Campus security reacts to shootings

By KAITLYNN RIELY, AARON STEINER and KEN FOWLER

Students, faculty and staff members who used to turn to the basement of the LaFortune Student Center and the defunct Copy Shop for their photocopying and printing needs will be able to continue that practice if the University strikes its desired deal with FedEx Kinko's.

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SMC student thanks celebs, organizations for going green

By JENN METZ
News Writer

On the heels of Earth Day, Saint Mary's freshman Jen Fetchko is launching a project that will help raise awareness about the environmental realities of today's society. She is starting a letter-writing campaign to thank the organizations and celebrities that have helped bring the problems of global warming into the public spotlight.

Fetchko, originally from Pennsylvania, said her letters are "universal thank-yous," meant to tell agencies, companies and activists like Whole Foods, Al Gore, Leonardo DiCaprio and the Environmental Defense Fund that someone at Saint Mary's appreciates their work.

Fetchko said she hopes their example leads "other people [to] hopefully see the importance of living in an environmentally conscious way.

"These people are working to establish the foundations for future generations," Fetchko said. "I don't expect anything back from them. ... I'm just thanking them for what they've started.

Fetchko said she wanted to protect the environment and work to make her impact on the planet green, choosing a major or a career involving energy consumption.

"I want to make sure it will be a safe place to live... this is just a start," she said. "It doesn't matter what political view you have, it's about just doing things, small things even in your home, to make a difference.

The first Earth Day, in 1970, began an annual campaign to combat environmental abuse, according to the Earth Day Web site. The main focus of this year's Earth Day is to start a revolution that will find a solution for global warming, the Web site said.

Fetchko said most people associate Earth Day with planting trees and buying organic food, but the day is also about "getting the message out and being informed and aware.

"It can make people think," she said. "People need to keep in mind this message is about the earth and the future. You don't have to actively plant trees.

She said she hopes people will think about ways in which they can do small things to benefit future generations, like recycling and conserving energy by turning off lights and water. Fetchko recycles, uses cold water to do laundry and has a garden, among other small things she said can make a big difference.

"People should be conscious for both their own benefit and the benefit of the people they love," she said.

Fetchko advises students to see films like "An Inconvenient Truth" and DiCaprio's new documentary, "The 11th Hour," due out later this year.

"Try to gather information from all political parties to create your own view about the problem," she said, citing Myron Elowe, a fur-right politician who has published that global warming is a hoax, as a lesser-known point of view on the situation.

"I think there's a direct connection between humanity and the environment, and it's one of give and take. Maintaining that harmony is key," she said. "What you take from the earth you must give back, either with new clean technology or something as simple as growing a garden."

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FedEx

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prices "fairly comparable" to the fees The Copy Shop charged, Skendzel said. Added benefits will include access to an online service that will allow users to submit documents for printing at all hours. These documents could be picked up at any FedEx Kinko's on campus or in the surrounding areas during operating hours, as well as the State Road 23 branch, which is open 24 hours a day, Skendzel said.

The decision to refuse The Copy Shop a continuation of its contract and bring FedEx Kinko's into LaFortune was made in 2005 after Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves formed a committee to review all the copy services for campus, Skendzel said. The committee's observations led to the decision to expand business with FedEx Kinko's and upgrade all the copy centers on campus.

"The decision was made to consolidate (some of the) University-operated copy centers and bring FedEx Kinko's in for efficiency," Skendzel said.

The Copy Shop had the option to bid on the project, but chose to pass up the opportunity, and the University chose FedEx Kinko's, he said.

The Grace Hall FedEx Kinko's opened in the fall of 2005, and the company had planned to move into the space in LaFortune during that time as well, a FedEx Kinko's manager told The Observer in September 2005. The Copy Shop, however, entered a legal battle with the University, prolonging its stay on campus. The Copy Shop said its lease with Notre Dame included a clause that allowed it to perpetually renew the lease, but the Indiana Court of Appeals ruled against it. The store had previously received a positive review from the St. Joseph's County Circuit Court, and owner Tim Wright said in a March 26 letter that he was "in the process" of taking the case to the Indiana Supreme Court for a third opinion.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S., Australia plan refugee swap
CANBERRA, Australia — Australia and the United States have approved a plan involving the movement of a few hundred refugees to each other's jurisdiction, the Australian government said Wednesday.

Australia said it was a fair by both nations to deter asylum seekers, but critics charged it would likely to spur an even bigger wave of migrants.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Sean McCormack called the deal an "informed agreement" that "does not create legal obligations."

"The arrangement does not call for an exchange or a swap of individuals," he said. "And no person ... who is referred would be forced to accept resettlement."

Drug gang violence grows in Brazil
BRAZIL — Gangsters with automatic weapons shot it out with police in broad daylight near downtown Parana, taking their bodies to shield children on their way to school. Passengers on buses stuck in traffic hit the floor as bullets shattered windows.

A day after terrorizing gunbattles left at least 19 civilians dead in a street, Brazil's troops grappled Wednesday with a shocking image of how far Rio de Janeiro has sunk into violence as Brazil prepared for a papal visit next month and the Pan American games this summer.

