Hesburgh recalls, contrasts activism during Vietnam era, today

Alumni, University President Emeritus emphasize different natures of demonstrations from 1970s to present

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Editor's Note: This is the second article in a three-part series examining activism at Notre Dame, its current role on campus, how that role has changed and what those changes mean for the future.

As is the case with universities nationwide, activism at Notre Dame has redefined itself as an effort to steer the boat in a certain direction, rather than rocking it.

Many college students of the late 1960s and early 1970s turned to sit-ins, lie-ins and stone-throwings to get their point across, including those at Notre Dame - until then-University President Father Theodore Hesburgh told them, "Enough.

He established guidelines for protesters, allowing their voices to be heard while prohibiting any infringement upon other students' rights. Violent protests stopped and other universities attempted similar efforts.

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INSIDE COLUMN

A series of unfortunate events

I went to sleep late and when I woke up this morning I got tangled up in my bed sheets and the left side of my body hurt so much that I couldn’t get up from the floor to change my clothes or brush my teeth. By the time I returned to McGlinn it was noon and I hadn’t showered and smelled like Ron戈 as I got soaked to the skin by air conditioning. I couldn’t get up from the floor to change my rocks and carried me down to the lobby and to Health Services with bad breath. I think I’ll move to Australia. The nurse looked at my X-rays and said I had a nasty sprain and a hairline fracture and she gave me cough medicine and then I asked if a joke was a bad idea to go dancing at Fever and drink until spraining my left ankle. She didn’t even answer. I couldn’t tell if it was going to be a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day.

My roommate Alena called NSDP and soon three firemen came to our room but I couldn’t get up from the floor to change my clothes or brush my teeth because my ankle hurt too much so they saw me in my ugliest pajamas and carried me down to the lobby and to Health Services with bad breath. I think I’ll move to Australia.

My friend and colleague at work and said I just said that because I didn’t tape, but at least I could watch the movie I still pray for another World Series championship. I can’t tell everyone I still pray for another World Series championship. I can’t tell everyone I still pray for another World Series championship.

Sophomores Brian McArdle, far left, and Nathan Loyd pilot the “Land Yacht” Wednesday outside Keough Hall.

IN BRIEF

Ceyl Prinster, a 1976 Notre Dame graduate and executive director of the Colorado Enterprise Fund, will deliver the lecture entitled “Building a Balanced Life: Strategies for Combining Career and Family” today at 5 p.m. in 119 O’Shaughnessy.

Howard Schultz, the founder and chairman of Starbucks, will deliver the 2007 Frank Cahill Award tonight at 7 p.m. in Hesburgh Auditorium in Monogram. His lecture is entitled “Entrepreneurship and Ethics.”

Married journalists and scholars James Whitehead and Evelyn Eaton Whitehead will give the lecture “Spirituality and Sexuality: The Marriage of Eros and Grace” tonight at 7 p.m. in the Carroll Auditorium in Madeleva Hall at St. Mary’s.

 Judge Victoria Marina de Aviles will deliver a lecture entitled “El Salvador Reform of the Judiciary” today at 8 p.m. in Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The lecture will be in Spanish, but an English translation will be available. The event is sponsored by Latin American/North American Church Conferences (LANACC) in the Kellogg Institute.

General Richard B. Myers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will deliver the lecture “Up Front on the Future of Global Security” at the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business at 10:40 a.m. as part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series.

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Conference honors Dunne’s teaching

Theology has been at University for 50 years

Special to The Observer

"Seeking the Heart’s Desire," a conference honoring Rev. John Dunne, Rev. John A. O’Brien Professor of Catholic Theology, for his half-century-long presence on the faculty at Notre Dame, will be held Friday to Sunday at McKenna Hall.

Judge John T. Noonan of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court, a former member of the Notre Dame Law School faculty and a close friend of Father Dunne, will give the conference keynote address at 7 a.m. on Saturday at McKenna Hall. The three are Rev. Timothy Scully, a pianist, will give a musical performance of his own work, accompanied by Quinn Pilari, executive assistant at South Bend's Center for the Homeless. The conference will conclude on Sunday at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Welsh Family Hall with a Mass at which Father Dunne will preside.

A 1951 Notre Dame alumnus, Father Dunne began to teach at Notre Dame when he returned from studies at the Gregorian University in Rome in the fall of 1957. One of the University's most popular, even beloved teachers, he has written numerous influential works on theology and the spiritual life, including "The City of God in Time and Memory," and "Way of All the Earth."

He has taught arguably more Notre Dame students than any other person.

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cigars and decorated on his rug. After a confrontation with protesters, Swarthmore College President Courtney Smith had a heart attack in his office and died.

"Whereas here, I was up there in my office [in Main Building] every night after supper," Hesburgh said Tuesday. "The lights were all on, the door was open. Anybody who wanted to could knock on the door and come in, and I had groups of students all night long coming in and out. We had some good discussions, and we even saved a lot of problems because of that."

Still, there was a thriving anti-war movement at Notre Dame, said Michael Shaughnessy, a theology teacher at St. Ignatius College Preparatory High School in San Francisco who graduated from Notre Dame in 1971. Sit-ins, be-ins and student strikes were common occurrences, he said, especially during the 1969-70 school year.

At Hesburgh wrote in his autobiography "God, Country, Notre Dame," students were threatening to torch the ROTC building the former security building behind Lacey Hall. A mob also interrupted a Board of Trustees meeting, demanded the university protect "taggists" and when the long-time black civil rights activist Bayard Rustin, then a trustee, went out to greet them, they insulted him.

"I knew that it would be tested and of course, it was," Hesburgh said. On a day when recruits from the CIA and Dow Chemical were scheduled to visit the Placement Office know the Career Center, about 12 students laid in front of the door to that office. The dean soon arrived and gave them 15 minutes to move — they didn't. He suspended them, and then the next day the remaining five minutes and thus were not permanently expelled. Then, they headed straight for Hesburgh's office and asked him to rethink the suspension.

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"Instead of kids involved in service work, working to change social structures."

"A group goes to Washington and stands up for life is practicing activism, and a very positive type of activism," he said. "I've seen in pictures the large white crosses they put out on the campus at times. They're trying to help people understand the horror of abortion. It's a different type of activism, but it's a much more productive one than what we went on back in the late '60s and '70s."

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Senate

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provo's office to strengthen its efforts to recruit minority faculty members - also received strong sup-

port from the senators, passing with 25 votes in favor and one abstention.

Destinee DeLemos, the chair of MAC, said her committee has been working on this letter throughout the semester. The letter refers to University President Father John Jenkins' 2005 faculty address, in which he said he would make recruit-

ing faculty from underrepresented groups a priority in his administra-

tion.

The letter to Burish urges his office to "be more proactive in this initiative and be responsible for ensuring that departments are expending the prop-

er efforts and resources to both obtain and retain minority faculty members."

DeLemos' committee will also attach to the letter a summary of their find-

ings on minority faculty recruit-

ment.

Breen-Phillips senator and vice president-elect Maris Braun com-

mented DeLemos and her committee for their work this semester.

"I think Senate should congratulate Destinee [DeLemos] and her commit-

tee," Braun said. "I think that Dr. Burish deserves to draw his atten-

tion to this, as a good job."

Student body president Lizzi Shappell introduced a resolution that a person running a joke cam-

paign, if elected, could be "fiscally irre-

sponsible and spend all the extra money in the account.

Shappell outlined a system of checks and balances already in place to prevent that situation from occurring.

"They would have to spend about triple to quadruple of their budget to get rid of this," she said.

The Senate passed the resolution 26-0. The Senate also approved the Student Union endowment as one topic that Shappell will present at the spring Board of Trustees meeting.

Senate Oversight committee chair Chris Holton presented and passed two amendments to clear up confu-

sion about wording in the Student Union Constitution regarding election results.

Many senators expressed a desire for a change to the Student Union Constitution after an incomplete run-

off election in mid-February led to a closed Senate to decide the next stu-

dent body president and vice presi-

dent. The two amendments intro-

duced greatly reduce the chance the deciding vote will be given to the

Senate.

Braun said she supported the intent of the resolutions.

"I think clearly there were a ton of issues this year that really stressed Senate out," she said. "This was the best solution that Chris and the Oversight committee found. No one wants to see what happened this year happen again. It wasn't fun for any-

one, and it didn't reflect well on the Constitution."

Both amendments were passed by the Senate.

The first amendment, to section VI of the Constitution, states that in a run-off election, for the student body president, vice president, class offi-

cers, off-campus president or off-camp-

us president, there will be an option on the voter's ballot to abstain. "But a vote to abstain will not count as a valid vote." In the unlikely event that the two tickets received the same amount of votes to the run-off election, the sec-

ond amendment changes the current process where senators cast a vote in line with their dorm constituencies to a process where, Holton said, the winner will be the ticket that wins the most Senate constituencies. In the case of a tie within a residence hall, "we'll cast the decid-

ing vote."

