Fans supportive despite hockey loss

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

From Legends to the Stepan Center to Grand Rapids, the hundreds of Irish fans returned home Saturday evening discouraged by the Notre Dame hockey team's 2-1 loss to Michigan State in the Midwest regional championships — but were supportive nonetheless.

Two bussloads of about 150 students headed out to Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids for the game, along with many students and fans who drove up independently. The entire hockey band and Juan Muldoon, the Leprechuan, also attended to help get the crowds riled up.

The game started off fairly slow for the Irish, who didn't score a goal until the third period of the game. But freshman Timm Frazir, who played the bartizane in the hockey band, said he thought the hockey team literally "played two games on Friday." "We really should have had an easier game versus University of Alabama-Huntsville, so that we had energy for Saturday's game," he said.

College alumna braves front lines in Iraq

By KELLY MEEHAN
Senior Staff Writer

When Saint Mary's alumna Jessica Millanes graduated in 2004, she landed an office with a view. A view of the Iraqi desert, that is.

Millanes bypassed the entry-level job standard for most new graduates and was posted as a first lieutenant communications officer of the first Marine Logistics Group. Like her grandfather who served in Korea, Millanes said she felt a strong draw to "do something" to serve her country, especially after the Sept. 11 attacks.

A Marines display in the Noble Family Dining Hall caught her eye during her freshman year, and she said she immediately felt a call to serve. "Just a few years later, she found herself in the heart of conflict." As a Data Platoon Commander, Millanes served on the front lines in Iraq, in charge of all data-related aspects of her base and the surrounding environment. "It was an extremely proficient and loyal group of Marines — they made my job easy," she said. "There were certainly challenges, however."

SMC goes virtual for career fair

New event connects students, employers

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

Starting today and continuing through April 5, the Center for Career Opportunities at Saint Mary's will host the first-annual electronic career fair entitled "Opportunity Knocks 2007." The fair is powered by MonsterTRAK, a resource for college students seeking their first job. It will feature entry-level, full-time professional and summer internship positions, according to Jeff Roberts, director of the Center for Career Opportunities.

"We are trying to make finding a job as easy and convenient for students to respect their busy schedules," he said. "We understand that being a full-time student is hard enough, so we are doing something contemporary to facilitate that process."

Over the next two weeks, more employers will have the opportunity to join the fair, and Roberts said he is hoping to have 50 to 60 organizations in virtual attendance by the time it ends.

"What you don't see today, may be in the fair tomorrow," he said. "We are waiting for more to come aboard.

"Opportunity Knocks" is an entirely Web-based event exclusively for students. It will cost employers $200 to participate, but offers unlimited postings throughout the fair — a rate

Group hosts Spring Fling for local kids

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The Silver Wings Club of Notre Dame helped underprivileged children from the South Bend community celebrate the beginning of spring with its annual "Spring Fling" event at Stepan Center Saturday.

The club provided fun and games for more than one hundred children from the Logan Center's "Super Sibs" program, the Robinson Center, St. Margaret's House and the South Bend Center for the Homeless. "We just wanted to be able to give these kids who really deserve it a fun day to celebrate," event coordinator Brittany Shelton said. "It was really fun to put it on and spend the day with them."

Sophomore Annalise Loehr, who was in charge of entertainment and publicity for the event, said Silver Wings' "Spring Fling" included a variety of activities, including an Easter egg hunt, arts and crafts, cookie decorating and several inflatables. Silver Wings provided lunch for the young participants, who ranged in age from 2 to 14, and Notre Dame's Porn Squad also performed.

"Just to see (the kids) running around having a great time was really exciting," Shelton said.

Shelton said approximately 30 Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students helped organize the event.

Runners raise funds for Katrina

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

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INSIDE COLUMN

Longing for Raftery

Essentially, Ohio State’s 93-76 victory over Memphis Saturday was complete. Memphis delayed the inevitable by folding throughout the final two minutes, but I did not move away from the television or change the channel as I usually do when a game is not close to the end. Why did I do this? Because of Bill Raftery. For the first time ever, I actually wanted to watch a game because of who was announcing it, more than I wanted to watch it because of who was playing. You will never agree with everything commentators say during a game (though with Raftery I often do), so what you look for most in announcers is to bring you the excitement of being there. It enhances the drama of the game and gives you a better viewing experience if the announcers get into the game as much as you do.

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Offbeat

Mouse abscends with Maine man’s dentures

WATERVILLE, Maine — Never underestimate a mouse’s determination. There’s a mouse in Bill Exner’s house that he says he has captured three times. Each time, the mouse escaped, and the last time the rodent made off with his lower dentures. Exner, 68, said he and his wife Shirley scoured his bedroom after the dentures disappeared from his night stand.

“We moved the bed, moved the dressers and the night stand and tore the closet apart,” he said. “I said, ‘I knew that little stinker stole my teeth!’ — I just knew it.”

They found a small opening in a wall in a wall where they suspect the mouse was coming and going, and their daughter’s fiancé, Eric Holt, stepped in to help. They retrieved the dentures and repaired his future father-in-law boil them in porridge and whatnot would find for it to disinfect it.

Sununu named N.H. town’s hog wrangler

HAMPION FALLS, N.H. — Former White House Chief of Staff John H. Sununu has a new title — hog wrangler. Sununu and his wife, Nancy, recently were named the honorary post of Hampton Falls’ hog reeve, complete with a swearing-in ceremony and a badge. The post, which dates back to the 1700s, means the couple are responsible for rounding up any loose pigs in town. The title is usually given to an unsuspecting newcomer each year.

He was New Hampshire governor for three terms in the 1980s and chief of staff to President George H.W. Bush from 1989 to 1991, and now he’s taking his new job in stride.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Professor examines abortion ethics

Margaret Hogan, center, speaks about the medical ethics of abortion Friday in the McKenna Hall Auditorium as part of the J. Philip Clarke Family Lecture in Medical Ethics series.

By AMANDA GONZALES
News Writer

Margaret Hogan, a McNerney-Harrison professor of ethics at the University of Portland, took on the hot-button issue of elective abortion during her lecture Friday on "Bioethics Ethics and Its Gordian Knot."

Hogan, who called abortion a "bloody battle that has taken many lives and left many scars," said it is a subject on which "everyone has taken a stance, but no decision has been made."

Hogan said she considers elective abortion the "Gordian knot" of medical ethics. The idea of a "Gordian knot" stems from Gordius, ancient king of Phrygia, who tied a knot that was to be undone only by the person who was to rule Asia. That knot was cut, rather than untied, by Alexander the Great.

Hogan said four ideas have "tied" the Gordian knot around the practice of abortion. "Catholic intellectuals have sat on the sidelines," she said, stressing the need for greater participation in this heated controversy. Catholics must be willing to take a risk in today's society and can make a change, even though they are small in number, she said.

Hogan was the 18th lecturer to speak at the 22nd annual J. Philip Clarke Family Lecture in Medical Ethics series and is also a fellow of Notre Dame's Center for Ethics and Culture.

The Philip Clarke Family Lecture, hosted by the Center for Ethics and Culture as well as the Notre Dame Alumni Association's Alumni Continuing Education Office, brings 100 practicing physicians and health care workers from around the country to Notre Dame to speak about the issues currently facing the medical community.

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Millanes said being away from loved ones was the most difficult aspect of the seven months she spent in Iraq.

She said the perks of her job with the Communications Company, including constant access to a telephone and computer, eased the strains on her relationships.

"I was able to e-mail every day and phone home whenever I wanted," she said. "We were on opposite time zones so I often had to wake up early to catch my boyfriends as he was going to sleep — a small price to pay to stay connected."

Millanes spent three summers during college training to become a Marines officer, and an additional year of school in Virginia before her final phase of training in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"I had spent a decent amount of time preparing for Iraq, and I was excited to go," she said. "After all, it was the reason I joined.

And while controversy surrounds the conflict in Iraq, Millanes said she strongly supports President Bush's war-related decisions.

"Marines are the ones feeling the effects of the president's decisions," she said. "I'd rather see the job in Iraq be complete and not have all of our hard work go to waste because we pulled out too soon."