"You can't protect yourself," said Jorge Henriques dos Santos, who was grazed in the head by a stray bullet that tore into a bus. "How can you protect yourself if you get shot aiming on a bus?"

The worst bloodshed was in the Minas Saint-Germain, where 13 people died. Officials said two were killed by police and the rest died in fighting between rival drug gangs.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush warns Sudan to end bloodshed
WASHINGTON — President Bush, ramping up pressure on Sudan, said Wednesday the United States will tighten economic sanctions and impose new ones if Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir does not take quick, concrete steps to stop the bloodshed in Darfur.

Bush said the Sudanese government must allow U.S. support forces, facilitate deployment of a full U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force, stop the looting of refugees and let humanitarian aid reach the people of Darfur.

"The world needs to act," Bush said. "If President Bashir does not meet his obligations, the United States of America will act."

Bush said the United States would tighten economic sanctions on Sudan, barring certain companies from taking part in the U.S. financial system; target sanctions on individuals responsible for violence; and apply new sanctions against the government of Sudan.

U.S. military deaths in Iraq hit 3,311
As of Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at least 3,311 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven civilian civilians. At least 2,709 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 25,674 U.S. service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

LOCAL NEWS

Inmate plotted to kill judge, prosecutor
WESTCHESTER, N.Y. — A convicted man charged Wednesday with attempted murder and conspiracy in an alleged plot to kill seven people, including the county district attorney and a city police officer and a Superior Court judge.

Ronald P. Lambert Jr., 42, of Rochester, who was in the Fulton County Jail on unrelated charges, allegedly offered another inmate from Malone, N.Y., a 26-year-old, $3,000 to kill Prosecutor Rick Brown, officer Andrew Stofo, Judge Wayne Shotts, Judge Wayne Shotts and four others.

The plot was discovered when jailers received letters Lambert wrote to the other inmate, Brown said.

This video grab frame aired by NBC Wednesday shows Virginia Tech gunman Cho Seung-Hui. The video was included in the package Cho sent to NBC via overnight delivery but did not arrive at NBC until Wednesday morning. It had apparently been delayed because it had the wrong ZIP code, NBC said.

An alert postal employee brought the package to NBC's attention after noticing the Blacksburg return address and a name similar to the words reportedly found scrawled in red ink on Cho's arm after the bloodbath. "Inshallah," said the code.

"I didn't have to do it, I could have left. I could have fled," he said. "But now I am no longer running. It's not for me, it's for my children and my brothers and sisters that you (unspecified) did it for them."

He also refers to "martyrs like Eric and Dylan" — a reference to the teenage killers in the Columbine High Massacre.

NBC News President Steve Capus said that the network received the package second noon and notified the FBI. He said the FBI asked NBC to hold off reporting on it so the bureau could look at it first, and NBC complied, finally breaking the story just before a police announcement of the package at 5:40 p.m.

Capus said it was clear Cho videotaped himself, because he could be seen leaning in to shut off the camera.

IRAQ

Deadly blasts in Baghdad kill 183

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — It was about 4 p.m., and construction workers were gathering their belongings to leave for the day. They'd been helping rebuild the bustling outdoor SadrIyah market in central Baghdad after a deadly bombing two months ago.

The men waited for minibuses to pick them up and take them home. The buses were outside a pedestrian entrance to the market. Tall concrete barriers and security gates were recently put in place to secure the site and stop any terrorists from driving into the market since the Feb. 3 attack, which killed 137 people.

Then, at 4:05 p.m., it happened again.

A car bomb blew up at the pedestrian entrance, the only way out of the compound. This time, at least 127 people were killed and 148 wounded. The buses were left charred and smoldering.

The meticulously planned attack was one of four bombings against Shiite targets on Wednesday, as suspected Sunni insurgents penetrated the Baghdad security net. Altogether, 183 people were killed in the four attacks — the bloodiest day since the U.S. troop increase began nine weeks ago.

U.S. military spokesman Maj. Gen. William Caldwell told The Associated Press that al-Qaida in Iraq was suspected in the market bombing. "Initial indications based on intelligence sources show that it was linked to al-Qaida," Caldwell said in a late-night telephone interview. Echoing those remarks, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates called the bombings "horrifying" and accused al-Qaida of being behind them.

The attacks appeared to be yet another attempt by Sunni insurgents and al-Qaida to force Shiite militants back onto the streets. Radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr had ordered his Mahdi Army fighters to put away their weapons and go underground before the security crackdown began, leaving regions like those bombed on Wednesday highly vulnerable.
The University, he said, will continue to welcome ROTC students on its campus and praise their dedication to serving the greater community with their time and talents, and the real honor is to have been able to serve with them these past four years," Shelton said.

Following the presentation of the top ROTC students, Jenkins took the stage to tell the cadets and midshipmen about the marriage their characters as servicemen have with their roles as Notre Dame students.

He said the principles of their military training — service, discipline and selflessness — reflect the principles the University espouses, and he urged them to keep them in their hearts when they serve in the armed forces.

