Brown, Braun feel confident in new roles

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Sunday was the first day of their term, but student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun are already working hard and feeling confident.

"It's pretty surreal even just to be sitting in the office right now," Brown said. "But we're definitely excited."

Braun agreed.

"It's exciting and overwhelming at the same time," she said.

Although they just took over, Brown and Braun are already working to implement some of the goals on their platform.

"I think one of the biggest things that we've already started tackling is the Guest Meal Exchange program," Brown said. "We met with [Director of Food Services] Ron Runyon last week, and we're working with him to survey the student body.

Brown said the surveys for the program — which would allow students to use some of their meals for guests visiting campus — will help determine what meals can be converted for guests and how many students plan to use the program.

Since Brown and Braun want the program to be in place by fall, Brown said it is a "top priority" right now.

Braun said the two have planned meetings about making Domer Dollars usable in

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Law School drops in national rankings

Notre Dame falls in U.S. News and World Report list from 22 to 28, lowest position in 6 years

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Notre Dame fell six places and out of the top 25 in the annual law school rankings published Friday by U.S. News and World Report.

After placing in a tie for both No. 24 in 2005 and No. 22 in 2006, Notre Dame tied with Boston College and the University of Washington for No. 28 in the most recent standings, which were based on data from the graduating Class of 2005 and incoming Class of 2006.

The placement was the lowest for Notre Dame in the past six years. The Law School tied for No. 26 in 2000 and No. 27 in 2001. It was No. 24 in 2002, tied for No. 22 in 2003 and peaked in a tie for No. 20 in 2004. In an e-mail sent to Law School students Friday, Dean Patricia O'Hara said officials in the Law School would study the data used in the rankings "in an effort to better understand our position relative to our peers."

According to the rankings, 5.2 percent of 2005 Notre Dame Law School graduates failed to earn legal employment within nine months of graduation.

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Online service offers restaurant reviews

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

It may sound too good to be true, but an up-and-coming online service called NDtogo.com is promising students free food and a guide to great restaurants in South Bend.

NDtogo is "armed with a sixth sense for good deals and a passion for hole-in-the-wall restaurants and little-known bars ... to help students drink and dine better and more cheaply," according to its Web site.

Its three founders — including Notre Dame alumnus Rudy Reyes Jr. and DJ DiDonna — decided to introduce South Bend restaurateurs, bars and eateries to

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Seniors graduate to seminary

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Most Notre Dame seniors' plans for life after graduation in May fall into the categories of starting a new job, attending graduate school or participating in volunteer service work.

But a select few will choose a different kind of service when they join the Jesuit order, a religious order that has been in existence for more than 400 years.

Senior Patrick Powers, a senior from Chicago, was among those who chose to enter the Jesuit order.

"I'm very excited," Powers said. "I'm very eager to begin my formation as a Jesuit."

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OIT fights security breaches

University plans to bolster protections

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Assistant News Editor

Following several publicized security breaches this winter and last, the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) plans to upgrade Notre Dame's standards of information security and its tools to combat network hackers. University officials said.

The initiative comes after an official's laptop was stolen in December and sensitive information related to University employees — including Social Security numbers and salary figures — was potentially exposed, OIT Chief Information Officer Gordon Wishon said.

However, OIT began making upgrades before the incident, Wishon said. Last summer, the University hired Ernst & Young, a professional services firm, to give an independent and objective assessment of the security systems on campus.

Ernst & Young, he said, determined the University needed to improve its policies regarding the management of sensitive data, within and across departments and offices, the inherent flaws of the Notre Dame network and the education and awareness of students and employees regarding the handling and

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INSIDE COLUMN

April Fool’s mediocrity

I woke up Sunday morning (time, Sunday afternoon) with every intention of starting my day early, being produc­tive and getting all of my work done in time for opening night of Major League Baseball. Of course, like every other Sunday, I hit a roadblock that hindered my goal. This roadblock, however, was more tangible than the others: I opened my door on the way to the bathroom to find what looked like a solid steel wall barricading me into my room.

It turned out to be duct tape, but it certainly seemed like just what day it was. The sign simply said—

“April Fools.”

“Florida. You can’t root for OSU.”

“Ohio State… or else my girlfriend would kill me.”

“No, I didn’t.”

“Florida—It’s my hometown.”

“I do drink Coke, but I can’t root for your team.”

“Florida. I’m from South.”

One of the most entertaining days of the year, April Fool’s Day came and went again yesterday without a bona fide prank. The dart tape was good, yes, but the pranks just went downhill from there.

I received an e-mail from my AR that said, “You received an e-mail from me that the Zoo, Fisher Hall’s claim-to-fame party held the night before the Fisher Regatta, had been cancelled. Reasons cited — too many rule infractions and the fact that next year’s RAs are abroad. Fat chance.”

Later, my girlfriend tried to convince me that she was taken to the hospital Saturday night after falling out of a van, landing on a broken bottle and slicing her arm open. Although this is something she would conceivably do, she forgot she talked to me the night before and made no mention of a hospital trip.

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Show takes modern approach to culture

By BRIGID FENLON
New Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students as well as prospective high school seniors on campus for Spring Visit weekend experienced an exhibition of Latin culture Friday at La Alianza's annual Latin Expressions event.

The show, a mix of songs, dances and poetry recitations, was held in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium. The theme for this year's performance was MetroplanoLatino, a celebration of urban Latino life.

Sophomore Prisma Garcia said she enjoyed the performances that expanded on the theme of urban culture.

"One of the most interesting parts was when the encore came out after the show and displayed a variety of flags from Hispanic regions around the world as a sign of unity," Garcia said.

Senior Nancy Weaver, who has helped with the show for four consecutive years, said the production describes what it is like to be a Latino and so "enhances the sense of community for Latinos at Notre Dame."

"One of the purposes is to see what the Latino community at Notre Dame is about and to show prospects that there are several different ways to express your culture," Weaver said.

For high school seniors from underrepresented ethnic groups, the show gives them a glimpse into the cultural experiences of students at Notre Dame, Garcia said.

"This helps the prospective students to realize that despite the fact that they will be a minority on campus, they will not lose their culture upon their arrival," she said.

But Latin Expressions is not just for minority students, Garcia said.

"Latin Expressions is a show that can be universally understood and appreciated. It is open to all cultures, and everyone can find enjoyment," Garcia said.

The acts performed to a full audience who remained impressed and intrigued throughout, Weaver said.

This year's show featured performances from a more diverse variety of cultures in Latin America, sophomore Abby Salazar said.

"This wider range added more variety and engaged more of the audience, as more people were able to identify with the unique traditions of their culture," said Salazar, who performed a Mariachi dance.

The modern take on Latin culture was also a popular change, she said.

"Last year was a cultural look into Latino culture. This year was much more modern which drew a very diverse audience," Salazar said.

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ICPA presents awards to ND student print publications

The Observer was named the third-best Indiana daily student newspaper at the annual Indiana Investigative Press Association awards ceremony Saturday, winning awards in 12 categories.

The Observer staff earned first place in the Stand-Alone Section category for its April 6, 2006 issue, which provided special coverage of University President Father John Jenkins' closing statement on academic freedom and Catholic character.

The 2006-07 editorial board also earned first place in the Best Staff Editorial category for "Academic Monologues Belong at ND," which reviewed the "Vagina Monologues" controversy. Numerous staff members captured a variety of individual honors as well.

Current Editor in Chief Maddie Hanna won first place in the Best News Feature Story category for "ND evacuees return from Lebanon," a profile of the journeys a Notre Dame student and a professor and his family took to the U.S. from Lebanon after Israel invaded the country last summer.

Other first place honors went to current Managing Editor Ken Fowler in the Best Sports News category for "Changing Regulations," an investigation of the Notre Dame athletic department's restrictions on media access to the football program, and to current Assistant Managing Editor Mary Kate Malone and former Assistant News Editor Katie Perry in the Best Non-Deadline News Reporting category for "Administrators question Facebook postings," an examination of Notre Dame's usage of information gathered from Facebook in disciplinary matters.

Second place honors went to former News Editor Kate Antonacci for "ND Senior Killed," for coverage of the November 2006 death of Colin Brann. Hanna, Antonacci, and former Photo Editor Claire Kelley won second place for "Notre Dame connects with Church in Rome," a series of stories and pictures on the University Board of Trustees meetings held last February in Rome.


Assistant Scene Editor Cassie Beleks won second place in the Best Entertainment column category for "Confessions of a soap opera fan."

Third place awards in the Best Stand-Alone Section category went to The Observer staff for "40 years," published on the paper's 40th anniversary.

Current Sports Editor Chris Khorsy also won third place in Best Sports Column for "It's all or nothing for the nation's best squad," a reflection on women's soccer at Notre Dame.

Other Notre Dame publications represented at the ICPA convention included Scholastic, named the top news magazine; the Juggler, named the best literary magazine; and the Dome, named the second-best yearbook.

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"fit" to him than other orders. "I raised lots of orders, including the Jesuits and Holy Cross, before I made a decision," Hoefel said. "It's like looking for colleges — I didn't want to limit myself, but I think I found my calling with the Jesuits."

Although Hoefel did not choose Holy Cross, he said he found a great source of support for his decision to enter the priesthood since he has been at Notre Dame.

"I've never heard one person here say a bad thing about the Jesuits," Hoefel said. "There's a big world outside Notre Dame, and the overriding issue is, how can we each best serve the Church?"

Another Notre Dame senior decided the best answer to that question is through joining the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Dustin VonHandorf is part of Old College, Notre Dame's undergraduate seminary program. He got involved in spiritual life at Notre Dame by helping coordinate Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart during his first three years in college before he entered Old College in the fall.

VonHandorf decided to explore the priesthood after some people he knew encouraged him to consider it during his junior year. He said the first time he visited Moreau Seminary — where prospective Holy Cross priests are prepared — his reaction was "I'm home."

For students considering the priesthood, Old College is a way for them to explore their vocation, Old College Assistant Director Father Kevin Russo said.

"Even if students in Old College don't become priests, they receive formation to be good Catholic men," Russo said.

Unlike most dorms, Old College doesn't have a football team, resident assistant or 40 new freshmen every year. What it does have in abundance is "community," VonHandorf said.

"Community here is very different from dorm life," VonHandorf said. "Everyone wants to be here [at Old College]. No one goes put here randomly."

