mary’s in doubles play, but junior Cassie Quaglia gained the match’s lone point when she defeated Saint Mary’s in doubles play. The Belles swept doubles action and sealed their victory by taking the second doubles position with 8-2 victories.

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Belles’ second victory was a 6-3 win over Hamilton. Quaglia continued her dominant play, sweeping her first two matches and defeating McDonald in straight sets (6-3, 6-1). Saint Mary’s went on to win four of the other five singles matches, but won only one of the doubles exchanges.

But the Belles success in doubles play proved to be the difference in a 5-4 victory at Bentley March 15. Gebert and McDavitt played well, winning in both their singles and doubles matches. Saint Mary’s split the singles matches and took two of the three doubles matches to earn the decisive point.

The Belles continued their aggressive play with an assertive 9-4 victory over Ohio Northern University March 7, adding to the three doubles matches they swept over Kent State.

Saint Mary’s won the other nine singles matches, but the Belles outlasted their competition and evened the season at 4-4. The Belles’ season ended with a 7-2 loss to Skidmore later in the day, leaving them at 1-1 in their spring trip in Orlando. Saint Mary’s lost five out of the first six singles matches but senior Grace Gordon defeated Kyra Travis with a 7-6, 6-4 win at No. 2.

Kelly McDavitt and Camille Gebert continued to show their excellent chemistry and defeated another doubles duo over Danielle Fancher and Kate Hughes.

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SMC TENNIS

"I hope I taught the other girls how to train hard and how to rise to the occasion." Carroll said. "It really gave them a confidence boost to know that they can compete with the best."
Irish struggle behind plate in tournaments

Team drops games at Long Beach tourney and Garman Classic

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame had a loaded plate over spring break when it started off the week with a doubleheader March 11 at the Long Beach Invitational. The Irish started the day with a 10-2 victory over Eastern Kentucky, but lost 9-3 to No. 12/16 UCLA in Lakewood, Calif.

Notre Dame jumped out to an early lead over Eastern Kentucky with three runs in the first inning of the Irish. The Irish executed small-ball play with two bunts to advance runners in the opening frame. With runners on base, junior Katie Burkhart stole the game with her first-ever perfect game. She threw 13 strikeouts and zero walks.

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minutes or less. But McGraw doesn't think the extra rest will give North Carolina any real advantage. "I think the way they play they're really in good shape. I think they run with everyone they play," she said. "I don't think that conditioning at this point in the season will be a factor."

Regardless of the extra rest, McGraw understands the threat the Tar Heel's speed creates and understands the danger it poses. "I don't think you can slow them down," she said. "They've got five people that can really run the floor." Latta leads the North Carolina offense. She has been instrumental for the Tar Heels throughout her four years in Chapel Hill, scoring 2,225 points and ranking in the top 25 in program history. Latta has continued to impress everyone this year, named first-team all-ACC and the ACC tournament MVP. On the season, Latta has scored 16.4 points and dished out 4.5 assists per game.

The Tar Heels are just as strong as inside outside, behind forward Erin Larkins and center LaToya Pringle. Larkins has been effective on the boards, grabbing five offensive rebounds and five defensive boards per game, while scoring 13 points a night. Pringle has led the Tar Heels in blocks per game this season. Matching up against this strong post presence will be Irish centers Melissa D'Amico and Shirley Borlouw. The duo has plumated at this point in the season, averaging a combined 12.1 points and 9.6 rebounds per center for Notre Dame this season.

One advantage the Irish have inside against the Tar Heels is size. Larkins and forward Rashanda McCants are both only 6-foot-1, while Pringle is 6-foot-3. For the Irish, D'Amico is 6-foot-5, Whitehead is 6-foot-4 and starting center Crystal Erwin is 6-foot-2.

"They have some big bodies that set a lot of screens for them. They have a little more bulk than we do," Tar Heels coach Sylvia Hatchell said. "They have a lot of inside talent over there, and we're pretty athletic so it should be a good game and we have to play our game." Even though McGraw claims the Tar Heels defensively isn't set up, does not match up well with North Carolina, Williamson remains undeterred.

"As athletic as their players are, it's just going to be about how much we're bringing our own game, our A game, and how much we can get in their heads," she said. "I don't think we're gonna be scared of them. We're gonna be a very emotional game."