Jenkins said Notre Dame has sought to teach and train the leaders of the country's military to act justly when they face difficult decisions that may determine the fate of irreplaceable civilians.

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In March, a group of Catholic Workers from different cities in the Midwest staged an unauthorized demonstration on campus, questioning Notre Dame's decision to sponsor military programs despite the University's Catholic — and consequently nonviolent — character.

When asked about the Catholic Workers' opposition to the ROTC program, Jenkins cited the rewards of educating future military leaders in Notre Dame's Catholic tradition to guarantee sensible officers at the helm of the armed forces.

"As Catholics, we recognize and respect anybody who may take a position of conscientious pacifism," Jenkins said. "But at the same time we recognize the importance of educating those who will serve conscientiously in the military service."

The Pass In Review ceremony has its roots in medieval Europe, when soldiers would march in front of their lords to let them inspect the units and assess their readiness for battle, Henebery said.

He said he was thrilled about the Review because it gives the ROTC branches an opportunity to display precision drilling to their classmates.

"The rest of the year, other students see us going to and from class in uniform, but otherwise what we do is a mystery to them. The Pass in Review is the only time where we do something for the public to see."

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Nissan to release new diesel Maxima

WASHINGTON — Nissan Motor Co. Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn said Wednesday the Japanese automaker would introduce a diesel version of the Nissan Maxima in the United States in 2010.

Ghosn, in a speech to the Council on Foreign Relations, said the vehicle would comply with emissions standards in all 50 states and provide improved fuel economy and lower carbon dioxide emissions.

"The launch of the Maxima will mark the start of a broader diesel strategy for Nissan in the United States," Ghosn said, adding the company was studying diesel vehicles for other markets.

Automakers have been turning to diesels amid projections of increased international interest in the vehicles, which are popular in Europe. J.D. Power and Associates has estimated that diesels will grow from 3.6 percent of the U.S. market to about 9 percent by 2013.

Ghosn also serves as chief executive of Nissan’s French parent Renault SA, the automaker was developing alternative vehicles, the "part of the solution" as industries attempt to reduce emissions.

"It is difficult to say which technologies will prove to be the most popular among consumers, and preferences vary from one world market to another," Ghosn said. "As the market trend emerges, we will be ready to offer customers what they want," he said.

Ghosn noted that diesels will grow faster in Europe. J.D. Power and Associates has estimated that diesels will grow from 3.6 percent of the U.S. market to about 9 percent by 2013.

Ghosn said the company will implement tighter emissions standards for diesel vehicles, requiring new ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel. The fuel and clean diesel technology work in tandem to reduce emissions. In 2010, diesel engines will be required to emit about 90 percent less nitrogen oxide.

Ghosn, speaking to reporters, declined to provide a new estimate for when the automaker will meet a key sales target. Ghosn said earlier this week that it may need to push back its goal of selling 4.2 million vehicles worldwide in the fiscal year ending March 2009.

Nissan, Japan’s third-largest automaker, faced weakened performance last year because of a lack of new models in North America and sluggish sales in Japan. Asked whether he was interested in seeking an alliance with Daimler Chrysler AG’s Chrysler Group, Ghosn said his two companies were focused on their own results.

Ghosn unsuccessfully sought an alliance with General Motors Corp. last year, and billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian, who encouraged a Nissan-Renault-GM alliance, is among the potential buyers for Chrysler. "You don’t want to engage in anything like this if any of your stakeholders are worried about your own company. You want to make sure your company is on track for growth and profitability before envisioning something else," he said.

"I still believe in the power of alliances. But it has to happen at the right moment, and I don’t think for us it’s the right moment," Ghosn said.

In Brief

H.H. Gregg offers to stocks to public

INDIANAPOLIS — H.H. Gregg Appliance, a video product and appliance retailer with stores in several states, has filed plans to raise up to $71.2 million through an initial public offering of common stock.

The Indianapolis-based company said in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that Credit Suisse and Lehman Brothers are the lead underwriters for the offering. A filing intends to list in stock on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "HMM."(HMM)

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hours before opening fire and killing 30 more people in one of the school’s academic buildings.

"Suffice it to say, that plans do exist," University spokesman Pat Fugate said. "They are constantly being reviewed in light of Virginia Tech’s experience, and we would be [foolish] if we do not attempt to review those plans."

Wycuff said he expects Notre Dame to comment on campus security plans in the future, but he couldn’t give an exact date.

Notre Dame’s Security Policy (NISP) Director Phil Johnson declined to comment on NISP’s procedures for crisis management, but he said the steps Notre Dame has taken in response to the Virginia Tech shooting are consistent with what he does at Notre Dame.

"They are constantly being reviewed in light of Virginia Tech’s experience, and we would be [foolish] if we do not attempt to review those plans," Wycuff said.

"We know that wouldn't work in case of an emergency," Wycuff said. In addition to the text messages, the University also plans to send text messages through e-mails or from a Web site, as well as the idea of utilizing text messaging services for the system on campus for public service announcements.

"I am very happy that the University is looking into the possibility of broadcasting another emergency message on Notre Dame’s 10 reserved channels to alert the University community of any potential serious threat," Wycuff said.