Old College's staff has a more hands-on role in the spiritual development of residents than most dorms, he said.

"We have weekly formation meetings with the staff, and one of the first things we do is choose a spiritual director," VonHandorf said.

The spiritual director provides an important benefit to Old College life, VonHandorf said.

"They're available to ask questions and talk about what's on our mind when we need to," he said.

Although VonHandorf entered as a senior, most Old College residents enter in their sophomores, juniors and seniors years, and spend their senior year at Moreau Seminary.

There are 12 men currently enrolled in Old College, Russo said, and while probably only one quarter of the men in formation at Old College will profess vows as priests, there is a rising "interest" in vocations, Russo said.

"It's hard to point out a trend, but interest in exploring vocations in college seems to be increasing lately," Russo said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Earthquake hits Solomon Islands

BRISBANE, Solomon Islands — A powerful undersea earthquake Monday in the South Pacific sent a tsunami several yards high crashing into the Solomon Islands coastal town of Gizo, inundating buildings and causing widespread destruction. A man who answered the telephone at the Gizo police station said there were initial reports that eight people, six of them policemen, were killed by the tsunami, but they were still unconfirmed. The phone cut out before it told the truth.

Gizo resident Judith Kennedy said water "right up to your head" swept through the town. "All the houses near the sea were flattened," she told the Associated Press by telephone. "The downtown area is a big mess from the tsunami and the earthquake," she added. "A lot of houses have collapsed. The whole town is still shaking" from aftershocks.

Iran airs video of captured Britons

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian state television aired a videotape Monday of two of the 15 captured British sailors pointing to a spot on a map of the Persian Gulf where they were seized and acknowledging it was in Iranian territorial waters.

Britain’s Foreign Office denounced the video, saying it was "completely unacceptable for these pictures to be shown on TV." Adding to tensions between the two countries, about 200 angry Iranian youths chanting "Death to Britain" and "Death to America" threw rocks and firecrackers at the British Embassy and tried to rush the compound but were held back by police.

VATICAN CITY

John Paul II moves closer to sainthood

Church officials announce investigation into late Pope’s life is finished

A woman holds a picture of the late Pope John Paul II during Sunday celebrations in Mexico City. The second anniversary of John Paul II’s death is today.

LOCAL NEWS

Cemeteries offer pet burial services

Cemeteries are offering burial and cremation services for pets. Some cemeteries are even offering the option of pet burials in places that were previously reserved for humans.

IRAQ

Mc Cain criticizes war media coverage

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — After a heavily guarded trip last month to Baghdad, Sen. John McCain Insisted Sunday that a U.S.-Iraqi security crackdown in the capital was working, and that Americans lacked a "full picture" of the process. Six soldiers were killed in roadside bombings southwest of Baghdad.

McCain, a Republican presidential hopeful who was a general in Vietnam, acknowledged a difficult task ahead of him in Iraq, but criticized the media for not giving Americans enough information about the recent drop in sectarian killings, the establishment of security posts throughout the city and Sunni tribal efforts against al-Qaida in the western Anbar province. "These and other indicators are reason for caution, very cautious, very optimistic about the effects of the new strategy," said McCain, who was leading a Republican congressional delegation to Baghdad that included Sen. Lindsey Graham.

Members of the delegation spoke at a Green Zone news conference after they rode from Baghdad’s airport in armored vehicles under heavy guard to visit the city’s largest market. They said the troops were proof that security was improving in the capital. Prominent visitors normally make the trip from the airport to the city center by helicopter. The congressmen, who wore body armor during their hours-long shopping excursion, said they were impressed with the resilience and warmth of the Iraqi people, some of whom would not take money for their souvenirs. They were accompanied by the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus. While the capital has seen a recent drop in violence, as a result of an ongoing operation to clear the capital, the death toll remains high.

The lawmakers will then determine if the cure came as a result of prayer to John Paul II.
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Notre Dame Stadium.
"We are working on things that will benefit students in the fall," she said.

An administration with experience

Brown and Braun came into office with experience in for- mula I had the timing is what the vice president Bill

ich about the computer's hard

"We have to step up on our game and prove that the right decision was made in the end."-

Liz Brown

student body president

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classification of sensitive information.

He said sensitive information in the Notre Dame network would include academic records, health services files, Social Security numbers, finan-
cial aid documents and University investment information.

OIT officials said OIT placed on its Web site to help the cam-
pus community pinpoint sensi-
tive data using the Symantec ScreenID software, which locates potential Social Security and credit card num-
bers on the computer's hard drives, external hard drives, USB "thumb" drives and AFStor or NetFile space, Wishon said.

as followed by different University departments in the upcoming months to make sure the office

computers have firewalls, antivirus software and other preventive tools running, according to the OIT Web site.

To correct the flaws in the Notre Dame network, Wishon said OIT was taking Ernst & Young's advice and considering security differentiated zones within the public network, developing more effective fire-
walls against unauthorized use and upgrades to the different servers on campus.

OIT Information Security Director Gary Dobbins said there were more than 40 differ-
et projects underway designed to reduce the risks of unauthorized access to the University

information.

We are working to improve security for all campus sys-
tems, both desktops as well as servers," Dobbins said. "Locating and identifying them all, particularly those which might contain sensitive infor-
mation, is itself no small chal-
lenge."

He said the Ernst & Young audit determined several servers on campus were operat-
ing in a vulnerable condition.

Dobbins said OIT representa-
tives contacted the different offices and departments that were red flagged to "further steps they can take to reduce those vulnerabilities."

On Jan. 13, 2006, the University detected a breach in a Development Office server, which may have exposed the personal and financial information of several donors. The University sent the donors whose information may have been leaked a letter on Jan. 20, 2006, detailing the crime and suggesting they keep an eye on their accounts, due to the risk of identity theft.

The University received a similar letter on Jan. 2, 2007 to the employees who may have been affected by the laptop theft, WNDU reported.

These recommendations, Wishon said, also extend to all members of the Notre Dame community.

Information security, he said pertained to firewalls and the like.

"Information security is about protecting access, transmit and store sensitive information in all forms," Wishon said on OIT's Web site. "It certainly covers laptop and desktop computers, but also includes how we deal with paper records or whether we're doing in telephone conversations that involve sen-
sitive data."

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Maine's Holocaust center relocates

Academics Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — With a suc-
cession of four curved roof arch-
es in the southern sky before end-
ng abruptly with walls of glass, the archi-
tecture is striking. But inside the new home of Maine's Holocaust Resources Center, visitors may find what they hear and even more

Images of survivors of the Nazi death camps will appear on four screens, as ghost images of what they experienced during those dark days. As a backdrop to the images, music played from the death camps will fill the air.

Visitors will see a letter from a GI to his sweetheart de-
scribing the Booth, one of the first Americans to liberate the death camps. Outside, a small plot of ground looks like the back yard of a sur-
furnished by Archibald Birkenau, following a ceremo-
y on April 15, international Holocaust Remembrance Day.

For years, momentos, tapes and other material pertaining to Mainers who survived or helped to liberate Birkenau. There is a collection of books, documents and photos that were held in the state library.

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The Michael Klahr Center is named in honor of a child who survived the Holocaust and eventual-
ly settled in Maine.

Klahr was born in Paris in 1937. His mother was deported and probably killed, and his father was shot by the Nazis. In 1946, Klahr arrived on an ocean liner in New York. He later went to the United States. He became wealthy in New York after investing in real estate and the Caterpillar tractor company.

In 1998, Klahr said the timing is right for the $2.8 million, 6,000-square-foot Klahr Center to open because survivors and liberators who serve as the backbone of public outreach efforts are now old and dying.

That's life," she said. "It can be a very unforgiving, unforgivable place. Brown and Braun said they have certain objectives they believe they can accomplish over the next year.

"I hope that we can really spark some change that will directly affect the students in a way that they know that student participation counts," Braun said. She believes that students sometimes do not realize student governance is behind certain changes, like last year's updates to Grab and Go.

"It would be great for stu-
dents to be able to have a little more faith that things can be done," she said.

Braun hopes that their administration will undertake issues that may seem complex or take time to resolve.

"I would rather approach an issue that hasn't been addressed before," she said. "...I hope that we're remembering to confront each issue with no holds. You know, 100 percent."

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**IN BRIEF**

**Fund pushes for Lilly shareholder vote**

**INDIANAPOLIS** — A major U.S. pension fund wants fellow Eli Lilly and Co. shareholders to have more of a voice in amending the bylaws governing the drug maker.

The California Public Employees’ Retirement System has proposed allowing shareholders to change bylaws by majority vote. Currently, only board members can change bylaws, which essentially provide a road map for how the company is run.

It owns roughly 4.8 million Lilly shares, which is less than 1 percent of the Indianapolis-based company’s stock.

The retirement system, known as CalPERS, pitched its proposal in Lilly’s annual proxy statement and in a letter to its 1.6 million shareholders. It notes that share owners can amend bylaws at most S&P 500 companies.

Lilly opposes the proposal because company officials believe it would lead to too much influence from large shareholders. It notes that its board has a duty to look out for the interests of all shareholders.

**Indianapolis Power suit dismissed**

**INDIANAPOLIS** — A federal judge on Friday dismissed a federal securities class action lawsuit by a group of small shareholders who alleged that the utility in a stock swap in 2000 had not fully complied with federal securities law.

The class action lawsuit alleged that the value of employees’ 401(k) retirement plans plummeted when Virginia-based AES Corp. acquired the utility in a stock swap in 2001. It also alleged company officers dumped AES stock shares about the time employees were prohibited from selling company stocks owned through their benefit plans.

But Judge David F. Hamilton found no evidence of ill-timed profits or wrongdoing and said executives had complied with federal securities law.

“There is no evidence at all that the individual defendants had any negative inside information about AES or the prospects of its stock,” Hamilton wrote in a 113-page ruling. “Defendants did not give investment advice themselves.”

**South Korea**

**Talks seek largest ever tariffs cut**

**White House says trade negotiations are ‘not going well’ after ten months**

**Associated Press**

**SEOUL** — South Korea and the United States struggle to wrap up an elusive free-trade agreement even as a deadline for concluding negotiations came and went.

Negotiators have met for eight days this week in a Seoul hotel. If they succeed, the accord to slash tariffs and other trade barriers would be the biggest for the U.S. since the North American Free Trade Agreement 1993, and the biggest ever for South Korea.