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Millanes said predicting an end date to U.S. involvement in Iraq is not reasonable.

"The situation in Iraq seems to be ever changing and fluid," she said. "I'm not sure a set-end date is a responsible thing to do."

She said she wishes that those who yearn to see an end to the war could see the good things many young Marines do each day.

"Young men and women are making difficult decisions and taking responsibility for them," she said. "Whenever there are stories on the news of young people in America doing drugs or committing crimes, I wish they could meet my Marines — young men and women who decided they wanted more out of life and show up every day to put in an honest day's work with diligence."

Millanes recently ended her tour in Iraq and said she looks forward to readjusting to the Southern California lifestyle.

"The foundation of her experience in Iraq, she said, was the strong sense of brotherhood she developed while at Saint Mary's."

"Saint Mary's gave me a solid foundation for being a strong woman that can thrive in any situation," she said. "I will always be grateful for that."

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McGrath has been training to
run in the Boston Marathon in
three weeks. He said he does a
specific workout each week, along
with a progressively longer run.
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Roberts said is "far below that
of internet and newspaper
listings." Students participating
will be provided a link to register,
allowing them to view the openings
and submit a resume.

"Students spend an average of
two to four hours on the internet
da day," Roberts said. "We are hop-
ing that when they’re online, they
jump around our site and utilize
the programs."

The career fair is targeted at
Saint Mary’s students, but Notre
Dame undergraduates are also
invited to participate. While some
positions are in higher demand
than others, the Center for Career
Opportunities is willing to make
arrangements to ensure a strong
turnout, according to Roberts.

"To fill postings in such 'high
need' areas, such as special edu-
cation teachers or nursing, we
can also invite additional guests
from select programs at area col-
leges and universities," Roberts
said.

Alumni are also invited to par-
ticipate if they are interested in
any of the jobs.

"As the fair is designed to fea-
ture internships and entry-level
positions for current students,
alumni seeking this level of work
are definitely invited as guests," Roberts said.

In the past, Saint Mary’s has
hosted an annual career fair in the
fall called the "Showcase of
Careers," which was suspended
due to the "Opportunity Knocks." The "Showcase of Careers" is
undergoing an overhaul and
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Roberts said. "Opportunity Knocks" is a
new offering to build stronger rela-
tionships with high quality
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This new program, however,
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

EU leaders call for Sudan sanctions

Britain and Germany called Sunday for tougher action against Sudan after four years of talks broke down in Darfur, where the new U.N. humanitarian chief admitted possible complications in the mass effort to aid refugees from the violence.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair called the actions of Sudan "unacceptable" and German Chancellor Angela Merkel called the Darfur region's suffering "unbearable."

Experts say the few economic sanctions imposed on Sudan by the United States and European Union have done little, U.N. chief Ban Ki-moon recently voiced his frustration at Sudan's government for "undermining" the conflict.

Britain has emerged as one of the European Union nations backing N. Ireland government

The British government backed the Northern Ireland government - but is open to a 14-day deadline for Northern Ireland's decision for Northern Ireland - but is open to a similar bill in the House of Commons. The act would set a nonbinding goal of March 31, 2008, for the removal of combat troops.

Sudan's officials call for extension to May

Secretary Peter Hair said Sunday that the sailors had been detained in "international waters. And detained them in their case. No other details were provided.

According to IRNA's English-language Web site, Tehran said the British had held talks with Iran's Foreign Minister. And the Foreign Ministry said Tehran with Iran has always exercised self-restraint in the face of border violations by Britain's troops.

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The Iranians also accused the sailors and marines in Iranian waters and detained them in Iranian waters. This has happened in the past, as well, Mottaki said.

Sen. John Kerry, a Democrat from Massachusetts, has released a similar bill in the Senate. Kerry has said the bill is "well and sound." And that "legal proceedings" were under way in their case. No other details were provided.


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Lawmakers discuss impeachment

Associated Press

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. Kirk Osborn, a lead defense attorney in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case, died early Sunday, a fellow defense attorney in the case said.

Osborn "had a massive heart attack on Friday and died shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday," attorney Joe Cheshire said.

Osborn represented Reade Seligmann, one of three Duke lacrosse players charged in the case stemming from a dancer’s allegation she was sexually assaulted at a team party.

The players were originally indicted on charges of rape, sexual offenses and kidnapping, but Durham District Attorney Mike Nifong dropped the rape charges in December after the accuser changed a key detail in her story.

All three have steadfastly maintained their innocence.

"We will never forget Kirk and his sacrifices for Reade and for justice," Seligmann’s family said in a statement. "Kirk’s fight for the truth and for justice in this case met the highest standards of ethics and professionalism and stand in stark contrast to those who condemned Reade.

He is an example of what a lawyer should be."

Actions by Osborn in the case included a motion with phone records and security camera images showing Seligmann would have been nearly a mile away from the Durham house at the time the woman said he was taking part in the attack.

Osborn also filed a motion to have Nifong removed from the case, arguing that Nifong went after the lacrosse players to win votes.

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Porrazzo said he thought Notre Dame was at a disadvantage when they lined up against the Spartans on Saturday, especially since Michigan State had defeated Boston University 5-1 in the NCAA first round.

"MSU came off a huge advantage after beating BU, and they obviously had the momentum at the beginning of that game to beat us," he said.

Muldoon, however, said he was very pleased that the fans still showed incredible support for the team.

"The hockey band was incredible, helping everybody stay rowdy even after the [Spartans] had a two-point lead," he said. "I was scared that the crowd is going to go flat."

Still, Muldoon said both he and the hockey band were there to keep that from happening. "The greatest things are that we have an incredible coach and fan base," he said.

Senior Joe Dosch said the high turnout of fans kept the game intense.

"We were expecting to be outnumbered by the Michigan State fans, but when we got that first goal, we were so into the game that it didn’t feel that way," he said.

And despite the fact the hockey team came so close to victory, the fact that they had made it that far was still exciting for students like freshman Jordan Carey.

"A 32-7-3 record isn’t bad," Carey said. "Though I was disappointed, it’s always good to see a Notre Dame team exceed expectations.

And, as Dosch pointed out, there’s always next year.

"I’ve been following the hockey team since I was a freshman, and it’s pretty exciting to see where the hockey team is going," he said. "And it definitely seems like the program is going in the right direction."

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Spring Fling organizer

Silver Wings is a student group that serves as the civilian counterpart to the Arnold Air Society, which focuses its efforts on service in the community as well as personal and professional development for students.

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Stocks rise amid jump in home sales

NEW YORK — Stocks closed mostly higher Friday, sending the Dow Jones industrials to their best week in four years after a surprise jump in home sales eased concern that the housing market will continue its downward trend.

Existing home sales rose by the biggest amount in nearly three years in February amid a sharp increase in sales in the Northeast, the National Association of Realtors said. The 3.9 percent increase was the largest since a similar jump in March 2004, analysts had been expecting a decrease.

Still, the result did have some downbeat aspects — the median price of a home fell year-over-year for the seventh straight month and inventory remained high.

The Federal Reserve this week said an "adjustment" in the housing sector was continue-
ing, offering some relief for investors left unnerved by the woes among so-called sub-prime mortgage lenders.

bush to inspect alternative fuel autos

WASHINGTON — President Bush is getting at look at U.S. automakers' latest attempt to sell their high-octane fuel vehicles as the companies press the case that ethanol and biodiesel blends can help reduce the nation's reliance on foreign oil.

Bush scheduled a White House meeting Monday with General Motors Corp. chairman and chief executive Rick Wagoner, Ford Motor Co. chief executive Alan Mulally and DaimlerChrysler's Jeep Cherokee diesel filled with B5, a biodiesel blend.

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CINCINNATI — After a taste of victory in the last national election, union leaders are hungry for the chance to elect a pro-labor president.

"We're charged up, and anxious to get back to work for the 2008 elections," said Karen Ackerman, political director of the AFL-CIO.

Leaders of the federation of unions huddled this month in Las Vegas to work on presidential race plans. They call for a sharp campaign and an issues forum, culminating with a presidential candidate gathering in Chicago in August.