The problem, though, is that most students are not keeping an eye out for suspicious activity and even if they do, they might simply panic, sophomore Kristen Anderson said.

"It would feel the need to have one," Anderson said. In the case of Monday’s mass shootings, the University also plans to send text messages through e-mails or from a Web site, as well as the idea of utilizing text messaging services for the system on campus for public service announcements.

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Parents are given the opportunity to exercise choice through the use of various school selection tools, such as tax credit and school vouchers, in schools outside their own communities, according to the organization’s Web site.

“A parental choice is a very important part of educational excellence. And one way to make sure that that’s the case is not only to fully fund the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship, but to provide these kinds of scholarships for schools systems outside of Washington,” Bush said.

The program is especially beneficial for low-income families that don’t have the option of moving to neighborhoods with better schools.

Fr. Ronald Nuzzi, director of the ACE Leadership Program, stressed the program’s importance in light of the needs of underprivileged families.

“School Choice programs are a legislative attempt to level that playing field and give the poor some option for the education of their children,” Nuzzi said. “All of us in ACE believe the poor have special claims on us, because of the example of Jesus in the Gospel and the Old Testament prophets. We will always be great friends of and advocates for school choice.”

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for certain. If you’re interested in educational excellence, you can look at the Catholic schools in the United States of America, because they provide choice,” said White House Web site said.

Ketchum told Bush about the benefits Student Choice has brought to Catholic schools throughout Washington D.C.

“Many of our students and parents use this tool, and it’s a gift to have Catholic school as a choice,” Ketchum said.

Ketchum graduated from the ACE program in 1999 and is a part of the ACE Leadership Program, which focuses on training young graduates interested in administrative education. He is currently working as an assistant principal for a Catholic school in Washington, D.C. and has personally seen the benefits of the School Choice program in their school.

Parochial education leaders, such as Ketchum, and parents who benefit from School Choice programs were in attendance.

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Notre Dame, ACE graduate

Spring storms hit East coast, kill 18

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Utility crews cut their way through toppled trees Wednesday to restore service to thousands of customers still without power since a huge weekend storm battered the East Coast.

Communities from New Jersey to Maine were still coping with stream flooding after the storm dumped more than 8 inches of rain along with coastal flooding brought on by astronomical high tides and heavy surf.

Eighteen deaths were blamed on the weather systems, including a woman whose body was pulled from a New Jersey river on Wednesday.

New Hampshire safety officials planned to breach the 19th-century Hayden Hill Pond dam at Hollis to relieve the pressure of high water from the storm and avert a failure. A dozen families living near the six-acre reservoir were evacuated Tuesday evening and National Guard troops closed part of a highway as a precaution.

More than 50,000 businesses and homes remained without power in Maine, where Central Maine Power Co. was being helped by repair crews from neighboring New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and as far away as Pennsylvania.

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Police forces a landmark victory on the abortion issue that we have ever had. Said Jane Garb of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. "This ruling flies in the face of 30 years of Supreme Court precedent and the best interest of women and the health of their children.

More than 1 million abortions are performed in the United States each year, with 75 percent done in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, and are not affected by Wednesday's ruling. The Guttmacher Institute reports 2.2 million women had abortions in 2006.

Six federal courts have said the law was in focus Wednesday. There is an imposing restriction on a woman's constitutional right to choose. "The court's liberal bloc, in dissent, wrote that the ruling chipped into what the court has said is the right to an abortion in the first trimester. "Today's decision affirms that the Court's liberal bloc does not fail in the way of the people's representatives enacting laws reflecting the compassion and humanity of America."

It was the first time the court had a specific procedure in a case over how — not whether — to perform an abortion. Abortion rights groups as well as the leading association of American obstetricians and gynecologists have said the procedure sometimes is the safest for a woman. They also said that such a ruling could threaten most abortions after 12 weeks of pregnancy, although Kennedy said alternate, more widely used procedures remain legal.

The outcome is likely to spur efforts at the state level to place more restrictions on abortion. "The Court for its part to date has said that it sets the stage for further progress in the fight to ensure that women have the sanctity of unborn human life," said Jay Sekulow, a Republican leader in the House of Representatives.

A woman's health. That is why the law allows the continued medical practice of the second trimester. Today's ruling "tolerates, perhaps even encourages, the death of unborn children," wrote Justice Stephen Breyer.

The procedure at issue involves partially removing the fetus in tact from the woman's uterus, then cutting or cutting its skull to complete the abortion.

Abortion opponents say the law will administration number of abortions performed because an alternate method — dismembering the fetus in the uterus — is available and, indeed, much more common.

In 2000, the court with key differences in its membership struck down a state ban on par tial-birth abortions in a chal lenge also brought by Bartch. Writing for a 5-4 majority at that time, Justice Breyer said the law imposed an "undue burden on a woman's right to make an abortion decision in part because it threatens a woman's health. The Republican-controlled Congress defeated in 2003 by a passing a federal law that asserted the procedure is grue some, inhumane and does not medically necessary to preserve the woman's health. That stimulate was designed to overcome the health exception to restrictions that the court has decided in abortion cases.
Edwards uses campaign funds to pay for haircuts

Associated Press
WASHINGTON — Looking pretty is costing John Edwards’ presidential campaign a lot of pennies. The Democrat's campaign committee picked up the tab for two haircuts at $400 each by celebrity stylist Joseph Torrenueva of Beverly Hills, Calif., according to a financial report filed with the Federal Election Commission.