“We’re down to decision time as opposed to negotiation time,” said Steve Norton, spokesman for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, suggesting that the two sides were weighing each other’s offers more than one hour after the deadline Monday in Seoul.

After an all-night session Friday, the two sides said they needed to extend talks beyond the original midnight deadline, and agreed to finish the talks by 1 a.m. Monday in Seoul, corresponding to a noon Sunday deadline in Washington.

The negotiations were marred by ugly protests outside the luxury hilltop hotel where delegates met. A man shouted “Stop the Korea-U.S. FTA” after setting himself on fire. He was treated for third-degree burns, police said.

Nearby, about 150 protesters, including farmers, students and activists, some wearing red or white headbands, deplored the talks, chanting “Down with the Bush-Moo-hyun government” referring to South Korea’s president.

A clash between some of the protesters and riot police carrying shields and wearing red or white headbands was later, with one policeman falling to the ground bloodied. After dark, protesters gathered in front of Seoul City Hall for a candlelight protest, holding placards and chanting.

Police estimated the crowd at about 1,000 people. The protestors then marched through central Seoul toward the presidential Blue House, but they were checked by riot police.

South Korean Trade Minister Kim Hyoung-chong and Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Karan Bhatia, as well as the chief negotiators for the two sides, have been meeting since last Monday to bridge contentious trade issues such as autos and agriculture.

The White House on Friday said that after 10 months of haggling, the talks were “not going well.”

A USTR spokesman in Washington said Saturday that the U.S. must wrap up the deal by Sunday U.S. time. That is the deadline to notify Congress that President Bush does or does not intend to sign a deal under his existing Trade Promotion Authority.

That “fast track” power to submit trade agreements to Congress for straight yes-or-no votes expires on July 1, but legally the agreement must be concluded 90 days in advance.

Norton said Sunday there would be no further extension of talks.

Any final deal would be subject to approval by both Congress and South Korea’s National Assembly.

**Ethanol boom spurs corn planting**

**DES MOINES, Iowa** — An ethanol-fueled boom is prompting American farmers to plant the most corn since the year the Allies invaded Normandy, but surging demand could mean consumers still may pay more for everything from chicken to cough syrup.

Farmers are expected to plant 87.4 million acres of corn this year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s annual prospective plantings report released Friday. That would be a 15 percent increase over 2006 and the most corn planted since 1944.

Most analysts will play a large part in the actual acreage planted. Muddy fields are already slowing plantings in some states.

“We’re awfully wet out here,” said John Guynn, a grain farmer in west central Iowa. “Normally by this time of year we’re doing quite a bit of field work. There just isn’t a wheel turning out here. Illinois is in the same boat.”

The move to plant corn is in large part due to a rush to produce corn-based ethanol, which is blended with gasoline. There are now 114 ethanol refineries nationwide and another 80 under construction.

The corn rush was sparked by President Bush’s initiative to support for flexible-fuel vehicles, which are capable of using gasoline and ethanol blends, and his administration’s plan to cut gas consumption by 20 percent in 10 years.

Corn prices were already rising when Bush announced the initiative in Washington on Jan. 23 and there has been growing concern that the corn rush could hurt the poor in less-developed nations such as Mexico, where the crop is a staple used in tortillas.

On Thursday, Cuban leader Fidel Castro wrote in an editorial for the Communist Party daily newspaper that President Bush’s ethanol plan could deplete corn and other food stocks in developing nations, putting the lives of 3 billion people at risk worldwide.

“You’re in the middle of an emergence of a food versus fuel debate,” said Lincoln Ellis, director of asset management for the Linn Group, a Chicago-based privately held financial trading business focusing on commodities and futures. “This is the pregame show. We haven’t even hit the first quarter.”

Corn is a key ingredient in many foods, from corn syrup found in candies and cough syrup to feed used in meat production.

Chicken producers welcomed the planting report, hoping that an increased corn supply would reduce feed costs that have led to a 40 percent rise in chicken prices.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Holy Week

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 1

5:00 pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass
9:45 am Solemn Mass
12:00 noon Sunday Mass
Special Mass times for Palm Sunday only

Tuesday, April 3

7:00 pm Campus-wide Stations of the Cross
   (Procession departs from the Grotto)
9:15 pm Opportunity for individual confession follows
   Stations in the Basilica

Holy Thursday, April 5

9:00 am Morning Prayer
5:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper
*6:30 pm Adoration in the Lady Chapel
11:00 pm Tenebrae
*Basilica of the Sacred Heart will remain open from 6:30 pm until 12:30 am

Good Friday, April 6

9:00 am Morning Prayer
12:00 noon - 3:00 pm Silent Hours of Prayer
3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
7:15 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 7

9:00 am Morning Prayer
9:00 pm The Paschal Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 8

8:00 am Easter Sunday Mass
10:00 am Solemn Mass
12:00 noon Easter Sunday Mass
7:15 pm Solemn Easter Vespers
Special Mass times for Easter Sunday only

Confessions during Holy Week

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only made it through the first round, the competition was ultimately successful, since they were able to find a group of investors through the competition that are now sponsoring NDtogo.

The services offered through the Web site will only be available to Notre Dame, Saint Mary’s and Holy Cross students since students will need a school e-mail address to register.

"The service will always be free to students ... whether they are logging in, using the Web site or getting freebies," Reyes said.

Reyes said the Web site will be organized according to various categories, such as dining on a budget, type of restaurant and appropriate dress.

NDtogo.com will feature lists of restaurants in the South Bend area where students can take their parents over Junior Parents Weekend as well as restaurants for students on a budget to go out with their friends, Reyes said.

"Every week a restaurant will be featured which will give away free items," Reyes said.

Reyes said many restaurants and businesses have been receptive to the company’s business plan because they want more student business.

"Business owners are bringing extremely generous and are giving away whole pizzas, for example," Reyes said.

Although the database part of the Web site will not be up and running until late April, students can start registering now on the site. Students will be eligible for free prizes and coupons once they register, Reyes said.

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The listings and database will be available Blue and Gold weekend, Reyes said, and the last two weeks of school the site will be giving away free items daily.

NDtogo has begun advertising to students through Facebook.com flyers. The company also had a Facebook event to draw student interest, but the event could not be located Sunday.

Reyes declined to discuss how the business will be lucrative, but said that helping college students in the South Bend area is his main objective.

"What will be profitable about it is that we will be helping students find cool and interesting restaurants in the South Bend community," he said.

Reyes — who received a graduate degree from the University in 2003 — said he realized during his time at Notre Dame that a lot of students are not aware of all the restaurants in South Bend and Mishawaka.

"Every time we wanted to go out, we’d go to the same place over and over. At the end of our time ... we started finding all these places around the community," Reyes said.

Reyes said there are a lot of places to go that are new and fun in South Bend that aren’t going to break the bank.

"The Web site’s services will be focused on South Bend, Mishawaka, Granger and Niles, but the founders hope to eventually expand the site to include other areas such as Elkhart," Reyes said.

Reyes said he doesn’t think other Web sites like Yelp.com, campus.food.com and Dine In Delivery Service will be competition for his business because these services are not primarily for students.

"We don’t really feel like they are too much a competition. ... Yelp is just getting started and it’s still not giving anything away [for free]," Reyes said. "We find with all these other Web sites that none of them are really geared toward students."

Joshua Ralston, director of operations at Dine In Delivery Service, which delivers food from multiple local vendors, said the new company will not be serious competition for Dine In in the future.

"There have been services like that in the past. CampusFood.com tried to work with us but it didn’t work because we work with over 50 different restaurants in the area and we provide good service and we do a lot of online orders for students," Ralston said.

NDtogo hopes to get students involved in its business venture as well.

"The eventual goal is to involve a team of student voices to help us get the word out — anybody can be involved," Reyes said.

Reyes said they have sent e-mails to various clubs on campus, including the entrepreneurial club and the marketing club.

"We are still waiting to get the full team in place," he said.

Reyes said NDtogo will also be sponsoring a Bookstore Basketball team for the 2007 bookstore basketball season.

NDtogo is not affiliated with the University.

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Everything ventured, nothing gained

Many critics have noted that the present Iraq War is the first long-term war in which the vast majority has not sacrificed anything significant. They say that the .5 percent of the American population in the armed services is bearing the entire burden of the war at home. The most part, I'm in agreement with their assessment. I don't have to present any ration coupons when purchasing groceries at the store. Gas prices are still incredibly low by international standards, thanks to gratuitous subsidies for oil companies by our government. I don't face a draft like my father; I'm not staring at a TV screen clutching a number that will determine whether I go off to fight or remain at home. Personally, each of us is quite well off in this conflict, mentally anguish aside. However, we've sacrificed much as a country.

There are 3,248 U.S. military fatalities that have been confirmed by the Department of Defense and countless casualties. Each one of these deaths has shaken us, whether we are family and each casualty has altered a life forever. We're quickly learning that a growing number of soldiers are returning with post-traumatic stress disorder which has, in the history of warfare, been treated as a disease of the weak, disregarded, undertreated, and insufficiently treated. Thousands more lives have been lost by non-military personnel, civilians working in Iraq in a variety of ways, whether it be driving a truck or working for a private security firm. These fatalities and casualties are mounting. The daily basis, climbing at staggering rates.

We've lost the hope of Iraqis. While the flow of Donald Rumsfeld anticipated mostly stayed home during the liberation of their country, there was still a great sense of victory and hope for the future of Iraq back in 2003. Saddam Hussein was a brutal dictator and had been disposed in a matter of weeks. The word's "sectarian violence" had yet to be uttered on the news and pictures of Iraqi children smiling at soldiers dominated the airwaves, not the IED explosions and bombed-out marketplaces full of grieving Iraqis we see today. We've lost the hope of Iraq and therefore we've lost Iraq. According to the latest ABC News poll, 51 percent of Iraqis believe that it is "acceptable" to attack U.S./coalition forces.

We've lost the respect of the world. The administration has managed to take all the sympathy and support that was thrown at us from around the world on September 11 and mangle those alliances into a relationship of bitter discord.

