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Week addresses sexual assault

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Incidents of sexual assault do happen on Notre Dame's campus, said Men Against Violence president Alex Chapeaux, and this year's Sexual Assault Awareness Week should educate students about the problem and inform them of prevention strategies.

This is the third year Sexual Assault Awareness Week has been held at Notre Dame since its inception by the Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention under former student body president Lizi Shappell.

"It's important to recognize that Notre Dame has a problem like many other campuses, and it's important to address that problem, like any other campus," Chapeaux said.

The week will feature several major events designed to "raise awareness" about sexual assault at Notre Dame, said senior Emily Weisbecker, the president of Feminist Voice and a staff member at the Gender Relations Center.

Weisbecker wrote "Loyal Daughters," a play performed last semester that used real stories told by Notre Dame students about sexuality and sexual violence. "Loyal Daughters" this fall. This week is Sexual Assault Awareness Week.

Colin Quinn dishes about "SNL" days

SUB series features former actor, writer

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

With his Brooklyn accent and gruff manner, former "Saturday Night Live" star Colin Quinn has kept audiences entertained for years — and he managed to do just that Tuesday night as part of the Student Union Board's SNL Speaker Series.

Quinn opened up his lecture in DeBartolo Hall to a question-and-answer session — giving students the opportunity to grill him on his days as a writer and cast member of SNL.

After writing for the show in "Living Color" Quinn was hired as a writer for "SNL."

"I did stand-up for my audition, but got hired as a writer," Quinn said. "I got the job because I knew somebody. I was just in the right place at the right time."

Famous for his Clinton sex scandal jokes, Quinn joked that preparing the Weekend Update was easy while President Clinton was in office.

"I would read the papers all week and try to find the hot stories of the week — the only problem was if something happened on Tuesday, [David] Letterman and [Jay] Leno would ruin it by the time they got to me," Quinn joked.

Quinn said some of his favorite sketches on "SNL" included Will Farrell as the voice in modulation character "I'm fine, but I don't feel well."

Energy use appears consistent

Earlier Daylight Saving Time change seems to have no effect on campus

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

In an attempt to reduce energy consumption and generate savings, a federal energy act moved Daylight Saving Time to the second Sunday of March, four weeks earlier than usual. This year, major utility companies and energy providers, however, saw little change in energy usage, according to national media reports — and that may be the case at Notre Dame as well.

The University's usage patterns from this March are difficult to compare to previous years. The University experienced few energy savings, like at the campus power plant, since Daylight Saving Time started a month earlier.

Forum addresses local poverty, family issues

Saint Mary's students organized local panel

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Students in Saint Mary's social work program hosted a community forum Tuesday addressing current issues pertaining to families and children.

The forum — presented and planned primarily by the 18 students in the social work major and anthropology professor Frances Kominkiewicz's Human Behavior and the Social Environment class — addressed violence, poverty and education in the Michiana area.

"The forum is a way to bring the community together and to connect them with the people in the community who are out there to help," sophomore social work major Deanna Melosky said. "We want to make them agents of change."

This year's forum was entitled "Empowering the Community: Become an Agent of Change." A discussion of violence, poverty and education affecting the children in our community.

Students in the class chose the panelists based on their expertise in the social work field and their ability to impact the lives of the children in the community, sophomore Katie Puzz said.

Speakers for the forum included Nikki Gonzalez, a senior in Saint Mary's social work major, who discussed the challenges of poverty and how it affects the children in our community.

Politician discusses Mexico

Cooperation is vital, prominent leader says

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

The man who ran for the Mexican presidency three times and served as head of the government of Mexico City, as a senator and as a governor brought more than 30 years of insider experience to the Hesburgh Auditorium Tuesday where he talked to students and professors about Mexico's present political climate.

One of the country's most prominent political figures, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas, delivered the lecture "A Progressive Agenda for Mexico," touching on the experience in the social work major, the United States and its role in Latin America.

In the aftermath of the contested presidential elections in 2006, Cárdenas said politicians need to put aside differences and personal agendas to cooperate with each other and improve the landscape of Mexican politics.

"Now is the turn of politics, of conscious and serious politics, to forget our differences and injure pride," he said. "Our interests must now focus on Mexico's future."

As one of the founders of Mexico's Democratic Revolution (PDR) — one of the country's three major political parties — Cárdenas addressed the importance of cooperation among political parties.

"We have to take the initiative, to forget our differences to collaborate with each other," he said. "We must not allow the division among political parties to prevent the progress of the country."

Cárdenas also discussed his recent experience in the social work major.

"We have to work together to strengthen the left, to bring the left back to political life and to establish new programs and policies for the benefit of the country," he said.

Cárdenas addressed the importance of education and the need for a strong educational system.

"We have to work together to improve the quality of education and the well-being of children and youth," he said. "We must not allow the division among political parties to prevent the progress of the country."
INSIDE COLUMN

10 Questions

Over Easter break, I had the rare privi­lege to sit down with Chris Wilson, who describes himself as one of the “greatest things the law school has ever produced.” Wilson, a University of Miami alumnus, is in his sec­ond year at Our Lady’s College de Loya.

JPW: Explain your life philosophy—what are ‘smokes’?
Wilson: I picked up the word from one of my favorite professors. Tex Dutile. He used the word during a discussion where he spoke about Maine Lobsters and con­spiracies centering on iPods. It’s a way of life.

JPW: What is the best way to attract smokes?
Wilson: You just gotta live your life like ‘Yes. You’ve got to put yourself out there—you’ve got to get it up, bash it up and juice it up.

JPW: What’s the main difference between girls in Miami and girls here?
Wilson: I think the girls at Notre Dame are much more well-rounded. I’ll always have a place in my heart for Miami girls. Miami produces the most beautiful girls in the world. I prefer Notre Dame girls, though.

JPW: And about men?
Wilson: I think the same thing holds for guys. They’re well-rounded at Notre Dame, more athletic. I definitely think of myself more in the mold of a Notre Dame guy. I live in SF, it’s so that makes me a Sideman—the true gentlemen on campus.

JPW: You’ve called yourself someone who will work for “a day timer at a big time law firm making big time money” is that all you want in life?
Wilson: Honestly, I’m one of the main reasons I came to law school, but it’s not all I’m looking for. I want to be a family man one day. You could say I have polit­ical aspirations. I thought Notre Dame would be great because it would educate me legally and spiritually.

JPW: How has Notre Dame helped you grow in your faith?
Wilson: I was confirmed at Notre Dame through BCA. In all seriousness, my sponsor just passed away, Ryan Rudd. I miss him a lot. It’s been rough for me. God bless him.

JPW: What does the law school need to improve?
Wilson: First, we have to increase our position in the rankings. It’s very impor­tant. It helps attract a quality student body.

JPW: How would this occur?
Wilson: I think we need more law stu­dents in big-time firms because it increas­es our placement statistics and the median salary. I think the employment factors killed us.

JPW: What do you feel about the faculty?
Wilson: I think they are one of the strongest things the law school has to offer. Some professors really contributed to the person I am today—Tia, VJ, Professor Moe and Kavaney. Many like to take my photo, she gives me cheap shots, but I think she is a great teacher.

JPW: Finally, sum up “Chris Wilson, the man, the legend.”
Wilson: Whoa. Wow. The lyrics from “Mack the Knife” and a recent hit from MMS pretty much sums it up.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE SNL CHARACTER (OR ACTOR), PAST OR PRESENT?

Brendan Ryan junior Keough
Elisa Suarez junior Cavanaugh
Kyle Bibby junior Alumni
Kyle Ricketts sophomore Alumni
Mike Schubert junior Alumni
Scott Hurley sophomore Alumni

"Robert Goulet—would you hire a clown to fix the roof?"
"Debbie Downer, because did you know: reading newspapers increases your risk of cancer (wah, wah, wah)?"
"Harry Carrey— if you were a hot dog, would you eat yourself?"
"Hans and Franz because they're pumpastic.
"Spartan cheerleaders, because there’s an Indian in my teepoo."

IN BRIEF

A film and discussion titled “Who Needs Sleep?” will take place today at 7 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Director Haskell Wexler will discuss his film. This is a free event. For tick­ets call the DeBartolo Ticket Office.

There will be a screening of ‘Loyal Daughters’ today at 7:20 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza. Organizers will ask for a $3 donation to be given to South Bend’s S.O.S. Rape Crisis Center.

The Student Union Board (SUB) will hold AcoustiCafe Thursday from 10 p.m. to 12 in the basement of LaFortune. This is a free event.

Journalist Judy Woodruff will give the Red Smith lecture, entitled “Are Journalists Obsolete?” She will appear Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium.

Owen Smith, a ‘95 Notre Dame graduate, will perform his comedy act Friday at Legends at 10 p.m. Admission is free.

The Spring Run will take place Saturday. Participants can run either 5-K, 10-K or do the 2-mile walk. The races will start from Legends at 11 a.m. Runners and walkers can sign up at RecSports for $10 prior to the race and for $15 the day of the race.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Group discusses goals for members to pursue

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives (COR) discussed what they hoped to accomplish during their terms, which began just last week, at their meeting Tuesday night.

Student body vice president Liz Brown asked members for suggestions for the COR agenda. Brown said COR may be helpful in discussing new ways to improve student life and bring those ideas forward during meetings throughout the year. Brown and Braun continued to lay the personnel groundwork for their administration.

Junior Anthony Dayrit was approved to be vice president of Peer Advocacy. In this position, Dayrit will be responsible for coordinating and training peer advocates.

Judicial Council president Ashley Wees said she is confident in Anthony's ability to lead as vice president of Peer Advocacy. "He is the best person for the job," she said.

Dayrit said he plans to rejuvenate the program, which has not been utilized as much in the past years.

"We created a poster and we hope to have a banner created that we can use at Activities Night," he said. "We plan to talk to freshmen, hall staff, and freshmen about getting the word out so within the first few weeks of school students will know about the program and how to use it."