Although most senators were preparing to leave office last night, one senator was induced into office after a resolution was passed to remove Dillon son Matthew Coughlin from office.

Lodwich was removed from office for his outstanding absences since being appointed Dillon's senator earli-

er this semester after former senator Tyler Langdon informed the senate last fall that he would be studying abroad this semester.

Director of Communications Alex French, a former O'Neill resident, was sworn in as acting Dillon senator.

In other Senate news:

- Chief executive assistant and president-elect Liz Brown announced the winners of two awards — the Irish Clover award for service to the stu-

dents of Notre Dame by a student, staff or faculty member and the Frank O'Malley award for service to students by a faculty member. Shappell and Director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin received the Irish Clover award and history professor Father Tim Miscamble received the O'Malley award.

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account to be added to the Student Union Endowment.

With the combination of these two funds, we have nearly $700,000 to invest in an endowment for the benefit of the entire stu-

dent body, both current and future," Shappell said. The FMB and the Council of Representatives will manage the endow-

ment. In the first year, Shappell predicted that the FMB will be able to allo-

rate approximately $25,000-30,000 additional dollars amongst all the Student Union organizations.

Shappell called this a "fiscally responsible deci-

don" and one that has been a long time coming.

"Since my time at Notre Dame began nearly four years ago, student govern-

ment has talked about starting a programming endowment," she said. "The Board of Trustees report in the spring of 2004 was on this topic, outlining why additional funding is needed to improve student life. Unfortunately, this endow-

ment was never realized — until now."

But Shappell clarified this is not just a program-

ming endowment, since its returns will be placed into the overall Student Union spring budget for alloc-

ation.

Shappell said she was proud of this new initiative as well as other accom-

plishments of her administra-

tion, including the first-


d Community Summit, an Eating Disorders Conference, the College Leadership Program and the formation of a University committee on cultural competency. Of the 35 items on her platform, Shappell said she achieved 32. She thanked the representa-

tives present for helping her nearly all her plans.

"Everyone involved in this administration worked tirelessly to ensure the success of these initia-

tives," she said.

Shappell told the sena-

tors that she enjoyed working with them and thanked them for con-

tributing to her administra-

tion's success.

"I am confident that I, along with the rest of the senior class, am leaving the University in the able hands of the remaining student body," Shappell said.

Shappell and vice presi-

dent Bill Andrichik will end their term on Sunday, at which point current Chief Executive Assistant Liz Brown and current Breen-Phillips senator Maris Braun will become president and vice presi-

dent, respectfully.

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INDIANAPOLIS — A motorist who police say fell asleep at the wheel struck two Somali siblings who were on their way to school in the U.S. a week, killing one of them.

Shukri Mohamed Ibrahim, 9, was pronounced dead at the scene Thursday. Her brother, Hassan Mohamed Ibrahim, 14, was in critical condition Wednesday at Methodist Hospital.

The boy was riding a bicycle and his sister was walking ahead of him along a city street, police said.

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police said they had received reports of the apparent fall asleep before her car crossed two lanes of traffic, striking the children.

IRELAND

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LOCAL NEWS

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INDIANAPOLIS — A motorist who police say fell asleep at the wheel struck two Somali siblings who were on their way to school in the U.S. a week, killing one of them.

Shukri Mohamed Ibrahim, 9, was pronounced dead at the scene Thursday. Her brother, Hassan Mohamed Ibrahim, 14, was in critical condition Wednesday at Methodist Hospital.

The boy was riding a bicycle and his sister was walking ahead of him along a city street, police said.

Indianapolis Metropolitan Police said they had received reports of the apparent fall asleep before her car crossed two lanes of traffic, striking the children.

IRELAND

British captives shown on Arab TV
Blair won't negotiate with Iran except to discuss the return of sailors, marines

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Messinger, a former Democratic speaker of the New York City Council, encouraged action from all individuals in what she called, "the moral legacy we will leave to our children and grandchildren." She said the Janjaweed militia, a group funded and armed by the Sudanese government, has waged genocide against the inhabitants of the Darfur region in the eastern part of Sudan since February 2003 - although there are very few distinct ethnic or religious differences between the two sides of the conflict, Messinger said. Both the Darfurian residents and the Janjaweed militants, she said, are Muslim.

"You can go online and read the complete history of the genocide, but you simply can't get it to make sense," Messinger said.

The region’s Muslim identity, however, cannot be automatically treated as an explanation for the genocide, she said, cautioning students against faulting a religious identity for an act of human evil. "Don't make the mistake of assigning [the blame] to any one group of people," she said. "Whether it is that causing it is the same as it was in Germany and Cambodia." Messinger framed her speech as a "plea to a powerful university" to help stop the genocide in Darfur and prevent further massacres in the world. She urged Notre Dame and Indiana to divest from companies that buy or sell Sudanese oil, as 28 other colleges and universities across the nation have done already. She also said individuals should push private investing firms, such as Fidelity and Berkshire Hathaway, to follow that lead.

Messinger said each of the 2.5 million Darfur refugees has his or her own story - but all of these stories "are chillingly the same." When the Janjaweed attack a village, they start by bombing the town using Sudanese government planes painted white to look like humanitarian aid planes, she said. The Janjaweed militia then enters the village on horseback and trucks, brandishing knives, slaughtering the men, raping the women, killing the children and killing the livestock, whose carcasses they use to contaminate the well water, Messinger said.

"Rape is being used as a weapon of war in Darfur," she said. "It is incomprehensible, but it is happening."

Messinger described the refugee camps in Darfur and Chad as "appearing to stretch forever across the desert." In these camps, the women attempt to support themselves by gathering firewood, but they often must venture more than two kilometers outside the camps - at risk of attack by the Janjaweed - to find any two branches.

One woman, nonetheless, told Messinger she wouldn't consider sending her husband or her son because she feared they would get killed if they were captured.

"Why get raped," she said.

In light of the tragedies that are repeated every day in Darfur, the question of what needs to be done to stop the cycle naturally presents itself, she said.

While Messinger said she acknowledges no single individual can save the world, each effort counts. She cited an old Hebrew teaching that says "It's not our responsibility to complete the world, but we're not allowed to refuse to participate."

Individuals can participate by contacting local officials, especially at the state level, she said. After the Indiana House of Representatives unanimously passed Bill 1484 that mandated divestment from businesses that give money to Sudan, the bill died Wednesday. The chairman of the committee that reviews House bills before they are presented to the state senate rejected the resolution - a disappointing event for Messinger.

Messinger urged individuals to become informed in these issues, call the White House comment line, write to local newspapers, raise awareness in the community and tell family and friends about the crisis. She said students should consider participating in the ongoing Africa Awareness Week on campus, as there will be a March Thursday outside Main Building to protest the genocide.

Messinger said people always question what they would have done had they been presented with the opportunity to save Jews during the Holocaust. But she said she does not believe this question is relevant. "I should ask you, "question not what you would have done, but what are you doing."

She termed her organization's work in Darfur a "Holocaust memorial program," inviting students to help stop the bloodstream before the tragedy reaches levels of atrocity akin to the Holocaust.

"There's a lot of work to be done, and I hope that more of you will join us," she said.

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Saturday's fashion show will differ from its predecessors in its fundraising effort, assistant show coordinator senior Jason Laws said. For the first time, he said, the program is supporting a charity.

All ticket proceeds and additional donations collected at the door will benefit Touching Tiny Lives (TTL), an organization that works with children in Lesotho who suffer from HIV/AIDS, Laws said.

Through clinical care and the promotion of global responsibility, TTL strives to heal and offer hope to the children and communities of Lesotho, the organization's Web site said.

"We chose this organization after realizing that amongst many of the international non-profit organizations that work to fight against the struggle with HIV/AIDS, with TTL we would know exactly how funding would help those in need," Laws said.

"We know the funding will go directly to Lesotho, South Africa."

Another new addition to the show is the creation of a $1 "Be VIP for 1 Night" raffle, he said. On Friday, four students will be drawn as winners of a VIP package which includes a $25 debt gift card, red carpet treatment before the show, a special photo-op and VIP seating for the winner and two guests. Laws said proceeds from the raffle will also go to TTL.

Organizers said they did not expect student attendance and participation to be a problem.

"Because it is the 30th year anniversary of the fashion show, it makes this year even more exciting," Flint said. "We are expecting a great turnout."

For 30 years, the BCAC fashion show has been a highlight of Notre Dame's annual Spring Visitation Weekend. From today until Sunday, p e s p e c t i v e African, Asian, Latino- and Native-American students will be visiting campus to get a taste of undergraduate life at the University.

Each year, Spring Visitation participants take part in a variety of activities that help them understand college life at Notre Dame — and the fashion show continues to be one of the most entertaining events of the weekend, Flint said.

Students from Notre Dame and St. Mary's are welcomed at the show and the red carpet events leading up to it starting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, the event attracting free shuttle transportation to the Century Center will be provided at the Library Circle every 15 minutes starting at 6:15 p.m. Saturday.