Other countries unanimously agree that terrorism must be stopped but fundamentally disagree with our approach towards bringing peace and stability to the Middle East. They see the war in Iraq as the ill-advised debacle that is destroying and the losses that they, too, have accrued. We've sacrificed the moral high-ground that we once held as a nation. We were once the ultimate symbol of freedom, liberty and justice. Our country was what the world wanted to be. Our government was something that we could be proud of, an achievement of civilization that stressed accountability, equality and rule by the people, for the people and of the people. Oh, how we might have fallen. We have stooped so low as to use torture as a primary tool in our attempts to garner intelligence from detainees. We export prisoners to "black sites" run by the CIA which operate with open Congressional oversight and send other detainees to allied countries where oversight does not exist and human rights are scoffed at. I've never experienced this war in Iraq as the ill-advised debacle that is destroying ourselves and our principles to the Bush administration, allowing the war on terror to proceed without the hindrances of checks and balances, oversight and transparency, features of our democracy which were earned through the sacrifices of previous generations. Hal cortex, one of the greatest inventions of civilization and one of the most fundamental of American rights, has been suspended for many detainees. We've now developed the habits as a nation to imprison people indefinitely, without charge.

Essentially, we've still living the everyday American way of life. In that respect, al Qaeda has failed. However, America, the nation, is not sustaining the American values of life. We've never prized ourselves as a nation because of our constant supply of butter during wartime, our ability to artificially deflate gas prices, or our ability to harness the harsh realities of war to the 24-hour news cycle, and we shouldn't start now. America is not tyrannical and torture-happy. hubris and hypocrisy, ignorance and ideology. America is the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Emancipation Proclamation, the victory at D-Day, the "I Have A Dream" speech, the Bible, the Torah and the Koran.

There's a well-known picture on my wall of "the unknown rebel," a solitary man blocking a column of Chinese tanks and columns of tanks toward the road by Florence. Year 1943. The man, or are we the tank?

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Quote of the Day

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is not ours to say. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy if anything can."  

Thomas Merton
Moses commands sin to be put to death

To my mind, no one has yet responded adequately to Xavier Lebe's charge ("First Down Moses underlies negative attitudes about other religions," March 27) that "First Down, Moses" celebrates religious terrorism. Mark Flanagan ("Greater complexity to 'honorable' Moses," March 30) rightly observes that Nick Illum's letter ("Moses was an honorable man," March 29) more confirms than answers it. But Flanagan's solution presents a Vatican II severed from the Tradition which gave it life.

The Church realized that the Bible contains apparent contradictions long before Vatican II. Eighteen centuries ago, the Church Father Origen wrote that Scripture contains things that "cannot be believed to have happened appropriately and reasonably." How should we read them? Echoing ancient Tradition, Vatican II reminds us to pay "attention...to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture." For Christians, this "content and unity" is Jesus Christ. In the light of Christ, what does the command to "kill your brother, your friend, and your neighbor" mean? Whom should I hate? Not really my enemies, for whom Christ commanded me to pray (Matt 5:44). Clearly not Christ's enemies, before whom Christ commanded me to put away my sword (Matt 26:52). Who then must be put to death? Christians must bear in Moses' command St. Paul's exhortation to "put to death" (Col 3:5) all those sins that we have committed: ene­my, friend, and neighbor. We must violently topple those golden calves which we have built and live for the one Lord. It is comforting that we in one final and suggested observance. It was the very jewelry taught by the Fathers to signify all that "true and holy in (other) religions" that was distorted and misshapen into that golden idol. Part of the sin was therefore an abuse of that "ray of truth" which other religions "reflect." Perhaps my interpretation is unconvincing. But as Lebe insightfully pointed out, "whether or not the story is literally true does not matter as much as the fact that people accept it as sacred." The Catholic Church considers the Bible sacred insofar as its message is Christ. A Catholic University honors religious images for the same reason. "First Down, Moses" proclaims only that same message ever proclaimed by the Church: Jesus Christ alone is Lord.

Drinking is a personal choice

As the daughter of a Donor, I saw the envy in my father's eyes when he dropped me off at school for the first time. "I'd give anything to go back," he even admitted. While I've heard a fair share of his college stories, his longing is not to relive his craziest nights but rather to regain the freedom he had as a college student. Whatever it was that we did or didn't do, in college we had more free time than we'll ever have again and can choose to do whatever we want with it. Never again will I be able to take two-hour naps at whim. Although I shudder at the thought of alcohol before football games. And I'm willing to bet over a thousand is the number of alumni that have offered me alcohol before football games. And I'm willing to bet over a thousand is the number of alumni that'd be disappointed if Notre Dame took away my choice to say, "Yes."
‘Wild Bunch’ bleeds brilliant cinema violence

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Senior Staff Writer

Sam Peckinpah’s 1969 classic “The Wild Bunch” is one of the defining westerns, a blast of glory that signaled the end of the genre in a traditional sense.

As a reaction against the cold operatics of Sergio Leone’s spaghetti westerns, it demonstrated that Hollywood still understood the genre better than anyone — although by subverting its own conventions. “The Wild Bunch” also brought closure to the genre that would not be revisited until Clint Eastwood’s 1992 Best Picture winner “Unforgiven.”

“The Wild Bunch” is the story of Pike Bishop (William Holden, in one of his finest performances), who is the leader of the eponymous group, along with Dutch (Erich von Stroheim), Angel (Jaime de Rivière) and brothers Lyle and Tex (Richard Benjamin and Ben Johnson). At the start of the film, the Bunch bunch- a robbery and flees to Mexico. As Bishop starts to realize that their brand of outlaw justice is becoming antiquated, he comes to grips with his aging philosophies and decides to go out in one final confrontation.

Peckinpah’s film is a symbolic exploration of changing times. Set in 1910, it features aging men trying to understand a changing world. Ultimately, the Bunch realizes that they too have become outdated and must face their destiny the only way they know how. “The Wild Bunch” has become revered for its portrayals and characterization, and while the film is very violent (especially in its opening and closing confrontations), it has much more on its mind than being a typical Western.

For a long time, “The Wild Bunch” was only available as a two-sided DVD that split up the movie. It has finally been released in a two-disc special edition from Warner Bros. that preserves the original director’s cut on a single disc (the second disc houses the special features).

The picture quality, which preserves the original widescreen ratio, is very good — the image appears to have been cleaned up from the previous release, and the transfer is noticeably better, with a high contrast that highlights the cinematography.

As with most Warner Bros. releases, the special features are informative and plentiful. There is commentary from Peckinpah biographers/documentarians Nick Redman, Paul Seydor, Garner Simmons and David Weddle. They relay a lot of information to the audience, though they often get sidetracked with unrelated anecdotes and stories about the director.

There are also three documentaries: “Sam Peckinpah’s West: Legacy of a Hollywood Renegade,” which is a feature-length biography. This is one of the best extras to come around in a while, and it sheds a lot of light on a director known for his outrageously violent films.

Peckinpah also directed such classics as “Straw Dogs” and “Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid.” The other features incude a short called “The Wild Bunch: An Album in Montage” and a documentary called “A Simple Adventure: Sam Peckinpah, Mexico and the Wild Bunch.” It was a long time coming, but “The Wild Bunch” has finally been released on a DVD worthy of its classic status. While it’s not as spectacular as the treatment given to other classic films, Warner’s update of the 1969 classic adds a lot to Peckinpah’s best film. For those who have never seen “The Wild Bunch,” the two-disc special edition is an excellent way to become acquainted with one of America’s best directors.

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‘Stick It’ DVD stumbles, bumbles to perfect zero

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Why famed actor Jeff Bridges ever decided to act in the girl-power, gymnastics-themed “Stick It” is a question that will never be answered. The delugent-turned-athletic star plot has been around the street more times than can be counted — and this time its gymnastics instead of cheerleading, softball or the myriad of sports they’ve picked to make similar films.

“Stick It” stars Missy Peregrym as the middle-finger-in-the-air, punk rocker Haley Graham who enrolls in a prestigious gymnastics school after getting in trouble with the law. The dramatic conceit twists when it’s revealed she’s a former gymnast who walked out of the world championships dooming the American team to infamy.

The problem is those with a sense of musical history will recognize the producers perhaps a stereotypical punker t-shirt they could find to make Graham seem more rebellious.” Instead, it only comes across as completely ridiculous and Graham seems more clique than character.

Jeff Bridges, who has no business being in a film like this, plays Graham’s gymnas­itics coach Burt Vickerman — a rough rebel coach who eschews rules in favor of punchy and new routines. Bridges immor­ tal ‘The Dude’ from “The Big Lebowski” is nowhere to be found here. He performs Vickerman well, but it does not come close to the other roles he’s played. They say all characters make had films — “Stick It” most certainly counts as one for Bridges.

Other than the two aforementioned characters, “Stick It” is filled with cookie-cutter high school guys, gymmistresses and a host of stereotypes who run around the movie like a virus destroying any credibility the film still maintained.

Written by Jessica Bendlinger, who wrote the sequel “Bick” “Aquamarine” and the cheerleading epic “Bring It On,” “Stick It” marked her directorial debut — and she does both equally ineptly. With too many I-hate-my-parents style quips from Graham and too much I’m-the-wraps-angle-to-listen-to-me sagacities from Bridges, the dialogue sounds forced and the direction stilled.

This isn’t to say “Stick It” has no redeeming qualities. The routines the gymnasts (or their stunt doubles) perform really are sights to behold. While not a documentary about gymnastics training, “Stick It” does give a flavor of the grueling training it takes to be a world-class gym­nast, and a certain well of appreciation springs up for competitors who represent their countries at athletic competitions.

The DVD is a single-disc edition that includes the film and little beyond one extra that showcases the gymnastics and double in the film. Also, the commen­ taries on the DVD are somewhat insight­ ful, but a film that was poorly executed will not have much to say. There are deleted scenes and two music videos — hardly anything valuable.

“Stick It” is not a good film — it is a film that has a positive message and showcas­ es some amazing gymnastic talent. Some of the routines are mind-blowingly good, while almost all of the acting is mind­-blowingly bad.

A film like this will never see any more treatment beyond its single-disc bare­ bones DVD. Your little sister might like it, but I come to think of “Stick It” in the movie studios by not buying it and keep them from ever releasing a film like this again.