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Law student dies of cancer

American Educational Research Association recognizes scholars' book

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CAMPUS NEWS

CANCERED AT Ohio State University, Ryan Rudd was diagnosed with cancer. His juris doctor degree will be awarded posthumously at Notre Dame's Commencement exercises May 20.

Visitation will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., with a vigil service at 8:30 p.m. at the Mark A. Schneider Funeral Home, 223 W. Main Street, Crestline, Ohio. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 29 West St., Shelby, Ohio, with burial following at Greenlawn Cemetery in Crestline. Plans for a campus memorial are pending.

Psychology profs awarded honors

Daniel K. Lapley and Darcia Narvaez, members of the psychology department faculty at the University of Notre Dame, have been selected as the 2007 Book Award recipients by the Moral Development and Education Special Interest Group of the American Educational Research Association (AERA). The honor recognizes Lapley and Narvaez, for their 2004 book "Moral Development, Self, and Identity." The award was presented Tuesday at the AERA's annual meeting in Chicago.

A compilation of essays from a distinguished interdisciplinary and international panel of scholars, the volume uses as a point of departure the seminal writings of renowned moral psychologist Augusto Blasi. His studies on moral cognition, the development of self-identity, and moral personality transformed research agendas and are recognized as a starting point for all discussion in moral psychology.

Lapley, who earned his doctorate in educational psychology from the University of Wisconsin, returned to Notre Dame as a postdoctoral fellow in 2006. He previously served on the University's psychology faculty from 1983 to 1991. His research focuses on topics in adolescent social cognitive and personality development, including work on adolescent invulnerability and risk behavior, narcissism, separation-individuation, self, ego and identity development and college adjustment.

A fellow of Notre Dame's Institute for Educational Initiatives and research director of its Center for Ethical Education, Lapley also teaches in the AEL program. He is the author of the book "Moral Psychology" and serves on the executive board of the International Association for Moral Education.

Narvaez, the executive director of the Center for Ethical Education, came to Notre Dame as an assistant professor in 2000. Before completing her doctoral degree at the University of Minnesota, she taught K-12 classroom music and middle-school Spanish. Narvaez, who also holds a master's degree from Luther Northwestern Seminary, researches issues of moral cognition, moral development and character education.

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Week

Daughters" was shown Tuesday night in Mendoza.

Weisbecker said the week is about opening students' eyes to realize that fellow classmtes may have been victims of sexual violence.

"We feel like Notre Dame is really safe and in a 'bubble', but it's important for us to realize how to protect both ourselves and our friends from violence," she said.

"Also, this week will educate those who have been assaulted and aren't aware of the resources on campus."

A 'Take Back the Night' prayer service, march and speak-out will be held Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Grotto. Afterward, refreshments and counselors for those in need will be available in the Sorin Room of LaFortune.

'Take Back the Night' mirrors similar events that take place in cities and on college campuses across the country, Assistant Rector of Breen-Phillips Hall Elizabeth Moriarty said in an e-mail to The Observer.

"Take Back the Night" began as a movement to protest the violence that women experienced while walking in public at night, but has grown to encompass all forms of violence, especially sexual assault," Moriarty said.

The march and the speak-out are designed to "bring the community together and allow survivors of sexual assault to share their stories, she said.

To educate students about ways they can prevent themselves from being victims of sexual assault, tactics for Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) will be taught by Notre Dame Security/Police officers Thursday at 7 p.m. in Hammes-Mowbray Hall, Weisbecker said.

"The RAD program consists of basic self-defense and learning how to be aware of your surroundings," Weisbecker said. "It's important that we publicize resources like this that teach how to prevent assaults."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Serbia ruled not guilty of genocide

THE HAGUE — Serbia's highest court ruled Serbia was not guilty of genocide against Bosnian Muslims in the 1990s, backing the judges who over the full records of meetings by top Serbian political and military officials of the time. Was there a smoking gun in the documents that was missed by the International Court of Justice in the fall of 2001? “This is one of the things we just don't know,” Poon van den Biesen, one of the lawyers representing Bosnia in the case, said Saturday. “We had the strong impression that they could be relevant for the court to see.”

The judges at the world court sifted through documents, posed over Yugoslav war crimes tribunals and heard hours of testimony before issuing the landmark judgment in Bosnia's genocide case against Serbia.

Crews work to clean major oil spill

SANCTI SPIRITUS, Cuba — Authorities struggled to avert a major oil spill Tuesday on one of the Mediterranean Sea's most picturesque destinations after a sunken cruise ship leaked dozens of tons of oil off the resort island of Santorini at the start of the summer tourist season.

Greek engineers expressed hope they could prevent an environmental disaster as crews fought to siphon up fuel from the ship, which went down Friday after hitting a submerged reef. A French passenger and his daughter were feared drowned and nearly 1,600 people — mostly U.S. citizens — were safely evacuated.

Vassilis Mamaloukas, an environmental engineer leading the cleanup, said the spill was largely contained but the oil remained a threat to the resort.

NATIONAL NEWS

Teen accidentally shoots gun

CHICAGO — A high school student passed a handgun to a classmate inside a Chicago classroom Tuesday when it accidentally discharged, striking both in the leg, police said. The two teens, both 15, were taken to hospitals, police said. The two were sitting in the back of a science classroom at the Chicago Vocational Career Academy on the city's South Side around 2:15 p.m. when the gun discharged. One was struck in the thigh and the other in the calf, police said.

One person was taken to the hospital in critical condition, police said. The other was taken to the hospital in serious condition.

Career class at Chicago school

WASHINGTON — Senate support for embryonic stem cell research was set to take another hit Tuesday, as debate continued on a bill to loosen federal funding restrictions on research that supporters say offers hope for treatment of numerous diseases.

If not this year then next year. If not next year then the following year."

Assuredly not this year.

President Bush, who cast the only veto of his tenure on a stem cell bill in 2006, quickly made it clear this year will be no different. The bill "would use federal taxpayer dollars to support and encourage the destruction of human life for research," the White House said in a written statement.

Stem cells are created in the first days after conception, and are typically culled from frozen embryos, which are destroyed in the process.

The legislation would overturn a policy Bush established in 2001, when he said federal funds may only be used for research on a limited number of stem cell lines that were in existence before the day of his announcement. The administration's goal was to satisfy calls for funding of scientific research without offending anti-abortion conservatives who had helped elect him to the White House.

The bill's supporters concede they are short of the votes needed to override a veto, but appeared eager to confront the president again on an issue with strong public backing.

"If we did everything based on veto threats by the president, we would never get anything done around here," said Jim Manley, a spokesman for Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Senators fight Bush on stem cell bill
Mexico

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the road ahead. The road ahead for the PDR, a left-of-center liberalist organization, could include plans to boost the Mexican economy through the integration of indigenous groups to the country's trade networks and the expansion of NAFTA to resemble the model implemented by the European Union, Cardenas said. He recognized, however, the party's limitations and flaws before these plans are implemented. "There are many Lefts in Mexico and therefore, there are many PDs."

He said, referring to the internal disagreements and opposing viewpoints that hinder the party's efforts. Senior Gustavo Rivera pointed out the support a faction of the PDR has lent to its own candidate, Pruna Payón, a right-winger, during her ongoing campaign as one of the PDR's multiple inconsistencies. Cardenas then reiterated his earlier point, saying the Mexican Left needed to put its own differences aside and work together to guarantee a better future for the country.

He said he hoped American politicians would offer more specific labels to the immigration debate. "Remittances are important to the Mexican economy, but we would prefer that income to be generated within Mexico," he said.

"We have to understand that border security and the war on terrorism are not the same thing, and they should be faced with different means," Cardenas said. "Terrorism problems in the United States have nothing to do with Mexican relations." he said. He hopes American citizens will recognize the contributions of Mexican immigrants to the United States economy and will see the two countries' desires to arrive at immigration policies that consider both sides. Cardenas said that while the United States should not slam its door to the immigrant, Mexico should work to improve the unemployment conditions that tend to drive people away.

He refuted claims that Mexico may not be interested in improving its own atmosphere because the substantial amount of remittances that arrive from workers in the United States are a steady source of national income. "Remittances are important to the Mexican economy, but we would prefer that income to be generated within Mexico," Cardenas said.

Freshmen Justin Perez said he was impressed such a prominent Mexican politician had visited Notre Dame but said he wished Cardenas had spoken more about the relevance of remittances to the immigration debate. "He almost left remittances out of the equation until someone asked him about them," Perez said. "I understand that this lecture was only intended to give a brief overview of the different challenges facing Mexican politics, but I still hoped he would offer more specific insights as opposed to generalized observations regarding..."
Newspaper employees take buyouts

Forty-three newsroom drivers may find Google is using its popular Google Earth service with high resolution images and maps of most of the world. When users scan over the Darfur region, where the United Nations estimates that more than 200,000 people have been killed and 2.5 million displaced in four years of carnage, Google Inc. hopes to attract their gaze with icons.

Associated Press

ALBANY — It was a call from an industry whistle-blower that first drew New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo’s attention to dubious practices in the student loan business.

While various authorities have been investigating the issue for about a year, Cuomo became interested after a lender trying to break into the business told him that a few loan companies dominated the lucrative market. Cuomo, who would not name the whistleblower, said he saw it as an antitrust issue and started asking questions.

"For me it became real when I talked to lenders who couldn’t get into the market,” Cuomo told The Associated Press Tuesday. “You can be a lender who wants to compete and have a better prod- uct, but you just can’t get to the students. The school’s controlling the access to the students.”

Two months after launching the case, Cuomo believes cozy arrangements between colleges and the companies that lead their students billions of dollars are far more widespread than even he anticipated. Cuomo wouldn’t divulge where the burgeoning investigation is headed next, including whether more subpoenas are on the way, but said his investiga- tion of the $85 billion industry could lead to criminal charges against high-rank- ing officials at both lending companies and schools.