FEC records show Edwards also availed himself of Beverly Hills, Calif., salon and spa features available at 2035 South Palisades Drive, a block off Rodeo Drive.

"I do cut his hair and I have cut it for quite a while," Torrenueva said. "We've been friends a long time."

According to Designworks’ Web site, the salon and spa features a wide variety of beauty and health services, including massages, facials, body polishes, self tanners, and rosemary mint and Caribbean theraphy body wraps.

The salon’s owner did not return a call.

Pink Sapphire co-owner Ariana Frangos said the two payments last month — $150 on March 7 and $750 on March 20 — were for Edwards’ makeup for television appearances. She handles makeup for local television personalities and was referred to Edwards through that connection.

"This poor guy. I’m telling you, I promise he’s not in here getting face or anything else," she said. "He just wanted to make alleviating poverty the central theme of candidacy, has been criticized for building and decorating a $500,000 square-foot home for $5.3 million near Chapel Hill. A complex of several buildings on 102 acres includes an indoor basketball court, indoor pool and a handball court.

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VanderGiesen was white and both have lost our lives. May God’s grace be shown to you at this time of pain in your life."

Prosecutors said that Wright was jealous of the friendship VanderGiesen had with Wright’s former lover and that the act of rage that drove Wright to kidnap VanderGiesen, kill her, burn the body and cut it apart with a chainsaw.

VanderGiesen’s remains were found in a Sioux Falls landfill and a Minnesota ditch.

In closing arguments earlier in the day, prosecutor Dave Nelson said Wright, who like VanderGiesen is dealt, is deserving to die by lethal injection because the murder was the act of a depraved mind. But he said he respected the jury’s verdict.

"I think they reached this decision independently of any of the derogations of you, of deafness or anything else. I think they decided this case on the evidence," he said.

Wright’s public defender, Jeff Lorson, argued that Wright had not hacked up acquaintance with a chainsaw, sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Daphne Wright, 43, smiled after the verdict was read. Wright was convicted last week of kidnapping and murdering Darlene VanderGiesen, 42, in February 2006.

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Anyone old enough to speak coherently at the time still remembers the moment, over forty years ago, when they heard about JFK's assassination. The Granpremier can tell us how they listened to the radio accounts of Pearl Harbor on a December day, more than six decades ago. Every single one of us here at Notre Dame can recall where we were on the day of Sept. 11, 2001 — what we were doing, how the horrible, tragic events of that morning unfolded for us and our personal feelings on the matter. Any time someone shares a personal story of That Day, I'm always amazed at the details people recall. I remember listening to Dan Harvey's show on my AM radio while driving to school when he announced the first plane crash. I remember talking about it with my friend before the start of first-hour Biology, and I remember the girl who came in and told us the other tower had been hit. I remember conversations I had that day, things different teachers said and talking with my grandparents in the evening. That was my experience, half a country away, without a personal connection to anyone involved. The mass media of the past century gave rise to a new, shared cultural experience, a common reference point that pierces distance and background: the generation-defining event.

When we hear 9/11 described this way, it is about as vague as a target. This week, we have another national tragedy. News of the massacre at Virginia Tech on Monday spread like wildfire throughout both national and international outlets, even reaching most of us studying abroad in Europe within the hour. We learned of the catastrophe over television stations, through quickly formed Facebook groups, on Internet news sites and during instant messaging conversations. Solid facts came slowly, and we reported could sanitize away the fear, confusion, anger, terror and grief and lost of other emotions that assailed us all in those times.

This is the great curse of our generation: our computer and the awesome power of modern media. We cannot escape the sentiments swirling around the tragedies, and they cannot remain anonymous or distant to us. It is hard to ignore the images of men and women crying as dead college students are carried away, the survival sounds of glockenspiel being fired on a peaceful college campus or the first-hand accounts of courage and action during the Virginia shootings. I hesitate to compare this with WWII: the numbers, circumstances, impetus, source, scope and means are worlds apart. Yet both incidents serve to painfully remind us that these events always seem to be associated with sorrow, tragedy and death.

The events of Monday, though still fresh in my mind, will probably not stick with us as do those of 9/11. Sadly, the thousands of students and faculty and staff connected with the university, the thousands of parents worrying at home and the thousands of residents in the surrounding community don't have that luxury of separation. For them, this will become a "where were you when..." event. Monday will haunt their minds and stay with them for the duration of their lives. Healing can take place, and God willing, can come soon, but memories of all the little details from Monday will stick. Meanwhile, the rest of us are starkly asking ourselves: How many more of these "defining" events can we plan on seeing in the coming years and decades? And when can we expect one judged not by the body count or human toll, but by the rewards and human joy brought about?