"The level of activity by union members early in the process will lay the groundwork for the greatest interest and participation by working people ever in the election process in the United States," John Sweeney, AFL-CIO president, said at meeting Monday.

Organized labor spent some $100 million on get-out-the-vote efforts last year, and reached tens of millions of voters by phone calls, mail and door-to-door canvassing on behalf of labor-backed candidates. Labor political action committees contributed $5 million to federal candidates, up 11 percent from the previous election cycle and higher than any other industry group, federal filings show.

The AFL-CIO also has launched a patent defense for the osteoporosis drug Estiva, which brought in $1 billion last year.

"I would say it's critically important that they maintain the intellectual property for (Genmar) and for Estiva," said Seamus Fernandez, an analyst who covers Lilly for Leerink capital.

Skepticism by the company's patent protecting the anti-cancer drug Zyprexa.

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Our response to the '06 LibQUAL+ survey — Part II

Students want longer opening hours and maybe even 24/7 access.

✓ The Library introduced 24 hour access during the 2006 Spring Semester Study Days.
✓ We will provide 24 hour access during the 2007 Spring Semester Study Days.

Users expressed concern about mis-shelved or otherwise missing materials.

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Students want a relaxation of the library policy on food and drink and/or a special designated place where eating is allowed, such as a café.

✓ Renovation plans for the Hesburgh Library include plans for a café.
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✓ Beverages in bottles that can be re-closed or other spill-resistant containers are permitted.

For more results, see: http://www.library.nd.edu/libqual/
Pizza boxes turned into wanted posters

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Customers at some suburban pizza parlors are getting something extra with their pepperoni and mushrooms — wanted posters for parents accused of failing to pay child support.

The idea came to Cynthia Brown, executive director of the Butler County Child Enforcement Agency, while she was ordering pizza. "It suddenly dawned on me that most people running from the law don't eat out, they order pizza," said Brown, whose county is north of Cincinnati.

Enforcement agencies across the country use a variety of methods to locate support scofflaws and collect past-due payments. Virginia has issued subpoenas to cellular phone companies seeking addresses and phone numbers. California's Kern County seizes and auctions parents' vehicles, with proceeds going to the children, said Kay Cullen, a spokeswoman for the National Child Support Enforcement Association.

State child support agencies collected more than $23 billion in child support for 17.2 million children in 2005, but the cumulative past-due child support since the agencies were first formed more than 30 years ago is $106 billion, Cullen said.

"While we have made progress, putting the wanted posters on pizza boxes is an example of the innovation and commitment that we need," she said.

Other Ohio counties put posters on their Web sites and work with local Crime Stoppers programs, and a few contract with companies that can track people through rental and cell phone records, according to the Ohio Child Support Directors Association. Some include fliers in water and sewer bills.

Butler County has printed posters with mug shots of its 10 most-wanted parents, placing them in post offices and other government buildings and sending them to Ohio's 87 other counties. The lineup, chosen by prosecutors, is changed twice a year.

The Butler County sheriff's office served 1,224 nonsupport warrants last year, said sheriff's Sgt. Todd Langmeyer. The county has about 350,000 residents.

"It's a good idea any time you can put the faces out there," he said.

The owner of Karen's Pizzeria hasn't heard any complaints about her participation in the poster program. "Some customers joke about it and say they're glad they aren't on it," Karen Willis said. "Most seem to think it's a good idea."

An attorney who focuses on fathers' rights cases called the tactic "horrible." "It's just a way of shaming people," said Masry Beaudier, whose firm is in Eden Prairie, Minn.

Debate on interspecies cloning sees new life

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — It was nearly a decade ago that Jose Cibelli plugged his own DNA into a cow's egg in a novel cloning attempt that was condemned as unethical by President Clinton and landed the Michigan State University researcher in a mess of controversy.

Even though Cibelli and his colleagues patented the so-called interspecies cloning technique, they soon abandoned the research as a failure and the uproar subsided. Now the tempest is brewing all over again.

At least three respected teams of British scientists have reignited the moral debate over inserting human genes into animal eggs by proposing experiments similar to Cibelli's.

Their goal is to eliminate the need for women to donate eggs for the cloning of human embryos, a research goal they say will enable them to better understand the genetic causes of many diseases and design personalized medicines.

Currently, the few scientists actively pursuing human cloning are lobbied by a nearly nonexistent human egg supply. And each researcher will need thousands of them.

"Getting eggs from women is the bottleneck to cloning," Cibelli said. "An alternative would be welcomed."

All three U.K. teams aim to get around that bottleneck by taking DNA from patients sick with a disease like Alzheimer's and fuse it with cow eggs that have had all their genetic material removed. The hope is that the human DNA will trick the eggs into thinking they're pregnant, beginning development.

After about five days of growth, the cloned embryos would be destroyed and the stem cells extracted. The stem cells would be grown in their labs and the researchers could look for the onset of diseases, study their development and test experimental drugs on the cells.

"You can model Alzheimer's disease or Parkinson's disease in a dish," said Stephen Minger, director of the Stem Cell Laboratory at King's College in London.

Minger's request for a government license to use cow eggs instead of women's eggs to generate human embryonic stem cells has generated significant controversy in the United Kingdom last year. His application with the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority — along with another from Lyle Armstrong of the North East England Stem Cell Institute — is expected to be ruled on later this year.
A modest campaign proposal

Today, I am announcing my future intention to possibly form an exploratory committee which could potentially uncover the clues that I may or may not declare my unqualified candidacy for the nomination of a particular party for the presidency of the United States of America. Technically, I have to wait until I am 33 to do this, but if the current primary season has proven anything, it's that it is never too early to start running for president. Consequently, all of my campaign promises will apply to the 2020 elections.

My fellow Americans, this nation stands at a crossroads. We can merely sit back and allow the numerous problems facing the world to pile up like a stack of greasy dishes that were stolen from the dining hall and now sit in the romantically hoard that is your off-campus kitchen sink. Or, we can put down our Nintendo Wii remotes, march into that kitchen, scrub the hell out of those dishes and get to work fixing the rest of America's troubles.

If I am elected president of the United States in 2020, America will begin tackling these problems which have festored in its kitchen sink for far too long. The time has come to act not what you can do for your country, but what your country can stand up and start doing for you. When I am finished with this place, America will be so much more than the shining city on a hill presented by Ronald Reagan — it will be a scintillating casino standing like a beacon of hope in the middle of an Indian reservation.

My first act as president (in 2020) will be to start America's growing dependency on foreign oil. Others have suggested developing new fuels like ethanol, some have advocated building hybrid cars and a few more have encouraged tapping into the oil supplies of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. I, however, offer an entirely new possibility: whale oil.

Through at least the first 18 and 90th centuries, the United States dominated the global market in this most lucrative of hunting expeditions. Homicidal whales, departing from New England sailed the seven seas in the hopes of bringing glory, money and vast supplies of wonderful whale oil back to the shores of America. For much of this era, nearly all of America's oil needs were satisfied by the burning of whale sperm, and I see no reason why this great nation cannot return to those glory days when men were men and whales were merely fat wads of blubber meant to be incinerated into vats of hot oil. It's called manifest destiny, people. So let's quit whining about saving the whales and start hurling enormous barbed harpoons into their eyes until they helplessly bleed to death for the sake of our V8 engines.

The second act as president (in 2020) will be to eradicate the global warming that Al Gore has recently been so hell-bent on convincing us all with. Sure, we could take the easy way out and reduce our carbon dioxide emissions to Kyoto Protocol standards, but what's the fun in that? We love America — the land of the free and the home of the Cadillac Escalade. Let's solve global warming the American way. I hereby propose that we compensate for the dwindling ozone layer by constructing a new atmospheric layer of insulation out of one of this country's greatest heat protectors — asbestos. Yes, my fellow Americans, for decades we insulated our homes, schools and offices with this magnificent substance, and at what risk? A little lung cancer?

