Acceptor students shatter records

Applications soar to 14,501; diversity rises

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

The selectivity rate for Notre Dame's Class of 2011 broke school records this year with a surge of 1,700 more applicants vying for spots in the freshman class.

A total of 14,501 high school seniors — including those who had applied for Early Action — submitted applications for consideration, said Dan Saracino, director of undergraduate admissions.

With such a boost in the size of the applicant pool, the selectivity rate dropped to 23 percent — four percent lower than last year's 27 percent acceptance rate. While Saracino said he was "proud of the applicant pool," he said it was difficult to deny more students this year, since Notre Dame does not plan to increase the undergraduate population. The projected class size of 1,985 students will stay the same for next year.

"We made a lot of students happy these past few days," he said. "But when we have 1,700 more students to evaluate this year, and not any more are being admitted, then we have 1,700 more students to deny."

WWII vet speaks about time at Iwo Jima

Seabee author Ivan Thunder discusses victory in Pacific under Admiral Chester Nimitz

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

World War II veteran and author Ivan Thunder speaks Monday at the Pasquerilla Center about his memoirs and two books on the war.

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Honorary degrees to be awarded

Lithuanian president among recipients

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Notre Dame will award 10 honorary degrees at the University's commencement exercises May 19 and 20, including one to a foreign leader.

In addition to General Electric CEO Jeffrey Immelt, who will give the undergraduates a commencement address, nine others will receive honorary degrees, the University announced Monday.

Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus, known as a force for democratization in his home country, will receive an honorary doctorate of laws. From 1970 until 1997, Adamkus served in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He was elected Lithuanian president in 1998 and served until 2003. His opponent in 2003, Rolandas Paksas, won the election but was impeached 14 months later. Adamkus ran for a second term and won with 52 percent of the vote in a runoff election.

Mary Sue Coleman, the

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Leaders grant co-sponsorships

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members awarded a total of $1,950 to three co-sponsorships at the annual transition meeting for the board Monday night.

The old board that worked under current student body president and vice president Susan McIlv鉴定 and Maggie Siebert, respectively, met with their successors who took over under new student body president Kim Hodges and vice president Kelly Payne.

The transition meeting took place with all members of the old BOG board present so the new board could get a
How many of you pick up The Observer to read one section? I'm not talking about the horoscopes, the question of the day, the comics, or even the inside column. I'm talking about the very best part of The Observer (except of course for the salacious articles that we publish daily)... the Classifieds.

"The motion's good indeed, be it so," Petruccio - Hortensio.

Anyone who reads the Classifieds should know what I'm talking about.

To give a bit of background on the section, the person working for the sports section of the paper puts the Classifieds together each night. The Observer sells classified ads for 5 cents a character per day. The exciting thing about this section though is if the classified section is not filled with rooms and condos to rent, job openings, random Shakespeare quotes and/or ads for unplanned pregnancies, the stuff can amuse something they want or have a little fun at the expense of their friends and their mishaps.

"Joe's giving front hugs now... everyone get in line." Oftentimes people give shout-outs to their friends, effectively getting their name in the paper for the next day.

"Look! Kristi, Jessie and Jared are in the paper today!" Other times there are cryptic messages or inside jokes that only certain people will understand.

"Dear March, I hate you - Love, KP." Either way, the message is generally funny in a sort of "should I really laugh at that?" kind of way. "Florida just won...yay! Too bad my bracket was screwed up when WInthrop beat ND. I just lost $55." The Classified section can normally cheer you up better than if you were to find out that you are having a five star day according to the horoscopes. Whether you see an inside joke that you have with your friends, a joke at the expense of someone you know, or a quota, a dose of our favorite movies, the classifieds can make you smile.

"You killed my father prepare to die. - Inigo Montoya" When you've been reading this thing? If you've gotten this far in my column I suggest you immediately flip to the Classified page and read the hilarity that is sure to be there, only because my column has come to an end. I know I'm headed to read the Classifieds tonight.

...God I hope there's something right now... I hope I have something good in there today, or else I'll look like a complete dork. Oh yeah, I almost forgot. Since I'm not at work to put this in the Classifieds... Happy Birthday Kathy!

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**IN BRIEF**

Notre Dame men's baseball will play Oakland today at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

Campus-wide Stations of the Cross will be held tonight at 7. The procession will depart from the Grotto.

Notre Dame women's softball will play Valparaiso Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Ivy Field.

The Ballroom Dance Club will be teaching the Hustle and Mambo in 205 Ronge Memorial from 8 p.m. to 10:30 on Wednesday. All Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are invited with a valid ID. The cost is $4 a night.

The Lord's Supper Mass will be held for Holy Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Notre Dame classes will be cancelled from Friday through Monday in observance of the Easter holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday.

Good Friday Mass to celebrate the Lord's passion will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Ben Hur will be shown as a silent film with piano accompaniment by Dave Drazin on Friday at 7 p.m. in DPAC's Browning Cinema. The cost is $5 for students.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnew@nd.edu.
S M C creates emergency plan

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

To prepare for the possible outbreak of avian flu on campus, Saint Mary's has released executive summaries of its Pandemic Flu Report describing the College's readiness and emergency plan.

Two reports are posted on the school's Web site, one for students and parents and another for faculty and staff. The College plans to create a more comprehensive report accounting for all possible emergencies.

"Avian flu was very much in the news, so we wanted to plan ahead," said Executive Assistant to the President Susan Dampeer, who chaired the Pandemic Task Force that Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney created last summer.

In case of an outbreak, the task force said in its report, "It is better to be over-prepared, and ready for all contingencies, than to be taken by surprise.

The report said that if avian flu becomes "easily transmitted" from human to human, it will be contagious like the seasonal flu. If avian flu arise at Saint Mary's, quarantines are advised, and in the case of severe respiratory difficulties, sick people may need to be transferred to hospitals. Many of the College's daily operations will continue, according to the report, but business will be conducted via the Internet as much as possible.

The report for faculty and staff said that "essential personnel" have been identified of their involvement in contributing to the "surviving function of the College in a crisis situation." In a College Forum address last August, Mooney said Saint Mary's had prepared for the "heightened concern about the possibility of an avian flu pandemic", through the creation of the Pandemic Task Force.

The American College Health Association set the guidelines for the task force, which worked for about a semester to put together its reports.

Other colleges have created similar plans, which Saint Mary's used as models. Loyola University of Chicago's plan was especially comprehensive, said Dampeer, who chaired the task force. Loyola's Web site provides detailed information and instructions that relate to the possibility of an avian flu pandemic, as well as an emergency response plan. This plan pertains to natural disasters, bomb threats, civil disorders, hostage situations, utility failure and other hypothetical emergencies.

After seeing this plan, Dampeer said, that people are in charge," Dampeer said. In the course of planning, Dampeer found that even members of the committee were not aware of the emergency plan already established by the College.

"I hope people will read the manual and be aware of what we've done and are prepared," she said. "Mostly, I hope that nothing ever happens.

The College recommends referring to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Web site for more information pertaining to the spread of an avian flu and the possibility of a pandemic as well as checking the Saint Mary's Web sites for emergency updates.

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ion of the overall goals in the Pacific Ocean — those in the Philippines and New Guinea — while Nimitz controlled the entire ocean from Hawaii in the east to Okinawa in the west.

Additionally, Thunder said that Nimitz's victories are far more famous than those of MacArthur. He asked, "Have you heard of Guadalcanal, Santa, Tinian, Guam, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa?" Then he informed the audience that Nimitz led the American forces to the victories at each island. "But, have you heard about Buna, Lae, Finschhafen, Hollandia, Sansapor, Black, Numfor, Morotari, or Leyte? Probably not," he said of territory taken by MacArthur.