Williamson is one third of Notre Dame's freshmen-only bench, joined by guards Melissa Lechlitner and Ashley Barlow. This trio has shined so far this season and Notre Dame has won a round over California was no exception. Williamson provided a defensive spark inside for the Irish, Barlow hustled on the glass to grab 10 boards and Lechlitner showed her experience by sinking crucial free throws at the end of the game.

"I think the more experience we had during this season is going to be more of a factor (than high school experience)," Lechlitner said. "We have played a lot of ranked teams, and we have a lot of experience beating those ranked teams this season." Lechlitner was the test for the Irish was Sunday's first-round game. Notre Dame, half a second remaining and Notre Dame leading Cal's just gone, Lechlitner stepped up to seal the victory by sinking both ends of a one-and-one.
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Alexander, what are you doing? Are you building a birdhouse?

Crossword

ACROSS
1. Computer character set, for short
2. Fruity alcoholic brand
3. Alternative to whole of 2% (2)
14. Bombs with bogus offers, say
16. Land of Easi's descendants
18. Office massive
19. Booze
20. John, in Russia
22. Followers of appetizers
25. Comic's gemma
26. Sport (vulgar)
27. Chemistry
double Otto
29. Hopalong Cassidy player
30. Bets. Sodium
32. Sparked, as crossword

DOWN
2. Vanity a form
3. Offshot of the Winnipesaukee
6. Sandwich go-d
7. Princess's accessory
9. Ignores
10. Isn't anyone
11. How much music is sold nowadays
13. Steams & fodder competitor
14. Man's Greek counterpart
17. Horn sound
18. "... you kidding?"
21. Suffered defeat
23. At the hands of
24. Professor's erasers
28. Lawyer's gnat
31. attendees

KALEIDOSCOPE McDaniels

Why, any tell, would you do with such a thing?

BLACK DOG

What the old "Institute for any class" rank low in effect? Lower than Paruse!?!?

CROSSWORD WORLD

ADAM FAIRHOLM

Hey, blame blame blame! How was your spring break?

Hey! You should have seen Blam Blam Blam do do do do drunk Blam Blam Blam

Ahhaha! Blam Blam... Blam Blam...

What a bunch of weirdos wonder what they're talking about.

Hey, do you still have that big fat nut we dug up in November?

JIMBELL THAT SCRABBLE WORD GAME

Henri Arnold Mike Argirion

Black Dog

MICHAEL MIKUSKA

Who do these people think they are? Oh wait, it's for sustainable environmental practices.

Hey, what should we do with the Westinghouse power plant?

Hey! You don't have to bring your butterfish, right?

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME

Henri Arnold Mike Argirion

Unscrabble these four jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

WILLSHORTZ

NEUROSE

Now arrange the circled letters to form a surprise word suggested by the above cartoon.

BOANT

SICCEC

What a sculptor does to create a stone slab.

JIMBELL

FRAEGEO

Yesterday's Jumble: JUICE ADEA! UKEP PACKET Answer: JUICE ADEA!

CRAB

I'm borrowing the key.

THE OBSERVER

Henri Arnold Mike Argirion

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HOROSCOPE

Happy Birthday: Change will continue to map out your future. You may feel like it's time to slow down, settle down or jump but you must go a little further in order to much deeper. You are finally heading into a period when you can online everything you have learned at your end, you will see the light at the end of the tunnel. Your numbers are 1, 16, 3, 17.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): It has to do with business or learning, hop to it and go the distance. Don't be afraid to ask questions. You will be well supported from someone who is experienced or much older than you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Just when you think you have a handle on your life, someone you least expect will pull the rug from underneath you. You may not be able to make gains today but you can certainly protect yourself from losses. Because of unexpected promises.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): As long as you aren't too quick to judge or react, things will fall into place. Don't put up with something you don't approve of. Say what you think and you'll find you have more clout than you realize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 21-Jan. 19): You don't have to go into emotional blackball or create a melodrama to get what you want. Just be honest and innovative. You may well change your effects by then for a major overhaul.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may feel good about the way things are going but you have to real the deal. Follow through, stay on top things, ask questions and learn all you can. You will be successful! Love is in the stars.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A little less work will save you a lot of grief when it comes to your personal life. Take time out to let the people in your life who truly count know you are there for them. Plan something special you can enjoy together.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You'll be drawn to someone today who will get your mind working creatively. You can jump start a project you have only dreamed about. A partnership is looking very good. Make your position very clear.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): As long as you don't take someone else's word or idea in your own, you will find. Treat in your own judgment for a change. A change to do things differently will attract attention to the project.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may think you have everything in order but watch out if you haven't been completely updated. Emotional names must be removed or you will end up losing. Bring the long way to the completion, you can jump-start a project.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't be afraid to take control. Change your temperature, but don't change the decisions you make and the direction you go will carry your future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Adjust your temperature, but don't change the decisions you make and the direction you go will carry your future.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You can be a little emotional or overwhelmed by everything that is going on around you. Try not to lose your temper and instead, cool the occasion. Don't force your will on others or aggravate the situation.