“Often GPUs can be a one-man band, and the more we uncover, it’s more widespread than we ever thought. More schools and more lenders at the top of the list.”

Cuomo is investigating allegations that executives at colleges and companies that steered stu- dents to certain lenders. His investiga- tion found numerous arrange- ments that benefited schools, financial aid officers and lenders at the expense of students.

Investigators found that many colleges have estab- lished “preferred lender” lists and entered into revenue sharing and other financial arrangements with those lenders. Some colleges have “exclusive” preferred lender agreements with the companies.

So far, six schools, includ- ing the University of Pennsylvania and New York University, have agreed to reimburse students a total of $3.27 million for inflated loan prices caused by revenue sharing agreements, Cuomo said. The schools will return money to students who took out loans during the time the revenue sharing agreement was in effect. Students will be refunded based on the amount they were loaned.

On Monday, a loan compa- ny that has been at the cen- ter of the investigation, CIT Group Inc., placed three top executives at its Student Loan Xpress division on paid leave following allegations of stock transactions with a high-level U.S. Department of Education official and colle- ge financial aid officers.

On Tuesday, two more school officials joined a growing list of those who have been placed on leave for possible ties to lending companies.

Widener University in Pennsylvania placed Walter Cathie, the dean of financial aid at Widener on leave. Cuomo’s office said Cathie was paid $80,000 by Student Loan Xpress since 2005. Investigators said they also believed Cathie had an agreement with the company to market its services to graduate schools, receiving fees based on loan volume.

IN BRIEF

Graph shows Darfur awareness

Google searches on Darfur are up 126 percent since the beginning of June. Searches on other conflicts also are rising, but Darfur has proved to be the most popular.

New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo speaks during an interview in Colonie, New York Tuesday. His continuing probe of the student loan industry may lead to charges.

Lower summer gas prices predicted

WASHINGTON — Drivers may find gasoline cheaper this summer compared to last, despite a 64-cent a gallon jump since January. The Energy Department said Tuesday that the recent sharp rise in gasoline costs is likely to slow in the coming weeks with prices aver- aging $2.81 a gallon over the vaca- tion season, about 3 cents lower than last spring and summer.

But the Energy Information Administration forecast is anything but assured.

Only a month ago, the agency said it believed the cost of regular-grade gasoline would peak in June, aver- aging $2.67 for the month, a price already eclipsed last week.

The latest forecast calls for prices to peak with an average of $2.87 a gal- lon for the month of May, then decline. Last summer’s peak was an average of $2.98 for the month of July.

“We think the forecast is about on track,” said Geoff Sundstrom, a spokesman for AAA. He said based on current market trends he doesn’t see another summer of $3 gasoline nationwide.

Prices have soared beyond $3 in each of the last two summers. During Hurricane Katrina in 2005 that disrupted Gulf Coast supplies and last July when the Israeli inva- sion of Lebanon caused crude prices to spike to $76 a barrel with $3-plus gasoline quick to follow. The forecast assumes no new international crisis this summer.

Since January, the price of regular grade gasoline has gone from a weekly average of $2.16 a gallon to $2.80 last week. Prices across much of the West Coast have been over $3 a gallon.

Gasoline prices normally increase in advance of the April-to-September heavy driving season, but this time the price climb came shockingly early in the winter because of the cold.

The government attributed the unusual early price surge to higher crude oil prices, unplanned refinery outages, declining imports from Europe and an increase in demand. Although gasoline prices began their seasonal increase about a month earlier than usual, the rapid rise of price increase is projected to slow over the next few months,” said the energy agency.

Despite the higher prices, motorists show no signs that they’re staying off the roads.
At the Easter Vigil this past Saturday night, these 10 members of the Notre Dame community were fully initiated into the Catholic Church. At this liturgy, these 10 received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please join us in congratulating them and welcoming them into our faith community.
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social worker employed by the office of Congressman Joe Donnelly, Francie Whitaker, director of the LEND Homeownership Center in South Bend and Warren Outlaw, director of the Educational Talent Search Program at Notre Dame. Others included Mark Baker, a South Bend Community School Corporation social worker, Pastor Hardie Blake, a member of redevelopment committee, South Bend and Lilia Periquet, part-time faculty member and field instructor for the Saint Mary’s Social Work program. All the panelists shared their unique experiences related to the discussion and many of them incorporated stories of their work with undocumented children.

“People think that those who come over from other countries are immediately able to get Social Security benefits, Medicare and Medicaid,” Gonzalez said. “This is very untrue, and the population that this most affects is our children.”

When a child is born in the United States, then he or she is a U.S. citizen, Gonzalez said. However, parents who are not U.S. citizens or permanent residents, then they do not get the federal benefits because they do not have a legal resident permission for the aid on their behalf.

Periquet agreed with Gonzalez and said those who check in to the Sister Maure Branick Health Center must be at least 150 percent below the poverty level.

“People who are accepted to our clinic are those who do not have any insurance and are not qualified for insurance,” Periquet said. “Due to those requirements, the children that we have (at the LEND Center) are the children of undocumented people in our community.”

Many of the problems presented at the forum involved the education of children.

“Children can go to school, but when they graduate from high school, what do they do?” Periquet asked. “Education is one way to get out of poverty, but if you don’t have the money to pay privately for a college education, you can’t get an education.”

The panelists also said there needs to be a change in the way those mired in poverty think.

Blake, who runs a parent-education class for children at Ivy Tech Community College, said the intention of his program is to shift a parent’s priorities so that he thinks of his children first.

“Our emphasis is on the children and we try to get the fathers to understand that,” Blake said. “The class plans to secure money, but it is not a bank deposit.”

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the same time period in previous years. Utilities Director Paul Kempf said, “It’s difficult to look at just a comparison.” Kempf said, due to a variety of variables, including growth at Notre Dame. “... We have more buildings, more people than a year ago, and it’s difficult to create a growth factor for this.”

From the records available, energy consumption levels increased in March this year by the University used just under 11 million kilowatt hours — a figure that increased to just more than 11 million hours this March, Kempf said. The difference was 32,000 kilowatt hours.

“I can’t say that we noticed anything uniquely different for the month of March this year,” said Kempf, who explained he was skeptical of the time change from the start.

And since metering accuracy allows for a one percent error, “it’s too close to call, too close to say anything definitive,” Kempf said.

Besides a growing University, Kempf said another factor the calculations don’t account for is weather. He said data on the number of heating/cooling days for the most recent month of March is not yet available.

“At Notre Dame, major energy consuming areas include research spaces, Kempf said. Circulation systems in these spaces must constantly generate fresh air and cannot provide re-circulated air like many of the other circulation systems on campus.

The amount of energy used by the University in March — around 11 million kilowatt hours — is as much as 11,000 times what’s used in the average American home. That figure is also 1.02 million kilowatt hours a month.

The Energy Policy Act of 2005, signed by President Bush in August of that year, was designed as an attempt to combat growing energy problems through numerous initiatives, including the change to the Daylight Saving Time schedule. Congress will evaluate the effects of the time change and has the ability to revert to the previous time schedule by spring of next year. The provision in the Energy Policy Act amended the Uniform Time Act of 1966.

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You’ve reached new heights.

You’ve reached new heights.
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and the Hulk Hogan Talk Show.

"There were so many things that were funny, but a lot of sketches didn't get on — that's what would kill me the most," he said. "A lot of the best sketches came when people were screwing around and people would say, 'you should do that on the show'"

Quinn also said he felt "SNL" was often overproduced because each sketch is constantly being rewritten.

"By the time a sketch is on the show, whatever magic it had is gone — during the process it loses a lot," Quinn said. It took a lot of work to get his comedy career up and running.

"I grew up in Brooklyn. I was always the class clown-type personality. Everybody thought I should be a comedian," Quinn said.

He said after attending college for a year, a friend of his suggested that they brave the college for a year, a friend of his takes at least a year to get work to get his comedy career going. Everybody thought sketches came when people constantly being rewritten.

"Immediately — something when they are first conceived — comes back in a year. It takes at least a year to get going — that's how you get started in comedy, doing it every night," Quinn said. "It's harder to do it now because there's just so many comedians — when I started it was a lot easier."

Of the current "SNL" show, Quinn said, "I haven't watched it — but it looks pretty bleak. I've seen some funny things on it but I haven't really watched the show. I don't even know who's doing Weekend Update now. You're there; you just can't watch it."

When asked about his current projects, Quinn said jokingly, that he thought the bowling alley in South Bend would make a good comedy room. He said he stays busy doing stand-up acts and categorizing all of his material.

"I'm taking all my material over the years and categorizing everything into race, religion immigration. And I'm going to put it out into CDs," Quinn said. "I'm always writing. I'm psychically, I write all the time."

He spends so much time writing, in fact, that he said he refuses to be in anything. "When I was on "SNL," Mike Myers wanted me to be in Austin Powers. I told him, 'That's great, but I'm working on my own stuff.' That was the only time it really bit me in the ass."

Quinn said that it is "individual moments" that inspire him comically.

"It inspires me when I see people pull something off that's funny, and it's just subtle," he said. "I feel like you have to actively go out of your way to try to inspire you. It's there but it's so delicate."

"You can't rely on a person — it has to be those moments."

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NTSB urges safety changes

Air traffic controllers need more break time, Transportation Board says

WASHINGTON — Federal safety investigators urged regulators Tuesday to provide air traffic controllers with more time off between shifts to prevent devastating fatigue.

The National Transportation Safety Board issued two safety recommendation letters designed to reduce fatigue and improve vigilance of controllers. The recommendations were based on its ongoing investigation of the Aug. 27 Comair crash that killed 49 people on take-off from Lexington, Ky., and on investigations of 10 earlier crashes or close calls.

Without reaching conclusions on the causes of the Kentucky crash, the board noted that the controller who cleared the Comair Bombardier for the early morning takeoff had only a two-hour nap during nine hours off before his shift. The board said the controller did not notice the plane had turned onto the wrong runway — one too short for a commercial jet — because, the controller said, he had turned away from the window to perform an administrative task.