Thunder recalled a time shortly before he left for Hawaii — after he had already been in the Navy for some time serving in Panama — when he stopped in Chicago. During the visit, Thunder got his hair cut at a barber shop that was decorated with two posters — one featuring President Franklin Roosevelt and another portraying General MacArthur.

Thunder published the narrative, written in the third person, as an autobiographical narrative detailing the Seabee tenant's personal Iwo Jima story.

It is society's responsibility to remember Nimitz as the real victor in the Pacific theater, Thunder said.

"I don't know how many times I've heard history professors say MacArthur won at Iwo Jima, but he didn't. That was Nimitz," Thunder said.

While Thunder's second book puts a great emphasis on the Nimitz-MacArthur controversy and other historical debates of the war — such as the decision to drop the atomic bomb — his first book, "Her Last Letter," is an autobiographical narrative detailing the Seabee tenant's personal Iwo Jima story.

Thunder published the narrative, written in the third person under the pen name Michael Dalton, in 2004, nearly 60 years after the battle.

"I wrote the book because I felt it's a story worth telling. It includes romance and my life in Panama," in addition to the actual two Iwo Jima battles, he said.

Thunder, 94, is a 1937 graduate of Illinois Institute of Technology with a degree in civil engineering. He entered the navy reserve shortly after graduation and received an all-volunteer commission as an ensign in April 1943. He was promoted to lieutenant shortly before leaving Honolulu for two Iwo Jima. Unlike 24 percent of his non-combat construction Seabee battalion, Thunder survived the invasion and went on to receive more letters from his wife. Thunder currently lives in suburban Chicago with his wife and children.

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better understanding of how the meetings operate.

The first co-sponsorship presented to the boards was for a Saint Mary's Affiliate of the American Chemical Society (SMAACS). The group attended a conference in Chicago and asked for money to defray the cost of the trip.

Three students presented research conducted at Saint Mary's in the chemistry and physics departments, senior Katie White said.

We presented a poster on what [eventus] SMAACS has held this year and we received an outstanding chapter award," White said. "We were the only women's college to receive any award."

BOG awarded $1,500 to help finance the trip, which took place last weekend.

The second co-sponsorship was awarded to three students who attended the 2007 Idealist Campus conference sponsored by idealist.org.

Sophomore Becky Faunce presented the co-sponsorship and said idealist.org helps students network to see what others are doing with advocacy and social change on their college campuses.

"We spent three days discussing what we're doing on our own campus, participating in workshops and getting our name out there as to what we're doing at Saint Mary's," Faunce said.

Faunce, senior Kirsten Kensingler and sophomore Allison Fleece want to implement what they learned in the three-day conference, which took place March 23-25. BOG awarded the students $150 with the stipulation that they create a concrete plan of how they are going to publicize the conference next year and what they will do to implement the ideas that they learned at this year's conference.

The final co-sponsorship was to provide funding for a group of women's studies students to travel to the national Women's Studies Association Annual Conference in St. Charles, Ill., in June.

The group of seven students will listen to speakers as they address the topic of this year's conference, "Past Debates, Present Pathologies, and Future Feminisms.

"It's looking at how far the discipline of women's studies has come since the first conference was held," said Faunce, who also presented this co-sponsorship.

BOG voted to award the group $300 with the stipulation that those attending will host a luncheon to present what they gained from the conference.

In other BOG news:

◆ The Saint Mary's TOSTAL — the College's largest social event of the year — will take place April 26. The event will feature massages and caricatures in the student center, a showing of the movie "Dreamgirls" on the library green, canoe races on Lake Marion and a fireworks display.

◆ The second annual Saint Mary's Dance Marathon will take place on April 20 from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. Donor packets should be turned in to any hall director by Wednesday.

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for a "Mary's," Faunce said.

ment what they learned in workshops and getting in experience in peace efforts in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. More than 20 years ago, Chacour founded the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, which schools 4,500 students of all three major monotheist faiths.

Father P. Baniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M. Cap., who has served as the Vatican's preacher for the papal house since 1980, also will receive a doctor of laws degree.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nigerian foreign workers kidnapped

LAGOS, Nigeria — Gunmen seized two foreign workers Monday in Nigeria's southern oil-producing region, officials said, the latest kidnapping in an area where nearly 70 foreigners have been taken since the beginning of the year.

The attackers snatched the men from their work compound in southern Bayelsa state, said Godknows Igali, a government negotiator. A colleague of the two construction workers, who were from Libya, was left behind. The pair were taken after a prolonged gunbattle, but there were no casualties reported, said the colleague, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of company restrictions on dealings with the media.

Ukrainian parliament dissolved

KIEV, Ukraine — President Viktor Yushchenko dissolved Ukraine's parliament and called early elections Monday, but parliamentarians refused to acknowledge the order and vowed to continue meeting in the country slipped further into political turmoil.

The deadlock follows months of maneuvering by Yushchenko and his rival, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych, and signals the possible return of competing protests, tent camps and mass pro-Yushchenko rallies in streets of Kiev — two years after mass protests helped propel Yushchenko to power.

After holding more than seven hours of talks with top lawmakers, Yushchenko accused Yanukovych of stalling efforts to expand the power base in violation of the Constitution by recruiting members from pro-president factions of the Shari al-Arab, a waterway that has long been a disputed dividing line between Iraq and Iran.

NATIONAL NEWS

Two Sept. 11 victims identified

NEW YORK — The city said Monday it has positively identified two more Sept. 11 victims from thousands of unidentified human remains that have been reinterred in recent months.

The identifications were made by the National Institute of Justice, the federal government's primary funding agency for crime laboratories. The institute said the two victims were killed in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

The names of the victims were not released.

Romney campaign raises $23 million

BOSTON — Mitt Romney blew away the top-ranked Republican presidential candidates in fundraising during the first three months of the year, reporting that he had raised an astonishing $23 million. Rudy Giuliani and John McCain, favored in the polls, trailed far behind.

Romney's total dwarfs the $10 million raised by John Edwards and the $7 million raised by Hillary Rodham Clinton.

LOCAL NEWS

Three UAW labor unions merge

ANDERSON, Ind. — Three labor unions, including two that represent workers at closed-inning auto parts factories, have decided to join.

The United Auto Workers locals 662, 663 and 693 will merge to form a new amalgamated Local 693 to improve "efficiency in providing services to our members," according to Christine Moranck, assistant director of public relations for UAW International.

The three local unions represented 1,200 employees with the departure of 20,000 or more auto motive jobs.

CANADA

Annual national seal hunt begins

TORONTO — Canada's controversial annual seal hunt opened Monday in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence, where the worst ice conditions in more than two decades have nearly wiped out the herd there.

Fisheries officials said the scarcity of seals in the area led to only two of 40 eligible communities participating in the first hunting season in 20 years.

"The ice conditions were so bad that we didn't want to risk going out onto the ice," said Gary Tallman, a government official.

"We've heard about the worst conditions in 20 years, and that's why we're not going to risk the lives of our communities," Tallman said.

"The ice is going to be fairly high," Jenkins said. The ice is broken and deteriorated and Jenkins said it is part of a trend over the past four or five years. "But we're going to do our best to get the animals through the ice and out to sea," he said.

The total quota for this year's seal hunt is 270,000 animals. That is 65,000 fewer than last year, a decrease made mainly because of the cold from the ice conditions.

The seal population in Canada now stands at about 5.5 million, with 6,000 in the high-risk area.

"I have never seen ice conditions like this," said Rebecca Aldworth of the Humane Society of the United States.

"The United States has banned Canadian seal products since 1972 and the European Union banned the white pelts of baby seals in 1983.
Fuchs to give Niewland lecture

Special to the Observer

Elaine Fuchs, Rebecca C. Lancefield Professor at Rockefeller University in New York City and an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, will be the featured speaker for today’s second day of the annual Niewland Lectures in Biological Sciences at the University of Notre Dame.