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**Scene & Heard**

Brush up on lingo before Final Four tips off

Shakespeare once wrote, "What’s in a name?" Well no offense to William, but when it comes to the wide world of basketball, using the proper terminology when watching and playing the game is crucial, as it can either bolster your street cred or expose you worse than a throwback pair of high shorts. For example, you never want to be caught quoting Bill Walton. While watching March Madness, it would be disastrous to yell out "Throw it down, big man!" after a particularly fierce slam dunk. Graces would be cast side-ways and you might find people actually shuffling away from you on the sofa. As a result, here's a quick compilation of some of the latest and greatest court comments.

- "Dummy," verb, to block someone's shot. Synonyms: to stuff; to reject. Usage: "Oh man, did you see Oden dummy that guy?"
- "Hops," noun, the ability to jump high. Synonyms: interchangeable phrases: "to get up" or "Oh man, he really got up there!" and "bunnies." ("Nate Robinson is only 5-foot-7, but boy does he have bunnies.")
- "Beast," adjective, a particularly fierce player. Usage: "That guy, he really packed it up in that game."

Exclamation: "Oh man, nice takeout! I didn’t know you had copped that shirt!"

**DVD Review**

'Ghost' DVD remains timeless tale of true love

By ERIN McGINN Assistant Scene Editor

In the canon of so-called "chick flicks," Jerry Zucker's "Ghost" is always ranked near the top. Although it first appeared over two decades ago, it still remains as romantic and enduring as a movie could be. A special collector's edition of "Ghost" was recently released, and it includes a number of additional extras that make it a very worthy purchase.

The film tells the story of a young couple, Sam Wheat (Patrick Swayze) and Molly Jensen (Demi Moore), whose love is shattered when Sam is slain in a seemingly senseless event. Although he's dead, Sam's spirit still lingers on earth. He realizes he is stuck as a ghost so he teams up with Oda Mae Brown (Whoopi Goldberg), a psychic and the only person who is able to talk to him. Through Oda Mae, Sam and Molly are able to once more rekindle their love, and along the way they hunt for his killer, discovering a deeper and more meaningful action than what his murder first appeared to be.

"Ghost" won two Academy Awards: one for the screenplay, and the other for Best Actress in a Supporting Role for Whoopi Goldberg. Goldberg's performance as a fake psychic who actually sees the ghost of Sam is definitely top-notch, and that alone is worth a watch. The late Vincent Schiavelli also puts in a surprisitngly memorable performance, as a short, one, the subway ghost who helps Sam deal with his (literally) spiritual condition. Following suit are performances by both Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze who shine as the film's focus.

Interestingly enough, as the documentary "The Making of a Classic" points out, the producers and director had no desire for Patrick Swayze to play the lead. He had just finished the movie "Road House," which was not received well by audiences or critics. Although they did not contact him for the part, Swayze read the script and asked if he could audition. It was only after he was reading that the producers and director decided to cast Swayze over SteveModels Moore and Swayze and an "Inside the Paranormal" featurette showcases interviews from real psychics and mediums who talk about their experiences. The commentary track features Zucker and screenwriter Bruce Joel Rubin, who focus on elements of the script as well as the special effects work that was done for the film. "Ghost" is easily one of the best films that deal with paranormal elements in the real world, it manages to be romantic without being sappy and humorous without losing its important and weighty message. While it is nearly two decades old, "Ghost" tells the kind of timeless story that will always have a place in people's hearts.

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Photos courtesy of goodtimes.com
Phoenix Suns, from left, Jalen Rose, Kurt Thomas, Steve Nash, and Shawn Marion were all smiles in the waning moments of their 126-104 win over Dallas Sunday.

Associated Press

Phoenix - If Phoenix plays like the Dallas Mavericks a few weeks from now in the Western Conference finals, the Suns could be in no problem for the Suns.

With that in mind, the Suns went on to win their 20th straight game against the Mavericks, who finished the season series 2-2.

Phoenix shot 86 percent in the final 12 minutes to beat Dirk Nowitzki and the Mavericks 126-104.

Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said, "Every quarter, we just got a little better. We're able to do the same thing we did the win, and we'll definitely take it. It was just a matter of being able to stop them consistently."

Josh Smith finished with 24 points for the Hawks, who have dropped six straight overall. They never led after Tyronn Lue's 3-pointer made it 78-75 with 15.52 remaining.

After Smith's putback of a missed jumper was missed at the 3.57 mark of the third, the 21-year-old missed his next six shots. He denied that having Ben Wallace and Tyrus Thomas block consecutive attempts affected his confidence.

Smith also thought Atlanta held together defensively, even though Thomas dunked over Butler, as the Hawks saw a three-point play early in the fourth.

They started hitting shots," Smith said. "They were hitting tough shots. You can't do anything about that when you're playing defense."
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In Brief

**PRESSL**

- Pressl was recently named the youngest men's basketball player in the NCAA Division I National Championship.

**MLB**

- Orioles at Twins: 7 p.m., ESPN2

**TENNIS**

**SERBIAN NOVAK DJOKOVIC**

- Novak Djokovic returns a serve during the Sony Ericsson Open. Djokovic became the youngest men's champion in the Key Biscayne tournament's history after defeating Guillermo Canas 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

**19-year-old Djokovic wins Ericsson Open**

**KEY BISCAYNE, Fla.** — Novak Djokovic whacked the tournament’s final shot for a winner, then collapsed on his back, sprawled at the baseline.

Djokovic rose to embrace his opponent and climbed into the stands to hug his parents. He returned to the court and threw his shirt and racket to the cheering crowd.

The kid plays with flair and celebrates the same way.

Djokovic succeeded where Roger Federer failed, beating qualifier Guillermo Canas 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 Sunday to win the Sony Ericsson Open.

- **In Brief**

  **Pressl youngest LPGA champion ever**

  **RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif.** — Morgan Pressl became the youngest major champion in LPGA Tour history Sunday with a game well beyond her 18 years, closing with a 2-under 69 at the Kraft Nabisco Championship as everyone around her self-destructed.

  Pressl played her final 25 holes over Mission Hills without a bogey, finishing the round with a 10-foot birdie putt that looked as though it would be only good enough for second place.

  Then came a shocking collapse from Suzann Pettersen, the latest and most significant on a sun-baked afternoon in the desert.

  Sandra Post, who was 20 years, 19 days when she won the 1968 LPGA Championship.

  The kid broke down in tears again, this time over the shock and euphoria of winning a major 10.6 months after graduating high school.

  **Wade returns to practice after suffering shoulder injury**

  MIA MIA — Dwyane Wade is ready to begin his comeback.

  Nearly six weeks after disclocating his left shoulder, the reigning NBA Finals MVP will attempt to practice with the Miami Heat on Monday, his first attempt at a full workout since suffering the injury.

  "It’s going to feel pretty good to get back out there," Wade said Sunday during a visit to Miami Children’s Hospital, while his teammates were playing at Detroit to end a three-game road trip. "The only thing I can do is continue to work hard."

  After Sunday, Miami has nine regular season games left, starting Tuesday against Toronto. The playoffs open April 21.

  Wade was averaging 28.8 points when he was hurt in a collision with Houston’s Shane Battier on Feb. 21. Entering Sunday, the Heat had gone 13-6 since Wade’s injury, rising from a team on the Eastern Conference playoff bubble to one contending for the Southeast Division title.

  **Purdue receiver stabbed in late-night bar brawl**

  WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue coach Joe Tillier is considering possible disciplinary measures against a football player who was stabbed in the chest, another who was later arrested on suspicion of drunken driving and any other teammates who might have been at the late-night bar fight near campus.

  Receiver Selwyn Lymon, who started 12 games as a sophomore last season, was in fair condition Saturday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

  Safety Torri Williams, arrested on the alcohol charge less than an hour after Lymon was stabbed early Friday, was identified in police records as having been with Lymon and at least one other player during the fight at Nick’s Nightclub, Maj. Charlie Williams of the Tippecanoe County Sheriff’s Department said.
Scott trumps Appleby in Australian battle

Scott nails 50-foot putt on final hole to finish 3 strokes ahead of pack

Associated Press
HUMBLE, Texas — Adam Scott came to the Houston Open starr­ing for the strength of competition to prepare him for the Masters. He got what he needed from fellow Australian Stuart Appleby. Scott held off Appleby with a 6-under 66 on Sunday, saving par with a 50-foot putt on the 72nd hole after hitting his tee shot into the water.

Scott finished at 17 under, three strokes ahead of Appleby, the defending champion, and third-round leader Bubba Watson.

Scott said before the tournament that he was rusty after taking a month off earlier this year. He tied for 61st at Doral and was apparently and the crowd roared.

Appleby drove into the fairway bunker, then immediately gave Scott a reprieve by hitting his approach into the water near the green.

“I knew what I had to do,” Appleby said. “It’s just a matter of you’ve got to do it, and I didn’t get to do it.”

Scott took his drop, hit his approach safely away from the water, then holded the par-saving putt. He pumped his fist, Tiger Woods-style, after the ball disappeared and the crowd roared.

“It was relief, along with elation,” said Scott, who earned his first win since last year’s Tour Championship. “I was pretty happy for it to be all over with, because it was looking a bit messy.”

Appleby took a double bogey to finish with a 69. But it was easily his best finish of the year and filled him with confidence heading to Augusta.

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Scott became the sixth Australian to win the Houston Open, joining Appleby, Bruce Devlin, Bruce Crampton, David Graham and Robert Allenby.

Appleby and Crampton have won twice and the eight victories by Australians are the most in any U.S. tour event. Only the British Open (9) has had more champions from Down Under.

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The 26-year-old Scott spent four weeks in Europe before returning to Doral. He shot a final-round 70 for a 3-under 69, including a 10 on the 18th hole, and wasn’t optimistic before the Houston Open started.

But his swing held up all week and his putting improved with each round, even when his nerves started to fray.

“I really needed to be in contention this week and take something out of it,” Scott said. “I can feed off that for next week.”

Appleby and Scott started the day three shots behind Watson, but caught him with birdies on three of their first five holes. The Aussies matched each other shot for shot from there until Appleby bogeyed the par-3 14th and lost the lead for good.

Scott hit two mammoth 3-woods to reach the 608-yard 15th hole and he two-putted to move to 17 under. Appleby bogeyed the 16th, then birdied the 17th to set up the tense finish.

“Just was good for me to play in the heat of the battle again,” Scott said. “Just to know how to control your nerves will be good for me.”