Ladies and gentlemen, let me be the first to say that I would much rather protect our polar ice caps and our coastlines while contracting anthrax than have Miami Beach and its topless women sink into the Atlantic with a bunch of drowning polar bears while I come down with melanoma. This nation was built upon sacrifice, and it is finished with this place, America. We will be so much more than the shining city on a hill presented by Ronald Reagan — it will be a scintillating casino standing like a beacon of hope in the middle of an Indian reservation.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

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The only way into America from Mexico will eventually be an enormous wooden drawbridge that spans between San Diego and Tijuana in southern California. Unfortunately for all of these illegal immigrants hoping to cross it, I'm not going to tell them the password. That's classified... although I'm tentatively considering the phrase "Taos, burrito, what's coming out of your Speedo?"

Yes, my fellow Americans, I know you're thinking that my future candidacy is too good to be true. More importantly, you're probably wondering what political party would support such practical and astute policies. Well, after unsuccessfully petitioning the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian, Green and Know-Nothing Parties, I was forced to branch off and start the Dance Party for the sake of this great nation.

So in 13 years, with these policies at my side, the Dance Party and I will be on our way to Iowa, on to New Hampshire, on to South Carolina and on to the White House! Yippee skii-yay!"

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FACEBOOK not really campaigning

Social networking sites such as MySpace might seem like an easy way to stay in touch with friends; however, a new study has shown that the use of these sites can seriously impact grades.

A survey of more than 500 students from three Fresno, Calif., area high schools has shown that 72 percent of students who use MySpace have reported a significant drop in their grades. The survey specifically targeted high school students, but Pierce said the results could be similar for college students.

"In talking to a lot of my students, I have seen that they too spend a lot of hours on MySpace," she said.

Pierce said many students reported spending an average of three to four hours a day on MySpace, which would detract from homework time. Even more alarming in Pierce's opinion was the amount of pornography she found on the MySpace accounts of young teenagers. 59 percent of the sites included sexual poses and nine percent included direct links to pornography, she said.

"There are just so many risks associated with that," Pierce said.

The survey said 34 percent of students will delay homework to spend time on social networking sites. Bob Dunlap, a sophomore communications major, said for him, MySpace is a distraction from doing recreational activities outside.

"I keep getting rid of it and then getting it back again because I'm addicted," he said. "It's like a drug."
DPAC REVIEW

Met’s rousing ‘Barber of Seville’ comes to ND

By ANALISE LIPARI
Assistant Scene Editor

The Metropolitan Opera House in New York City isn’t exactly easy to get to, but if you’re lucky enough to be there, it’s hard not to get swept away by the production. This Saturday in the first of its ongoing series of live opera broadcasts from the Met with digital screening at DPAC, “The Barber of Seville” was a wonderful start to the series.

The Metropolitan, which was the site of the opera’s original premiere nearly a century earlier, seemed an appropriate location for a screening of this classic. This production of the “Barber of Seville” featured famed Juan Diego Flores as the dashing Count Almaviva, Joyce DiDonato as the feisty heroine Rosina and Peter Mattei as her incorruptible barber Figaro. Rounding out the cast were John Del Carlo as Rosina’s curmudgeonly guardian, Doctor Bartolo and John Buloca as his sinister assistant Don Basilio. The production, directed by Michael Mayer, was well-acted and designed by Michael O’Hare, both of whom worked on the Tony award-winning musical “The Light in the Piazza.”

The story of “The Barber of Seville” is often less familiar to audiences than its music. The opera, which was composed by Gioachino Rossini in 1816, is a charming farce that follows the love triangle of Count Almaviva, a lighthearted and not-so-clever aristocrat, the beautiful Rosina, who wants nothing more than to marry him for the sake of her dowry, and Figaro, a resourceful musician and servant who uses his wit and cleverness to matchmake the two lovers.

The acting is across-the-board excellent. Joyce DiDonato’s Rosina is a delight to watch, her voice gracefully weaving its way through the opera’s music. Juan Diego Flores’s Count is a charming and convincing romantic lead, and Peter Mattei’s Figaro is a master of disguise, with his good-natured humor and impeccable timing. The cast, including the talented Gardner of live opera from the Met can only grow in bringing new audiences to a timeless art form.

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Penelope Cruz illuminates Almodóvar’s ‘Volver’

By BRIAN DOSTADER
Senior Staff Writer

No film by writer-director Pedro Almodovar is ultimately what it seems to be about, and “Volver,” his latest, is no exception. His movies, which are often less familiar to audiences than its music, are usually sensitive and perceptive melodramas that start simplistically, but gradually reveal their thematic complexity — often, as in the case of the critically acclaimed “Talk to Her,” things are not all that they seem. “Volver” is the work of the director at the height of his cinematic powers, a film that is simultaneously funny, touching and sad.

The film follows two sisters, Raimunda (Penelope Cruz) and Sole (Lola Dueñas), Raimunda is a janitor who lives with her unemployed husband (Antonio de la Torre) and daughter Paula (Yohana Cobo) in Madrid. At the beginning of the film, the sisters visit their Aunt Paula (Chus Lampreave), who is being cared for by the neighbor Agustina (Blanca Portillo).

After Paula (Raimunda’s daughter) accidentally kills Paco, who tries to sexually assault her, Raimunda takes a job catering for a film crew at the nearby restaurant. Meanwhile, Aunt Paula dies and Sole goes to the funeral, where she believes she sees the surprisingly corporeal spirit of her dead mother Irene (Carmen Maura). From there, “Volver” takes on an almost mythical quality, but Almodovar’s idiosyncratic style grounds the film and resolve its issues in ways that are logical and narrative-driven.

As funny and engaging as it is affecting, “Volver” is a reminder of how rare and few comedies that actually works. There are hints of tragedy, and its revelations are slowly introduced, which gives the film strong emotional undercurrents — the audience never feels lost as Almodovar takes it through various plot twists and turns.

“Volver” is not as brash as some of Almodovar’s other films, and the director reeled in some of his more excessive tendencies, though he still has a penchant for odd camera angles and colorful compositions. The cinematography by Jose Luis Alcazón (who also worked with Almodovar on his previous film, “La maleta educacion” — “Hand Education”), is gorgeous, especially in the elegantly camera movement.

The film is clearly the brainchild of Almodovar, whose writing and directing is in top form — his impeccable filmmaking sense really gives “Volver” a lot of character, which ultimately anchors it emotionally. The acting is across-the-board excellent, though Cruz who carries the picture. More at home with her native Spanish, the actress is absolute-ly brilliant here, doing the best work of her career as Raimunda, a character whose emotional depth ranges shallow and funny to deep and heartfelt — although, to be honest, her looks are a little distracting. It’s hard to imagine Raimunda as part of the same gene pool that produced the grumpy Sole or the matronly Irene. Though Almodovar winkingly acknowledges this throughout this film with various comments about Raimunda’s cleavage. “Volver” may not be Almodovar’s best work — it doesn’t have the same visceral impact of “Hable con ella” — but it indicates that the director is reaching a zenith. His story telling is in top form, and he balances all the story threads with aplomb and elegance. “Volver” was criminally overlooked upon its initial American release, but its reputation will surely grow as view-ers discover Almodovar’s gem of a film.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Penelope Cruz illuminates Almodóvar’s ‘Volver’
Luke Skywalker, left, faces off against Darth Vader in "The Empire Strikes Back." Directed by Irvin Kershner, it is considered the best of the original trilogy.

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By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

When George Lucas released the "Star Wars: Special Edition" films in the late 1990s, he promised that we could see these epic films "again, for the first time." A new generation was able to see perhaps the most famous trilogy in film history in theaters for the first time. Once more, for the first time, was enough. However, this was only the beginning of Lucas's OCD in regard to the films. With the plethora of DVD releases - each with their own new changes - and the upcoming 3-D theatrical releases, we'll be able to see them again, and again and again. When is enough enough?

I recently purchased the original trilogy Limited Edition DVDs, which include not only the 2004 re-mastered transfers but also the original theatrical releases from 1977, 1980 and 1983 of "A New Hope," "The Empire Strikes Back" and "Return of the Jedi" DVDs. When I first played the discs, I was confused. The original releases - the primary reason I wanted to purchase these editions - are included in the Bonus Features of the second disc. The first disc, containing the version from the 2004 DVD "Star Wars" box set, is the one that has the "definitive" version of the film. I put "definitive" in quotation marks because on each of the three films, Lucas made all of the changes himself. This brings up some very important issues in regards to film authorship and what the roles of the director and the producer are after a film has been released. In other words, who "owns" the movie?