Fuchs is interested in understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying the ability of multipotent skin cells to produce the skin’s epidermis and its appendages. She utilizes mammalian epithelial stem cell culture models to understand how skin stem cells interact with an understanding of how stem cells and their branching in human diseases of the skin, including genetic diseases, skin cancers and proinflammatory disorders.

Fuchs’ opening lecture, “Stem Cells of the Skin and Their Lineages,” was presented at 4 p.m. Monday in Room 283 of the Galvin Life Science Center. Her second lecture, “Stem Cells: Biology and Clinical Potential,” is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. today in Room 101 of the Galvin Life Science Center. Today’s lecture is free and open to the public.

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On Monday, the Undergraduate Admissions Office was flooded with phone calls and e-mails from discouraged applicants who had not received admission, Saracino said. While he said the majority of them were probably qualified to study at Notre Dame, an intensely competitive applicant pool made that impossible.

The situation is not whether or not the candidate could do the work at Notre Dame, but rather if they’re a very self-selecting group, and we only have limited spaces to fill,” he said.

To demonstrate the degree of truth to this statement, Saracino said approximately 868 applicants ranked first in their high school class and could have comprised more than 40 percent of the admitted freshman class. Still, only 427 of them were offered spots.

The average SAT score with the combined Math and Critical Reading sections was 1414, and the average ACT score was 32.5. The average high school class rank was in the top 4.2 percent of the applicants.

Fifty-two admitted students also had perfect test scores, and 448 scored above a 1500 on the SAT, 23 percent of them being children of alumni.

“But we’re not just looking at numbers, we’re also looking at the big picture,” Wycliff said. “We’re also not just trying to quantify. We want to create a whole picture of each candidate: academic rigor, passions and traits that they could bring here. We do this because we want to create a diverse, talented and exciting student body.”

Additionally, the University hopes to enroll a class that consists of 25 percent ethnic minorities and three to four percent international students from 29 other countries, making it more ethnically diverse in the history of the University.

Saracino mentioned the difficulty of enrolling more international applications because it’s harder to provide them with enough financial aid and attend the University.

“However, we’re still meeting every year in person with domestic students by 100 and the number of international students as well, Saracino said.

The most highly represented states in the class include Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Texas, Florida and New Jersey.

While the University saw a swell in applications, other highly select top-20 schools generally hail a greater number of applications each year — often surpassing 25,000 — even if their freshman class size is relatively similar to Notre Dame.

Saracino speculated that the University receives 6,000 fewer applications per year because it is less renowned than other institutions, but because most applicants apply to Notre Dame as their first choice and not a safety school.

“We’re only one of 10 schools in the United States that admit less than 50 percent of the applicants and yield more than 50 percent of them,” he said. “When students apply to Notre Dame, they’re not fishing for schools — Notre Dame is actually one of their top choices, instead of third or fourth like the other schools with bigger pools. The majority of those who decline our admissions offers do so because of finding better financial aid elsewhere.”

And as far as yield is concerned, the Undergraduate Admissions Committee is using the wait list more heavily this year than last by admitting 114 fewer students than it did initially with the Class of 2010. This way, the University hopes to avoid the overfull problem that happened last year and give some attention to students on the wait list.

“There are some really outstanding students on the waiting list who want to be a part of this place,” Saracino said. “So we’re hoping that we can open up some spots for them.”

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Tribune Co. sells for $8.2 billion
Chicago real estate mogul Sam Zell purchases second-largest newspaper company

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Tribune Co. spent six months searching for the best way to boost its lagging stock price. In the end, its solution was barely a mile from the media company’s Gothic headquarters on the Chicago River.

After a board meeting that lasted until almost midnight, Tribune announced Monday that it would separate itself, selling itself for $8.2 billion, excluding debt, to Chicago real estate mogul Sam Zell.

Zell, who earned a reputation for reviving undervalued properties, is now charged with turning around the fortunes of the nation’s second-largest newspaper company, which like much of the industry is losing readers and advertisers to the Internet.

Among his first acts: Sell the storied Chicago Cubs baseball team and use the proceeds to pay down debt.

That’s what for Zell, who stands to become chairman of the media conglomerate if the buyout offer is completed, remains unclear.

“I am delighted to be associated with Tribune Company, which I believe is a world-class publishing and broadcasting enterprise,” Zell said in a statement. “As a long-term investor, I look forward to partnering with the management and employees as we build on the great heritage of the Tribune Company.”

Dennis FitzSimons, Tribune’s chairman, president and chief executive, said there are no plans for the company’s work force or its newspapers or TV stations.

“This is a good outcome for our shareholders and a good deal for our employees,” said FitzSimons in an interview with The Associated Press.

The company’s complex deal with Zell has a relatively small break-up fee — $52 million — leaving little open the possibility of another counter bid from Los Angeles billionaires Eli Broad and Ron Burkle, who also submitted a $34-per-share offer for Tribune.

“Just breaking up fee could encourage a trumping bid from the Ron Burkle/Eli Broad partnership or another bidder, but this seems unlikely given the lengthy and very public nature of the review process,” Citigroup analyst William G. Bird wrote in a research note.

Representatives for the pair declined to comment Monday.

Zell plans to invest $315 million in the media company and will eventually become chairman of Tribune’s board when the buyout is complete sometime in the fourth quarter. The offer needs shareholder approval.

The buyout will be conducted as a two-part deal, the company said. The first stage, expected to be completed in the second quarter, will involve a cash tender offer of $34 per share for 126 million shares, more than half of the outstanding Tribune shares. The remaining shares will be purchased later at the same $34 per share price.

Tribune has about 240 million shares outstanding, according to a regulatory filing.

Seattle settles WTO protest claims

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The city’s insurance company has agreed to pay $1 million to settle claims from about 175 people who were arrested during a peaceful World Trade Organization protest in 1999.

The case went to trial in January, and a federal jury found Seattle liable for damages caused by its “unconstitutional” enforcement of protest claims against the city from the protest.

“The police can respect the constitutional rights of protesters and at the same time protect the public safety,” said Mike Wilhey of Washington, D.C.-based Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, which brought the lawsuit.

As part of the settlement, which a federal judge must approve, the city will seal the arrest records and ask any law enforcement agencies that received copies to expunge them, Wilhey said. Each protester will be eligible to receive $3,000 to $10,000, and some of the settlement will be used to pay legal fees.

City Attorney Tom Carr said the city believes it would have won an appeal.

“However, the city’s insurance company decided to settle the case rather than to continue to fund the appellate litigation,” Carr said in a news release.

The insurance company is National Union, said Carr’s assistant, Ruth Bowman. The company did not immediately respond to an e-mail seeking comment.

The trial stemmed from the mass arrest of protesters at a downtown park, where they were sitting and singing patriotic anthems. That week, 50,000 demonstrators had swarmed Seattle, overwhelming police and closing down parts of the WTO meeting.

The park was in a “no-protest” zone established by the mayor, but officers made no effort to determine whether the protesters had other legitimate reasons to be there before making the arrests, the jury ruled.

In a pretrial ruling, U.S. District Judge Martha Pechman ruled the city had made the arrests without probable cause. Arrest reports were not filled out properly, she noted.

The city agreed in the settlement to issue copies of Pechman’s rulings in the case to police cadets and officers to help prevent unlawful mass arrests, Wilhey said.

Last Friday, Ken Haskin, a Booking worker, said he was pleased the settlement had been reached but added that giving a few thousand dollars seemed paltry compared to the violation of his rights. He spent three days in police custody and wasn’t released until the WTO meetings had ended.

“I lost my right to protest the WTO,” he said. “That’s something I feel very upset about.”
Assistant implicates her former employer in trial

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A former employ­ee of the Hollinger International newspaper empire testified Monday that she mailed a $2.6 million check to former media baron Conrad Black for signing a contract promising not to com­pete with a company Black him­self controlled.