Playing together, Scott led Appleby by one stroke as they stood on the 18th tee, but Scott pulled his tee shot into the pond that lines the left side of the 488-yard hole, the course’s most difficult.

Scott immediately had a flashback to the 2004 Players Championship, when he had a two-shot lead on the final day and pulled a 6-iron into the water on the 72nd hole.

“I don’t know Water on the left,” Scott said. “It’s not ideal for me, obviously.”

He salvaged a winning bogey at Sawgrass and got away with it again Sunday.

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“The funny what happens coming down the stretch,” Scott said. “We were sold all day and all of a sudden, you know, a couple of funny shots happened.”

Players were allowed to lift, clean and place their balls in the fairway for the second straight day after a morning thunderstorm dumped a half-inch of rain.

Storms Saturday morning postponed the start of the third round for six hours and Watson was one of 27 players who came back Sunday morning to finish.

Watson bogeyed two of the three holes he played as the sun came up, but still shot an 8-under 64, which tied the course record set on Saturday by Johnson Wagner.

Wagner, a 27-year-old tour rookie, started the final round in a five-way tie at 11 under, along with Scott, Appleby, Houston resident Jeff Maggert and Paul Stankowski.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Rutgers uses stifling defense to defeat LSU

Tigers score fewest points ever in women's Final Four game; Scarlet Knights earn first berth in national championship

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Rutgers' improbable run isn't over. The Scarlet Knights earned their first trip to the national championship behind Hall of Fame coach C. Vivian Stringer with another unlikely scenario — dominating the LSU Lady Tigers from the opening tip.

Matee Ajavon scored 16 points and Rutgers (27-8) hooded 6-foot-6 Sylvia Fowles to beat LSU 29-35 in a national semifinal Sunday night. The Scarlet Knights used a swarming defense and hot touch from behind the arc to blow out LSU, which scored the fewest points ever in the Final Four — Louisiana Tech had 44 vs. Tennessee in '87 title game.

Frustrated by Rutgers' relent­less defenders, Fowles was held to five points and seven rebounds. Rutgers double- and triple-teamed Fowles, with Vaughn getting help from Heather Matee Ajavon scored 16 points before leaving with leg cramps in the second half. She took Cheyney there.

"Wow," Stringer said. "That's the best word to describe what happened here. We talked about believing in what we know. No one expected us to be here, but these players believe in themselves. We focused on the defense. We didn't read into the hype.

"No one expected us to be here, but these players believe in themselves." C. Vivian Stringer

Rutgers coach

"Guess we'll see all you guys here on Tuesday." Stringer said. "Work hard, get some rest and see what we can do in this next one." Essence Carson scored 15 points before leaving with leg cramps in the second half. She hit three 3-pointers and Rutgers was 10-of-20 from behind the arc, but only 20-of-51 overall.

"It feels great to have gotten this far. But we can't give up now. Why just settle for this?" Carson said. "We came from nothing and built our foundation. To give up now would fall short of what she wants to do." LSU was in trouble from the opening whistle and never improved. Kia Vaughn won the tip after Fowles appeared unruly and barely got off the ground.

Ajavon hit a 3-pointer and Rutgers broke out to a 12-2 lead in the first 5 minutes, sending the Rutgers cheering section to its feet. Fowles was held to 1-for-4 shooting over that span and unbelievably didn't take another shot until the closing seconds of the half. A defender knocked her headband askew on the play and she missed, then screamed out in anger as she ran down the court.

When Vaughn got her second foul midway through the first half, it seemed Fowles might get her chances after all. But freshman Rashidat Junaid found her headband askew on the play and she missed, then screamed out in anger as she ran down the court.

"It was just a defensive effort. ... We're here to stay," Ajavon said. "It was just a defensive effort. ... We're here to stay."
Notre Dame qualifies 7 athletes for regionals

Team travels to both Stanford and Purdue, sets 18 Big East times

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame, which this week­end sent athletes to both the
Stanford Invitational in
Stanford, Calif., and the Mike
Poechlein Invitational in West
Lafayette, Ind., continued to
build on its success this outdoor
season.

The Irish qualified seven ath­letes for the NCAA Mideast Regionals and posted 18 Big East qualifying times.

Irish coach Joe Piane was pleased with the team's per­formance at the Stanford Invitational, where all the Mideast qualifying times were set.

"It was a terrific meet," he said. "On the guys' side, we brought ten fellas, and every one of them ran the best time they'd ever run outdoors. Four of those guys qualified for the NCAA's."

Senior Todd Pracek finished third in the 3,000-meter stee­plechase, posting a personal­best time of 8:57.87 and quali­fying for the NCAA Regionals. Sophomore Patrick Smyth placed fifth in the 5,000 meters with a time of 13:48.53. The outdoor track significantly improved Smyth's performance — a personal best that qualified him for the regionals.

"Smyth ran ten seconds faster than he did indoors," Piane said. "He can run faster than that, and he will. Now he's running 13:48, the next step is to run 13:40. You just set the bar at the next level.

Junior Jake Watson finished fifth in the 1500 meters with a time of 3:45.25 and earned his first regional bid in the event. Junior John Cavanaugh's per­sonal-best time of 1:50.26 earned his second regional qualifying spot.

Senior Molly Huddle finished fifth in the 5,000 meters, run­ning a time of 15:30.52. Besides qualifying her for the regional meet, that time put her among the country's leaders.

"Molly Huddle ran very, very, well probably one of the top three or four times in the country right now," Piane said.

Senior Amy Kohlmeier's time of 16:31.26 in the 5,000 meters was good enough to qualify her for the regionals as well.

Rounding out the field of NCAA qualifiers was freshman Lindsey Ferguson, who finished ninth in the 3,000-meter stee­plechase with a time of 10:45.41.

Junior Brienne Davis led the Irish in West Lafayette, winning both the 100-meter and 200-meter dash. She took the 100 with a time of 12.34 seconds and won the 200 in 25.06 sec­onds. Sophomore Mary Saxer won the long jump with a dis­tance of 5.66 meters, and fresh­man Jaclyn Esteproza won the discus throw with a distance of 47.38 meters.

Piane partly attributed the success of the team to the oppor­tunity. "Rise to the level of the com­petition, and they are going to improve significantly," Piane said. "[Freshmen] Blake Chaplin and Cameron Eckert ran the best times of their lives. Why is that? Because of the quality of the competition."

Chaplin and Eckert both ran Big East qualifying times.

The Irish 4x100 relay team fin­ished in the top 10 of their respec­tive events or better, a test­ament to the depth of the team.

"And that's what you need in order to win the Big East con­ference," Piane said. "And that's going to be our goal.

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Irish senior distance runner Molly Huddle rounds the track dur­ing the Alex Wilson Invitational March 2 at Notre Dame.
**ND shut out in Columbus**

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
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Notre Dame almost forgot how to lose, winning 11 straight meets and dropping only 14 matches over that stretch. But the Irish were forced to peel themselves off the pavement Friday night, falling 7-0 to Ohio State in Columbus.

"I'm still trying to get the number of the truck that hit us in Columbus," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "(Ohio State) played aggressively and really well. They didn't make many mistakes."

The No. 3 Buckeyes jumped ahead in the match by winning doubles play, the 43rd time in their last 47 matches that they have won the doubles point.

Buckeyes Drew Eberly and Justin Kressenga defeated No. 7 Ryan Keckley and Sheeva Parhiz 6-4 in the No. 1 doubles position. Devinn Mullings and Chris Klingemann then secured the doubles point for Ohio State with an 8-5 win over Barry King and Brett Helgeson. Notre Dame's only glimmer of hope came when the No. 3 doubles team of Stephen Bass and Andrew Roth knocked off Steven Moneke and Bryan Kostek 9-7.

With the doubles point in hand, Ohio State went on to sweep Notre Dame in singles play. No. 10 Moneke knocked off No. 8 Bass with a 6-1, 6-4 victory at the No. 1 spot. No. 25 Bryan Kononko then defeated No. 34 Parhiz, who cruised past Helgeson with a 6-2, 6-0 victory.

Despite falling to Ohio State Friday night, the No. 3 Irish battled back to post a 5-2 win over No. 6 Illinois at home Sunday.

Bayliss said the win over the Fighting Illini somewhat redeemed the loss to the Buckeyes.

"If you lay an egg once a year and you bounce back they way we did today, it's OK," he said. Illinois jumped ahead to the early 1-0 lead after taking the doubles point. Kevin Anderson and Ryan Rowe defeated Keckley and Parhiz 8-4. Marc Sprick and G.D. Jones clinched the doubles point with an 8-4 win over King and Helgeson.

Bayliss said he challenged his team to bounce back from the 1-0 deficit and they answered.

"Both were first off the courts for the Irish with a 6-1, 6-2 rout of Jordan Knez. Keckley followed suit with a 6-6, 6-4 win over Brandon Davis.

Parhiz did not have as easy a win over Jones. The Irish junior dropped the first set 2-6, but rallied for the 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 win. King clinched the win for he Irish with a 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-2 win over Spicajaric. After forcing the first set into a tiebreaker and folding, King came back aggressively for the win.

"(King) showed an aggressive-ness that I haven't seen before," Bayliss said. "And to me it's a sign of his maturity and growth as a player and as a competitor."

Even with the win in Notre Dame's name, the battle wasn't over on the courts.

No. 8 Bass continued to battle with No. 6 Anderson at No. 1 singles. Bass dropped the first set 4-6 but fought back to take the second set 6-2. Down 3-4 in the third set with Anderson serving for match point, the senior broke serve to eventually take the set 7-5 and win the match.

Helgeson also put up a fight against No. 12 Rowe, but was unable to pull out a victory as Rowe defeated him 6-4, 6-7, 5.

Despite losing to Ohio State Friday, Bayliss said that he was happy with his team's performance this weekend.

"We knew we were playing two top-10 teams in three days and that's a big lead," he said. "And we wanted to make sure we got at least one of the wins, and today we made that happen."

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SMC TENNIS

Wheaton, Olivet upend Belles over weekend

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

The competition in this weekend's Wheaton Invitational proved to be too tough for Saint Mary's. The Belles fell twice, once to tournament-host Wheaton College and then again to Olivet Nazarene to finish 0-2 on their trip into Illinois.