The board said fatigue played a role in these close calls:

• At Los Angeles International on Aug. 19, 2004, a controller with five to six hours sleep cleared one jet to take off from a runway another jet was about to land on.

• At Denver International on Sept. 25, 2001, a controller working with 60-90 minutes sleep allowed a cargo jet to take off from a closed runway with construction equipment at the end.

• At Seattle-Tacoma International on July 8, 2001, a controller with three hours sleep allowed a jetliner to taxi across a runway another jet was landing on.

The board urged the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, which represents air controllers, to cooperate to revise work schedules "to provide rest periods that are long enough for controllers to obtain sufficient restorative sleep" and to modify shift rotations "to minimize disrupted sleep patterns."

"We'll certainly take a hard look at scheduling with the union, but many of the schedules that we have in place are a result of past employee decisions," FAA administrator Laura Browne said. "They requested more shifts, and modified shift patterns to reduce fatigue."

"It's a very welcome thought... it's time to have a discussion on it in a very open manner."

"We're ready to meet tomorrow morning. This discussion has to be had and goes to the core of aviation safety."

Negotiations on a new contract broke down in April 2006, and the FAA imposed work rules last September. Church said: "They wanted to take back the ability to control the schedule. There is an understaffing problem and controllers are being asked to come in for mandatory overtime," Church added. "The FAA did away with ability of controllers to use sick leave if they are not rested enough," as the previous contract allowed.

The board praised the FAA for researching fatigue but blamed the agency for failing to act on it. The board noted the FAA had not acted on a recommendation by its own fatigue researchers in 2001 to evaluate work schedules at its facilities to provide longer rest periods.

"Little progress has been made to revise controller-scheduling policies and practices in light of the latest research findings," the board wrote. "Because of the lack of FAA action on this issue, controllers frequently operate in a fatigued state and the action needed now must go beyond simple evaluations."
Johnny Cash's home destroyed by flames

HENDERSONVILLE, Tenn. — Johnny Cash's lakeside home, a showcase where he wrote much of his famous music and entertained U.S. presidents, music royalty and visiting fans, was destroyed by fire on Tuesday.

Cash and his wife, June Carter Cash, lived in the 13,880-square-foot home from the late 1960s until their deaths in 2003.

"So many prominent things and prominent people in American history took place in that house — everyone from Billy Graham to Bob Dylan went into that house," said singer Marty Stuart, who lives next door and was married to Cash's daughter, Cindy, in the 1980s. Stuart said the man who wrote much of his famous songs "Hurt" and "Ring of Fire," "Folsom Prison Blues" and "I Walk the Line."
Unconstitutional government

It is difficult not to notice the unprecedent-
ded amount of accusations leveled at
President Bush claiming that he is
destroying the Constitution. Many
Democrats, and increasingly
Republicans, right-
fully charge him
with illegally wire-
tapping American
citizens without a
warrant, illegally
restricting speech
with the McCain-
Feingold Campaign
Finance Reduction
Bill, and illegally
holding "unlawful enemy
combatants" indefi-
ately without trial or
judicial review.

Even Ray Charles could probably see
the truth in some of these charges. The
Fourth Amendment requires a warrant
to search a person or his property, yet
the president approved many such war-
randless searches conducted by NSA in
obvious contradiction to both the
Constitution and statutory law. Indeed,
he intentionally ignored the Foreign
Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)
passed by Congress in 1978, legislation
that presented the Executive Branch
with the means to conduct surveillance
without court supervision. McCain-Feingold
enacted more speech controls
before elections, the time when free speech is
needed most. The Fifth Amendment
reads, "nor shall the accused . . .
be deprived of life, liberty, or property,
without due process of law" — yet
this is exactly what Bush claims the right to
do when he designates people as
"unlawful enemy combatants" and
holds them indefinitely. Bush's blatant
disregard for the provisions endorsed
in the Constitution is sickening, and
politicians who criticize the administra-
tion's actions on these matters as
unconstitutional deserve praise.

However, it is ironic that those who
claim such fidelity to the
Constitution, just waged a successful war
against a government. They believed, as
such a government. They believed, as
the Bill of Rights, that prevented the Execu-
tive Branch from unilaterally
creating a new law without
Congress's consent.

The Constitution created a federal
government of enumerated powers. Article
1, Section 8 clearly lists these
powers of Congress, defining the areas
in which Congress has the authority to act
freely and without restriction (for
example: James Madison, the "father of the
Constitution," stated that "the pow-
ners delegated by the proposed
Constitution to the federal government
are few and defined." The 10th
Amendment also confirms this point.
The powers not delegated to the United
States by the Constitution, nor prohibit-
ated by it to the states, are reserved to
the states respectively, or to the people.

Therefore, Congress can only act in
matters where the Constitution gives it
clear authority to act. Any lawmak-
ing or spending by Congress on objects
within its limited scope of powers
are unconstitutional.

The US federal budget for 2007 is
roughly $2.8 trillion dollars. Of this,
about $545 billion (12 percent) goes to
Social Security; $406 billion (14 percent)
to Medicare, $365 billion (13 percent) to
Unemployment and Welfare, $275 bil-
on (10 percent) to Medicaid and other
health-related programs, and $99 bil-
on (3 percent) to Education and
Training. It is obvious from this analysis
that Congress may only legis-
late within its enumerated powers; if it
spends money on something outside
its powers, then it is acting unconstitu-
tionally. What specific enumerated
power in Section 8 grants Congress the
power to spend money on any thing of any of
the programs previously mentioned?
Clearly, no enumerated power gives
Congress the power to spend money on
any of these areas. Furthermore, Madison
once said in regard to proposed federal
aid to refugees that he could not
undertake to lay my finger on that artic-
le of the Constitution which granted a
right to Congress of expending, on
objects of benevolence, the money of
their constituents. "Therefore, these
programs (which consume more than
60 percent of federal spending) are
unconstitutional.

It is a mark of how far America has
strayed from the Constitution that both
two major parties openly support these pro-
grams. Enrollment spending alone —
which includes Social Security, Medicare
and Medicaid — constitutes a whopp ing 45 percent of all federal gov-
ernment spending. Both parties
although they would never openly acknowledge that they couldn't care
less about the Constitution, are enthusi-
astic supporters of entitlement spend-
ing.

Those who rightfully accuse the presi-
dent of constitutional violations want to
have it both ways. On one hand, they
swear loyalty to the Constitution and
claim that the president is violating its
provisions. On the other, they are
no less reluctant than a dog after eating
Taro Bell to demonstrate all over it in judg-
mentary matters. For members of the
Legislature who are required to take
an oath to uphold the Constitution, their
double standards are pathetic, not
consistent, and turn that office into
nothing but a joke.

The New York Times is a leading
force in this area. It recently published
reporters' comments about unwarranted
spending on programs that the Con-
stitution has no authority to fund,
resulting in a "bipartisan" letter
to the editor calling for cutting
spending. It is not raising its
finger in disapproval for a
president as unconstitutio-
nally and illegally as Bush, but
rather a president who
failed to back up his words
with action.

Even though the Constitution
stands limits on what the federal
government could do. The Bill of
Rights makes it clear that the federal
branch alone is not above the law
and that the constitution is not
above the president. The Bill of
Rights is the reason the
Constitution has endured and
that Bush proposes the same
actions that the Constitution
was framed to prohibit. It will
not end with Bush. It will
take an active citizenry to
pass this message down. The
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McDaniels goes too far

This letter may arrive too late to be relevant, and may do nothing but prolong the beating of a dead and rotting horse of a topic. But I do fear that I have not had much of a problem with the content of "Kaleidoscopic McNanies" until the appearance last week of a strip dealing with heightened admission standards. Now, as a gremlin with a 3.66 GPA who rowed crew in high school, as one of the hundreds of Katherines on campus (though thankfully one who has never gone by Katie), as a product of the University standard-raising of 2005/2006, I would like to encourage Liam Moran to go ahead and heighen his personal standards of female acceptance.

First, I would like to apologize to Moran that myself and my few gremlins, those of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's alike, do not always spend the time and energy necessary to make ourselves attractive enough for his liking. I know that I go on chocolate binges during difficult papers and sometimes fail to exercise them off the next morning, that I'm too busy to straighten my hair every day, that I do not always put forth enough energy necessary to make ourselves attractive enough for his liking.

One day, it will be possible for male students like Moran to leave this school — this wretchedly ugly institution whose female students actually think and feel and live — and find wives who are so occupied with their own appearances that they have not the first idea how to boil an egg or hold a baby, let alone find an integral or write a thesis statement.

I hope that Moran is strong enough to hold out for such an ideal "woman" and that, until he finds one, he forlives himself by fantasizing in front of late-night MTV. I hope that in the course of their subsequent marriage, she talks entirely in chatpease, never opens a book, makes a complete mess of his household and spends all of his income on shoes. I hope that he ultimately initiates a revolution at Notre Dame, in which boys like himself follow his example, clinging to their similarly high personal standards despite the University's oppressive attempts to "forcibly lower them" by "raising" its own. And I hope that he personally feels the effects of this revolution. I hope that as its supporters are snapped up by the second-rate Hiltons of the world, I will be forced to take my pony tail, jeans and big words elsewhere.

Ultimately I hope, if only for the sake of all our offspring, that women like me are abandoned by Moran and his followers and left with men of "lowered standards." God grant that we all find who we deserve.

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Sinking into culture leads to true understanding

Change is good. Sometimes. This is how I often feel when I move to different countries. My first experience leaving home in Thailand was going to boarding school in England when I was eight years old. It was a 180-degree change to a new and completely different environment: the people, food and even the air were different. I didn't remember much from the experience except the feeling that I was in a different world. My second time going abroad, however, was to Texas at the age of 16. I had no idea that people living on separate sides of the globe could have such different beliefs. I couldn't understand people there at first — it was both the accent and the ideas.