Angela Way, who worked in the Hollinger general counsel's office, testified she also sent checks of $137,500 each to Hollinger executives John Boulbbee and Peter Atkinson for signing similar non-compete contracts.

Way was executive assistant to Black co-defendant Mark Kipnis at Hollinger and left the compa­ny last year. She took the stand as a government witness as Black's racketeering and fraud trial went into its third week.

She testified that on Feb. 8, 2006, she cashed the checks and contracts promising not to compete with American Publishing Co. — to Atkinson at Hollinger's Toronto office.

"The consideration is also enclosed," said a covering memo, referring to the checks. Way returned to the stand Wednesday. defense attorneys stressed Monday that the Bush administration was singling out Syria while ignor­ing recent visits by Republican members of Congress.

"It's interesting because three of our colleagues, who are all Republicans, were in Syria yes­terday and I didn't hear the White House speaking out about that," Pelosi said, referring to the Sunday meeting of Reps. Frank Wolf, Joe Pitts and Robert Aderholt with Syrian President Bashar Assad in Damascus.

"I think that it was an excellent idea for them to go," said Pelosi, who is to meet with Syrian lead­ers Wednesday. "And I think it's an excellent idea for us to go, as well."

In Washington, White House spokesman Dana Perino stressed Monday that the Bush administration objected to all vis­its to Syria.

"We ask that people not go on those trips," she said. "We dis­courage them."

The State Department later said Pelosi was briefed by the Bush administration for her trip, but spokesman Sean McCormack said that did not represent an endorsement of the visit.

The United States has poor relations with Syria, accusing it of interfering in Iraq and Lebanon and sponsoring terror­ists — charges that Damascus denies. Perino last week described Pelosi's visit to Syria as a "really bad idea."

Last year, a bipartisan commis­sion known as the Iraq Study Group recommended the U.S. launch a new diplomatic initia­tive with Syria and Iran. The Bush administration rejected the idea, but the U.S. did participate in a regional security conference in Baghdad last month that also included representatives from Iran and Syria.

Perino said it "sends the wrong message to have high-level U.S. officials going there (to Syria) to have photo opportunities that Assad then exploits."

But Pelosi said she thinks it is a good idea to "establish facts, to hopefully build the confidence" between the U.S. and Syria.
Police official steps down

Superintendent does not discuss role in videotaped beatings

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The city's police superintendent said Monday he was stepping down as head of the beleaguered department, but he would not say what role two videotaped beatings involving off-duty officers had in his decision.

Last month, prosecutors filed felony charges against an officer accused of beating a female bartender. Six other officers were removed from street duty after a video记录 of an off-duty police department havejectories of misconduct should be subject to review by a civilian board, Jackson said.

"These videos have created an embarrassment for the officer and for the city," Jackson said.

The department was internationally vilified after the butt-stabbing video revelation footage of an off-duty officer pummeling a female bartender half his size was broadcast worldwide through 24-hour news channels and on YouTube.

Officials have been criticized for waiting a month to arrest Abbate and for initially charging him with a misdemeanor.

In his brief news conference Monday, Jackson said the apparent signal by police officers to help Abbate enter and leave a court building without having to face the media outside. That caused an outcry in the media about the way police officers protected fellow officers accused of breaking the law.

Videotape of the other confrontation, in which Abbate is seen striking a man, has not been made public. The man, who was not identified, told The Associated Press theGA is not a witness to this type of conduct" by officers.

After the beatings came to light, Cline said he would change the way the department responds to allegations of misconduct, including moving faster to get officers accused of misconduct off the street.

He stressed improvements Monday in the department of 13,500 officers and 3,000 civilians made under his leadership.

"I've been here half a year," the Chicago-born Republican PUNCH Coalition, said he would not say what role two prosecutors were preparing to file a restraining order petition filed against Rowan on March 6 in King County Superior Court.

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The building, in an urban neighborhood on the east side of the campus, was closed for the day, with classes rescheduled elsewhere.

Washington woman killed by ex-boyfriend

Associated Press

SEATTLE — A University of Washington researcher was shot to death in her office Monday morning by a former boyfriend who then turned the gun on himself, police said.

Officers responding to reports of gunfire found the two dead in an office on the fourth floor of Gould Hall, the university's architecture building, Assistant University Police Chief Ray Wittmier said.

The 26-year-old woman was granted a restraining order last month against Jonathan Rowan, according to court documents.

University police said he was not affiliated with the school.

"I cannot find him but he can find me (knows my place and my life)," the victim, identified by colleagues as Rebecca Griego, wrote in a restraining order petition filed against Rowan on March 6 in King County Superior Court.

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I've never seen such hope. Arias, a Ugandan coffee farmer and father of six, proudly confronted me. "Do you think my chil­dren will go to secondary school?" Arias' hope is due in large part to his member­ship in Peace Kawomera, a fair trade cooperative in eastern Uganda enter­
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prices for non-Fair Trade farmers, but also discourages necessary "adjust­ments." The long-term benefit of a few, a many will suffer. This eco­ nomic critique of Fair Trade, but several important factors are missing. To begin, the coffee trade is riddled with injustice. It was common colonial practice to coerce farmers into growing cash crops or encourage plantations that relied on unjust labor practices. This helped create unstable coffee trade policy and short-sighted development programs. Farmers in developing countries cannot compete with subsidized crops imported from the developed world, and so often flee for factory jobs or switch to coffee, if possible. Coffee farmers also suffer from long-term relationships allow Fair Trade to be a vehicle for much needed social change. These values ensure that Fair Trade remains committed to human rights in the face of the twin imperatives of convenience and cost. Does such a commitment mean that the Fair Trade movement ignores free market econom­ics? Of course not. It attempts to trans­form it. So again, I presented with what I once thought was a simple choice about a cup of coffee, but those dans econo­mist have complicated things. They have forced me to rely on more than a sentimental image to convince me of the right decision. Back to the original ques­tion: if I purchase Fair Trade coffee will I hurt non-Fair Trade farmers? Theoretically it's possible, but it seems far more important to focus rather on the proven factors that affect the price farmers receive. The market system has failed coffee farmers, not because of any impact from Fair Trade, but because it is riddled with injustice. It is the system that must be transformed, because all coffee growers have the right to a fair chance at a better life. A systemic and complex problem must be met with a systemic and comprehensive response, and while this includes buying Fair Trade coffee, it also means working for trade that is fair.

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Letters to the Editor

Low attendance at film series shows missed opportunity, poor priorities

This past weekend, Notre Dame was host to a truly wonderful cinematic event. The Decalogue, a series of 10 short films by Krzysztof Kieslowski explor­ing each of the Ten Commandments, was shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Sadly, the theater was nearly empty for every showing, only a handful of students bothered to show up.

The Decalogue was about over four days, are masterpieces. The contents of the Ten Commandments — austerity, murder, hearing false witness, taking the Lord's name in vain — were explored and questioned brilliantly. It should come as no surprise to the Notre Dame community that the Browning Family Cinema was the site of such a unique and rewarding movie-going experience.

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Sandler, Cheadle 'Reign' supreme in new film

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Senior Staff Writer

"I hate putting fake teeth on fake people," admits Alan Johnson to his wayward pal Charlie Fineman in one of the most earnest moments of "Reign Over Me," like so many professionals his age. Alan (Don Cheadle) lives a routine, not a life: Drop off the kids, apply veneers at his dental practice for eight hours, hurry home, hit the sack by 10:30. Then rinse and repeat.

Charlie (Adam Sandler), on the other hand, lives the life any married 40-year-old would want, or at least wistfully miss. He splits his time between eating Chinese food, watching Mel Brooks marathons, scouring for vintage LPs and motoring around town on his scooter. It's a carefree existence, but it's one tinged with sadness.