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**BRIEF**

U.S.-South Korea discuss specifics while anti-FTA protesters rally outside

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**FREE TRADE TALKS TENSION**

South Korea and U.S. negotiators discuss specific details and anti-FTA protesters rally outside the U.S. Embassy in Seoul.

**U.S.**

The U.S. discussed specifics with South Korea, but the protests continued, with the Senate passing a resolution to curb President Bush's ability to enter trade deals.

**South Korea**

South Korea and the U.S. discussed the specifics of the trade talks, but the protesters remained on the streets. The government is under pressure to conclude the deal quickly.

**MARKET RECAP**

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**Dow Jones**

- **12,300.36**

- **-96.93**

**COMPANY**

**CHANGE**

**PRICE**

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  - 2,131.25
  - -20.62

- NYSE
  - 9,218.53
  - -20.26

- S&P 500
  - 1,417.23
  - -11.38

- NIKKEI(Tokyo)
  - 17,040.25
  - -214.48

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- 6,267.20
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**NEW RULES MAKE HSAS APPEALING**

- **NEW YORK**— New rules governing Health Savings Accounts are making them more attractive to consumers, who can use HSAs to help reduce health insurance costs now — and potentially reduce the burden of medical costs because more companies are offering high-deductible health insurance plans.

- The idea is that workers and their employers can fund the tax-free accounts, with withdrawals used for copays at doctors’ offices, prescription and nonprescription medications, and hospital services not covered by insurance.

- Because unused balances in the HSAs can be rolled over from year to year, some financial advisers are suggesting that the accounts can be a way for families to accumulate money they have high-deductible health insurance plans.

**COVERAGE**

- **WASHINGTON**—The Department of Health and Human Services announced plans to allow health insurance companies to offer high-deductible plans as part of a broader initiative to encourage employers to offer wellness programs.

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- Employers who have not been able to get insurance coverage are enthusiastic if they can have high-deductible policies because it gives them peace of mind, said Laing, who is chief executive of Information Strategies Inc., a human resources consulting firm in Ridgefield, N.J.
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Republicans credit those tax cuts — on incomes, investments, estates, married couples and families with children, among other things — with reviving the economy from a recession early in Bush's first term.

Extending those tax cuts would cost about $250 billion in 2012 alone. Democrats acknowledge many of the provisions — especially those aimed at middle-income taxpayers — will be renewed.

"That decision will be taken when we reach it. When we have to cross that bridge, we'll cross that bridge," said House Budget Committee Chairman John Spratt Jr., D-S.C.

For now, the budget plan would require lawmakers seeking to cut taxes or boost benefit programs — such as Medicare, children's health care or farm subsidies — to "pay for" the changes with tax increases or offsetting spending cuts.

That rule would greatly complicate efforts later this year to "pay for" the changes with tax increases or offsetting spending cuts.

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Ohio University revokes degree after plagiarism case

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio University revoked the master's degree of a mechanical engineering student accused of using others' work in a thesis, the most severe action yet in a review of dozens of research papers, the school said Wednesday.

The university would not identify the student or give details about the portions of the thesis, citing academic privacy laws.

The student appealed after being notified of the university's pending revocation. "I don't know of any other school that has gone to such great lengths to identify cheating," said Donald McCabe, who helped Ohio University officials design their review process.

Twelve graduates were required to rewrite all or parts of their theses that contained minor infractions, such as improper citations of others' work, university spokeswoman Sally Linder said. A decision to strip someone's degree means the student went beyond intentional deception and knowingly using plagiarized information in a thesis, she said.

Officials said 38 cases are pending at Tuskegee very few of the theses pulled from the random sample flagged for possible cheating, the university will not expand its review unless further action is taken.

"We have remained committed to due process - for the documents, authors and faculty involved. We have the country's best system for dealing with these issues. Any other violations discovered will be subject to the same scrutiny."

WWII airmen honored

Tuskegee pilots first all-black military unit

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Recognition has been a long time coming for Milton Crenshaw and other members of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first all-black unit in the Army Air Corps.

But now, in the span of one week, Crenshaw has been honored by the state of Arkansas, and he and other survivors of the unit will receive the Congressional Gold Medal for their work as fighter pilots during World War II.

Without men like Crenshaw, the unit would not have been as successful, Gov. Mike Beebe said Tuesday as he presented Crenshaw a plaque for his dedication, service and commitment.

"I don't think there's any question that nobody had a greater track record as a unit in World War II than the Tuskegee Airmen," Beebe said. "Over 100 kills and ... not a single loss in combat as a result of enemy fire. That didn't just happen, somebody trained those guys to be that good."

Two historians have said research shows the Airmen did lose some planes to enemy fire during World War II, and one former bomber co-pilot said last year that his plane was shot down while being escorted by the unit. Few would question, though, that the Tuskegee Airmen made a powerful contribution.

Crenshaw, 89, was named Primary Flight Instructor in 1942 at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee, Ala., and said he "wouldn't be a long way from there," Crenshaw said. "My job was to show them out and make sure they had a good understanding ... of how to go out, fight and come back to home base."

On Thursday, he and about 200 other survivors of the Tuskegee Airmen will receive the Congressional Gold Medal in the Rotunda of the Capitol, and also may be honored at the Congressional Gold Medal in the Rotunda of the Capitol, and also may be honored at the Congressional Gold Medal in the Rotunda of the Capitol.
I wish I weren't a liar

Paul Coffey was one of the greatest defensemen ever to play in the National Hockey League. During his career, he scored 396 goals and played in 14 NHL All-Star Games. So sometimes when I want to impress people, I say that this sovereign on skates is my uncle. We do share a last name, after all. I tell them that Uncle Paul was born in Ontario, Canada, and that he's 45 years old. I even tell them that Uncle Paul ranks second all-time among NHL defensemen in career goals, assists and points.

The statistics are true. But is it true that he's my dad's brother? Absolutely not. I could admit to being a liar, but in the spirit of a certain upcoming holiday, a.k.a. April Fool's Day, let's just say that I am not a fool — the problem that these few people are, in fact, fooled by my fib. Why? Because my potential fool-eyes always want to know more. The typical fib-breaking question — "What's your Uncle Paul like at Thanksgiving dinner?" — But of course, Paul has never spent the fourth Thursday of November feasting on my Grandma Toetoe's priced bird.

I couldn't have answered my potential fools-eyes by citing Paul's Canadian heritage and then insisting that he doesn't observe American Thanksgiving. But that would've been just as disappointing as the answer I usually give — I attribute Paul's Thanksgiving absence to a family feud. This obviously prompts more questionings, as the potential fool-eyes try to glean insight into Paul's character. The questions — "Why would your father fight with a three-time winner of the James Norris Memorial Trophy?" "Theorize your turkey-basting grandmother miss him?" "And if Paul were at Thanksgiving, would he watch the Detroit Lions game on TV?"

But of course, I can shed no light on his NFL loyalties. While I may have memorized some of the celebrated number seven's statistics, I don't know whether he'd foil or crumple his napkin. I don't know whether he'd want the dark meat of the turkey or the white meat. I don't even know whether he'd use his fork or his fingers to eat that turkey. But I do know this — life is in the details.

Anyone who can spell "Wikipedia" can see that Paul Coffey was inducted into the NHL Hall of Fame in 2004. But what about the first thing he said after he heard he'd be commemorated forever in Toronto? Who was the first person he told? And how did he choose the outfit he wore to the ceremony? That's what makes Paul interesting; that's what his life's about. I don't know those details. So clearly, I don't know Paul either. Likewise, your 3.96 GPA and Flex 14 Meal Plan can only say so much about you. And what people want to know about you is not that you've been on the Dean's List every semester. Anyone who can hack into iMilkLink can see that. But instead — why do you always study in that particular study carrel? Why can't you survive without reading the New York Times before breakfast every morning? What's the one thing that you're most thankful for? What's the one thing that you feel compelled to lie about it.

Life is in the details.

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Clarifying leprechaun origins

In his March 26 Letter to the Editor ("Lego conflict embarrassing"), freshman Charles Consell wrote that Notre Dame's leprechaun logo was actually designed by Cathedral High School. That is incorrect. According to University records, the leprechaun logo was actually designed by the fourth Thursday of November feast-
I want to offer a reflection on the purpose of the protests held by members of the Catholic Peace Fellowship and Catholic Solidarity of ROTC at Notre Dame. In "Solicitude Rei Socialis," Pope John Paul II told Catholics that, "every time a religious structure is used to approach them in a diametrically opposed attitude, i.e. solidarity(SIS, no. 38). In this spirit of Christian solidarity, the protest held in front of the Main Building called the administration to examine its contribution in training solid- ers to fight in a war that two popes and the vast majority of bishops worldwide have called illegal, immoral and unjust. It is my firm conviction, however, that soldiers ought not be conscientious peo- ple. In this way, the protests were a call to solidarity not only with Iraqis, but with soldiers who struggle to live their faith in the midst of war.