I lived with an American family, and my biggest problem was telling them about my discomfort with things. Back home, telling someone you didn't like something they were doing hardly ever solves a problem. A major incident for me was being taken to church because my host family thought I was Baptist. When I finally said something after four months, they allowed me to stop going to church.

I think that when someone sinks himself or herself into a completely different culture, he or she can thoroughly understand it. That understanding leads a person to appreciate what he or she has, see what he or she may not have, and look at life differently. In order to learn — after changing families twice — that I wanted to have a good relationship with my host families, I needed to express my discomfort when it was present. And I learned to appreciate being able to tell someone I was unhappy with something they did.

One of my good friends who went to Ghana for two weeks said one of the most valuable experiences she had was seeing people who had nothing offer her so much. It made her appreciate what she had and want to give more to others.

It's sort of like using a Mac versus using a PC. Macs and PCs are both computers, and they both have functions that can suit your needs. But the question is which one you like more. You can't really decide without trying both.

The problem is that the opportunity to travel is not always possible. According to statistics from the Office of Education Abroad Web site, 1,063 people studied abroad during the 2004-05 academic year. This is a significant increase from the 317 people who studied abroad in the 1995-96 academic year.

But even with the rising number of study abroad students and factors like cheaper plane tickets, some people have never been to another country. More importantly, a person might not get to fully experience a different culture even when he or she is in a different place.

I had always thought diversity was mostly good because it made people more tolerant of difference. But I think the diversity at OU for allowing me to experience a new culture without having to go somewhere else. Through the presence of 1,050 international students and an average of two cultural events each quarter, I have been able to continue learning about different cultures without traveling anywhere else.

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Plenty of blood, scares and laughs are at the heart of the "Grindhouse" opening film, "Planet Terror." Director Robert Rodriguez's zombie horror film is a non-stop adrenaline rush. The short-em up zombie romp balances multiple storylines with a very tongue-in-cheek approach.

"Planet Terror" is successful not only as an homage to the grindhouse flicks of the '70s, but it also retains the fun spirit of such classic zombie franchises as George Romero's "Dead" series or the Italian-made Fulci's "Zombi." In "Planet Terror," poisonous gasses are released into the atmosphere, turning the townpeople of Austin, Texas into gashaving zombies. The film features Rose McGowan as Cherry Darling, a go-go dancer and aspiring stand-up comedian who happens to meet up with old love interest El Wray (Freddy Rodriguez, of no relation to director Robert) and is forced to team up to fight back snarling herds of bloodthirsty zombies.

In typical zombie movie fashion, the film has numerous storylines featuring, among other things, a government experiment gone horribly awry. In addition, the film's eclectic ensemble appearances range from heavy-handed military men (notably Bruce Willis and Quentin Tarantino), an unsavory scientist (Naveen Andrews of "Lost" fame), in addition to an abusive doctor (Josh Brolin) and his wife (Marley Shelton), who is trying to leave him.

Although it is presented in the style of a B-level movie, the film's witty script, pulp style and high-budget make it a far superior product when compared to others of its kind. Even though the film is full of outrageous special effects, "Planet Terror" manages to retain a very rudimentary quality about itself. Although there is a ton of stylized gore, the bright red goo oozing and splurting every which way is comical by its very nature and is enjoyable in its surrealistic fashion. Limbs are hewn apart and heads are blown off in such a way that the men of Monty Python would be proud, as all the limb-lopping puts the inimitable Black Knight sequence to shame.

However, the truly unforgettable effect is the iconic image of "Grindhouse" — Cherry's prosthetic leg that Wray fashions for her out of a machine gun. Although that is something that could probably be accomplished, it truly keeps with the spirit of the genre in its flashy combination of sex and violence.

The acting is purposefully comical and absolutely overplayed. Even better, the actors handle their roles with great enthusiasm — you can tell that they're having fun onscreen.

Rose McGowan easily steals the show with her role as Cherry and is consistently entertaining — even more so once she loses a leg. The brief appearances by both Bruce Willis and Stacy Ferguson (Fergie) are perfectly played out in a very stereotypical fashion.

Freddy Rodriguez capably handles the male lead and is perfectly staid compared against McGowan's emotional dancer. Tarantino also manages to make a cameo in the film and is enjoyable as a crude and cruel soldier, but to his discredit it is nearly impossible to forget that it's him on screen.

"Planet Terror" director Robert Rodriguez deftly handles his film, and it is obvious how much he genuinely wants the film to be fun for the audience. Once the movie begins rolling it continues to constantly build with an absolute minimum in lag time between the more exciting moments. This results in an almost non-stop, snowballing rollercoaster ride of gore and explosions.

As a whole, "Planet Terror" is a never-ending gross-out and blow-up of horror, sex and violence, how awesome it is, and it laughs at how fun it is — making it all the more enjoyable for the audience. Just be prepared to be exhausted by the end.

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If movie theaters had seat belts, you would want to strap in for "Death Proof" — it's one heck of a wild ride. Even though you can't click it after buying your ticket stub, you might want to at least hold onto the armrests or something when director Quentin Tarantino hops behind the wheel to present his idea of a Tarantino doesn't disappoint for either. Kurt Russell rocks as Stuntman Mike, a creepy yet charismatic serial killer with a taste for vehicular manslaughter. Stuntman Mike's victims develop a certain amount of sympathy for Mike, his car has been reinforced so that no matter how bad things get, he totals his wheels, he'll survive — giving the film its title, "Death Proof." Unlike his buddy Robert Rodriguez, who directs his half of "Grindhouse" with a lead foot, Quentin Tarantino doesn't go pedal-to-the-metal from the get-go. Instead, QT employs bky-jerk stop-and-go pacing as he lets the engine idle on "Death Proof" with signature stretches of dialogue, then revs the film up to its breakneck conclusion. "Death Proof" comes equipped with many of the accessories we've all come to know and love over the years. Tarantino doesn't disappoint with diner dialogue reminiscent of "Reservoir Dogs" and a vintage soundtrack groovier than a bag of Ruffles potato chips.

At times, Tarantino does fall in love with the sound of his own cinematic voice. At one point, QT's love tendency to get cute with his dialogue leads him to include a bit in which several of the characters quote fragments from a Robert Frost poem. Although his wordplay doesn't snap quite as much as it normally does, Tarantino's love of long-winded anec­dotes remains fun despite not having a point or really going anywhere. His unique insight into the wide world of women remains an interesting experience, as he attempts to delve into one of the great mysteries of the universe, the female psyche, through a series of "girl talk" conversations from the film's many female characters. However, with the babe parade on display, who cares? At one point or another, Hollywood hot­ties Rosario Dawson, Rose McGowan and Mary Elizabeth Winstead all spend some quality screen time. In particular, Sydney Poitier sizzles onscreen as "Jungle Julia," a sassy no-nonsense radio host who runs afoul of Stuntman Mike while showing her out-of-town friend Arlene (played by Vanessa Ferlito) a good time.

Much like Uma Thurman's character The Bride in Tarantino's two-part jaunt "Kill Bill," "Death Proof" is full of femme fatales, as several of Stuntman Mike's victims develop a healthy case of retaliatory road rage and take a crash course in defensive driving to kick the serial killer to the curb. Troie Thoms packs some girl-power punch as Kim, who's basic­ally Tarantino's female equivalent of Samuel L. Jackson: a token black woman who drops mother f­ bombs with aplomb. In addition, stuntwoman Zoe Bell shines as her character by the same name and may actually be "Death Proof" after her stunts in a series of death-defying moves and high-speed hijinks in one of the film's two major chase sequences.

Due to Quentin Tarantino's dark genius and flair for the unusual, the tires never fall off his wild ride as "Death Proof" zooms to its hair-raising (and satisfying) ending.

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Haskell Wexler, winner of two Oscars and widely considered one of the most influential cinematographers of his time, is coming to Notre Dame to present his latest film, “Who Needs Sleep?” Scene senior staff writer Brian Doxtader held a phone interview with Wexler in anticipa­tion of his arrival.

What is the film that you are screening here, and what is it about?

The name of the film is “Who Needs Sleep?” and it’s a documentary I completed about seven months ago. I’m working as a cameraman, and there’s a “secret situation” that happens in show biz, which everyone thinks is exciting and entertaining. As a matter of fact, routine work on films and TV is 14, 15 hours regularly, and we work from camera-cars. From the Contras and the Sandinistas in Nicaragua to doing documentaries, which have a lot more scope to experiment. There was a lot of progress, with things like insurance companies and lawsuits, but really, there have been a lot of accidents on the set and off. People in the business, the workers who are on the set, know that it costs more to work those longer hours than working with, or films that you’ve worked on, been particularly memorable? I liked working with John Sayles. I particularly enjoyed working on a film with him called “Matewan,” which was nominated for an Oscar. I wrote a script about a particular problem. I served as the cinematographer, and he said, “Well, it’s viewed as ‘industry-unfriendly.’” Of course, I got done, you just sort of drift off, because you don’t know when you’re sleep-deprived.

How else has this matter personally affected you?

Disruption to your family life is immense. People with kids go into work on Friday morning and get home Saturday morning — if you have kids, their time off is the weekends and you’re just going to be a basket-case trying to catch up on sleep on those weekends. Since I finished the film, the situation has gotten worse. But because job situations are tight, people don’t want to speak out about it because they’re afraid that employers will just say, “Well, we’ll find someone who can cut the mustard.”

How is the film being received within the industry?

It’s interesting because “Who Needs Sleep?” was screened at the Sundance Film Festival. Critically it was upvalued, but when industry distributors were there, nobody bid on it. I asked one of the industry people that I know, “How come something that’s being so well-received won’t be bought?” and he said, “Well, it’s viewed as ‘industry-unfriendly.’” Of course, I got done, you just sort of drift off, because you don’t know when you’re sleep-deprived.