We learn early on that Alan and Charlie were roommates at dental school, but Charlie doesn't remember Alan upon their first encounter. Why? Alan pursues Charlie so doggedly is never explicitly stated, although survivor's guilt may be the most obvious reason.

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By MARTY SCHROEDER
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Schaffner's direction, Fred Koenekamp's photography, Francis Ford Coppola and Edmund North's score and Scott and Malden's acting make this film a must-have for aficionados of history and the cinema.

The DVD release marks the first time a special edition of this film has been released—and 20th Century Fox has spared no expense for a film that truly deserves it. The film transfer is top-notch, the sound is stunning and the extras are insightful and plentiful. "The Making of "Patton" documentation is a true gem that explores what Schaffner and crew went through to make this film.

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As a film fan, I naturally find myself a fan of movie trailers. Sometimes going into the theater, I can't wait to see the trailers than the film itself. The spring is always a big time for movie marketers, because studios want to drum up hype for their upcoming summer blockbusters. There is no exception with trailers for Spiderman 3, Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End. The superficial is known for its unique material to the public. However, while watching the trailers in front of "Blades of Glory" this past weekend, I became distinctly aware of how frequently previews these days are condensing entire films into three-minute montages. I feel like I could relate to someone the entire plot of "Spiderman 3" in chronological order just from having seen the latest trailer. There is no way for this film to keep the average fan on the edge of their seat, even in high-definition at apple.com. Unfortunately, producers have since come out with a longer trailer along the lines of "Spiderman 1" that shows scenes from nearly the whole movie and seemingly gives away the entire plot.

If you're a solution to this problem, it's not on Hollywood's end. Movie studios need to market their films, and they have determined that enough people will see them no matter how detailed and revealing the trailers are. One could stop watching the trailers and just wait for a film to arrive in theaters, but this also seems unrealistic, at least for me. I mean, when you were young, you could have gotten a peak at your Christmas presents early, wouldn't you have done it? Hollywood will likely continue to make movie trailers that give away the premise of a film in order to sell as many tickets as possible. Accordingly, people like me will continue to watch these trailers no matter how redundant it might seem to basically see a movie in its entirety and then go see it again later.

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Associated Press

More than 41,000 fans got on their feet and gave Gil Meche a standing ovation. No pitcher would probably ever admit to being among the many critics who accused Kansas City of paying too much for the 28-year-old right-hander. The big deal paid off, for one outing at least.

In his first start since the Royals gave him a club-record five-year, $55 million contract. Meche went 7 13 solid innings and led his new team to a 7-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox and an ineffective Curt Schilling.

Settling down after a shaky first inning, Meche gave up six hits and one run. He struck out six and walked only one in the longest outing by a Kansas City starter on opening day since 1988.

"I’ve never admitted to being nervous before a game ... but this one was a little nerve-racking," he said. "I felt fine until I really got out on the white lines and thought to myself, ‘This is opening day. This is a big deal.’"

"I’ve always been nervous opening day, and I’ve never pitched opening day."

When he was relieved by Joel Peralta with one on and one out in the eighth, the crowd of 41,257 stood and applauded.

Cleveland second baseman Josh Barfield hit a two-run triple in a 12-5 opening win over the White Sox. The Observer

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"I was great, something I’ll never forget, being a part of this," Meche said. "The standing ovation was an unbelievable feeling for me.

"I think they were almost thinking that they were going to win this one again."

Mark Grudzielanek went 3- for-5 and drove in three runs and Tony Pena Jr. hit two triples in his Royals debut as Schilling lasted just four innings. The six-run All-Star gave up five runs on eight hits, with two walks and five strikeouts in his shortest outing in almost a decade.

Meche said of Renteria. "I felt fine. I just didn’t execute and didn’t adjust," Schilling said. "One thing I’ve always preached to young pitchers is about the ability to make a mistake on a pitch and come back and make an adjustment on the very next pitch. I didn’t do that today."

Now 1-3 in five career starts at Kauffman Stadium, Schilling had gone 28 starts since being lifted after 2-2 1-3 innings on May 22, 1997 against the New York Mets.

He was in trouble from the beginning, forcing in a run in the first inning with his first victory since the opening day in the fourth and counted for two runs scored.

Schilling had also gone only two innings on July 18, 2001, at San Diego before a light breeze just before hitting a triple. Randy Johnson took the mound when the game resumed the next day.

Kansas City closer Joel Peralta, left, is congratulated by catcher John Buck after the Royals’ 7-2 win over Boston Monday.

Boston manager Terry Francona said there was no chance of bringing Schilling back for a fifth inning.

"Four innings, 87 pitches. Those are two great innings," Francona said.

Three of Schilling’s strikeouts came against Julio Lugo, the free-agent shortstop the Red Sox signed in January to add speed and pop in the lead- off spot. Grudzielanek, the second baseman who won his first Gold Glove last season, hit a single in the second inning and then put the Royals on top 3-1 with a three-run home run double. He also scored twice, on Schilling’s bases-loaded walk in the first and Mark Teahen’s RBI single in the sixth.

"They’re a great offensive club," Konerko said. "They’ve been like that for the last few years. The good news is it was only one hit. I felt it should have counted for more."

A year ago, the White Sox raised the 2006 championship banner before beating Cleveland in the opener in a game that was delayed nearly three hours by rain and stretched into the next day. This time, they fell flat.

Atanta 5, Philadelphia 3

Time next edge Renteria squares to bunt against the Philadelphia Phillies, the pitcher might try to hit his bat.

After twice failing to execute a sacrifice, Renteria ripped his second homer — a two-run shot to lead off the fourth inning. He then put the Atlanta Braves over Philadelphia 5-3 in the season opener Monday.

Renteria’s solo shot off starter Brett Myers with two outs in the eighth inning tied it at 3.

"I couldn’t get a down ball, but he could hit a homer," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said of Renteria.

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NHL Standings

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Florida forward Joakim Noah cuts down the net at the NCAA National Championship for the second year in a row. The Gators defeated Ohio State 84-75 Monday night in Atlanta. Noah had eight points in the win.

Gators grab second consecutive title

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Some 3-pointers are worth more than others. Florida specializes in those 3s, the ones that not only put three points on the scoreboard, but steal momentum from an opponent.

The Gators hit 10-3-pointers Monday night in the 84-75 victory over Ohio State that sealed their place in college basketball history as the first repeat champion in 15 years.

Not all were the backbreakers from beyond the arc, but enough were.

The Buckeyes had back-to-back losses and missed and missed and missed and missed and missed. Lee Humphrey, Corey Brewer and Taurean Green — Florida's trio of 3-makers — started hitting early against Ohio State and didn't stop, finishing 10-for-18. They combined for 43 points with Green getting 16, Humphrey 14 and Brewer 13.

"I think it was just taking what the defense was giving us," Green said. "Coach always tells us, once you have a crack, let it go. Shoot the ball with confidence. When they make runs, I think we did a good job of just coming back and knocking down 3s."

They'd done this before in this NCAA tournament, starting with the regional final win over Oregon after many had questioned Florida's ability to put away opponents early in the first three rounds.

On Monday night, Brewer, just a 33 percent 3-point shooter, hit the first of the big ones.

Greg Oden, Ohio State's 7-foot freshman, pinned a shot by Brewer against the backboard and the crowd at the Georgia Dome roared heartily for the first time. Ohio State's Jamar Butler missed a 3 as the other end and Brewer came right back down and hit a 3, giving a little skip as he passed the Buckeyes' bench and extended the Gators' lead to 20-13 halfway through the first half.

Then it was all three of the Gators' shooters hitting big shots.

Ivan Harris hit Ohio State's second and last 3 of the first half with 3:37 to go to bring the Buckeyes within 24-22 and again bring the fans to life.