Some may say any event that becomes constantly discussed, like 9/11, does not develop its crystalline clarity in the moments of its occurrence, but rather slowly renews itself during the constant regurgitation of facts and satellite details in the months and years following. Even if this were the case, we are still left empty-handed trying to think of a ubiquitous positive event. I firmly believe that such events, incredibly wonderful instead of shockingly horrific, are entirely possible. Fortunately, we are still waiting to see what such an event would look like.

The consistently negative nature of these events can be explained to some degree. "Good events," for one, rarely culminate in one triumphant moment. Tragedy, on the other hand, catches us unaware. In the shock, the horrific facts come slowly and there are a thousand unknowns. With triumphal accomplishments, the event is often easily symbolized and known well in advance. The closest models I can call are the fall of the Berlin Wall — which I and most of my classmates were too young to remember — and the moon landing, decades before we were born. Our generation, already exposed to so much death and murder and war and evil, still waits for its anti-9/11. We have yet to gather around our televisions and computers to share joy instead of sorrow, fulfill our dreams instead of shock, pleasure instead of anger. We are the waiting. But for the moment, in respect for the Virginia Tech community, let us remember that we are also among the mourning.

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The views expressed in this article are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
As recent alumna of the law school, we feel that we must respond to the April 17 article, "Law Students Show Discontent." We certainly share our former classmates' concern with NDLS' recent drop in the rankings, the adequacy of the current building, the planned new building, recent faculty departures and the administration in general. However, we cannot agree with our classmates' assessment of faculty quality. In our three years as JD students, we had the good fortune of being taught by the most talented, dedicated and intelligent professors we could ever hope for. They may have been hard on us in our first-year classes, but over three years the overwhelming majority of our professors went above and beyond their classroom duties.

We can recall many, many times when a professor assisted us with our personal research interests, advised us on career opportunities, stayed late at night to assist us with clinical work, gave us a home phone number to call in case we needed help with anything and even hosted us for a meal at his home. We have had professors who shared our political viewpoints, disagreed with us vehemently or who never gave us the slightest hint as to their political leanings, and we earn it every day. Our education was enhanced by the Catholic atmosphere of the law school as issues of faith, ethics and morality permeated discussions on any subject. Like our classmates, we were often annoyed by our professors' language, but we never gave us the slightest hint as to their political leanings, and we can say with certainty that none of our professors ever allowed his political views to influence his treatment of students.

We also share our classmates' concerns about the number of course offerings. There are more classes offered on corporate law than any other subject, and we often struggled to fit all of our courses onto a schedule that was geared toward public interest work. We hope that the administration will make a real effort to retain the stellar current faculty, including library and clinical faculty, and hire new faculty in all areas of law. Law school was far from the best three years of our lives. We, like the current JD students, were constantly frustrated with an unresponsive and sometimes malicious administration, substandard facilities and limited course offerings. But we credit NDLS' excellent faculty with making those three years as enjoyable as law school could possibly be and reassured us that the ethical, hardworking and open-minded lawyers we are today. We consider ourselves not only better lawyers but better people for having known and learned from them; and whatever our concerns about the leadership of the law school, we will always lend them the highest praise. They earn it every day.

Kate Leahy
Jessie Taenennbaum
Lenore Vanderzee

Law School students
class of 2006
April 17

As for the authors' claim that because we are most likely to stay in the rankings, we do not care about them, it disingenuous and theatrical to claim the United States needs to pull out of Iraq. I'm sure all the soldiers who have died would much rather we build another memorial rather than actually pull our troops out of Iraq. We are often annoyed by our professors' language, but we never gave us the slightest hint as to their political leanings, and we can say with certainty that none of our professors ever allowed his political views to influence his treatment of students.

I'd just like to take a minute to respond to Tuesday's Observer article on the discontent in the law school due to the recent drop in the rankings ("Law students show discontent," April 17). As a 3L, I can't comment specifically on many of the concerns voiced in the article or on various alleged short-comings of the law school. I also won't pretend that while applying to law schools last year I wasn't obsessed with rankings or wasn't able to, in a way that bordered on disturbing, spot off from memory the top 40 schools in order. Rankings do matter and as students who take pride in our school and in how hard we've worked to get here, it is only right that we should be concerned. But I think it's also important to take a deep breath and take a look around.

Notre Dame, unlike many other places, is more than a number in U.S. News and World Report. As a "double-doner," I had many friends, both as an undergrad and now as a law student, who had the grades and the test scores to have their pick of any school in the country. In my five years here, however, I've met more people who chose to go to ND ever more highly-ranked institutions than people who came to ND because it was "the best place they got in." While Notre Dame will always continue to be an elite academic institution, it is the intangibles which set us apart — our Catholic character, our student spirit, our dedication to social justice and (who could forget) our football team — just to name a few. I don't think I need to write a laundry list of everything that makes Notre Dame great. I think most of us already know what they are. We should also acknowledge that most of these things can't be expressed in a number. So while, yes, rankings matter, and we should always strive to be the best that we can be in any area, I believe that Notre Dame will find its way back to the top. In the meantime, there's nowhere else I'd rather be.