In 1977, Lucas wrote and directed the first installment in the "Star Wars" saga. Called "A New Hope," it quickly became one of the most popular films in history and spawned two sequels, three prequels and a host of books, toys and fanatic fans. No one, including myself, questions Lucas' claim to "A New Hope" - he both wrote and directed the screenplay. However, he did not direct either "The Empire Strikes Back" or "Return of the Jedi." Irvin Kershner and Richard Marquand can claim that credit on these films, respectively. Lucas didn't even write the two films that complete the original trilogy. The credit he claims in regard to these films is that of the executive producer. He fronted the money, and the basic story of the entire "Star Wars" narrative did come from his imagination. However, the creative force behind both "Empire" and "Jedi" came from different people. The story goes that Lucas showed up on the set of "Empire" one day and was irate over the direction Kershner was taking the film. Kershner had the final say (in 1980) and did what he wanted - in opposition to Lucas at the time. Does Lucas then have the right to go back to these films and make changes to decisions that he never had any part in?

The answer is a resounding no.

Consider famed American director Martin Scorsese. What if, 30 years from now, the executive producers from "The Departed" decide that Leonardo DiCaprio's character isn't really needed, and they are going to release a new "definitive" version that fits more in line with their vision of the film - completely disregarding the wishes of Scorsese? Granted, this is an extreme situation that isn't going to happen, and the situation with "Star Wars" is slightly different since Lucas is the imagination behind all of the films. However, the point is that Lucas is hijacking two films that are not his to hijack. He is disrespecting Kershner and Marquand's role in the creation of the "Star Wars" mythos and the influence the creative and technical teams of these two films had on a generation of moviegoers and their children. I am certainly one of those in our generation that grew up with the "Star Wars" many of our parents loved dearly.

I am not trying to argue the ownership issues that arise between the creator of art versus the audience that consumes it, for art is just another commodity at its most basic level. I am merely arguing that the creator of a work of art should be respected in our time. I may hire someone to paint a mountain. I may pick the mountain that is to be painted and pay for the painter's supplies. But unless I paint the mountain myself, I am not an artist. I can't put my name down in the corner of the finished result. So too with "Empire" and "Jedi." The end credits of "Empire" do not say "Directed by Irvin Kershner (and George Lucas too! ... but for only a few scenes which he thought were necessary to change, and other than that it's all Kershner)."

And the release of the Limited Edition DVDs, with their 2004 and original versions, is not the end of the battle. A theatrical release of all six of the "Star Wars" films in 3-D is slated to begin this year. Lucas directed and wrote all three of the prequels and the first of the Original Trilogy. I have no problem with him doing whatever he wants to these films - even though I think showing films in 3-D is one of the worst decisions anyone could make. He has the creative control, the films are his. But to release "Empires" and "Jedi" in 3-D is taking these excellent films and pandering to a fad. Some may call me backwards, and I'm sure if 3-D becomes the standard, the voices crying foul will sound akin to those looking for blood when silent film became the talkie and when Dorothy walked into Oz and color took the reins from black and white.

However, "Empire" is considered the best film in the "Star Wars" franchise and one of the finest pieces of American cinema in the latter half of the 20th century. To take a respected American film and pander to the way a 10-year-old would want to watch movies is a gross foul in regard to cinema as an art form and any notion of authorship needed to protect credibility.

I may be a dinosaur, but I'll be reveling in the unstained, stadium, non-anamorphic widescreen of the original trilogy. Lucas isn't giving us museum relics the filet - we get the scraps from the "master's" table. And I wouldn't have it any other way.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Hoyas take out top-seeded North Carolina

Ohio State, Florida and UCLA also advance to Final Four

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Twenty years after the Hoyas lost to the Tar Heels, Georgetown got even for a coach named Thompson and a player named Ewing.

In an NCAA tournament full of tremendous rallies, it was the Hoyas’ turn — against North Carolina, of all teams.

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UCLA 68, Kansas 55

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Ohio State 92, Memphis 76

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IN BRIEF

Donovan learns to be leader from marriage

TAMPA — Newly-wed Landon Donovan thinks he finally understands what it takes to be a leader on the U.S. soccer team.

"I got married this offseason and that’s helped me grow," the 25-year-old forward said Sunday after scoring three goals to lead the Americans over Ecuador 3-1 in an exhibition game Sunday.

"I’m now embracing a leadership role. I used to say: ‘I’d love to be a leader. I want to be a leader.’ But it’s not good enough to say it. You have to show it."

And that’s exactly what Donovan did in his first game as U.S. captain since last May 28. Following an 18-game, 1-1/2-year scoreless streak in international play, he has five goals in three matches this year, helping the Americans to a 3-0 record.

Pettersen benefits from Ochoa's mistakes in tourney

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN — Lorena Ochoa blew a four-stroke lead to Suzann Pettersen, then birdied four of the last five holes for a two-stroke victory in the Safeway International on Sunday.

Ochoa shot a 4-under 68 to rally past Pettersen (66).

Ochoa blew a four-stroke lead in the final round for the second time in three years at Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club. But this time she survived, overtaking Norway’s Pettersen with birdies on the 14th, 15th, 17th and 18th holes.

Ochoa, the tour’s reigning player of the year, earned $221,000 for her 10th LPGA Tour victory. She finished at 18 under.

The Mexican star opened the day with a four-stroke lead. But it disappeared as Pettersen then added another birdie on the seventh.

Youngest Keller makes family proud

MELBOURNE — The baby of the Keller family had bragging rights at the world swimming championships Sunday after big brother Kyle surprised the family by winning the 400-meter freestyle.

Kalin Keller, the youngest of three swimming siblings, gave the U.S. its second medal of the meet, earning a silver in the grueling 25-km open water race off St. Kilda Beach.

Back at Rod Laver Arena, Klete Keller faced much worse.

He finished 10th, missing the final by 0.31 seconds in a swim about 5 seconds off his best time.

"I don’t know what the heck happened," Keller said.

Maybe that’s what’s wrong. I didn’t think about it enough," his sister’s race finished 24 hours after it began in the treacherous waters of Port Phillip Bay.

Busch wins thanks to Golden Rule

Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Jeff Burton considered how to beat Kyle Busch in the closing laps at Bristol Motor Speedway, he couldn’t shake the lessons his mother taught him as a child.

"My mother always told me to do onto other people the way you want them to do you," Burton remembered. "That’s the only thing I know to do. I’ve always tried to let the guy I am racing with set the rules. … Kyle drives hard. He drives really hard. But he’s always raced me with respect."

And with that, Burton refused to bump Busch out of the way Sunday, instead pulling alongside of him before Busch beat him in a drag race to the finish line to win the first Car of Tomorrow race.

The two have battled in the Busch Series this season, and had a stirring door-to-door duel in Las Vegas two weeks ago that Burton won as Busch spun backward across the finish line.

Burton credited Busch with racing clean that day, and both drivers had it tough in thick traffic and stayed there through a pair of cautions. He had driven away from the competition when the 15th and final caution set up a three-lap overtime.

With Busch and teammate Jeff Gordon running 1-2 at the restart, the two plotted their own strategy with their respective crew chiefs.

"Well, good job guys," Busch sighed at the final caution. "We’ll do what we can. I can’t promise you anything."

"He’ll be nice," crew chief Alan Gustafson said. "He’ll play nice." It didn’t sound that way on Gordon’s channel.

"Tell that 5, if I get a fender underneath him, he better think about the fact that we’re teammates," Gordon said. "I’ll don’t get a fender underneath him, I won’t move him out of the way." It never mattered, though, as Burton jumped past Gordon on the restart and quickly pulled onto Busch’s rear bumper.

Burton looked low and Busch threw a block, then he went high and Busch blocked that, too.