Humphrey, the most pro-like 3-shooter in NCAA tournament history, hit one 16 seconds later. Brewer nailed another with 4:28 left after Al Horford had grabbed an offensive rebound.

In Brief

Purdue wide receiver to be released from hospital

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — A Purdue wide receiver who was stabbed in the chest during a fight at a nightclub is expected to be released from the hospital later this week, the university said Monday.

Receiver Selvon Lymon remained hospitalized in satisfactory condition Monday afternoon, Purdue said in a news release.

"While there are still a number of unanswered questions that surround this matter, we are relieved that Selvon is on his way to making a complete recovery," head football coach Joe Tiller said in the release.

"His well-being has always been our primary concern. I will meet with him as soon as he is released from the hospital."

Tiller said he was considering possible disciplinary measures against Lymon, who started 12 games as a sophomore last season, after he was stabbed March 30 during a fight at Nick's Nightclub. The stabbing is being investigated by police.

Hawkeyes names Lickliter new head basketball coach

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa hired Todd Lickliter as its new coach Monday night, replacing Steve Alford with the coach who turned mid-major Butler into a NCAA tournament regular.

Lickliter will be introduced by the university at a news conference Tuesday.

This season was his best yet at Butler, taking the Bulldogs to the tournament four times.

The Bulldogs won the NIT championship and were the first of four NCAA tournament teams he led.

Lickliter takes over a program that lost to Florida in the NCAA tournament March 23.

Heath agrees to 5-year contract with South Florida

TAMPA, Fla. — Stan Heath's stint without a job lasted one week.

The fired Arkansas basketball coach agreed Monday to a five-year contract to take over South Florida's struggling program and try to transform the Bulls into a contender in the Big East.

Including incentives, the deal is worth up to $4.275 million.

Heath, 42, would be introduced Tuesday at a news conference on the USF campus, said assistant athletic director John Gerdes. He replaces Robert McCallum, who was fired last month after losing 28 of 32 conference games in the school's first two seasons in one of the nation's toughest leagues.

USF athletic director Doug Woolard, who met with Heath during the Final Four in Atlanta, is counting on the new coach's experience rebuilding Arkansas in the Southeastern Conference to benefit the Bulls.

Around the Dial

NHL Buffalo at Pittsburgh 7 p.m., VERSUS

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL Rutgers vs. Tennessee 8:30 p.m., ESPN
New Jersey coach Claude Julien speaks at a press conference Monday following his firing as head coach of the team.

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Having the New Jersey Devils in first place in the Atlantic Division with a week to go in the regular season got coach Claude Julien fired on Monday.

"Sounded strange," When you work for general manager Lou Lamoriello, it's all about winning Stanley Cups.

Feeling that Julien didn't have the team ready to make a Cup run with the playoffs scheduled to start next week, Lamoriello fired him on Monday and took over behind the bench for the second straight year.

"I don't think we're at a point of being ready both mentally and physically to play the way that is necessary going into the playoffs," Lamoriello said. 

The second contest of the day was against Purdue, with the Irish coming out on top 15-4, Horner led with three goals, while O'Neil and Heary combined for nine saves.

The third match of the day pitched the Irish against No. 3 Cal. Crafty Pol put the game away in the second half, and although O'Neil made 17 saves, the game resulted in a 9-4 loss. Bridget O'Neil led the scoring with two goals, and Schmitt and Horner each had one.

Sunday morning the Irish played for third place against Michigan State. The game was close through three quarters, but four fourth-quarter goals gave the Irish an 8-5 victory. Romano, Harchut, Schmitt and Horner each had a pair of goals, and O'Neil had five saves.

Gymnastics

This past weekend, the gymnastics club hosted the 23rd Annual Clove Classic. Eighteen women's teams and 12 men's teams participated, providing great competition for the event. It was also senior night for the Irish.

President Wendy Jo Svetanoff led the way, placing fifth on beam and tying for third on floor. Paul Kane, Maura Stodd, Cecilia Torres, and Alya Holewatz led in the event.

For additional information regarding the conference and the tournament, visit Notre Dame's website at www.nd.edu/encyclopedia. For questions email godislove@nd.edu or call 631-8526.

The Office of the President and the Deuts Carus Est Student Committee invite you to submit papers on Pope Benedict XVI: Ecyclical Deuts Carus Est.

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Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

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Junior/senior:
$1,000 winner and $500 runner-up
Graduate students:
$1,000 winner and $500 runner-up

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NBA

Heat star Wade practices for first time since injury

Associated Press

MIAMI — Seeing Dwyane Wade drive toward him during a scrimmage Monday, Dorell Wright backed away, taking every precaution not to hit his superstar teammate’s still-healing left shoulder.

Wade was not happy about that. "Dorell is a great shot blocker. I saw him look at me and just jump out of the way," Wade said. "I told him, 'Ain't nothing wrong with my body."

"He's going to learn," Wright said. "You go back to Feb. 23, it didn't look like there was going to be any of that stuff. So this is great."

Wade thought so, too. The reigning NBA Finals MVP was smiling and relaxed after his on-court work, even acknowledging that he may play in more regular-season contests than the "a game or two" plan he offered Sunday when announcing he'd return to practice.

For now, there is no timetable. Wade eventually will set one in consultation with the Heat medical staff and his physical therapist.

"Trust me," Wade said. "When I take the court, I'll be all right."

Miami (39-34) has nine games remaining in the regular season, one that'll be undoubtedly remembered for a plethora of injury woes. Heat players have missed 171 games this year with injuries, 66 of those by their best two weapons, Wade and Shaquille O'Neal, who've been together for only 13 starts all year.

Soon, that total will almost surely begin rising again, now that Wade's return is getting closer.

"Just happy to see him out there running and smiling," Heat guard Eddie Jones said. "I think it's a great thing to have guys together again."

Wade was averaging 28.8 points when he was hurt in a collision with Detroit's Shane Battier on Feb. 21. The Heat are 13-7 since, are a half-game behind Washington in the Southeast Division and play a huge game against Toronto — a team Miami is chasing for home-court advantage in the first-playoff round — on Tuesday.

Should Miami beat the Raptors, it'd hold the tiebreaker by winning the season series 2-1. Should Miami lose, the Heat would essentially fall four games (three in the standings, one more with the tiebreaker) behind Toronto with eight games left, meaning chances of earning home-court for Round 1 would be slim.

"It's a big game, there's no doubt," Riley said. "Our guys understand it. We know what's at stake. It'll all be about positioning and seeding and home-court advantage. They know it's huge."

Wade won't play on Tuesday, but the defending NBA champions may get Jason Kapono back in the lineup.

Kapono, the NBA's leading 3-point shooter, hasn't played since spraining his left ankle against Atlanta on March 3. The team will decide his status after Tuesday morning's shootaround.

"I assume that I'm playing. I want to be out there," Kapono said. "Unless something happens from now until Tuesday night, which I don't see, I expect to be out there."

Wade is hoping to say the same soon. He'll travel with the Heat to Cleveland and Boston later this week so he can continue practicing and "learning the plays again," as he put it, and will continue rehabbing the shoulder daily to keep building strength.

"I haven't had a day off," Wade said.

Wade's biggest challenge right now, he said, is denying his risky instinct of reaching for every ball that he comes near defensively and instead using his feet to get into better position. But his explosiveness was still there on the offensive end, proven by the way he ended a 4-on-4 scrimmage with a strong dunk.

"He looked real good to me," Wright said. "He's got all the moves. Nothing's changed. He's, probably just a little winded, I bet, sitting out that long. But he's been working hard every day, trying to get back."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 2 Irish to take on visiting Boilermakers

By DAN MALOOF
Sports Writer

No. 2 Notre Dame will look to improve to 19-1 as it takes on No. 50 Purdue at 2 this afternoon at the Courtney Tennis Center.

The Irish are coming off of another successful weekend in which they defeated No. 28 Wichita State and No. 38 Tulsa each by a score of 5-2.