Birthday Baby: You have a heart of gold and the wisdom of someone who has already experienced life. You are insightful, practical and compassionate. You are willing to do what others will not if you believe in the end result.

THE OBSERVER
**ND Women’s Basketball**

**After topping Cal, Irish get Tar Heels in NCAAs**

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

PIITTSBURGH — The last time the Irish took the floor, they jumped out to a 12-2 lead over eighth-seeded California and held on for a 62-59 win in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. This time, it won’t be so easy.

Notre Dame (20-11, 10-6 Big East) continues its tournament run today against North Carolina (31-3, 11-3 ACC) — the top seed of the Dallas region — at 9:30 p.m. in the Petersen Events Center in Pittsburgh.

The Irish have played one of the toughest schedules in the country this season, facing seven ranked teams and 12 Tournament teams. But even though the Irish have played two other one-seeds this season (a 78-54 loss at Tennessee Dec. 30 and a 64-47 loss at Connecticut Jan. 27), Irish coach Muffet McGraw still feels that they have yet to play as complete a team as North Carolina.

"Tar Heels senior Ivory Latta is an outstanding point guard. She’s somebody that we haven’t really seen anybody like her," McGraw said. "But certainly [earlier Irish opponents] Rutgers and Connecticut both have the type of players that North Carolina has.“

North Carolina handily won its first round game against 16-seed Prairie View A&M Sunday, taking a 20-point lead in the first four minutes on route to a 95-38 win. The Tar Heels not only won with ease, but also saved their starters’ legs for the second round. Every Tar Heel played for 21 minutes and the starters saw limited action in the second half.

**Men’s Basketball**

**Quiet exit**

Carter, Falls can’t complete comeback against Winthrop

By CHRIS KOREY  
Sports Editor

SPOKANE, Wash. — No. 16 Notre Dame erased a 20-point second half deficit but couldn’t finish off the comeback and fell 74-64 to No. 21 Winthrop in the first round of the NCAA Tournament Friday at Veterans Memorial Arena in Spokane, Wash.

"It’s a big win for our program, for our conference, and for the state of South Carolina," Eagles coach Gregg Marshall said.

The win was Winthrop’s first all-time NCAA Tournament victory, and the first for the Big South conference.

After leading 32-28 at halftime, the 11th-seeded Eagles (29-4) exploded out of the locker room, making 10 out of their first 12 shots in the second half and going on a 22-6 run to take a 54-34 lead with 13:15 to go.

"They stepped up on defense," said Irish point guard Tory Jackson, who scored nine points. "We got frustrated and it started to go downhill." Down by 20, Irish coach Mike Brey called a timeout.

"I told the guys, ‘CBS has left."

Irish forward Rob Kurz, left, is boxed in by Winthrop center Craig Bradshaw in the Eagles’ 76-64 win over the Irish in the first round of the NCAA tournament Friday.

**Hockey**

**Icers sent to Grand Rapids**

By DAN MURPHY  
Sports Writer

The celebration did not last long for Notre Dame.

Less than 24 hours after the Irish raised their championship banner in Detroit, the team was already back in South Bend, preparing for its first-round opponent in the regionals of the NCAA Tournament this weekend.

The team met Sunday afternoon to watch the selection show live as a group, where they learned that they would face No. 1 seed Minnesota for the second time this season.

"It’s one of those situations where at this time of the year it doesn’t really matter, but it is nice to be able to stay in the Midwest," senior captain T.J. Jindra said.

The Chargers, who earned an automatic bid to the tournament after winning the College Hockey America

**Baseball**

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By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

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