This protest must also not be viewed in isolation. One problem with protests in general and the anti-war movement in particular is that they are done in confrontation with those in power. However, to encourage conversion of hearts and the fostering of solidarity for peace, dialogue and common discernment are also necessary. The Notre Dame Peace Fellowship, of which I am a member, and I will continue to be dedicated to dialogue and friendship with the soldiers on our campus. In this way, it can be hoped that we can contribute to the consideration of war and peace, and that Americans reject a dehumanized vision of the enemy and build peace with love in our hearts.

Bradley Jenkins
off campus
senior
March 28

Calls to examine the repercussions of our actions

We owe it to the University, Creation doesn't entitle excess

It is sadly ironic that Patrick McMaster's insights ("Nothing wrong with our 'Reputation,'"
March 28) appeared on the same day as a piece examining student apathy. I hope McMaster's tactful tone shows he meant to exaggerate. However, his letter is even partly based on genu- ine viewpoints — his, or of anyone in our community — we have other serious problems on our campus. To be clear, this isn't a tirade against college drinking. We're all supposed to be adults here, we can make our own decisions. But if our entire social lives revolve around the Red Lights in our hands, I think we're negatively impacting Notre Dame beyond Friday night. We're disrespecting our futures and those who work to offer us future successes. In effect, ROTC program that systematically trains many of our noblest young men and women to dehumanize the other and surrender the other to violence. In effect, ROTC places us in a position in which, as Christians, they must dissemble the prevailing norm of our military, that soldiers ought not to be conscientious peo- ple. I hope we're not paying more than $40,000 a year just to get wasted every weekend and attend a few classes in between.

Think of everything else we have to engage us. Academic inquiry and research beyond our normal classes. Creative and performing arts. Service and social action groups working on issues in our local and global communities. These, and much more, teach us how to lead a life of virtue. The Jewish/Christian God is of incredible importance to the development of the Jewish/Christian God and to the development of the Jewish/Christian God. But as McMaster fails to realize in his argument is that a Mexican/Christian God at the time the

Jewish/Christian God had to follow a very different code. Gods were viewed at that time as wrathful deities, capa- ble of being convinced of any truth at all. We don't owe it to ourselves, and our community, to take advantage of the whole Notre Dame experience? To not waste it away?

Benjamin Bollman
Lewis Hall
sophomore
March 28

Patricia George
Siegfried Hall
sophomore
March 28
'Shooter' hits mark for some, fires blanks for others

By ERIN McGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

Arguably the best action films are a solid combination of tension, explosions and comedy. If it has a serviceable plot, that's even better — but it's not entirely necessary, "Shooter," directed by Antoine Fuqua ("Training Day"), definitely meets these criteria.

The film opens with a prologue that introduces Bob Lee Swagger (Mark Wahlberg), a Marine sniper, and his partner who are on a mission in Ethiopia. The mission goes wrong, his partner is killed and Swagger is left without support, forcing him to find his own way out.

Flash forward 36 months and Swagger has exiled himself to an isolated cabin in the Wyoming mountains with only his dog for company. He is visited by retired Colonel Isaac Johnson (Danny Glover) who comes with taints with only his dog for company. He asks Swagger to ask Swagger to pull off an assassination. The Colonel asks Swagger to pull off an assassination that there are facts that don't match up. He evades the government officials, which sets up the cat-and-mouse chase that dominates the movie.

Swagger's reconnaissance is used to his advantage. The film's pretenses toward social awareness make it even more mindless - but his methods and ruthless and monologue scenes, tries to question what patriotism truly is. Unfortunately, most of the scenes are contrived, and one particular mountaintop confrontation is so awkward and badly-written that the initial reaction is to cringe. As "Shooter" progresses, it becomes increasingly obvious that the violence of the film is not the means to an end, it is the end. "Shooter's" solution seems fueled by the system's failures, but that's precisely when "Shooter" loses the thread and becomes unrealistic and unlikable.

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in their minds to try to imitate Brando in "The Godfather," and instead comes off looking like a slobbering idiot. Considering the experience that he had in the "Lethal Weapon" franchise, it is highly disappointing to see him doing such a poor job.

While it is far from being a perfectly-conceived action flick, "Shooter" accomplishes what it's there to do and is an enjoyable popcorn movie.

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Brother Donnie was in The New Kids on the Block
Former underwear model for Calvin Klein
Has a third nipple on the left side of his chest
Has a tattoo of Bob Marley on his shoulder
Nominated for an Academy Award for "The Departed"
Was a scheduled passenger on United 93, but changed travel plans at the last minute

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Senior Staff Writer

Howard Hawks once quipped that a great film is "three good scenes" and "no bad scenes." Antoine Fuqua's "Shooter" manages to fulfill the former, but it's the second part of Hawks' definition that sinks the film. As per its title, "Shooter" doesn't have a lot on its mind, past blood-letting destruction, but its pretense toward social awareness renders the picture ineffective, even as a mechanical blockbuster.

"Shooter" follows Bob Lee Swagger (Mark Wahlberg), a retired military sniper who is pressed back into service by the FBI. Along the way, he enlists the help of a rookie agent named Nick Memphis (Michael Pena) and his partner's old girlfriend, Sarah (Kate Mara). It isn't long before he discovers a full-blown conspiracy involving Montana Sen. Charles Mochum (Ned Beatty).

It's not that "Shooter" is a badly made film, though it's penchant for awkward cuts renders parts of it totally undemanding and monotonously incomprehensible. There are several well-choreographed scenes, particularly an opening sequence (which ultimately winds up being the film's best segment) and a carnage-laden battle outside of a house.

The problem, however, is that "Shooter" is not nearly as complicated as it sounds. In fact, it purports to be a "thinking-man's thriller" and, through awkward dialogue and monologue scenes, tries to question what patriotism truly is. Unfortunately, most of the scenes are contrived, and one particular mountaintop confrontation is so awkward and badly-written that the initial reaction is to cringe. As "Shooter" progresses, it becomes increasingly obvious that the violence of the film is not the means to an end, it is the end. "Shooter's" solution seems fueled by the system's failures, but that's precisely when "Shooter" loses the thread and becomes unrealistic and unlikable.

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becomes almost offensive — the longer the film drags on and the more people that Swagger kills, the harder it becomes to support him as a character. Yet the film treats Swagger like the ultimate hero — the audience is clearly supposed to root for this guy, but his methods and ruthless and his moral character questionable.

Nothing really sets "Shooter" apart, and the problems of plotting and dialogue are enough to make it a forgettable film. Wahlberg is game throughout, but they might be expecting a fun and exciting, if pointless, action thriller — but even that audience will leave disappointed, because "Shooter" is a film that wants to be more, when it should've known enough to be less.

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**MOVIE REVIEW**

**‘The Host’ fails to deliver thrills with killer tadpole**

By SEAN SWEANY
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With the abundance of “slasher” films taking over the horror genre at the box office, Hollywood seems to have shied away from making the “monster” film in attempts to scare audiences instead. Monster films like “Godzilla” and “Mimic,” instead replaced by “Turistas” and “The Texas Chain Saw Massacre.”

For whatever reason, Hollywood producers and directors decided to wreak havoc on the residents of Seoul, eating some and leaving others behind to make the monster movie “Blood Diamond”.

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Danny Archer (Leonardo DiCaprio), left, and Solomon Vandy (Djimon Hounsou) try to escape from the Sierra Leone civil war in the acclaimed film “Blood Diamond.”

Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

As a highly anticipated foreign film, “The Host” would become the next “Jaws” upon its nationwide release. Unfortunately, nowhere near the same greatness as a giant monster. The movie has fared far better than expected.

The movie begins when a U.S. military facility dumps toxic chemicals into Seoul’s Han River, eventually creating an nonexistent tadpole to morph into a giant, man-eating tadpole. When it comes of age, the ungodly looking monster decides to wreak havoc on the residents of Seoul, eating some and leaving others in its wake, thereby killing 10 people.

One victim whom the monster keeps alive is Hyeon-seo, the granddaughter of Park Hee-bong, who operates a snack bar on the banks of the river. Although the U.S. military declares quarantine throughout the entire city, three dysfunctional children decide to ignore this to try to hunt and kill the giant tadpole, thus rescuing Hyeon-seo.

The problem with “The Host” is that it tries to combine several movies into one. There is a storyline about the deadbeat single ffather trying to raise a daughter. There is a storyline about a family trying to get along with its operated tadpole. There is an underground of cabaret about U.S. involvement in an affair that should rightfully be handled by the South Koreans. And hanging over all of this is a storyline about a giant mutant tadpole.

No matter what any of these stories could have potential if developed properly — they are so lazily developed by director Jooh-Ho Bong that no one can upcaring at the end of tadpole stories which characters will live or die. More often than not, horror arises — unintentionally — out of situations in the film, even in what should be a sad scene when the family is mourning the death of one of their own.