After playing shorthanded in the two contests, the Irish will look to get some of their players back this week, coach Jay Louderback said.

"Colleen Bolley is going to be able to play tomorrow," Louderback said.

"Brook Buck is still struggling a little bit so we're going to wait a few more days and see how she's doing. A couple of others we're going to decide on tomorrow, but we should be at almost full strength, we're hoping."

Purdue, currently 10-3 overall, has won eight of its last nine matches. The team's one loss was a 7-0 shutout against No. 10 Northwestern Sunday. While the Boilermakers are ranked only 50th, Louderback said they will challenge the Irish.

"They're a tough team and they're a team that's better indoors," Louderback said. "It's a team we definitely were hoping to play outside, but it looks like we're not going to get to because of rain tomorrow. They're a bunch of big hitters. They have a lot of fire power and on the right day they're a tough team to play."

The Irish struggled against Purdue in last year's matchup, barely escaping with a win over the underdog Boilermakers.

"We beat them last year at their place 4-3 and the clinching match was Brook Buck, and she was down 5-2 in both sets," Louderback said.

The Irish, meanwhile, have been on a tear with 13 consecutive victories, but they will be coming off of a weekend road trip that forced them to return to campus early Monday morning.

"We got in at 3 o'clock (Monday) morning from our trip, so it was late. We didn't work on anything really — we just let them hit a few balls, and plus we got to get them outdoors, because it was such a nice day."

While Louderback said Purdue's low ranking is somewhat misleading, he is confident that his players know what they have to do to be successful today.

"They're a team that's not ranked real high but they're very dangerous, especially indoors," Louderback said. "Our kids know that though because they went through it last year, so they know these guys can play."

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SMC TENNIS

Belles look to rebound against winless Adrian

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will travel to Adrian this afternoon as it tries to rebound from two tough weekend losses at the Wheaton Invitational.

The Belles currently boast a conference record of 2-0 after crushing Olivet 8-1 in their home opener and narrowly beating Calvin 5-4. The Belles' overall record is 6-6 so far this season.

Belles coach Dee Stevenson is optimistic about her team's chances in the match against Adrian.

"I go into every match expecting to win," Stevenson said. "And usually Adrian is one of the weaker teams in the league, so I have high expectations for this match."

This year the Bulldogs have yet to win a match and have an overall record of 0-11.

In last year's conference matchup between the two teams, the Belles dominated game play, crushing Adrian 9-0.

As a junior, Kelly McVavitt won her match in the No. 2 singles spot in two straight sets. This year, as the senior captain of the Belles squad, McVavitt will return to play in the number one singles spot.

Other notable performances from last year's match include current sophomore Mary E. Campbell's two-set win in the No. 4 singles spot, senior Tara O'Brien's two-set win in the No. 5 singles spot and senior Grace Gordon's two-set win in the No. 6 singles spot.

The Belles also dominated in doubles play during last year's contest, taking all three matches in two straight sets.

The team will look to learn from this weekend's losses to host Wheaton and Olivet Nazarene. Gordon was the only Belles player to win a match in the two contests, competing as the No. 6 singles player. Gordon defeated Olivet's Anna Regalbrecht Saturday afternoon after the team was shut out by Wheaton the day before.

"We just got back from the Wheaton Invitational and we played against a lot of good players," McVaditt said Monday. "Tomorrow we are going to use what we learned over the weekend and hope to be able to have good match play."

The Belles put their skills to the test starting at 3 this afternoon.

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Irish rowers reach Grand Final for first time

Ultimate squad loses in semifinal match-up against Loyola-Chicago after winning first 5 games of tournament

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Notre Dame sent two eight-man crews to San Diego to compete in one of the premier rowing events on the West Coast. On Saturday at the San Diego Crew Classic, the varsity eight, captained by junior Ray Schleck, Tedd Hawks, Diego P.J. and the Irish edged Davis, 6:27.71, for a long-third-place finish by 0.6 seconds. Coach Kurt Butler was pleased with his team's performance, citing the fact that both crews finished several places ahead of their seeded positions. He was especially pleased by the second varsity boat's performance, which made the first medal-position finish by an Irish crew in San Diego.

The NDRC's top two crews were racing in San Diego, the remainder of the team raced in Grand Rapids at the Lumber Cup Regatta. Notre Dame's eight was fifth behind the highly talented crews from Grand Valley, Michigan, Western Ontario and Michigan State. The second varsity four finished fourth behind Grand Valley and Michigan State's second and fourth fours to compete later in the morning.

The first novice four finished fourth behind Grand Valley, Michigan and Western Ontario, while finishing ahead of Michigan State and Michigan's second novice, four behind the third N4+ from those same schools. Notre Dame's lightweight 4+ achieved the best finish of the day, taking second in the lightweight event. They beat Grand Valley's second LW4+, Northern Michigan and Michigan while losing only to Grand Valley's first LW4+.

Women's Ultimate

Notre Dame traveled to Champaign, Ill. Sunday to participate in a men's and women's Ultimate tournament hosted by the University of Illinois. This event provided an opportunity to play regional rivals before the College World Series against 15 teams in Naperville, Ill. The 30-35 mph winds proved to be the biggest threat of the day, however, making play extremely difficult for all teams involved. The women's first game of the day was against University of Illinois and it was a close match up throughout the game. Junior handler Libby Whiting and Shannon Morrison had their work cut out for them working against the defense. Despite the defense, Notre Dame was able to score an upward point in a game of otherwise down-winders to take the victory 5-2.

The second game of the day was against host Illinois, a team that boats a tall line with skilled handlers. The winds increased to the highest level of the day, making throws difficult for all involved. The offensive cuts of junior Loreta Brown and Shields Duss kept the offense moving, but Illinois took the victory 9-2 in a very disappointing game for the Irish. The second varsity four defeated the University of Chicago, where both 1V's were racing for the multiple times already this season. This game was all down-winders, with both teams unable to advance much further than their own end zone throughout the game. Chicago took the 6-5 victory since it won the opening toss and had the extra down wind point.

The third was Notre Dame's final tune-up before the 1V's would compete at the championship Series in two weeks.

Men's Ultimate

Notre Dame traveled to Mount Pleasant, Mich., for a men's Ultimate tournament at Central Michigan University. The team sent both the A and B squads to compete against many of the top teams in the Midwest and were pleased with their performance and had a fairly successful weekend in preparation for the second phase of the season.

The A team started off with three solid wins Saturday. The Irish started by taking down Wheaton (IL) 12-9 and followed it up with a 11-4 win over Western Michigan (11-4) and Western Ontario (12-7).

Senior Mike Florack provided stability at the handler position throughout the games, while junior Jesse McGannon led the way for them as the link between the offense and defense. Schroder scored multiple times in the third game of the day to secure the win over Western Ontario.

The game was able to keep control throughout Sunday's game with Western Michigan and come away with a commanding 13-2 win behind great play against Eric Shappell and junior Tim Peterson.

After a first round bye in bracket play, the Irish beat a tough Northwestern team 10-5 to advance to the semi-final game against Loyola-Chicago. Notre Dame faltered early on to let Loyola take the halftime lead at 5-4. The Irish were not ready to quit though and depended on intense defense from junior Nick Chambers and freshman Bill Carson to fight back into the game. Unfortunately, time ran out on the comeback, and the team fell short 13-9. This ended the tournament for the A team and gave it a lot to work on to prepare for the sectional tournament of the College Series.

Cycling

Notre Dame had another outstanding weekend of racing at Western Michigan and remained on track to qualify for the regional championships. The first of two races was a long, flat road race Saturday with 12 Irish riders competing. Bryce Hummer won the race, while Eric Shappell placed third. Hummer led the way for the Irish and set the tempo for the pack. Griggs was able to finish off the pace, while Campbell suffered mechanical problems and was forced to push the scooter for his teammates and finished out of place. Prygoski finished 13th while taking the field sprint with Steve right behind him in 15th, an exceptional debut in the A field.