Kyle Busch celebrates after winning the NASCAR Nextel Cup Food City 500 auto race in Bristol Sunday. Busch held off Jeff Burton in the final laps to clinch the victory.
WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Laxers earn first conference victory

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

No. 12 Notre Dame picked up its first Big East win of the season Sunday, defeating Loyola 11-1 in Baltimore.

In only a game, the Irish scored five goals over third-place Michigan State and on two assists. The second-year in a row both players have reached that mark.

Both teams had 23 shots on goal for the game. Loyola goalkeeper Karen Nicolaus had six saves to Goodman’s 14.

Goodman, in her first season as starting goalkeeper, has elevated her play since giving up 18 goals to defending NCAA champion Northwestern March 1. Since that loss, the sophomore is 5-1 with an 8.33 goals against average and a .550 save percentage.

With the win, Notre Dame improved to 7-2 overall, 1-1 in Big East play. Loyola fell to 1-6 and 0-2 in conference.

The 10-goal margin of victory tied for the largest Notre Dame win of the season. The Irish drubbed Canisius 18-8 in Buffalo earlier in the season.

Looking ahead, the Irish play four of their last five regular season games at home before the inaugural Big East championship, beginning next weekend with games Friday against Connecticut and Sunday against Duquesne.

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ROWING

Novice eight squad remains undefeated

By DANIELLE KELLER
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame performed impressively at Saturday’s regatta in Belleville, Mich.

The Irish won both the varsity four and novice eight races, while the varsity eight and second novice eight boats both finished in second place.

Saturday’s regatta against No. 15 Michigan No. 14 Michigan State and Clemson was the third outing of the season. The Irish opened their season with two regattas in Tennessee last weekend.

The novice eight boat, consisting of coxswain AZ Tice, Lisa Burn, Casey Sullivan, Emily Barker, Melissa Miller, Kathleen Donahue, Dana Gates, Casey Robinson and Kellyn Nestor, remained undefeated, winning all five of their races this season.

This weekend, they obliterated their competition with a time of 7:40:87, nine seconds ahead of second-place Michigan and over a minute and a half over third-place Michigan State.

The varsity four of coxswain Shannon Keithley, Laura Petnuch, Anni Nowblin, Shannon Cassel and Mary Kate McNamara also won their race, boating second-place Michigan State by nearly 10 seconds.

The second varsity eight finished fourth in its race and the second varsity four crew finished third in its four-boat race.

Tice said that the Irish’s performance was expected.

“We’re weak in some areas and strong in others. Now we know what areas to work harder on.”

AZ Tice
Rower

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Tuition for the summer session of 2007 will be $168 per credit hour for undergraduate students and $131 per credit hour for graduate students, plus a $50 general fee.

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Belles slaughter Rose-Hulman 10-1

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

The slaughter rule may have ended the first game early, but it didn’t end the Belles’ slaughter of Rose-Hulman Sunday afternoon.

The Belles took the first game 10-1 in five innings and the second 5-0, improving their record to 11-1 - 2-0 at home - and dropping the Engineers to 7-9.

"[Rose-Hulman] played pretty much as expected," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "They hit the ball well, made some good adjustments, good improvements throughout the game. The pitchers were great as always."

Sophomore Calli Davison pitched the first game, shutting down the Engineers’ best hitters and allowing just one run.

In an action-packed third inning, the Belles broke the game open with six hits and five homers, including a grand slam by sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro.

After the offensive outburst, the Belles closed out the game quickly with the mercy rule. In Rose-Hulman’s last chance to keep the game going, Davison got an out on a pop-up to freshman second baseman Mo Healy and struck out the next two hitters to end the game.

In the second contest of the doubleheader, Kristen Amram blew away the Engineer hitters, giving up no runs on three hits and lowering her ERA from an already miniscule 0.44 to 0.33.

Shortstop Sarah Miesle drove in four of Saint Mary’s five runs on a grand slam in the bottom of the first inning.

"She did an all-around amazing job," Sullivan said of Miesle. "She just hit the ball great."

Miesle was more humble. "I just played like I normally play," Miesle said. "I try and play hard every pitch. I just happened to have a good day today."

Last season, Saint Mary’s set a school record with 28 wins and was 9-3 after 12 games. This year, the team is already two games ahead of that pace.

The Belles will travel this weekend to face Alma College at 2 p.m. Saturday and Manchester at 1 p.m. Sunday.

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Irish athletes post 19 Big East qualifying marks

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Still 5-4 on the season, Saint Mary’s was unable to add another win to its record this weekend due to unfortunate weather circumstances. The Belles’ match Saturday against Indiana Wesleyan University was cancelled because of forecasted rain and a lack of indoor tennis courts.

Despite last year’s defeat, Belles’ coach Dee Stevenson still has faith in his team, which is currently 1-0 in the MIAA conference.

“Calvin College is not as strong this year,” Stevenson said. “And we are a bit stronger than we were last year. It should definitely be an interesting match.”

The Belles’ regular lineup will be ready to take on Calvin College with senior captain Kelly McBayrit playing number-one singles and standout freshman Camille Gebert taking the number-two spot. Together the duo will also compete in the number-one doubles spot.

The match will take place today in Grand Rapids, Mich., at 3 p.m.

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PGA TOUR

Tiger wins his last event before Masters

Associated Press

MIAMI — They can move this World Golf Championship around country and continents, change its name and stick it in a different spot on the calendar. Tiger Woods still seems to wind up with the trophy.

Woods made sure the outcome was never in doubt Sunday, making enough key putts to keep everyone at a distance and playing it safe at the end for a 1-over 73 to capture his third title in four events. Woods won the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.91 seconds and qualified in school history. The meet was Molnar’s first of the year since the 400-meter hurdles is not run during the indoor season. Molnar also ran in the 4x400-meter relay with senior Ryan Postel, senior Jordin Powell and junior Austin Wochter. The team finished fourth in 3:45.12.

Freshmen Balazs Molnar had a strong meet, finishing fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.36 seconds. That mark gave Molnar the third-fastest time in school history. The meet was Molnar’s first of the year since the 400-meter hurdles is not run during the indoor season. Molnar also ran in the 4x400-meter relay with senior Ryan Postel, senior Jordin Powell and junior Austin Wochter. The team finished fourth in 3:45.12. Tiger Woods made sure the outcome was never in doubt Sunday, making enough key putts to keep everyone at a distance and playing it safe at the end for a 1-over 73 to capture his third title in four events. Woods won the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.91 seconds and qualified in school history. The meet was Molnar’s first of the year since the 400-meter hurdles is not run during the indoor season. Molnar also ran in the 4x400-meter relay with senior Ryan Postel, senior Jordin Powell and junior Austin Wochter. The team finished fourth in 3:45.12.
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Sweeps

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Irish junior shortstop Kaia Laing throws to first in Notre Dame's 9-1 victory Sunday over Seton Hall at Ivy Field.

Irish bats continued to be a threat, scoring in four of the six innings and adding a pair of sacrifice flies for the sweep.

OUTSTANDING TENNIS

BY JAY WADE

Sports Writer

No. 3 Notre Dame, enjoying its highest ranking since 1999, duplicated its victory at the Blue Gray Classic with a 7-0 win Sunday afternoon against Purdue.

The Irish extended their winning streak to 10 matches and improved their overall record to 16-2 while Purdue fell to 6-5, 1-2 in the Big Ten.

Notre Dame's streak is its longest since the 1989-90 team won 11 consecutive games.

"I think the rankings indicated that we were a heavy favorite, but that does not always play out... I was happy with how we took care of all the things we needed to in a professional manner," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said.

The Irish had to adjust to new conditions while playing in West Lafayette. After a recent outdoor tournament, the team was forced to readjust to an indoor setting because Purdue's new outdoors courts are not yet finished.

Also, senior Irish standout No. 8 Stephen Basso—who has won nine of his last 11 matches—had to play freshman Branko Kuzmanovic, who he was not prepared to face.

Basso adjusted well to his unknown opponent, defeating Kuzmanovic 6-2, 6-2.

The Irish senior now has a record of 26-6.

"Bass did a good job of attacking his second serve, which was the key to winning that match," Bayliss said.

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Sweeps on a bases loaded walk, sophomore Beth Northway smacked a line drive to right for two more runs.