The most depressing aspect of “The Host” is that the monster is not scary. The CGI is poor and the monster mostly intentionally trying to be a B-list movie, but it fails to do what a good monster movie should do — make the viewer fear the monster.

Viewers can rest assured that if they choose to endure “The Host,” they will be more than happy to see these stories coming out of the theater as they did going in to it.

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Marbury's clutch three clinches win for Knicks

Pierce leads Celtics to double-OT win over Magic, Wallace and Bobcats defeat Hawks in franchise-record 27th win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The way things have been going for the New York Knicks, it wouldn't have been a surprise if Stephon Marbury's 3-pointer spurned out.

But down it went, and the Knicks' lagging spirits—as well as their playoff hopes—went down in flames.

LeFroy Curry scored 13 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter. Marbury settled in a clinching 3-pointer with 8.9 seconds left, and New York beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 97-93 on Wednesday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

The injury-depleted Knicks lost yet another starter, but won for the second time in eight games and are 1 1/2 games behind Orlando for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

"I have said before, we are not going to cave," Knicks coach Isiah Thomas said. "We are going to keep fighting and keep competing. It may not be pretty. As long as we have five, we are going to go out, compete and play as hard as we possibly can.

Marbury and Channing Frye each finished with 16 points for the Knicks, who have been playing without Jamal Crawford, David Lee and Quentin Richardson during what was their longest skid of the season.

"I think we've got a talented team. I think we're talented enough to adapt to any kind of situation," Curry said. "We've been hit with a lot this season and have been fortunate to play through it. You've just got to go out there and play hard."

LeBron James scored 24 points for the Cavaliers, who had a chance to tie the game at 94, but Zydrunas Ilgauskas made only one of two free throws with 34 seconds left. The Knicks ran the shot clock down before Marbury launched a 3 from the right side that seemed ready to bounce out before falling in.

"I saw that thing roll around like five times," Frye said. "I was just like, maybe, if I put my arm up it will go in. But you know what, as soon as he shot it I knew it was going in. It was just one of those games where the stars were aligned in our way.

Sasha Pavlovic added 20 points for the Cavaliers, who fell three games behind Detroit for best record in the East. The Cavs, who clinched a playoff berth Tuesday, fell to 1-1 in five-game road trip while they vacate their arena for the Women's Final Four.

"It's about us getting stops, but more importantly wanting to assert the effort to get stops," Cavs coach Mike Brown said. "I think James said the problems were very simple, it was just on defense.

"I never disagree with my coaches, so I am extremely happy to be in a position to win basketball games. I think at times it was, we had to straighten out our defense, and I think we did extremel." Thomas said.

After sending the game into overtime with an 18-foot jumper at the end of regulation and into double overtime with a long 3-pointer at the end of the first extra session, Pierce gave Boston the lead for good when his free throw made it 93-92 with 2.57 left.

Jefferson then scored eight points to secure the win for Boston.

His jumper made it 95-92, he then followed a J Lectro Turkoglu jumper with six straight points to stretch his lead to double digits.

"Our captain hit some big-time shots tonight, just led off that," Jefferson said. "We're getting more and more excited because we have had to use our full team all year, no doubt our mind we had to make the playoffs.

Boston guard Paul Pierce leads Orlando forward Trevor Ariza during the Celtics' 105-96 overtime win Wednesday.

Mavericks 105, Bucks 103

The Dallas Mavericks were back home without a break after their first 6-0 road trip and Dirk Nowitzki was out after hurting his ankle in the first half.

The Milwaukee Bucks, in the running for a lottery draft pick and a playoff spot, wanted the upset.

None of that kept the Mavericks from winning their 60th game, to match their franchise record Wednesday night.

"To talk about 60 is pretty impressive, especially the way we started," coach Avery Johnson said. "Those types of games, we could easily lose, but they refuse to lose."

It is the third time the Mavericks have won 60 games in the last five seasons. The top team in the Western Conference has 11 games left in this regular season, the one that started with it wanting to lose.

"We just wanted to keep it going," Devin Harris said. "We couldn't ask for much more. We were a lot of hurdles tonight we had to get through.
NFL

Commissioner Roger Goodell speaks to the media Wednesday about possible punishments for Tennessee cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones and Cincinnati receiver Chris Henry, who have faced significant legal problems.

**Goodell considers punishing players**

Associated Press

PHOENIX — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell hopes to hand down discipline measures within 10 days of meeting with Tennessee's cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones and Cincinnati receiver Chris Henry.

Goodell's new, stronger player-conduct policy has not been fully formulated, but he will still meet next Tuesday with the two players, who have had numerous runs-ins with the law.

"These are part of the hearings I've had with a player or coach facing discipline decisions," Goodell said Wednesday as the league meetings concluded. "It's to get their perspective, look them in the eye and get them thinking. They are clearly designed to give me better info and more facts. I do it frequently."

It could happen even more often, given the number of off-field incidents that have recently plagued the league.

Jones has talked to police in 10 separate incidents since being drafted in April 2005 and has been arrested five times. On Monday, Las Vegas police recommended prosecutors file a felony charge of coercion and misdemeanor charges of battery and threat against Jones, stemming from a Feb. 19 strip club fight and shooting.

Henry is among nine Bengals players arrested in less than a year. He had four arrests in 14 months, including marijuana possession, a weapon charge and a drunken-driving count that resulted in a guilty plea to reckless operation of a vehicle.

"I won't lump all of these incidents into a bowl and deal with it," Goodell said.

"I'm not trying to send a signal here and make examples of people. We'll do what we need to protect the integrity of the NFL. That's our objective." Jones' attorney, Manny Arora of Atlanta, said they hope the commissioner will wait until the Las Vegas case is resolved before taking action.

"It's going to end up being a big fight. We're going to be injunctions," Arora said.

"The NFL will fight this and that. We're going to draw it out through the court, and the attention's going to go through the roof."

The new player-conduct policy is expected to be in place before the April 28-29 draft.

**IN BRIEF**

Bears fan prohibited from changing name to Manning

CHICAGO — Bears' fan Scott Wiese is no Peyton Manning after all.

Marion County Judge Katherine McCarthy ruled this week that Wiese can’t legally call himself "Peyton Manning because it would be too confusing and might infringe on the privacy of the Indianapolis Colts quarterback.

And that’s fine by Wiese. The 26-year-old resident of Forsyth, just north of Decatur, only was trying to change his name to make good on a bet he lost when the Colts beat the Bears in the Super Bowl.

"I had told the judge that I was not doing this because I wanted to change my name, but I was doing it because I was honoring a bet," Wiese told the Decatur Herald & Review after Monday’s ruling. "I think she understood that."

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Florida starters make repeat chance possible

Noah and Gators look for first back-to-back titles in 15 years

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — When Corey Brewer, Al Horford and Joakim Noah announced they were coming back to Florida after last season, they were heralded as unsellable.

If they decided to stay another year, they might be considered foolish.

That’s why the Final Four probably will be the final run for coach Billy Donovan’s dream team. Brewer, Horford and Noah are expected to be gone after the season, breaking up the best team in school history and arguably one of the best in the college basketball in recent years.

“We’re just trying to finish out strong and then we’ll let the fans know and everybody else know what the deal is,” Brewer said. “If we go out, we hope we go out with a national title.”

The Gators (33-5) are trying to become the first team in 15 years to win consecutive national championships. They play UCLA (30-5) in the semifinals Saturday night in Atlanta, a rematch of last year’s title game.

Brewer, Horford and Noah combined for 41 points, 23 rebounds, 10 assists, nine blocks and four steals in the 73-57 victory over the Bruins in Indianapolis last April.

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It may have been an easy decision for Noah and Horford because of their family situations; both grew up with money because their fathers were professional athletes.

It was much more difficult for Brewer, whose dad farmed 100 acres of tobacco and soybeans in Portland, Tenn., and also moonlighted as a garbage collector in order to provide for the family needed.

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NCAA Women’s Basketball

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Rutgers coach C. Vivian Stringer, the only coach to take three schools to the Final Four, is here for the fourth time — a quarter-century after bringing the Scarlet Knights to the 1982 national semifinals.

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Prior left off Cubs' opening-day roster

Associated Press

MESA, Ariz. — Mark Prior was sent to the minors Wednesday where the Chicago Cubs hope he can regain the form that made him an 18-game winner and All-Star selection four years ago.

Prior, whose career has been slowed by an assortment of injuries, was optioned to Triple-A Iowa right after his final spring training start.

"It wasn’t easy. But at the same time, this is good for his career," new Cubs manager Lou Piniella said.

Prior had left the Cubs’ clubhouse and wasn’t available for comment after pitching just three innings in Chicago’s 4-4 tie with the Colorado Rockies.

"He handled it OK. He wasn’t happy. He wasn’t pleased. But you don’t expect that," Piniella added.