The club will take Easter weekend off and will be in action again at Marian College for the College All-Stars Invitational University on April 14 and 15.

Sailing

Notre Dame raced split squad on Lake Michigan and in the Great Lakes. The top Irish sailors finished third among 11 teams at the Big Ten Team Race Sunday at Michigan. John Dailey, Ali Donohue, Chris May, John Enright and Kyle Kilbourn, Jaci Chase and Tim Roy sailed for Notre Dame. At the April Fool's Invitational at Miami Ohio, Paul Cordes, Amy Post and John D' Amore represented Notre Dame. Final results are still not the best of both regattas committees, but the Irish were doing very well at both venues.

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struggled to come up big in conference play, Lilley noted that there is still a lot of baseball to be played. "As a team we really have to bounce back," he said. "It's very early on in the season still." The game against Oakland will afford Notre Dame the opportunity to smooth out some mistakes before heading to Cincinnati for another Big East series. The Irish and Oakland last faced off in April 2006. Notre Dame had little trouble with the Golden Grizzlies, cruising past them in a 15-1 decision at Frank Eck Stadium. Oakland heads into South Bend after sweeping Rochester in a two-game series this weekend. Senior Drew Jenison led the Golden Grizzlies’ offensive drive in Saturday’s 16-3 victory over Rochester. The outfielder drove in a career-high five RBIs while going 3-for-4 from the plate with three runs scored and two walks. Sophomore Justin Wilson followed in Jenison’s footsteps, leading the team to an 18-5 win Sunday. The outfielder posted home runs in two straight games and finished 3-for-4 at the plate with a career-high five RBIs. The Irish will look to cut down on Oakland’s offense as they attempt to put their mistakes-filled weekend against the Golden Grizzlies behind them. Lilley said the team is ready for the challenge. "We definitely have the ability to win these games," he said. "It’s just right now things aren’t really working out in our favor. We really just have to start performing more consistently." Contact Deirdre Krasula at dkrasula@nd.edu

Streak

On the defensive side of the field for the Wildcats, sophomore goalkeeper Andrew DiLoreto owns a 4-2 record. He has a 7.43 goals-against average to go along with a .566 save percentage. "I am very impressed by how hard Villanova plays," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They have a lot of different guys to look out for. That’s what makes them so dangerous. They are really good on defense." The contest will be Notre Dame’s third game this year at home. "We are very glad to be home again," Corrigan said. "It is tough to open up with five out of six games away from home. Hopefully we’ve learned from the first half of the season, and we’ve saved our best lacrosse for the second half.” Today’s matchup begins a four-game home stretch for the Irish, during which they will face Air Force, Denver and Lehigh. Notre Dame will not travel again until the end of the month when it takes on Ohio State in Columbus April 29.

Notes:

- Junior midfielder Taylor Claggett has been the face-off specialist for the Irish this year. He has won 88-of-155 (.568 percent) of the face-offs this season. His career winning percentage is .601 (345-of-574).

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Weis said he has seen dramatic improvement as well. "He’s really healthy. I didn’t see his second gear much last year," Weis said. "Last year, he was never really healthy. I didn’t see his second gear much last year." Joining power backs Thomas and Aldridge are the quicker — but much less experienced — Allen and Jabbie. Allen, who enrolled at Notre Dame in January, has impressed the Irish special teams staff with his quickness on kick returns. Weis said that even though wide receivers David Grimes and George West will be back next fall, he prefers to use a younger player as return men in order to avoid tiring the starters. "When it’s otherwise even, you use a back up," he said. But the coaching staff has not ruled out Allen appearing in the offensive backfield as well, Weis said. "He hasn’t looked like a freshman," the coach said. Weis said Jabbie, a former corner back without a career carry for Notre Dame, is working hard to see the field next fall. "I’ve been very encouraged by Junior Jabbie," he said. "I’m not just giving the party line. I’ve been very encouraged by what we’ve seen." Rising sophomore Munir Prince, a former running back that rushed for 21 yards on 14 carries last year, began the spring at running back but has since moved to cornerback. At fullback, rising junior Asaph Schwapp returns after missing most of last season with an injury. Weis said Schwapp, a 6-foot, 255-pound bruiser, is completely healthy and has regained his toughness as a lead blocker. But he has a way to go as a runner. "He’s not hobbling around anymore," Weis said. "But he has room for improvement." Rising sophomore Luke Schmidt will also compete for playing time at fullback, Weis said.

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Rising sophomore running back James Aldridge runs through drills in Monday’s practice while competing for a starting spot.

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Senior shortstop Brett Lilley picks up a hit in Notre Dame’s 14-4 victory over Chicago State at Frank Eck Stadium March 26. Lilley is currently hitting .385 for the Irish with 31 runs scored.

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**Sbarro**

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The girls of Pasquerilla West were looking to extend their four-game winning streak, move the ball in transition on the way to gain some efficient offense points, as Sodium Free Salines cruised on their way to a rout."

"Well played as we did in the second half like we did in the first half, we would have lost," Saucedo said. "I give the girls a lot of credit. They won't self-ish."

"When we played the girls of Pasquerilla West on top against the overmatched F-Plains," team captain Jennifer said."

"If the [censored] players score once, it will be a moral victory," spectator Adam Sims said, beating off his imaginary baldness."

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FOOTBALL

Thomas, Aldridge lead backfield's top battle

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

Although Notre Dame must replace Darius Walker and his 1,267 rushing yards next fall, Irish coach Charlie Weis said Monday that he is "very encouraged" by the progress of his running backs this spring.

Four tailbacks — senior captain Travis Thomas, rising sophomore James Aldridge, rising junior James Tyree and early entry freshman Armando Allen — are in contention to replace Walker, who accounted for 77 percent of Notre Dame's carries by running backs last season.

"The competition is every day and in everything we do," Aldridge said.

Thomas is the most experienced player of the four and, as team captain, is the leader of the group. But he played outside line­backer last year, mak­ing 35 tackles in 11 games. He saw spot duty at running back, gaining 78 yards on 13 carries and scoring two touchdowns. In 2005, Thomas was the sec­ond-leading rusher for the Irish. He ran for 248 yards on 63 car­ries with five touchdowns in his sophomore season.

Back full­time at running back, Thomas started the spring as the top backfield option for Notre Dame, but Weis said Aldridge is pushing to at least split carries next fall.

"He's definitely challenging," Weis said of Aldridge.

Aldridge was the team's sec­ond-leading rusher last season, gaining 142 yards on 37 car­ries, mainly in mop-up duty. He played in seven games despite suffering a knee injury before the season started.

But now, Aldridge says he's healthy and ready to show an explosiveness that he lacked last season.

"I'm getting used to bending my legs like I want to and exploding up," he said. "I'm just trying to get better."

"I think he's gotten a lot of the removing the knee brace has improved his explosiveness," Weis said.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

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The set against Pittsburgh proved to Notre Dame that there are many holes in the defensive lineup that need to be worked out. The Irish have struggled recently, allowing oppo­nents to take advantage of what Notre Dame coach Dave Schrage calls "freebies." On Saturday, the Irish faced Pittsburgh in its 5-0 shutout with 11 of these freebies — two walk-ons, three hit batters, three errors and three stolen bases allowed.

In the second game of its home series against South Florida on March 24, Notre Dame allowed eight walks, two hit batters, two passed balls and three errors.

Junior shortstop Brett Lilley noted that the finger can't be pointed at one person for the combined easy bases for — and losses to — Pittsburgh and South Florida.

"It's a group effort, it's not one person's fault when we lose," Lilley said. "When we give up a lot of freebies it's the whole team giving them up." Even though the team has

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