Notre Dame scored two more in the sixth inning, but the early offensive production was more than enough for Bargan to claim another victory.

Notre Dame 3, St. John's 0

The second game of the doubleheader featured less offense than the first and turned into a pitcher's duel.

After freshman Heather Johnson started the fourth inning, the Irish retired the side until a sacrifice fly became the only run of the game. In the fourth inning, the Irish retired the side again.

Notre Dame senior now has a 2-0 record at 21-10, 7-9 in dual action. The Irish bats came out to 5-5 on the season with her complete-game four-hit gem.

On Sunday, Notre Dame faced off in another doubleheader against Big East rival Seton Hall.

In the first game, Bargan continued her impressive play with a complete-game one-hitter, allowing one unearned run.

Fuenmmer started the second game of the day, giving up four hits and one run with four strikeouts.

In the second inning, Laing doubled and then stole third, advancing home on a throwing error for the first run of the game. In the fourth inning, the Irish retired the first two batters, but after a walk and a single, Seton Hall was on the board.

For the second time in the game, Laing started a rally with a double, breaking the tie in the bottom of the fourth with a two-out RBI single from Lux. Although the Irish threatened to score another insurance run in the sixth, Bargan had enough support to close out the game, improving to 9-7 on the season.

Notre Dame 9, Seton Hall 1

The Irish bats came out strong again on the way to a 9-1 win, sealing the sweep on the day and their fifth win in six games.

In singles play, Brett Helgeson defeated Eric Hodgman 6-1, 6-4. Barry King defeated Kurt Zaske 6-4, 6-2. Andrew Roh defeated Scott Wagner 6-1, 6-2, and Ryan Keckley defeated Paul Foley 6-1, 6-2.

Keckley, who clinched the victory for Notre Dame, got his 60th career win.

Bayliss was particularly impressed with both King's and Roh's victories.

"They both beat strong players with their physical and aggressive ground strokes," he said.

In doubles, Keckley and Paul Foley defeated Kurt Zaske and Rose 8-6, King and Helgeson defeated Hodgman and Zaske 8-2, and Bass and Roh defeated Foley and Griffin Neinberg 8-3.

"It was very conducive to our style of play," Bayliss said.

Like Bass, the rest of the Irish were, however, still managed to shoot good scores.

Junior Katie O'Brien posted a team-low, two-day total of 167 to lead the Irish in an impressive showing in the Northern Kentucky Invitational over the weekend.

O'Brien shot an 83 in the first round and an 84 in the second during the weekend's events.

"She played well both rounds. She struck the ball very well," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said.

"She struggled somewhat in putting, but still managed to shoot good scores."

Sophomore Meredith Fantam shot a 91 in her first round and an 87 in her second, totaling 188. Sophomore Meghan Fontinot shot a 110 during her first round, but significantly lowered her score, posting a 91 in her second round, to finish at 201.

"She improved twenty strokes over her first score, so she really played well for us today," Hamilton said.

The team was more comfortable after having played at the Invite the year before, and it showed.

O'Brien beat her previous score by 24 strokes and Fantam lowered her score by 19.

"Everyone was a little more relaxed," Hamilton said. "We just played slightly closer to our potential.

As drastic as the improvements were, however, there are still kinks to be worked out.

"We still struggled on the greens this week, so we're still looking for an answer for that," he said.

Hamilton said the field of 22 teams was stronger than the competition faced during the previous tournament. He also said that the course was very conducive to lower scores and expressed relief the weather had improved since the team's last tournament.

"The conditions were benign, the weather was perfect," he said.

"The dip in scores was partially indicative of fine-motion, but also had to do with the experience of playing in a tournament the week before," Hamilton said.

"We made some adjustments as far as strategy, as far as understanding how to play the course a little better," he said. "After having a tournament under your belt, you're a little more relaxed when you go out and play. We kind of lost our deer-in-the-headlights look a little bit before, but we played well today."
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Bulls continued from page 24 Big East opener. Phelps scattered three hits, struck out six and walked two in seven innings. "It was a good win for us," he said. South Florida starter Danny Torres gave up just one run on seven hits in seven and two-thirds innings, but walked three and allowed a combined seven walks in the loss. "It was a good win for us," he said. "They’re a good team. We had our moments and they had theirs, but we were able to close it out." Torres scattered three hits, walked two and allowed a combined seven walks in the loss. "It was a good win for us," he said. "They’re a good team. We had our moments and they had theirs, but we were able to close it out."

The Irish rushed the field in celebration. "It’s a little surreal," said South Florida reliever Kyle Weiland. "I was proud of how our kids bounced back with the bats and pitching. Stewart and Williamson pitched well for us all year, and Schrage said. "People were getting hits with no one on base, but they’re up and they’ve come up with a chance to knock some in, and they wouldn’t do it."

The best chance to score for the Irish came in the third. After the Bulls got the out at second, senior Jess Stewart was hit by a pitch. "It would have scored Diaz, but the ball landed on the grass," said South Florida closer Brett Graffy. "The Irish scored twice in the inning, including a two-run home run by leftfielder Ty Barnes. "It’s hard to shut any team out," said South Florida pitcher Mark Ross. "It was tough to shut any team out," said South Florida pitcher Mark Ross. "It was tough to shut any team out," said South Florida pitcher Mark Ross. "It was tough to shut any team out," said South Florida pitcher Mark Ross. "It was tough to shut any team out," said South Florida pitcher Mark Ross. "It was tough to shut any team out," said South Florida pitcher Mark Ross. "It was tough to shut any team out," said South Florida pitcher Mark Ross. "It was tough to shut any team out," said South Florida pitcher Mark Ross. 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ry, finishing second to Harvard's Timothy Hagaman by a single touch. It marked the third straight season that Ghattas lost in the championship bout, a fact that the captain said eats at him.

"It's hard," Ghattas said. "It's like the same feeling three years in a row."

Still, Ghattas contributed a point to the team score with each of his 18 victories in pool play. He and sophomore Bill Thanhouser, whose 17 wins tied him for fourth most, accounted for 35 of Notre Dame's 160 points.

"It's nice to see [Thanhouser] fencing so well," Ghattas said. "We were solid. ... We did our job."

But Thanhouser's performance was only the second-best among the team's sophomores. Classmate Nott captured third place with a 9-8 win in sudden death over Penn State's Tamar Najmi. Nott finished sixth in 2006.

Nott, whose hometown coach was his first-year Irish assistant Gia Kvaratskhelia, said Kvaratskhelia's instruction on her footwork was especially important this season.

"I just hope I have two more chances to do this," Nott said. If Nott does reach the national competition again, it likely will be with Hurley, who took second in women's epee. The freshman earned 18 pool victories before beating Reka Szrele of St. John's to advance to the finals.

There, she traded touches in a fast-paced first period with Wayne State's Anna Garina, a 30-year-old southpaw senior from Kiev, Ukraine. Garina took a quick 2-0 lead, but Hurley battled back to tie the score at 6-6. After Garina took the next touch, the two traded two double-touches and two single scores to end the period with Garina up 11-10. The senior claimed a 13-11 lead early in second, but the San Antonio product tied the score at 13-13. But that was as close as Hurley got, and Garina took the bout 15-13.

After the bout, Hurley said she was upset with missed opportunities that could have put away the three-time national champion.

"Maybe in a little while I can look at it as a positive, but right now I'm just so angry I missed those chances," Hurley said.

On the other end of the spectrum, Providence's career ended in frustrating style. With her semifinal bout knotted at 14-14, Providence deflected an advance by Columbia's Dara Schneider and hit Schneider's lamee. But PROVIDENZA didn't score the touch because of new timing rules. Schneider counterattacked to beat the senior and overcame Penn State's Caitlin Thompson in a thrilling final for the individual crown.

Still visibly upset with the semifinal loss, Providence tried to battle back after falling behind 8-3 in the third-place bout but fell short with a 15-13 defeat at the hands of Columbia's Emily Jacobson.

In men's epee, junior Greg Howard earned eighth place with a 13-10 record in his first competition at the NCAAs. Sophomore teammate Karol Kostka finished third spots behind Howard with 12 wins.