How do you think the industry has changed since you’ve entered it?

Everything is more quantified and they want, at least out of cinematographers, someone who is fast and makes an acceptably good picture and gets along with people. With video and hi-def, there are always producers and marketing people hanging around the monitors with their equipment. There are some terrific filmmakers out there, of course. It’s shocking how many good films are made.

How do you think people have influenced you the most?

Early on, I worked under James Wong Howe, who was a director of photography. I shot second-unit for him on “Picnic.” He was a big influence on my photography. A lot depends on the script, though.

What are your looking forward to about being at Notre Dame?

I don’t want to just come and air my big beef about a particular problem. I want people to know that it’s great to be interested in film, and I hope people see that.

Haskell Wexler’s latest documentary “Who Needs Sleep?” is a commentary on the negative effects of sleep deprivation and excessive working hours.

Haskell Wexler, serving as cinematographer, advises director and writer John Sayles on the set of the 2004 political comedy “Silver City.”

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Cubs rally falls just short in loss to Houston

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CHICAGO — Houston’s Chris Sampson needed only 64 pitches for five shutout innings against the Chicago Cubs, who seemed to be numbed by the cold — at the plate and in the field.

If Sampson’s call muscle hadn’t tightened up while he was running the bases, he could have pitched a little longer on another windy day at Wrigley Field.

“Believe me I didn’t want to come out of the game, but for the long run it was the best decision,” Sampson said after the Astros’ 4-2 win. “It’s fine.

Pitching, walking, all that doesn’t bother it. When I try to run on it that’s when it starts getting pretty worse.”

Sampson (1-0) allowed three singles in his fourth major league start, his first this season, and the Astros beat the Cubs for a second straight day.
The game featured three errors by Chicago shortstop Cesar Izturis, a former Gold Glove winner.

“It was tough today. It’s part of the game, errors,” Izturis said. “We have to forget about today and come back tomorrow with a new mind.”

A boost when the Astros scored three in the first inning, Sampson extended his scoreless streak against the Cubs to 15 innings dating to last season, giving up six hits.

And the starter’s role seems to suit him. In his first four major league starts, Sampson is 2-0 with a 0.64 ERA.

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AUSTIN, Texas — By the look of his Texas tank top and shorts, Kevin Durant might have fooled someone into thinking he’d changed his mind. Was it a hint he might stay in college?

No chance. The kid is leaving for the NBA.

Durant, an 18-year-old freshman and the Associated Press Player of the Year, said Tuesday he will leave the Longhorns to enter the June draft, bringing a quick end to what was a short but spectacular college career.

“I just thought it was time to go,” Durant said at a news conference to announce his decision. “It’s been my dream for a while. I felt I was ready.”

After an All-American season in which he swept the major player of the year awards, few expected Durant to stay at Texas.

Now the question is whether he’ll be the first player drafted.

Durant and Ohio State’s freshman center Greg Oden — who has not yet said if he’ll leave college — are considered the likely first two picks.

“I know I’ll be one of the higher picks. It doesn’t really matter if I go one or two as long as I go,” Durant said.

Durant’s parents, Wayne and Wanda Pratt, said their year in college was invaluable.

“The University of Texas has been very good to him,” Wayne Pratt said. “He’s matured a lot.

So much so that the player whose diet often consisted of too much candy, who was so down humble he’d keep stats at team managers’ pickup games, said he’s ready to match up with Kobe Bryant, Tim Duncan and the rest of the NBA’s best.

“I don’t want to be just a player in the NBA. I want to have an impact,” Kevin Durant Texas forward

Through it all, Durant was not ready to talk about his impact.

“I don’t want to be just a player in the NBA, I want to have a big impact,” Durant said.

Instead, Durant’s skinny arms poked out of his practice uniform as he sipped on a sports drink. He looked somewhat eager to get back on the court for a pickup game with his teammates when he was done answering questions.

“I’m still a part of this team,” Durant said.

“So I’m proud of him,” point guard D.J. Augustin said. “I saw what he was going through. I knew it was a tough decision.”

Durant was one of the country’s most heralded recruits when he arrived on campus. An NBA rule change required players to be 19 and out of high school for a year before they could enter the draft.

Durant was a dominant force in college from the start.

The Big 12 player and freshman of the year, he averaged 25.8 points and 11.1 rebounds — one of three players in the country to average more than 20 points and 10 rebounds.

He shot 47 percent from the field, 40 percent from 3-point range and 82 percent from the foul line. He led the Longhorns in steals and blocked shots and scored at least 30 points a Big 12-record 11 times.

He led Texas, which started four freshmen, to a third-place finish in the Big 12 and to the second round of the NCAA tournament, where the Longhorns lost to Southern California.

The Longhorns finished 25-10.

“What he has accomplished this year has never been done,” coach Rick Barnes said. “Everybody goes to college to better themselves. Very few get to see their dreams come so early in life.”

Durant made his decision last weekend when he was in Los Angeles to receive John R. Wooden Award.

Although word leaked out Monday night, Durant said he didn’t tell his coach or his teammates until Tuesday.

He didn’t really think about the magnitude of it all until he had a quiet moment by himself in his room.

“I just started smiling,” Durant said. “It’s been my dream since I was young.”

Texas freshman forward Kevin Durant, the Associated Press Player of the Year, announced Tuesday he will enter the NBA draft in June.
The Mavericks still find motivation from 2006 playoff disappointment

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Dallas Mavericks can call themselves the best team in the NBA in 2006-07.

"That and a dollar," team owner Mark Cuban said, "leaves you with a dollar.

Dallas has won 64 games with five left. Winning them all would tie the team for the second-best record in league history. Even if the Mavs lose them all, they're still guaranteed the most wins in the league this season and the most in team history.

They've also secured the top seed in the playoffs, another franchise first, and they've won their 27 seasons. Most in team history.

As much as Johnson wants to work out the kinks and get his team playing like that again, he knows he must wait until the playoffs. Best is more important now.

He laughingly threatened to fine Dirk Nowitzki and Jerry Stackhouse if they tried playing like that again, because he's never talked about the playoffs? The best record is a reflection that we can. Hopefully that's how it will turn out.

The best part of being the No. 1 seed is having home-court advantage in every round of the playoffs. Ultimately, that means that if any series comes down to a Game 7, that game would be in Dallas.

"Now, can we play our best basketball during the playoffs? The best record is a reflection that we can. Hopefully that's how it will turn out."
Irjay has had to deal with his own demons, too. In November 2002, he acknowledged a prior problem with hydrocodone, blaming it on several operations and chronic pain. He sought treatment at rehab centers in Indiana and Arizona, and he believes that for NFL players to be effective it must offer players more help.

"These are young men and when mistakes happen they need to A) have consequences and B) have an opportunity to learn from it," Irjay said. "I think it's important to have a situation where there is a penalty of some kind combined with monopay. I think both combined are very important in terms of a deterrent." Irjay believes the announce ment Tuesday would help.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay believes NFL players must do more than simply win games. He thinks they have a responsibility to behave properly on and off the field.

On Tuesday, hours after NFL commissioner Roger Goodell announced a stricter conduct code for players and team employees, the Super Bowl champions wasted no time in backing the effort.

"Kids look up to these players and what's really important are the messages you send to the young people because they're our future," Irjay told The Associated Press. "We're put in a sacred and special position to show kids how you conduct yourself, and it's a big responsibility. It's a privilege we take seriously, and for me, it's something that's bigger than the game."

Under the new guidelines, teams will be disciplined when employees, owners or players violate the league's personal conduct policy. Players could face longer suspensions and the loss of more money. Goodell did not say specifically how he would hold teams responsible, but stripping them of draft choices is considered one of the most effective ways to do so.

In Indianapolis, the move was a welcome change for a team that prided itself on winning last year's championship in what coach Tony Dungy called "the right way."

"I think the commissioner is trying to make a statement and I think it's good," Dungy said. "I think we need that. ... I think down the line, it will help us."

From June 2006 through their championship victory in early February not a single Colts player was arrested, and in the week leading up to the NFL's biggest game, the Colts also managed to avoid potential distractions that have derailed other conference champions.

The offseason, however, has been a different tale. Super Bowl hero Dominic Rhodes, who has since signed with the Oakland Raiders as a free agent, pleaded guilty to reckless driving after prosecutors dropped drunken driving charges. Dungy later called that a disappointment.

Defensive lineman L. J. Smith, defensive end Dwight Freeny, right guard Rex Reid was arrested on suspicion of possessing marijuana and weapon offenses. Defensive back Dexter Reid was arrested on gun charges. Two other players had previous problems with the law, cornerback Nick Harper and safety Mike Donahue, also have left as free agents.

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles take one of two against Calvin

By BECKY SLINGER

Spons: Winter

Saint Mary's continued MIAA play by splitting a doubleheader No. 8 Calvin Tuesday afternoon in two extra-inning thrillers.

"We were kind of eeeked by," junior captain McKenna Peterson said of the team's performance. "It shouldn't have been that close."

In Calvin's first MIAA game, the Belles handed the Knights a 2-1 loss. Calvin exacted revenge in the second game, beating the Belles 4-3. The Belles now have an overall record of 14-4 and a conference record of 1-3, keeping them in seventh place while Calvin moves to fifth in the MIAA.

Sophomore pitcher Calli Davison helped the Belles to their first conference win, allowing five hits and just one run in Calvin's 30 at-bats. The Belles jumped out to an early lead when freshman centerfielder Ashley Peterson scored in the first on Sarah Miegle's single. Calvin junior catcher Samantha Ellet had the only hit in the seventh inning after sophomore Kailey Meredith struck up Loren Schoenwaelder doubled.

In the extra frame of the eighth inning, Peterson got things started again by leading it off with a double to right-centerfield. With Peterson on third, freshman second baseman No Healy singled to right center to drive in the go-ahead run at 2-1. Calvin failed to convert its two hits in the bottom half, allowing Calvin to escape the win.