Wheaton easily defeated the Belles 9-0 in their first match to add another win to its perfect record.

"Wheaton College is definitely one of the top teams, if not the top team, in the Midwest," Belles coach Dee Stevenson said.

In the first individual match of the Invitational opener Friday, Wheaton sophomore All-American Jordan Hook defeated Belles captain Kelly McIvatt in straight sets, 6-1 and 6-0. Belles freshman Camille Gebert did not have much luck in the No. 2 singles spot, where she was defeated 7-5 and 6-0 by freshman Christin Thompson.

In the third match of the day, Thunder senior Karly Olson defeated Belles freshman Lisa Rubino 6-2 and 6-1. In the following match, senior Tara O'Brien fell to Dunn and Thompson by a score of 8-1. In the final doubles match of the day, Wheaton's Parrish and Hale defeated Saint Mary's Rubino and O'Brien 8-2.

The Belles entered Saturday's match looking to defeat Olivet Nazarene for the second straight year, but Olivet Nazarene produced a different result. Saint Mary's lost the match 8-1, while Gordon in the number six singles spot was the only Belle to win.

"We didn't play particularly well in that match," Stevenson said. "Certainly not up to our full potential."

McIvatt put forth a strong effort in the No. 1 singles spot, but lost the match in three close sets. Rubino played well in the third spot, battling until the super tiebreaker of the third set.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish sweep Big East foes

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When Notre Dame began playing back home at Byfield March 22, it was 9-12 and coming off of a three-game losing streak. Since then, the Irish have played 10 straight games at home — all wins — most recently sweeping doubleheaders against Pittsburgh and Syracuse this weekend.

After a two-hour rain delay Saturday, the Irish (19-12, 8-0 Big East) extended their dominance over Pittsburgh (14-21, 2-3) with back-to-back 4-0 wins.

The first game remained scoreless until the third inning, when Irish catcher Gessica Hufnagle singled home left fielder Beth Northway to put Notre Dame up in the top. Shortstop Katie Laing then drove Hufnagle in to put the Irish up 2-0.

Notre Dame put up another two runs in the fourth inning, with center fielder Stephanie Brown's two-run single. Brown had three hits on the game, her fifth three-hit performance of the year.

Irish hurler Brittany Barg arg continued her sparkling pitching at home, throwing a complete-game shutout against the Panthers. Barg arg, a sophomore, struck out eight and allowed only two hits in the win, her 11th of the season. The Irish enjoyed similar success in the circle in the second game behind senior Kenya Fuemmeler. Fuemmeler threw a three-hit, complete-game shutout, striking out seven and walking only one for her sixth win of the season.

Offensively, the Irish manufactured a run in the bottom of the first when a Laing sacrifice fly drove home Brown. Notre Dame would not score again until the fifth, when Brown scored on a Laing fielder's choice. Laing then scored all the way from first on third baseman Heather Johnson's double.

The Irish added an insurance run in the sixth with an RBI from right fielder Ashley Ellis for the 4-0 win.

Notre Dame faced off against Syracuse (10-24, 3-2) Sunday and continued its pitching dominance.

In the first game, the Irish posted their third shutout in a row with a 7-0 victory over the Orange. Barg arg pitched her second shutout in as many days, throwing one-hit ball for six innings while striking out seven.

Notre Dame seized the lead early, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first. Northway doubled to drive in two runs, and first baseman Christine Lux singled her home before Syracuse could stop the bleeding.

Hufnagle singled home another run in the second, and a Brown double drove in two runs in the third to give the Irish a commanding 6-0 lead. Notre Dame grabbed an insurance run in the sixth when Laing doubled home Brown from third.

In the second game of the doubleheader, both teams remained scoreless for the first two innings. The Notre Dame offense exploded in the third, putting six runs on the board to break the game wide open. Johnson hit a bases-clearing double to drive home three runs, and Lux drove two in with her first career home run.

Lux also doubled home two runs in the fourth, and a Johnson groundout scored Notre Dame's ninth run.

The Orange finally got on the scoreboard with two runs in the fifth, but never threatened the Irish lead. Hufnagle singled in the bottom of the inning to give the Irish their 10th and final run. Brown led the Irish offensively on the weekend, going 12-for-15 on the weekend.

Barg arg and Fuemmeler's efforts gave Notre Dame a 0.20 ERA in the four games.

Pitching has fueled the success of the team, where the Irish have allowed only six runs over the 10 games. Five of the six runs in the week have come in the form of shutouts.

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

Saint Mary’s sweeps, is swept in doubleheaders

By BECKY SLINGER
Sports Writer

Even though Saint Mary’s lost a doubleheader Saturday to Alma 9-1 and 10-2, in their second and third losses of the season — it got its season back on track immediately by sweep­ping Manchester 10-2 and 20-0. In the game against Alma, the Scots’ hitters got the offense going early, scoring eight runs in the first inning off of seven hits, Belles pitcher Calli Duvall, however, calmed down after the first inning, allowing only two more hits and one run more.

The Belles failed to score a run until the fifth inning when freshman second baseman Mo Healy scored on a RBI from senior shortstop Sarah Miesle. The slaughter rule came into effect after the top of the fifth giving Alma the win.

In their second loss to Alma, the Belles failed to score any runs on seven hits with nine runners left on base. Sophomore pitcher Sarah Amram allowed just four hits, but the Scots managed to capitalize on each hit.

The two wins put Alma (17-7) in first in the MIAA with a league record of 6-0. The Belles (13-3) are in eighth, 0-2 in the league.

"They hit the ball really well in the first inning and jumped out on top. It’s really hard to come back from being down 8-0 in the first inning," Belles junior pitcher Mckenna Corrigan said.

“They did a good job of scoring first.”

For how anemic the Belles were against Alma, they were just as effective against Manchester Sunday. Davison allowed seven hits with only two runs. Manchester freshman pitcher Kristi Brown allowed 12 hits in the 10-2 loss.

Healy said the Belles’ dominance of the Scots is the reason they avenged their earlier losses to Alma.

“It’s a big confidence boost. I think we’re a lot more nerv­ous about playing out first con­ference game,” she said. “Now that we’ve got that out of the way — we’ll play to our full potential and have fun.”

In the sixth inning, sophomore second baseman Cathy Kurczak, Davison, Peterson, Healy, Miesle and sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro all scored a run each for an outstanding offensive performance, Peterson also scored in the first and third.

Sophomore second base­man Katie Rashid contributed a run in the fifth and Miesle had a run in the sixth.

The second game against Manchester brought even better results for the Belles, who won the game 20-0, ending the game in only five innings.

Manchester junior pitcher Tish Etter allowed 23 hits in the loss. Amram pitched two innings and allowed just one hit before bombarding the Belles with seven hits in relief, allowing four runs.

The Belles broke the game open in the second inning with nine hits. Freshman outfielder Sara Montelongo, Kurczak, Davison, Healy and Fusaro each scored a run. Montelongo also hit a three-run double to add to the Belles’ lead. Miesle scored an unearned run and had a three-run homer later in the inning, before Kurczak hit a home run in the third.

In the fourth inning, five Belles scored unearned runs (Montelongo, Kurczak, Rashid, Peterson and Healy). Healy also singled to bat in two runs. Fusaro contributed a homerun in the fifth.

Corrigan said the team will work on its confidence in the Belles’ next league game against Hope Wednesday.

“Our coach mentioned something about having “it”, it’s the feeling you have when you know something is going to go well or the feeling you have when you’re doing well,” she said.

“We didn’t have it... against Alma,” against Alma. We have to make sure we have ‘it’ for the rest of our league games.”

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

Makeshift squad still wins

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Despite injuries to multiple key players, No. 2 Notre Dame extended its win streak in dual match play to 13 with a 5-2 indoor victory over No. 28 Wichita State, 9-1 and 5-2, in a dual outdoor win over No. 35 Tulsa Saturday.

The Irish (18-1) played with­out junior Buck Brook and freshman Colleen Barriley for the second straight week, forcing Irish coach Jay Louderback to move players around in both singles and doubles play. But even those that did play in the two matches this weekend were not completely healthy, Louderback said.

“We have a few of them that are struggling with shoulders that have been playing a lot. We go inside and we get out before a Buck Brook, said. “For us, I think health-wise we need to get to where we can consistently get outside and get used to it. It’s a tougher game outside when the wind’s blowing — it’s like you’re hitting a ball that’s heavier. It’s a little more wear on the balls.”

In doubles play, the nationally ranked No. 4 team of seniors Cartrina and Christian Thompson won both of their matches this weekend, but at the No. 2 and 3 slots, Louderback deployed two teams that have yet to compete together in dual match play — freshman Kai Krisk with sophomore Keley Tefft and freshman Cosima Ciobanu with sophomore Sara Hanisch.

“It was really good with our depth,” Louderback said. “I thought all three doubles teams — that was the big thing — we had two new doubles teams in both matches... It was good to see the two new doubles teams, the combinations, seeing them play well.”

The two new teams failed to miss a beat, winning all of their matches and giving the Irish depth to back up its singles matches.

Potts, who played with an injured knee, and Krisk replaced Rielly and Buck in singles play. Potts went 0-2 from the No. 5 slot, falling to Wichita State’s Anna Egorova 6-3, 7-5 Friday and Tulsa’s Agostino Santoro 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 Sunday. Krisk won both of her matches in straight sets from the No. 6 slot.

"Katie had a couple of tough matches, lost both of hers. Kai did a good job,” Louderback said.

Ciobanu normally occupies the No. 3 slot. This meant that No. 62 Ciobanu and Tefft each had to move up a spot in the lineup and battle tougher competition than they would normally face.

Both stopped up to the challenge. Ciobanu and Tefft won all of their matches and played a pivotal part in Notre Dame’s success this weekend by grabbing two points in each match. Ciobanu is now 19-0 in dual match play, while Tefft improved to 13-3 this season.

"Those two just win. They both compete well. They just win, that’s all you can say. (Tefft) gets a lot of balls,” Louderback said. “She doesn’t overpower you, but she makes you play the doubles. She’s a big hitter. She doesn’t hit really hard, she’ll slice it some. But she has a big backhand. It’s hard to get into a rhythm against her.”

"Ciobanu" is solid off the ground, both forehand and backhand, and if you give her anything loose at all she’ll step in and hit it. She can hit winners, and just plays a smart game and is good at finishing off points.”