Laura Geldermann
May 2007

I had a 2.0 GPA my first year, a 3.0 my second and a 3.5 my third. I was essentially a B student for three years. I'm sure the authors claim that because we are most likely to stay in the rankings, we do not care about them, it disingenuous and theatrical to claim the United States needs to pull out of Iraq. I'm sure that was as huge an amount then as we're spending now, but those countries are in good shape thanks to us. As for Vietnam, it's possible we did all we could there, but maybe if we'd stayed and won the war Vietnam it wouldn't still be considered a developing country. So go ahead, withdraw our troops from Iraq and cut off funding. I'm sure all the soldiers who have died would much rather we build another memorial rather than actually finish what we started, so they will not have died for no reason.

I'm sure that 30 years down the road, I can buy a scarf for a couple of bucks to help some charity organization fight poverty in Iraq.

James Been
April 18

Please recycle
The Observer
By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

You can hear them before you see them. The sound of piano keys clicking out show tunes mixes with the hubbub of excited cast chit-chat and the melodies of performers warming up their vocal chords, rising to a loud, pleasant din that fills the LaFortune Ballroom.

It's a Monday night rehearsal for "Beyond the Curtain," the sixth annual Musical Revue from the Pasquerilla East Musical Company, and with just three days before opening night, directors Brad Laney and Wendy Pepper have their hands full.

After a quick round of warm-up chords (led by the seemingly tireless Nicholas Shansleyfelt, the show's musical director and the man behind the piano), Pepper announces it's time to get this show on the road. "All right," she shouts. "Let's go, and we're going to try to run this rehearsal as if it were an actual show."

While she watches the rehearsal, her fellow director Laney has time for a few questions. So why the title, "Beyond the Curtain?"

"The inspiration for the show comes from a song in the musical "Chorus Line" called 'What I Did For Love,'" Laney said. "The title felt very appropriate because that all we do is for the love of theater."

The show's themes are all about people's experiences with musical theater at ND and how those experiences helped make them into the people they are today.

The show is structured around different categories and is interspersed with quotes from the actual cast members talking about how theater has impacted their lives beyond the stage.

Featuring over 25 acts from more than 20 different musicals, "Beyond the Curtain" features nearly all young ladies and gentlemen drawn from all over campus, mostly undergraduate students, but with a few graduate school Double Donors thrown into the mix as well. That's a whole lot of talent packed into one room, even one with ceilings as vaulted as the LaFortune Ballroom. And these are just the cream of the crop.

Auditions for "Beyond the Curtain" were held the week before spring break over a two-night span. More than 100 acts auditioned before the final number was whittled down to less than half the original count.

With a surplus of talented thespians here at Notre Dame, the show's title, "Beyond the Curtain," puts the spotlight on people who are sometimes overlooked.

"One of the reasons we chose to do this show is that with so many talented people here at Notre Dame, not everyone gets a chance to be featured onstage," Laney said. "This way, you can really feature people who might otherwise go unnoticed."

Pepper agreed. "The reason we came up with the idea for the show's structure," she said, "is to highlight the talents of people who might be less visible and find out why they do theater in the first place."

Not to mention that "Beyond the Curtain" is also just plain fun. As cast member Erin O'Shea put it, "It's cool because you come in knowing a group of familiar faces, and then you find out it's a good way to build a community of friends. It's always entertaining and the best part is not doing homework and watching the other acts. I always bring a book to rehearsal and never read it."

The opening number from the show is "One Night Only," a song from the musical "Dreamgirls." Fortunately for undergraduates here at Notre Dame, we have three nights to take in the voices and acting on display in "Beyond the Curtain."

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By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Love him or hate him for his personal antics, there is no doubt that Mel Gibson has been associated with some of the most spectacular and talked-about movies of the past several decades. His recent scandal has perhaps marred his popularity in regards to his latest film, "Apocalypto," as well as his future movies, but his older films are still a testament to his talent as both an actor and director.

The new DVD release of "Mel Gibson: Ultimate Collection" takes three of these classic films — "Braveheart," "Payback" and "We Were Soldiers" — and groups them in a three-disc collection for fans of the Australian actor to enjoy.

**Braveheart** (1995)

This picture, which won Oscars for Best Picture and Best Director (it was also directed by Gibson), is by far the best film in the collection. Gibson stars as William Wallace, a Scottish king who rallies his people to overthrow the oppressive English rule under which they live. "Braveheart" is at once a historical epic and a moving romance. Superb acting combines with stunning cinematography and well-choreographed fight scenes to make this Gibson's best film and also one of the top films of all time.

While this DVD itself is no different from the previously released standalone version, it contains good extras such as a commentary from Gibson and a lengthy documentary that details the difficulties in shooting on location in Scotland.

**Payback** (1999)

The second DVD in the pack is the gem of the three, as it contains the newly released director's cut of "Payback." Here, Gibson plays Porter, the bad guy — albeit a likable one — for once, a career criminal who is double crossed by his accomplices and left for dead. When Porter does not die, he exacts vengeance on his former compatriots in an unforgettable fashion.