Prior, the second player chosen in the 2001 draft after a stellar final college season at Southern California, broke in with the Cubs in 2002. He has a 42-29 record, including 18-6 in 2003 when helped pitch Chicago into the playoffs.

He was on the mound for Game 6 of the NL championship series against Florida with the Cubs leading the series 3-2 and the game 3-0 before the Marlins rallied with eight runs in the eighth.

Florida went on to win Game 7 and then captured the World Series.

Prior, 26, has started the last three seasons on the disabled list with an assortment of injuries to his Achilles, elbow and shoulder. He was limited to nine starts by shoulder problems a year ago when his record was just 1-6.

He had four appearances and three starts this spring, pitching just 10 1-3 innings.

The decision to go with Wade Miller as the fifth starter was announced Tuesday, so there was no place in the rotation for Prior, and his final spring outing really had no bearing on his chance to make the team.

"I didn’t want him to go out there and really really push to get a spot when in turn we had already made a decision on Miller," Piniella said.

"I told Mark that there is a marked difference between what we are seeing now from what we were seeing much earlier in the spring. He’s come a good ways. He just needs to continue to work.”

Prior gave up two hits and three runs against the Rockies, but they were all unearned because of sloppy play by the Cubs’ outfield, which committed three errors.

"He’s making progress," general manager Jim Hendry said. "Every time out, he’s been better. He’s not quite there yet and I don’t think he would disagree with that.”

Hendry said a member of the Cubs’ staff would be present at every one of Prior’s starts for Triple-A Iowa.

"And obviously when he gets back to being where you want him to be, he’ll be able to help us," Hendry said. "We’ll make a spot for him when he’s ready. I promise you that.”

But Hendry didn’t put a timetable on Prior’s return.

"As long as he is making progress, what is the right time frame? A couple of weeks, a month?" Hendry said. "To me, if he keeps getting better, it will show up when he’s ready for us.”

It was a long day for the Cubs’ outfield. Alfonso Soriano missed a sinking liner for an error in the first. Cliff Floyd had two errors in left, and Soriano and right fielder Jacque Jones let Troy Tulowitzki’s long fly fall between them in the second for a double that led to a run.

Soriano hit his fourth homer of the spring in the third, but then couldn’t reach Matt Holliday’s fly to center that went for an RBI double in the fifth.

Derrek Lee and Aramis Ramirez hit back-to-back homers off Tom Martin to tie the game in the sixth.

Rockies starter Aaron Cook, who entered the game 4-0, allowed three hits and two runs — one earned — in four innings.
NCAA Men's Basketball

Collison makes Bruins forget they lost Farmar

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — UCLA fans were in mourning last June when Jordan Farmar, the Bruins' outstanding point guard, passed up his final two years of eligibility to turn professional.

With the emergence of Darren Collison, memories of Farmar, who's mostly sitting and watching as a rookie with the Los Angeles Lakers, have faded.

"Jordan was very good, but Darren has some natural athleticism, some natural quickness, that allows him to do some things for our team that we couldn't do last year," said UCLA coach Ben Howland. "Because of that, our team has really flourished." Collison has been especially effective in UCLA's march to the Final Four, averaging 13.8 points and doing an exceptional job of hawking the opposition's backcourt players in four NCAA tournament games.

UCLA leads with its defense — one of the nation's best — and Collison is an extremely important ingredient in that regard.

"Darren's probably a better on-ball defender than Jordan," Howland said.

Collison played in all 39 games for the Bruins last year, averaging 5.5 points, 2.3 assists and 0.9 steals. The 6-foot-1 sophomore from Rancho Cucamonga averaged 12.8 points, 5.7 assists and 2.3 steals this season.

"Last year, I was providing energy off the bench, and I did absolutely what it took to help the team win, in whatever aspect," Collison said. "This year, I have a much bigger responsibility and a much bigger role.

"I've got to be a lot more mature in how to approach situations. I am an extension of the coach. That's a big leadership role. I've got to make sure everybody's doing their job."

Collison and the Bruins reached the NCAA championship game last spring, losing 73-57 to Florida. The teams meet again Saturday in the national semifinals.

"They came in for a reason. We came there just to be there," Collison recalled of last year's title game.

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Miller, Sabres outlast Devils’ patient gameplan
Flyers put damper on Carolina’s playoff prospects, Stumpel forces shootout — then wins it as Florida beats Atlanta

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Now this was more like Ryan Miller’s night.

Unhappy with the Sabres’ last outing, the goaltender was impressed with the patience Buffalo displayed in a 4-3 win over the New Jersey Devils on Wednesday night.

Not only did the Sabres beat the opportunistic and defensive-minded Devils at their own game, the win cinched Buffalo closer to clinching the Eastern Conference title.

Not a bad way for the Sabres to bounce back from a sloppy 4-1 loss at Toronto last weekend, a game in which the goalie questioned his team’s effort.

Jochen Hecht scored twice, while the Sabres also got goals from rookie Daniel Paille and Alex Kotalik — both forwards playing their first games after missing extended stretches due to injuries.

With six games left, the Sabres (49-29-7) extended their lead atop the East standings to seven points over the Devils, as well as idle Pittsburgh and Ottawa. Paille also moved into a tie for first place in the NHL with Nashville.

Scott Gomez, Paul Martin and Zach Parise scored for the Devils (25-44-8), who were coming off a 3-2 victory at New York Islanders on Tuesday. Martin Brodeur stopped 19 shots and remains third with a short of matching Bernie Parent’s single-season record for victories.

Brodeur has 44 wins, tied with Vancouver’s Roberto Luongo, for the NHL lead.

“They hit their shots,” said Brodeur, referring to the Sabres’ final three goals coming on one-timers or off rebounds. They sat back and were a pretty patient team. They didn’t give us too much and they capitalized on their opportunities.”

Just the way Sabres coach Lindy Ruff did it up. It wasn’t pretty, leading to a dull first two periods, but it was effective.

“I think this was a real good win for our team,” Ruff said of the game. “The fact that we had to tone down the style of our play, that we had to be a lot more patient. And I thought we cleaned up a lot of the careless errors and the careless turnovers.”

The Sabres, who never trailed, took control when Paille and Hecht, with his second of the game, scored 4 minutes apart in the third period to put Buffalo ahead 3-1.

Paille, back after missing 15 games with a broken finger, scored after Brodeur made the initial save on Adam Mair’s shot from the right circle. Paille then beat Brodeur to the rebound and slid it through the goalie’s legs.

Hecht scored on a one-timer from the right circle, set up by Daniel Briere’s cross-ice feed during a 3-on-2 rush. Hecht raced to 2-6 with 61 left, but Kotalik sealed the win 2 minutes later with a one-timer from the left circle. Kotalik returned after sitting 16 games with a knife injury.

“They now have to go a long way to catch us,” Kotalik said of the Sabres’ conference rivals.

“It’s always a little confidence-booster for upcoming games,” Ruff said.

The Devils have the Atlantic Division race to focus on — they’re tied with Pittsburgh and both teams have five games left. The Flyers (52-19-7-3) are 8-2-0 in their last 10, while the Devils are stumbling, having lost five of their past eight.

“They’re not losing any games. They’re just giving points left and right,” Brodeur said. “We’re just trying to do what we’re aiming to, win every game and getting on a roll before the playoffs start.”

Flyers 5, Hurricanes 1

With two road losses in two nights, the Carolina Hurricanes are perilously on the brink of spending the postseason at home instead of defending the title.

Martin Biron stopped a penalty shot among his 23 saves and the Philadelphia Flyers stymied Carolina’s playoff push with a 5-1 win Wednesday.

“We need to put a good streak together,” Carolina coach Peter Laviolette said.

The Hurricanes could have moved into a playoff position in the Eastern Conference with a win. Instead, the defending champions are stuck out of the crosstown swoop of the cutoff line after their second loss in two nights.

They lost 6-1 at Toronto on Tuesday night and desperately needed points of all their final five games if they want to get back to the playoffs.

“Obviously, these are tough losses,” Laviolette said. “We’re in a fight to get into the playoffs, so we need wins and we need to come on the road and take away points. We took away nothing.

The New Jersey Flyers were all but eliminated from the postseason picture in November and entered on a four-game losing streak. But sturdy goaltending from Jeff Carter and one each from Derian Hatcher, Mike Knuble and Braydon Coburn were enough for only their ninth home victory this season.

Bay White scored his 30th goal for the Hurricanes, who have 84 points with five games left and trail Montreal and Tampa Bay by two points each for the final playoff spot. Montreal and Tampa Bay were both idle Wednesday night.

“It doesn’t mean we’re out of the playoffs by any means,” forward Craig Adams said. “Our fate is going to be in our hands. To lose two in a row is certainly not going to make it a lot tougher.”

The Flyers won 1-0 on Wednesday to wrap up the season late in the first.