The Belles jumped out to a strong start again in the second half of the double dip. Sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro scored an unearned run in the second and Dan Rix scored an unearned run in the third for the 2-0 lead. The Belles hitters finally found their rhythm, scoring one run in the fourth and two runs in the fifth. Calvin junior centerfielder Ruth Diemser scored in the fifth on a wild pitch.

The Belles sent the game into extra innings after they tied the game 3-3 when Peterson scored on a sacrifice fly off Healy's bat in the bottom of the seventh. In the eighth, Calvin senior leftfielder Erin Conrad scored to push the Knights to their first MIAA victory. "We had the opportunities, but we just couldn't do it," Corrigan said. "We tried to squeeze by like we did in the first game, but we just came up short."

Corrigan said he team hasn't given up on their conference schedule.

"We still have a lot of conference ball to play," she said. "We're still going to keep the same goals and do our best to achieve them in our remaining time."

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SMC TENNIS

Saint Mary's in Dairymead

By EILYN MICHALAK

Spons: Winter

While the Belles' conference play may still be perfect, their trip this weekend to Michigan was riddled with losses to top Wisconsin teams.

"We played against really tough teams this weekend," senior captain Kelly McDavitt said. "Some of us were able to rise to the occasion and win matches, but we all learned something from the tournament."

In the first match of the weekend, the Belles fell 8-1 to the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. The Belles ranked No. 29 in the nation. While McDavitt lost in straight sets to UW-L player Angie Riedel in the No. 1 singles spot (6-1, 6-1), standout Camille Gehrtz earned the only win for Saint Mary's in the No. 2 spot, defeating Rachel Bens (6-2, 6-1).

In a close third match, freshman Lisa Rubino fell to UW-L player Julie Telfesse. After winning the first set 6-1, 3-6, she lost the following set by the same score and eventually the tiebreaker to give the win to Telfesse.

In the No. 4 spot, senior Tara O'Brien fell to UW-L player Erin Fekete in two straight sets. Playing in the fifth singles spot, junior Cassi Quaglia fell in two sets, 7-5 and 6-1, to UW-L player Carlie Rohman before the Belles' neglected singles match, UW-L player Sarah Schoenwaelder defeated Belles senior Grace Gordon.

During the day's doubles play, McDavitt and Gehrtz first tellef to Telfesse and Riedel 8-4. The Belles' No. 1 doubles duo of O'Brien and Gordon finally won 8-1 to Benny and Fekete, and the freshman duo of Erin Kaplan and Rubino also fell 8-1 to Schoenwaelder and Tornow.

The Belles seemed to have better luck in the final match of the day against the University of Wisconsin- Whitewater. Though they lost the match 5-4, they dominated singles play, winning four of the six match points. McDavitt won her match against UW player Nicole Stamm, proving again her match against Kara Theis in dramatic fashion with a 10-7 tiebreaker.

In the No. 4 singles spot, O'Brien fell in two straight sets to UW-L player Kara Amundson. In the final singles match, Gordon clinched the win in a tiebreaker after winning the first set 7-6 and losing the second set 6-1. The Belles fell apart during the doubles play, the Belles swept once again. The freshman duo of Kaplan and Rubino fell in the final match of the day 8-5 to WEC players Deprey and Courtright Lynne.

"This tournament was a great opportunity for our team," McDavitt said. "I think all of us on the team learned something in practice and in the game. We now know what we need to improve for our match against Tri-State." With an overall record now of 7-9, the Belles will travel today to Angola, Ind., to play Tri-State University and try to maintain their undefeated conference record. The match will begin at 3 p.m.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Shutout moves streak to 16

Notre Dame picks up two more wins over Indiana and Ohio State

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

No. 2 Notre Dame extended its dual match-winning streak to 16 with 7-0 victories over No. 33 Indiana Saturday and No. 50 Ohio State Monday.

"We went through a little stretch where we played all right," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "But we didn't play like we could, but the last two weeks we've been back playing well again."

Over the past few weeks, the Irish have weathered injuries to freshman Colleen Rielley and junior Brook Buck to keep their streak going en route to a 21-1 overall record. Buck sat out again the week before and with an undisclosed injury while Rielley, who played in Notre Dame's previous match against Purdue last Tuesday, sat out the Indiana match with the flu.

The injuries have forced the Irish coach to make adjustments, but he said he's happy with his team's resilience.

"All the doubles teams looked very good."

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Track

Meet cancelled due to inclement weather

Irish look forward to stiff competition next weekend in California

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The Indiana Relays, which were scheduled to take place this weekend in Bloomington, were cancelled due to the unusually cold weather.

Bloomington experienced similar weather to what South Bend has dealt with, assistant coach John Millar said.

"We've talked to the schools and decided it wasn't worth the effort," he said. Millar said the cancellation will have mixed effects on the team. "I think it helps some, and I think it hurts others," Millar said. "It allows the people going to the Mount SAC Relays to get a little rest and a little training. They would not perform well in those conditions anyway."

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Ballin’
Irish Women's Golf

Irish grab fifth place thanks to final round

Nagazaki shoots par Tuesday to lead team in Indy Invitational

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame came from behind at the Indiana Invitational to grab a fifth-place finish thanks to a strong performance in Tuesday’s final round.

Monday afternoon was supposed to feature two rounds of golf, but inclement weather moved the start time back several hours only allowing a single round. Rather than playing the full 54 holes, the tournament was shortened to 36 with the final round played Tuesday afternoon.

Notre Dame shot a plus 14 (302) in Tuesday’s final round of play to finish with an overall score of 612.

The Irish nearly missed a top-three spot, coming in two strokes behind Oregon which finished in third place with a minus seven (295) in the third-place finish.

Michigan came away with the tournament-best plus seven (295) in the third-place finish. Behind Oregon, which finished in third place, Michigan followed with a minus six (298) to grab the fourth spot with rounds of minus three and minus three.

The Irish also capitalized on solid performances from their rookies. Freshman Annie Kim completed the Irish team with rounds of plus 14 and only three strokes behind Illinois who held on for fourth.

The Irish nearly missed a top-five finish for the tournament. Sophomore Lisa Maunu, who marked the highest finish of the year so far, tied for 36th place with a seven-over par 151 (77-74).

Sophomore Josh Sandman, meanwhile, finished in a tie for 24th place with an eight-over par 152 (80-72). He posted an even-par 72 to finish of the season helped the team finish in a tie for eighth place in the 15-team field. The score gave the No. 57 Irish key victories over No. 31 Baylor and No. 34 Washington.

The Irish missed a top-five finish by only two strokes. Indiana and Ohio State tied for sixth with scores of 608. Michigan State was the overall winner, finishing with a 593.

Isban led the way for Notre Dame with a six-over par 150, putting him in 11th place for the tournament.

Sophomore Josh Sandman, meanwhile, finished in a tie for 24th place with an eight-over par 152. Including the fall season, Sandman has now placed in the top 25 at seven of 10 Irish tournaments this academic year.

Junior Greg Rodgers, who was playing in his first tournament of the spring, shot a final-round 72 and finished in a tie for 36th place with a 10-over par 154. The score was Rodgers’ lowest final of the year so far.

Senior co-captain Adam Gifford and freshman Doug Fortner rounded out the field for the Irish, carding respective overall scores of 11-over par 155 and 15-over par 159.

Next up for the Irish is the Kepler Intercollegiate, which is hosted by Ohio State at the Scarlet Golf Course in Columbus, Ohio, this Saturday and Sunday.

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Men's Golf

Isban notches top-20 finish

Senior captain leads the way as Irish defeat Baylor and Washington

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

At the Boilermaker Invitational Saturday and Sunday, the Irish defeated two opponents that were ahead of them in the Golfweek rankings prior to the weekend matches.

Notre Dame senior co-captain Cole Isban’s eighth top-20 finish of the season helped the team finish in a tie for eighth place in the 15-team field.

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The Irish were held hitless in the first half as the Notre Dame offense played well. Elam's performance, "Our defense played well, and our starters did their job," said coach Schrage.

In the bottom of the second, the Irish took the lead, 5-2, in the fifth when Mike Dury scored from third on a sacrifice bunt by freshman catcher Ryan Smith.

But Dury redeemed himself in the Irish half of the inning as he drove a double off the left field wall to score sophomore catcher Ross Phelps and senior centerfielder Adeeb Dury.

"It was a tough play on a ball in the hole," Irish head coach Dave Schrage said of Dury's double.

Sophomore righthander Joey Weiland got the win, pushing across a run in the sixth inning before he was pulled. Dressman, Barnes, Dury, and freshman catcher Ryan Smith, all scored runs in runs for the Irish in the big innings.

Sophomore righthander Kyle Weiland got the no-decision in his first career start for the Irish. After the first inning, Notre Dame led off the third with a run and two hits on senior catcher Erin Glasco.

Elam's performance, "It was the last game for the season, so we wanted to make up much ground in the standings," said coach Schrage.

Sophomore righthander Jess Schrage worked the final two innings for the Irish, shutting down the Mastodons in the ninth for the Irish to record his first save of the season.

Bargar allowed only one hit and a walk in four innings pitched and chucked up four strikeouts. In relief, Fuenemoller was credited with the loss on three innings pitched, allowing three hits and two runs.

Early in the second inning, the Irish touched up the Bearcats starter Michael Hill. In the third inning, the Irish scored two runs in the third on a sacrifice fly by junior centerfielder hit a line drive into shallow left field. But Irish leftfielder Ross Brezovsky charged hard and made a diving catch to bail out Mills.

In the eighth, the Mastodons again put two men on, this time with one out against Irish junior righthander Tony Langford. The Irish turned a 4-6-3 double play to squash IPFW's scoring threat. "Our defense played very well tonight," Schrage said, whose club allowed three unearned runs in each of its two losses to Cincinnati this season.