Howard, who came to the NCAAs as a spectator last season, said he was less nervous competing than he was watching because "I had some control" this time. That, combined with his laid-back personality, produced a relaxed attitude that propelled him to several key wins, including a 5-2 victory over fourth-place finisher Dwight Smith of Columbia.

"I feel like I got a lot better this year," Howard said. "I definitely became a little bit more focused."

In men's foil, Notre Dame sophomore Mark Kubik took seventh with 13 wins, and Irish junior Jakub Jedrzkowiak finished ninth with 12 victories.

On the women's side of the foil, Notre Dame sophomore Emilie Prot went 6-3 Sunday after posting a 5-9 record in Saturday's first four rounds.

Irish sophomore and Orange, N.J. native Ashley Serreves finished 9-14 in the women's sabre competition but was only minus-10 in total touches.

In all, Irish non-seniors earned 77 percent of the squad's points.

"We should be glad they fenced well," Bodnar said. "They showed fury. They showed ambition."

Notes:
- With Garina's win against Hurley for the women's epee crown, the Ukraine native earned her third title with a championship victory over a Notre Dame fencer. Garina topped then-sophomore Amy Orlando 15-6 in 2005 and former Irish national champion Kerry Walton for the crown in 2004.

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2-0 hole against the No. 1 team in the country and proceeded to deny the Irish for over 90 minutes before finally surrendering a goal. Nantanig stared at his head all night, making 49 saves before freshman Ryan Thang finally found a chink in the armor for a 3-2 double overtime win — more than four hours after the opening faceoff.

Notre Dame avoided the monumental upset, but the victory was instead a team effort. Although the Irish were finally able to cut the Spartans lead to 2-1, they were unable to score thanks to a stellar performance by Christian Hanson.

In order to keep up with their opponents, the Irish forced them to take a lot of penalties.

“I think that is where a little bit of both had showed up,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said after Saturday’s game. “They weren’t discipline penalties — they were a little bit of a step behind, penalties.”

The team was whistled for 10 penalties on the night. Two of those led to Michigan State goals, and another took away an Irish goal that would have tied the game at zero with less than three minutes left.

Sophomore left wing Garrett Regini was called for a penalty interference when he crashed the net and collided with Lerg in the crease. The Irish put the loose puck in the net, but referee Peter Fedier ruled off the goal due to the contact.

2-1 loss in Saturday’s regional championship game.

The team and its fans were clearly disappointed with the loss of reaching the Frozen Four in St. Louis, but the humongous strides this season will go a long way toward reaching what Jackson has referred to as “the ultimate prize” — a national championship.

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Clue to previous puzzle: Crossword: "What the running back did as time was running out - "RUSHED TO SCORE"

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1. "My Fair Lady"
6. Wrigley Field
12. Musical Wonder
15. Pope John Paul II
29. "The God of Sport"
36. "I"
37. Enige
39. "The God of Sport"
41. Not straight
74. Jackrabbits,
75. Annoyer

DOWN
1. Takes, as an offer
2. Not deep
3. Tweak, as
4. Hockey legend
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Hints: Educational word Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

JUMBLE

Unscramble these 4 Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

A: TO

Saturday's Jumbles: POWER DANCE Rush Day: Join the team Respond with the jumbled words.

Happy Birthday! You may be seen between what you should do and what you want to do this year. Don't let this hold you back. No matter how old or young you are, this is a great time to throw your own party and give in to a dream that will shape the rest of your life. Your cycle peaks on 7-26, 8-15, 9-13.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Be positive and take action and you will see that some people like your ideas and what you are trying to do. You can make a difference in children or citizens today. Your views, suggestions and hands-on efforts will build a stronger relationship. 3 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Parisian, spicy, agent a day or a jog to converse someone you absolutely adore today. No matter what you do, work should not be on your agenda. Remember all is not lost, the good times you've had last 4-5 days.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You are in solid working hours at home. You can make some good changes to your surroundings or you can go on a jog on your upcoming work week. You will have some interesting time 3-4 days.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You will be mostly free if things go wrong and very loving and protective. You should not go your way, as you keep tight and spend time with the people you are most compatible with. A short trip will be enlightening 3-4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): For your plans in motion. Your dedication will impress the people you encounter. Talk to people who may be interested in what you are trying to do. It may mean you have beenShenandoah in the past should now be clear. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You don't need to be up to a group or on a vacation of a vacation that will bring you in contact with other people. Love in the stars and the more you spend with someone you see eye to eye with, the more love you will have 4-5 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you are an expert or areTaurus on because you have outstanding reporting your work, taking it home will only cause some problems for you in your personal life. Help yourself with something you really enjoy doing. Forget about the things you can't change today 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You can profit through real estate, winnings, gifts, investments, settlement or receiving checking old debts. This is a good day to make some changes to your residence or to spend time with the one you love 5-6 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's not the best day for major decisions, major conversations which could have an impact or your future. Don't exaggerate or get into gossip. Spend time putting around your home or working something new. 3-4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may feel a bit of a push-pull going in your head. If you are well-organized, you can probably fit in both responsibilities and a good time. Someone you love will be willing to help and will offer you lots of advice. 4 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do what you can for your community. If you get involved in something meaningful, you will hook up with some interesting people. You can stabilize your life by making a decision about your next step. 5 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): You are in position to initiate some of the changes you've been contemplating. Make sure, however, that you aren't trying to do the impossible. Simplicity will be the key 3-4 stars

Horoscope: You are exchanging, magical and sensitive to the needs of others. You are changeable and forgiving but live one who never forgets.

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**Irish finish fourth at NCAA Championships**

By KEN FOWLER

**Madison, N.J. — It just wasn’t Notre Dame’s year.**

But this weekend’s NCAA Championships at Drew University might be a sign of better things to come for the Irish.

Notre Dame finished fourth in the team competition to conclude a season that included a surgery and lengthy absence for head coach Janusz Bednarski, the hiring of a new assistant coach for the fencers and the departure of Olympic gold medalist Mariel Zagunis.

The Irish beat regional rival Ohio State but fell short of St. John’s, Columbia and champion Penn State. Notre Dame also finished fourth last year.

Still, four Irish fencers garnered first-team All-American status with top-four showings — freshman epeeist Kelley Harley, sophomore foilist Adi Nott and senior sabreists Patrik Ghatas and Valerie Providence.

In all, nine of Notre Dame’s 11 qualifiers earned at least honorable mention All-American status with top-12 finishes in their weapon, and seven of those nine will return to the squad next season.

“Happy — we are not. We always want more,” Bednarski said as the Championships closed inside the Simon Forum and Athletic Center. “(But) I am very proud of the kids, who kept going. We have new fencers who are showing good skill.”

Ghatas became the 25th three-time first-team All-American in Notre Dame history.

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**Frozen fallout**

**Icers fall to Spartans in NCAA Midwest regional final, 2-1**

By KYLE CASSILY

**Grand Rapids, Mich. — Irish coach Jeff Jackson sat alone at the post-game press conference table minutes after Notre Dame fell 2-1 to Michigan State in a loss that put a premature period to the end of a season no one expected, and after it was over, no one wanted to see end.**

Jackson looked at the empty seats to his left where his players usually sat and told those assembled in Grand Rapids for No. 1 Notre Dame’s second NCAA Tournament appearance Saturday that none would be leaving the locker room anytime soon.

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**Bulls take conference series**

By CHRIS KHOREY and DEBRE KRAUSL

**Bulls pitchers Kate Fuemmeler and Brittney Bargar allowed only two hits with eight strikeouts for an 8-0 victory in the first game. Senior Kenya Fuemmeler also pitched a complete-game gem, conceding four hits and striking out seven.**

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**Team sweeps Big East foes Red Storm, Pirates**

By LORENZO REYES

**Notre Dame started Big East play with a perfect record after a doubleheader sweep Saturday of St. John’s and another twin-killing, this time Sunday over Seton Hall.**

The Irish were carried by hot hitting, most notably from freshman Christine Lux, who had three hits and four RBIs over the weekend.

Notre Dame pitchers threw two shutouts — the first two of the season. Sophomore