Then the Flyers got feisty after Adams drilled defender Dennis Gauthier into the boards behind the net. Flyers defenseman Randy Jones went after Adams and got into a fight in the circle and was hit with a double minor. When the Flyers killed the penalty, they got one of the loudest ovations of the year.

While Gauthier sprawled his right wrist, the fight might have sparked them.

A penalty against Carolina was still being announced when Hatcher slid the puck between John Grahame’s pads for a power-play goal and a 4-1 lead midway through the second. Grahame made 20 saves.

“After that, it was a fight to the end that I think we got to prove why the Flyers awarded him a $7 million, two-year contract a day earlier that firmly established him as their No. 1 goalie,” Laviolette said.

Flyers defenceman Lasse Kukkonen closed his hand on the puck in the crease, knocking up a penalty shot. Justin Williams streaked down the ice, but his shot was wide right and knocked off Biron’s leg pad and glove as the crowd roared in celebration.

“I’m not known to be a great penalty shot or shootout guy, but you get lucky once in a while,” Biron said.

Whitney pulled the Hurricanes to 2-1 with his shot from the point with 17.7 seconds left, but the Flyers went on to a 4-1 win.

Carter added an empty-net goal with 27.2 seconds left.

“We found a way to get that momentum back, get after it and have a great third period,” Flyers coach John Stevens said.

“Certainly, it was a great sign for us.”

Panthers 3, Thrashers 2

The Florida Panthers are finally getting the hang of shootouts. They hope it isn’t too late.

Gunny Stumpel scored the tying goal in the third period and notched the clincher in the shootout, leading the Panthers to a victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Wednesday night.

It was Florida’s second victory in three shootouts after losing its first seven of the season.

“If we’d won maybe half of those, we’d be in a different position right now,” Stumpel said. “But this was our problem and hopefully we’re going to solve it and get better and better at them.”

Bryan Allen also scored for the Panthers, who are hanging on to slim playoff hopes. Florida is in fifth place in the Eastern Conference and trails eighth-place Atlanta by six points with five games left.

The victory was only Florida’s second in 10 games since the Florida Panthers were formed as the fifth franchise in the league with the Los Angeles Kings.

Craig Anderson, in goal for Florida after Ed Belfour started a franchise-record 27 consecu­ tive games in the crease, made six saves in regulation and overtime. He then stopped Andrew Kozlov and Marian Hossa in the shootout.

Anderson was 4-0 in shootouts this season for Rochester of the NHL, including three straight between Jan. 12-16.

“It’s a terrific feeling,” Anderson said. “I give credit to the guys. If we don’t score, we don’t win. It’s up to those guys to put it in, and they did a terrific job of it.”

Vasilevskiy Kozlov scored twice for Atlanta, which increased its Southeast Division lead to three points over idle Tampa Bay. Both teams have five games remaining.

Kozlov also had a goal disal­ lowed in the second period when the score was 1-1 after it was ruled he had kicked the puck in.
NBA

Nets win, gain stronger hold on playoff spot

Spurs buckle down on defense and rally in fourth quarter to defeat Hornets 92-88, Barry hits four last-quarter threes

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Rookie Josh Boone again provided the New Jersey Nets a late-season lift in their push to nail down a playoff berth.

Boone scored a career-high 22 points Wednesday night to lead the Nets to a 118-94 victory over the Indiana Pacers.

Boone came off the bench to hit 11 of 13 from the field. He also pulled down 10 rebounds in his second strong game.

Boone was perfect on all 10 shots from the field in the Nets' 113-107 overtime win in Charlotte on Saturday.

"It's great to be able to come out and contribute," Boone said. "I've been working really hard in practice and waiting for my shot. Recently, I've been getting it and I've been trying to make the best of my time."

Bostjan Nachbar added 20 points before fouling out with 3 minutes remaining. Richard Jefferson had 14 points, Vince Carter 12 and Jamaal Tinsley each had 11, and Jamaal Tinsley had 10.

The win was the second straight for New Jersey and its third in three games with the Pacers this year.

Indiana has lost 16 of its last 18 games and 10 straight on the road.

Carter hit a 3-pointer 2:29 into the game to give New Jersey a 9-6 lead. The Nets never trailed the rest of the way.

New Jersey expanded that lead into the lock-room at the half. Boone was 5-for-7 in the first half for 10 points to share the Nets' half-time scoring lead with Jefferson.

"Our undoing was the first half, where we shot 24 percent and gave up 58 (percent)," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "You are not going to beat a quality team doing that, especially on the road. We have to be a lot better. We weren't. The result is obvious."

The Nets outscored the Pacers 31-23 in the third quarter as Kidd came alive with eight points after scoring only four in the first half.

Kidd sat out the fourth quarter and Carter played only 2 minutes as the Nets reserves held the Pacers at bay.

Spurs 92, Hornets 88

Tim Duncan knew the San Antonio Spurs had to do something in the last quarter.

Down nine points going into the period, Duncan had already done plenty, scoring 12 points in the third and hitting his first 3-pointer of the season.

So the Spurs turned up the defensive effort, holding the New Orleans Hornets to just 13 fourth-quarter points to win Wednesday night.

"We gave up a lot in the previous quarters. It was a great way to turn it up," said Duncan, who led the Spurs with 31 points.

Brent Barry keyed the fourth-quarter rally. His third 3-pointer of the fourth quarter tied the game at 77 with 6:39 left.

Finley's 3 gave San Antonio an 80-77 lead before Pargo tied it again.

New Jersey forward Josh Boone dunks during the Nets' 118-94 win over the Pacers. Boone led all scorers with 22 points.

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The Power of Chris

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The Hobey Hat Trick includes Brown, junior forward Eric Ehn of Air Force and sophomore forward Ryan Duncan of North Dakota. The three finalists were picked by a 25-member selection committee from a pool of 10 semi-finalists originally chosen by votes from every Division I head coach.

"This is the ultimate in recognition," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "I'm very happy for David, and I'm happy for our team too, because they're a part of David's success.

The Hobey Baker is awarded to the college hockey player who displays "extraordinary character on and off the ice, outstanding skills in all phases of the game, sportsmanship and scholastic achievements," the Hobey Baker Web site said.

Brown, a native of Stoney Creek, Ont., was recently named CCHA player of the year and tournaments most valuable player, after backstopping the Irish to their first league regular season and playoff championships.

"As a coach, you're really a teacher and when you see your students recognized for things you have worked with them on, it's rewarding," Jackson said. "I spent a lot of personal time with David, and I certainly don't take any credit for his success, but I'm proud the time we spent together helped him be recognized as one of the best players."

Brown's superb stats, along with his league hardware, helped him make a case for his Hobey candidacy. The senior led the nation in goals-against average (1.58) and wins (30) this season, while he finished second in save percentage (.931).

Jackson, who owns two national championships, has never had one of his players named to the final three Hobey spots in his eight years behind a college bench. The coach, in his second year at Notre Dame, said he first began to believe that Brown would make a run at the Hobey after the team turned the corner into the final third of the season.

"When we won the (CCHA) championship at the Joe, I thought that might have pushed him over the top as a finalist for sure — if not the winner," Jackson said.

After Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to Michigan State in the NCAA Tournament's Great Lakes regional last Saturday, Brown's season was cut short one game before the Frozen Four — the weekend in which the Hobey is awarded.

Brown, however, is not the only one of the three finalists whose season is over.

Ehn fell 4-3 to Minnesota with the rest of his Air Force team in the first round of the Tournament's Denver regional. Ehn finished the season second in the nation in points (64) and assists (40), while Duncan's 14 goals is the first player from one of the military academies to make the top 10.

North Dakota's Duncan, however, will be playing in St. Louis the day before the presentation when the Fighting Sioux face Boston College in the national semifinal. The 5-foot-8, 152-pound forward had 31 goals and 26 assists to finish fourth in the nation in scoring with 57 points.

Only two goaltenders have won the Hobey in the award's 24-year history, the last of which was Ryan Miller of Michigan State in 2001 — now an NHL All-Star with the Buffalo Sabres.

"(The Hobey should be) about the player that has had the greatest impact in making his team successful," Jackson said. "And I don't think any one fits in that category as much as Dave does." Contact Kyle Cassidy at kcasad@nd.edu

MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame blanks Spartans

Irish win marks sixth straight shutout this season

By DEBRESE KURASLA
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When Notre Dame wins this season, it wins big. The No. 5 Irish swept Michigan State 7-0 on the road Wednesday to bring them to 17-3 on the season — their sixth shutout in their past seven matches.

Due to inclement weather in East Lansing, the match, originally scheduled to be outside, was moved indoors.

Notre Dame has struggled with the courts of the Michigan State Indoor Tennis Center in the past. The Irish inded past the Spartans in February 2005 with a 4-3 victory.

With the decisive 7-0 win, Notre Dame ended any troubles it had in East Lansing.

"This year, we laid those ghosts to rest," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said.

The Irish jumped out to an early lead taking the doubles point. The team has faltered in doubles play recently but regained its momentum in its past two matches.