No. 19 Catrina Thompson dropped her match from the No. 1 slot against Wichita State’s Madina Iaskan in 7-6, 6-2, 6-2, but bounced back Sunday to defeat Tulsa’s Lindsey Grimes 6-2, 6-2. "(Thaikin) is really good. She didn’t have any ranked kids, so she didn’t have the points to be up there. She’s one of the top 20 kids in the country, I think (Thaikin) playing her, because Catrina played well,”

Christoph Thompson also went 1-1 over the weekend. On Friday, Thompson defeated Wichita State’s Florentina Hanisch 6-1, 6-0 but lost to Tulsa’s Sante Delport 6-2, 6-1 Sunday.

Notre Dame faces Purdue Tuesday. Louderback said he is not sure if Buck and Rielly will play against the Boilermakers.

“We’ll know (today),” he said.

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sometimes it's still too close to call even when you get it down to two and then you have to make a hard decision.

This rotation system was in full effect Saturday, when each of the four quarterbacks took one-on-one drills. The quarterbacks threw to receivers up and down the depth chart and against all skill levels in defensive back.

In the one-on-one drills, Weis made it clear that rising junior David Grimes and rising sophomore George West are currently his top two receivers.

Grimes — whom Weis called the most consistent receiver this spring — has the most experience in an Irish uniform out of the receivers. Grimes finished last season fifth in yards (136) and receptions (13) and caught two touchdowns, one of which came during Notre Dame's 41-14 loss to LSU in the Sugar Bowl.

But on a team that lost its top two receivers in Jeff Samardzija (78 catches, 1017 yards and 19 touchdowns in 907 yards) along with running back Darius Walker (56, 391), Grimes figures to open the depth chart with ease.

Weis highlighted Grimes' experience, with only two catches for 14 yards last year, but accentuated the speed of the Notre Dame football college by serving as a kick returner last season next to Grimes.

"He isn't just running with that first group by default," Weis said of West. "At this point he's running with that first group because that's where he would be.

Weis still hasn't made any decisions about the rest of the receivers because he said they are all too similar to make judgments.

"We're just looking for people to pull ahead or fall behind," Weis said. "But there are too many guys besides David and George that are just in that pack right now.

Regardless of the position of the players, Weis said he tries to remain balanced and objective in deciding the depth chart, and a large part of that depends on his own honesty with his team.

"I think it's important to never lie to your players and always tell them the truth and where they stand," Weis said. "It isn't like depth charts never change. Depth charts change eventually and injuries occur on top of that.

"That's part of being a starter and part of being a backup."

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Irish centerfielder Danny Dressman squares for a bunt during Notre Dame's 9-11 loss to South Florida March 25.

Irish quarterback Zach Frazer throws during practice Saturday on Carter Field.

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finding his opportunities within our offense, and I'm very pleased with how he's playing."

Notre Dame and Brown traded goals to begin the game. Notre Dame senior midfielder Lucius Polk scored a man-up goal before Brown's Alex Buckley answered. The Irish responded by scoring five consecutive goals to break the game open.

Junior Mitchell Podgajny began the run with an unassisted goal at the 10:01 mark, and subsequent goals by Yeatsman, attack Peter Christmas and midfielder Garrett Krein helped Notre Dame up 6-1 early in the second period before the Bears' Jack Walsh found the back on the net.

"Lacrosse is a sport of runs, and once you get up on a team, it forces them to come after you," Polk said. "Our team thrives on a fast-paced game, and when we go on a run, it forces teams to play into our hands."

Polk set up another Irish goal, this time assisting attack Ryan Hoff, to extend the lead to 7-2 going into the halftime. Any chance of a Brown comeback was extinquished early in the second half when goals from Wharton and Yeatsman put the game out of reach.

"Those goals were very important to us," said Yeatsman. "Coming out of halftime, it's very easy to have a full and let the other team back into the game. It really closed the door to come out and continue our pace from the first half."

The Irish held the Bears scoreless over the final 19:10 of the game, highlighting the continued stellar play of junior Notre Dame goalie Joey Kemp. In a matchup with Brown keeper Jordan Burris, Kemp recorded 16 saves for Notre Dame, while Burris finished with 6.83 save percentage. Kemp outperformed Burris in both periods, resulting in 11 saves to Burris' five.

On the afternoon, Notre Dame out shuts Brown 39-35, and junior Taylor Caggetti won 14 of 18 face-offs.

The Irish will return to action Tuesday at 4 p.m. against Villanova at Moose Krause Stadium.

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Pittsburgh 5, Notre Dame 0

Nardozzi, a righthander, pitched a two-hit shutout to project Pittsburgh's offensive drive in the middle four innings of Saturday's game.

The match-up remained scoreless until Gary Burcuen opened up the plate for the Panthers in the third. The third baseman drove in an RBI off of a sacrifice fly off Irish lefthander Wade Korpi. Korpi gave up another run in the fourth before retiring from the mound at the end of the inning. Junior Dan Williams, first at the plate for the Panthers, drove in a homerun to give Pittsburgh the 2-0 lead. Korpi allowed one run off two hits to the Irish in the inning. Junior righthander Joey Williamson took the mound for the Irish in the fifth and allowed one run. Williamson struggled from the mound again in the sixth as he allowed two more runs off two hits to increase the Panther's lead to 5-0. Williamson allowed no runs in the seventh or the eighth, but the Irish were not able to dig themselves out of the 5-0 hole.

Nardozzi turned in nine innings from the mound for Pittsburgh, allowing only two hits.

Despite losing both games to Pittsburgh this weekend, the Irish will look to build from their trials on the road. The two losses brought the team just below 500 mark with a 12-14 record on the season (1-4 BIG East).

"Loving our games and just makes each and every game from here on out that more important, and we really have to start clicking as a team and start winning," said Lilley.

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offense Friday as he suffered his second loss in seven starts. The sophomore gave up four runs on eight hits and two walks in a total of seven-two-three innings. The loss brought Phelps' ERA to 1.58.

Designated hitter Morgan Kiety opened up the first inning for the Panthers with an RBI off of a groundout to first. Kiety slapped at the plate again in the fifth with a double to drive in a run. The Panthers scored two more runs in the eighth, as pitcher Andy Nardozzi turned in nine innings of work. The Panthers scored one run.

The sixth inning looked hopeful for Notre Dame as senior first baseman Mike Dury stepped up to the dish with two runners on base. The tying run at bat, the senior struck out and missed the opportunity to bring the game to a fourth. Sophomore Eddy Mendish cut the Panthers' lead in half with a two-run double.

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FOOTBALL

On the offensive

Quarterback, receiver battles headline Irish spring practices

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Despite position battles on both sides of the line of scrimmage - quarterback and wide receiver - are still catching most people's attention.

The quarterback battle is by far the most closely examined aspect of Notre Dame's spring practices, largely because of its unique nature. Irish coach Charlie Weis has four competing quarterbacks - rising junior Evan Sharpley, rising sophomores Zach Fraser and Demetrius Jones and incoming freshman Jimmy Clausen - with different styles and abilities, each competing to be the lead signal caller for the Irish.

Weis said although he is willing to change depending on the situation, he is generally against using a platoon system at quarterback - making the competition for the top job even more intense.

"There's been more than two quarterbacks but usually the competition's only been between two people," Weis said. "This one's a little bit unique because to give them equal opportunity, you have a rotation system built in place where guys are lead guys at certain times, and we're halfway through this process."

Weis said he will rotate each quarterback through the first, second, third and fourth strings each week throughout the spring. In this way, each quarterback gets the same opportunities to run plays with the starting receivers and backs.

Weis said this keeps him objective since no one has extra time with the starting offense.

"But really when you just take out the subjectivity and just making it objective analysis, it usually cleans itself up," Weis said. "Even in these cases, see BATTLES/page 22.

Irish receiver George West, center, breaks past cornerbacks Leo Ferrine, left, and Danny Wals, right, during practice Saturday. Coach Charlie Weis said West is currently the No. 2 receiver.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame upends Brown in preparation for Big East

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is finding its stride at just the right time.

With the main part of their conference schedule fast approaching, the Irish won their second game in a row in convincing fashion Saturday by defeating Brown 11-3 in Providence, R.I.

After struggling to find some consistency early this season, Notre Dame has stepped up its performance recently, especially on the defensive end, allowing only eight goals in its last 10 quarters.

"I feel like we're starting to develop some consistency and some things to build on," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We have young guys playing alongside experienced guys right now, and hopefully that's a mix that will allow us to continue to improve over the course of the season.

"The young player who matured rapidly is freshman attack Will Votama, who netted his second consecutive hat trick Saturday. Yeatman now has a team-leading 26 points this season, including 15 goals."

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BASEBALL

Panthers sweep ND at Pitt

Inclement weather cuts series from 3 games to 2

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
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Notre Dame headed to Pittsburgh Friday in hopes of correcting some of the problems it faced last weekend, but it failed to do so.

The Irish dropped both games in what was originally scheduled to be a three-game series - Sunday's game was canceled due to inclement weather in Pittsburgh.

Irish sophomore David Phelps, a righthander, received little help from the Notre Dame pitchers, a pair of righthanders, and the Panthers, in their 5-0 win over the Irish Saturday.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Team names highlight this year's tournament

The 36th annual Bookstore Basketball tournament tips off today with 45 first-round contests. No doubt, the Bookstore Committee had its hands full censoring and eliminating the humor from the 652 teams participating in this year's event, but some slightly humorous team names managed to make the final cut.

Though none rise to the level of last year's "We Shoot Like Dick Cheney, You Should Wear Orange," here are some of the best.

See NAMES/page 21.

Irish third baseman A.J. Pollock hits the ball during Notre Dame's 9-3 loss to South Florida March 29 at Eck Stadium.

Chris Hine

Sports Editor

For referencing my favorite TV shows or anything relating to Steve Carell

Irish Poop: Simple, yet effective.

That's What She Said (3 teams): Hopefully, nobody has to pull out early.

If We Lose, the Terrorists Win: Valid point ... by philosophy's standards.

Hannah's Storm: For Hannah's sake, let's hope this isn't the extent of her cultural influence.

We're Just Here for the Butt Slapping: You guys from Zahn?

Bill Fawley's MANTAMAN Principles: Extra points for referencing my favorite bas-