Langford also worked the ninth for the Irish to record his first save since the 2005 season. IPFW pulled to within 2-1 on a balk and two wild pitches, but Langford struck out the final two Mastodons to close out the victory.

Sophomore righthander Brett Graffy (2-2) got the win for the Irish by giving up one earned run in five innings of work.

The Irish were led in offensive balance, with six different players scoring two goals or more. Sophomore Carolyn Davis netted two of the goals. Waagbo tallied four goals and two assists, and Davis and Cayer put in five goals each.

The Irish were led offensive by sophomore Jilian Byers with four goals and two assists. Eades also scored twice, and five Cal players netted single goals.

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defeating Epkey and Perdomo 9-7, Parbhoo and Helgeson defeating Phillips and Jorge Rodriguez 9-8 (5), and Bass and Vallee 8-4. The win from the Parbhoo and Helgeson duo was especially impressive, as it was the first time the two had played together during the 2006-07 season.

"I thought a number of guys carried the box quicksticks and singles and did a good job of getting momentum and winning matches in a timely fashion to take pressure off of the other guys. Both [Bass and Parbhoo] did a good job of playing up on the baseline and keeping the ball deep and moving their opponent around," Bayliss said about their win.

The experience for the team, however, was just as important as the win itself, as the Irish are quickly approaching tournament time.

"It was very good for us to get a win and it was very good of us to get the match experience," Bayliss said.

The next match for the Irish will be at home against Kentucky this afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

Kentucky (13-12, 3-7 in the SEC) has a very deceptive record. The Wildcats have one of the nation's toughest schedules, having played five top-10 opponents, with Notre Dame making six. They have not just played tough competition, they have also come out victorious. They beat now No. 15 Alabama earlier in the season 4-3 and recently defeated South Carolina 4-2 over the weekend.

"They are obviously an SEC team so we expect a tough match. We played them frequently in the past so we are excited to renew the rivalry we had," Bayliss said.

The Irish are unshambled so far this season at home with an 8-0 record. This is bad news for the Wildcats, who have struggled on the road to a 1-7 record.

The key for an Irish victory could be strong play at the singles positions where the Irish boast three ranked players at the top of their roster.

"I think that if we can get wins in the top half of their lineup we'll have a good chance because that's where they seem to be strongest. Starting off with some wins up high will really help us," Bayliss said.

He also added that their No. 1 singles player, No. 90 Bruno Bjork (19-5), has a strong backhand and could potentially cause problems for Bass if he was not careful. Also, their other top players — Marcus Sundh and Peter Bjork — who both boast team best 4-records in the brutal SEC, can be very dangerous.

The Irish need to make good use of their match opportunities; the match against Kentucky is their second in last eight matches after the Big East tournament and then moving on to the NCAA team and singles/doubles tournaments. With so little time left to prepare and gain match experience, matches like these are precious for the Irish.

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been in St. Louis with my team­mates. That would have made the weekend perfect — being able to compete — but it's defin­itely a good goal to build on as we look ahead to the Irish hockey," Brown said. "Hopefully, that will help to open some eyes in the college hockey world.

Brown, who was Jackson's first player to advance to the final three in Hobey balloting, was among the nation's top players to advance to the top 10 for the award in school history.

"I told him afterward he's my player of the year. So long as he knows he did the best job he was capable of doing, it puts a positive reflection on the University and the program," Jackson said. "He's done a tremendous job and should be proud of that."

The American Hockey Coaches Association announced Tuesday that Jackson would be awarded the 2007 Spencer Penrose Award for the nation's top college hockey coach at an awards banquet April 29 in Naples, Fla. After two national champi­onships and four NCAA playoff appearances, Jackson finished in the top five in the national voting for the award this season.

"The Spencer Penrose is a prestigious award that recognizes kids and this coaching staff," Jackson said of the award. "It just goes to show that it's obviously something that I'm humbled by."

In only his second year as head coach for the Irish, Jackson guided his Notre Dame team that had won two games two years ago and 13 games last season to an NCAA-high 32 wins, a league regular season championship and a league playoff champi­onship this year, it was his eighth season behind a college bench, where he owns a 277-78-32 (772) record.

He defeated Rick Comley of the national champion Michigan State and Joe Marsh of St. Lawrence for the award.

The Lowe's Senior CLASS award goes to the senior stu­dent-athlete who has shown loy­ality to his or her school during their athletic careers. The coaches,media and fans will cast the vote for the winner take in to the CBI Basketball Awards Ceremony in the same building as the local community, along with the player's performance on the ice.

Prior to this year the honor was only given in basketball, but the program expanded this season to include hockey, baseball, softball and men's lacrosse.

"Being the first recipient of the award is a very prestigious honor. It's a great feeling to be recognized like that," Brown said.

During his four years at Notre Dame, Brown involved himself in South Bend community, where he participated in the Notre Dame Walk to help overcome Down's syndrome and skat­ed with the local Boys and Girls Club.

The Stoney Creek, Ont., native also added that there was a big move between the pipes for the Irish during his career. Brown set school career records for most shutouts (12), lowest goals­against average (2.33) and best save percentage (916). His 95 career wins left him just one shy of the program record set by Lance Madison, who played from 1986-90.

Brown played picked up more than half of those wins this year, fin­ishing with a record of 30-6-3 — more than any other goalie in the country. His 1.58 goals­against average was also tops in the nation, and his .931 save percentage was second only to Kevin Regan of New Hampshire.

Those numbers earned him a spot as one of two goaltenders select­ed for this year's RBK Hockey West Team first team All­America. Brown becomes the eighth Notre Dame player to garner All-American honors in the program's history and the first to make the team since defenseman Benoit Cote in 1999.

The last Irish player to be named to the first team was Kirt Bjork in 1983. Bjork had 29 goals and 34 assists in his senior campaign that year.

"I'm very proud that I could make that contribution to Notre Dame hockey, and hopefully it is a sign of things to come for some of the younger guys we got here," Brown said.

Brown is joined on the western first team by Michigan defense­man Jack Johnson and forward TJ. Hensick, North Dakota line­man Ryan Hansen, and Jonathan Toews and Minnesota defensive colleague Alex Goligoski. Four more OCHA skaters were select­ed to the second team, four of which gave the league seven out of the 12 western team selections.

Brown is currently working out with teammates in prepara­tion for a professional career. The graduating senior was drafted by the Pittsburgh Penguins after his freshman year and has until August 15 to sign a contract with them before becoming a free agent.

Meanwhile, Brown will leave a hole in the net for the Irish larger than any free-hole he may have flashed to opposing shooters.

"Anytime you lose a player of that caliber and experience, it's always difficult to replace him," Jackson said. "You don't replace him, you just hope [goals!] Jordane Pearce, Tommy O'Brien and incoming freshman Brad Phillips ... take it upon them­selves currently to fill that challenge.

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Irish goaltender Dave Brown stops a shot during Notre Dame's 3-1 win over Alaska Dec. 2. Brown received college hockey's first-ever Lowe's Senior CLASS award Saturday night.

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HOCKEY
Kings of the rink

Jackson, Brown earn postseason accolades for record-setting year

By DAN MURPHY
Assistant Sports Editor

The long list of firsts Notre Dame racked up this season most likely came to a close this weekend when head coach Jeff Jackson was named Division I national coach of the year, several days after senior goaltender Dave Brown received both the Lowe's National Goalie of the Season and first team All-American honors. The news of Brown's awards came during a busy last weekend in St. Louis at the Frozen Four, when the senior goalie was present as one of three finalists for the Hobey Baker Memorial Award. The honor, however — college hockey's highest — went to sophomore forward Ryan Duncan of North Dakota.

"I would have loved to have

Irish goaltender Dave Brown looks over his shoulder during Notre Dame's 2-1 loss to Michigan State March 24. Brown was named to the West All-America team this weekend.

BASEBALL
Irish recover after dropping two due to errors

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

The Irish surrendered three unearned runs in each of a pair of 4-3 losses to Cincinnati in the first two games of their weekend series at Marge Schott Stadium. On Sunday, visiting Notre Dame rebounded to take the final contest 9-5.

Cincinnati 4, Notre Dame 3
The Irish were unable to capitalize on a strong start by senior Dan Kapala as they stranded 13 runners and could not hold on to a 3-0 first inning lead. Kapala allowed just one earned run in six innings, dropping his season ERA to 1.46. He surrendered five hits while striking out three.

But in the bottom of the fifth inning, Kapala's own two-out throwing error opened the door for a Cincinnati rally that culminated in a three-run triple to right field by Bearcats first baseman Neall French. Irish pitching, however, college hockey's highest — went to sophomore forward Ryan Duncan of North Dakota.

"I would have loved to have

Irish junior attack Heather Ferguson cradles around a defender in Notre Dame's 15-7 win over Duquesne April 1.

MEN'S TENNIS
Team reaches milestone by beating Ball State

By JAY WADE
Sports Writer

No. 6 Notre Dame shook off the cobwebs after its match Saturday at Southern Methodist was cancelled due to weather, by defeating Ball State 7-0 in dominant fashion Tuesday.

Ball State (8-11) has now lost to the Irish 17 consecutive times. With the victory, the Irish (20-3) gained their first 20-win season since their 2001-2002 campaign, and the 14th in program history. Also, along with the victory, No. 9 Stephen Bass (29-9, 18-3) moved to fifth in Notre Dame's all-time win list when he defeated Joe Ekey 6-2, 6-2. No. 51 Sheeva Parbhoo (26-10, 16-4), who defeated Aaron Phillips 6-0, 6-1, also jumped a place on the all-time list to reach the 10th spot.

"They both have made major impacts in Notre Dame tennis, and the thing about both of them is the amount of improvement that each has made after coming to college," Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said.

Rounding out the rest of the singles victories were: No. 14 Brett Belgen, Barry King, Ryan Keckley and Andrew Roth. Both blanked his opponent Joe Vallee 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles, it was much the...