The Irish jumped heavily on singles play to secure wins in the final rounds of the BlueGray National Tennis Classic earlier this month. The Irish dropped the doubles point to Tulsa and Alabama in the semifinals and the final of the tournament before going on to win each match, and ultimately the championship 4-1.

Bayliss said the team has been struggling in doubles play, it has also been competing against very strong opponents. Tulsa's No. 41 duo of Diego Camacho and Ross Cunningham defeated Notre Dame's Barry King and Brett Helgeson 8-3 in the semifinals of the BigGray.

"We've been playing some pretty darn good doubles teams," Bayliss said.

The Irish doubles teams had an earlier time against Michigan State. Stephen Bass and Andrew Roth spent time battling Tyler Sauerbray and Jason Norville 8-1 at the No. 3 spot. The No. 2 team defeated Jason Rasmussen and Alex Forger. Ryan Keckley and Kevon Parbhu were unable to finish off the Irish burst and fell 6-4, 6-1 to Adam Monich and Nick Buss.

The team has been working on improving doubles play. Bayliss said, and it has paid off.

"We have focused on our positioning and court positioning and it is paying some dividends," he said.

After securing the doubles point, Notre Dame readily took to singles play. King was first off the courts for Notre Dame with a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Norville at the No. 4 spot. Keckley was next in line with another straight-set victory, 6-2, 6-3. No. 5 Parbhu clinched the win for the Irish with a 6-1, 6-4 win over Forger.

No. 8 Bass was last off the courts for the Irish as he battled in his second set against No. 45 Rinks. Bass took the first set 6-3 from Rinks but the second set was neck and neck and was eventually won by Bass. Bass finally won the set 9-7 for the match victory.

"He is a terrific competitor," Bayliss said. "He hit big serves at key times in the match, and the win was a result of his ability to attack while still maintaining a solid serve." Bass's win over Rinks swept the match for Notre Dame.

The Irish next take on No. 3 Ohio State Friday on the road.

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Irish junior Sheeva Parbhu returns a volley during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Northwestern Feb. 25.

IRISH JUNIOR SHEEVA PARBUH returns a volley during Notre Dame's 7-0 win over Northwestern Feb. 25.
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in to pitch and walked two batters, but did not allow a run.
Storz’s replacement, right-han­
der Andrew Schied, allowed the
Cougars to get on the board in the
top of the seventh with two runs, and Chicago State scored two
more in the ninth off walk-on John
Seashugh to provide the final mar­
gin.
Notes:
◆ Nineteen players got at-bats for
Notre Dame, with 15 of them
reaching base and 12 getting hits.
The Irish also used four pitchers,
and graduate student Matt
Weglarz was inserted as a defen­
sive replacement in the ninth to
become Notre Dame’s 24th player
to see action.
There’s a lot of guys that work
hard that nobody ever sees,” Schrage
said. “It’s good to get them out there a little.”
◆ Brockway, a junior started in
left field for the first time since his
freshman year.
◆ The Irish stranded double­
digit runners for the third game in
a row, leaving 13 men on base.
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John Latina said. “Whatever you
want experience-wise, you don’t
want to lose that. It’s good to
have an experienced player play
at a position he feels very com­
fortable with.”
LaRosa also said he has confi­
dence in rising junior Paul
Dunecan’s ability to fill in at left
tackle for Ryan Harris, but also
emphasized that personnel
changes could change before the end
of spring practice.
“Paul’s an athletic guy and
he’s played both, and he’s going
into his third year in the program.
So I expect him to do a good job at
that. I feel like he’s going to be
OK,” Latina said.
“Paul’s played both sides for two
years, Sam’s only
been on the right.
Nothing’s etched
in stone, but that’s where we
are now.”
Rising sophomore Dan
Wenger — Young’s high school
classmate from St. Thomas
Aquinas in Coral Springs, Fla. — is
one of four candi­
dates battling to
play next at guard
along with rising
sophomore Dan
Carad, rising jun­
or Mike Turkovich
and rising sopho­
more Eric Olsen.
In the 20 minutes of
practice accessible
to the media We d n e s d a y,
Turkovich ran
through drills at left guard with
the first team.
“You can’t expect
yourself to always be
the number-one guy.
Anything can happen
and drop you down.”
Dan Wenger
Irish guard

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Happy Birthday! You will have to dig deeper if you want to truly get things done this first day of the year. Not everyone will support you in sharing information. Do your own research and give those who know the truth a chance. Your reputation is on the line. 

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will be on the defensive and will seek information from people today. Your dynamic approach and worldly views will capture the eyes and minds of those who know you well. Focus on networking, and your network will expand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Make your head and pay close attention to your decisions. Do not let your emotions lead you in the wrong direction. An older friend or relative will bring you a little pleasure or ease your stress.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): A new relationship may start forming around this year. Not everyone will be upfront and willing to share information. Do your research well and be honest.

CANCER (June 22-July 22): Be careful with whom you play before someone else brings you in and takes all the credit. Your experience will pay off. An opportunity will lead to a brighter future. Consider starting a small business to earn some money.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You may be too busy juggling all kinds of things to get things done. Today is your day. But don’t let your emotions get the better of you. Be honest with yourself and others if you want to truly get your way.

VIrgO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Problems with older relatives and dealing with inheritance will bring you stress. Partnership may be less smooth today. A relationship is no longer equal, you may want to change the ground rules or move on. Money is heading your way. 

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You should be considering a trip or some fun events that will bring you a little pleasure or ease your stress. But don’t overspend. A connection you have to someone else will be strengthened. There is much you can teach someone else; their完善.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get down to business, especially if it has to do with the closure of a deal. Refrain from being gullible. A change will make the ground rules or move on. Money is heading your way. 

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Make some changes to your home or change your scenery by taking a trip. Refrain from being gullible. Someone is likely to beat your false information. Question anything you don’t understand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your time with someone special is simply true. If you surprise someone with a gift or a special event, you will get a wonderful response. The margaritas and you will have fun. You have 3 stars.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You don’t let your emotions get the better of you. Be honest with yourself and others if you want to truly get your way. You have the discipline to get old habits and the strength to move to a more progressive direction.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): If you’re working on something important, share your information with someone who can contribute. Someone from your past may be able to provide you with exactly what you need now. If you don’t have a friend to bounce this with, try to make another.

Birthday Baby: You are goal-oriented, always willing to take on a challenge. You love big ideas and the passion to help you make up your mind and action. You are self-driven and steady.

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FOOTBALL

All guts, no glory

Weis' offensive line returns two starters

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Media attention this spring may be focused on the skill positions, but Notre Dame's success hinges upon the play of the offensive line.

Next season, the Irish return two starters to the line — fifth-year senior center John Sullivan and sophomore right tackle Sam Young — along with tight end John Carlson.

Carlson, who was named offensive captain along with Travis Thomas, returns this spring after catching 47 passes for 624 yards last season and is adapting to his new leadership role.

"Believe it or not, I do have a vocal side," Carlson said. "I probably don't show it in [the media] very much, but behind closed doors it comes out sometimes."

Carlson said he plans to lead by example, more by example than words — a leadership style that runs in his family.

BASEBALL

Irish hitters crush lowly Chicago State

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Notre Dame ended its three-game losing streak Wednesday with a resounding 14-4 win over struggling Chicago State.

"We talked in the team about not getting down and not getting frustrated," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "They were loose today, they didn't stress out — they knocked some runs in. We really needed this from an emotional standpoint."

The Irish evened their record at 12-12 with the non-conference win, while the Cougars dropped their second-straight game to fall to 1-24 on the season.

One of the few bright spots for the Irish was their offense — the Rockets have scored 10 or more runs in five of their last seven games.

The game is scheduled to take place at 6 p.m. at LaVista Field.

Notre Dame enters the contest having won four in a row at home, a streak led by a hot-hitting leadoff hitter. Sophomore Brittnay Bargar is 3-0 over the streak with an .850 OBP and 42 strikeouts in 20 innings. For her three sparkling complete games, Bargar was named Big East player of the week.

Freshman Heather Johnson, one of Notre Dame's offensive leaders during the streak, was also named to the Big East honor roll for the week. In the five Irish wins, Johnson batted .538 with five doubles and six RBI. The infielder posted two three-hit games — including three doubles against Seton Hall — to match a Notre Dame record.

The struggling Rockets head into South Bend on a three-game skid. Pitching woes have been the main source of Toledo's struggles — the Rockets have given up an average 6.8 runs per game.

One of the few bright spots for Toledo this season has been first baseman Leslie Strong. The junior has batted .370 on the season, including four homers and 11 RBI. Aside from Strong, however, the Rockets have also struggled on the offensive end — no other batter is hitting over .250.

The game against Toledo is an out-of-conference break for the Irish, who will return to Big East play this weekend with doubleheaders at home against Pittsburgh and Syracuse. The Rockets begin MAC conference play Saturday against Buffalo.