Director Brian Helgeland's original film, while suspenseful and entertaining, became overly simplified and cheesy at the mandate of studio executives who feared the original cut was too sophisticated and dark for audiences. While the result was good, it felt empty and trite in finished form.

The director's cut is substantially better than the original release and features much more engaging dialogue along with a darker tone that shows a different side of Gibson. Special features include an interesting new documentary about the making of the director's cut. This disc alone makes the entire set worth purchasing.

**We Were Soldiers** (2002)

The classic film "Braveheart" garnered a directorial Oscar for Gibson, who also starred in the movie as the Scottish freedom fighter William Wallace.

Although certainly not a bad film, "We Were Soldiers" is the weakest of the three in this set. Gibson stars as Lt. Col. Hal Moore, a general who must lead his troops into a place called "The Valley of Death" during the Vietnam War. This true story focuses on Moore's heroism and courage in what was one of the most violent battles in U.S. history. While this film is epic on the level of "Braveheart" — and well shot at that — it comes off as cold and lacking the heart so aptly included in Gibson's earlier film. Many critics often term this "Braveheart 3" for its similarities to the predecessor ("The Patriot" is considered "Braveheart 2") and comparisons to any such great film will usually fall short.

As with "Braveheart," the special features are the same as on the regular standalone DVD, the best of which is a behind-the-scenes documentary that shows how many of the film's complex helicopter scenes were actually filmed. While perhaps not as worthy of inclusion in this three-pack as "The Patriot," "We Were Soldiers" is an adequate war film that showcases Mel Gibson's talent in acting in epic movies.

It is within this epic genre that Mel Gibson has proven himself one of the most talented actors in recent years, continually surprising with his wide-ranging filmography. The "Ultimate Collection DVD" showcases these three in all their bloody, gory glory.

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**Mel Gibson FUN FACTS**

First person awarded "Sexist Man Alive" in People magazine

His seven children

Order of Australia, Australia's highest honor

Roommates with actor Geoffrey Rush in college

Shares his January 3 birthday with J.R.R. Tolkien

His father moved the family from New York to Sydney after winning in "Jeopardy!"

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The Observer

Mel Gibson ULTIMATE MAN, ULTIMATE COLLECTION

MEL GIBSON

ULTIMATE COLLECTION

Film:

"Braveheart" (1995)

"Payback" (1999)

"We Were Soldiers" (2002)

DVD:

"Braveheart"

"Payback"

"We Were Soldiers"

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"Payback" stars Gibson, accompanied by Gregg Henry and Lucy Liu, as a criminal out for revenge against those who double-crossed him.

Documenting the first major American battle in the Vietnam war, "We Were Soldiers" tells of the true story of Lt. Col. Hal Moore (Gibson) and his men in the Ia Drang Valley.
New York center Petr Prucha, right, skates away from Atlantic defender Garnet Exelby during the Rangers’ 4-2 win over the Thrashers Wednesday night. New York Rangers need just four games to ice Thrashers

Devils win in overtime to tie Lightning with two, two goals by Drury and 24 saves by Miller give Sabres win

You’re never really asked for a better series from the guys,” said forward Brendan Shanahan, who tied it at 2-2 in the second period. “We are happy the way we played the series, but at the same time we are keeping our head on our shoulders.”

Sixth-seeded New York earned its first home playoff victory since 1997 on Tim Thomas’ seventh game winning goal, coming on his second shot of the game. It was the Rangers’ first sweep since the opening round of the 1994 playoffs — the year they lost the Stanley Cup.

“It wasn’t our goal to just make the first round,” New York captain Jaromir Jagr said. “As long as we stay healthy we have a pretty good chance to go somewhere.”

Fresh off a 7-0 victory in Game 3 on Tuesday, the Rangers had a much tougher time with goalie Johan Hedberg than with Karl Lehtonen. Hedberg stopped 37 shots in a 2-1 loss in Game 2 but Thrashers coach Bob Hartley made the curious decision to go back to Lehtonen, in New York.

Miroslav Satan and Shanahan wiped out one-goal advantages and put Cullen in position for the game-winner. Jagr scored into an empty net with 1:33 remaining.

Devis 4, Lightning 3 (OT)

Turns out the New Jersey Devils didn’t need a stellar performance from Martin Brodeur to climb back from their first-round playoff series against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Another big game by Zach Parise and Scott Gomez’s overtime goal kept the Atlantic Division champions from falling to the brink of elimination in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference matchup Wednesday night.

Parise scored his fifth and sixth goals of the postseason. Gomez blocked a shot nearly 13 minutes into the extra period, then chased down the loose puck and skated in to blow the winner past goalie Johan Hedvig, in a victory that evened the series at two games apiece.

Game 5 is Friday night at New Jersey.

“It’s a big momentum shifter for us. You lose that, you’re down 3-1. Now it’s 2-2, it’s a new ballgame,” Brodeur said. “We’ve got home-ice advantage now, so we’re definitely happy about the situation we’re in.”

Brodeur had 29 saves, but squandered a two-goal lead in the second period. He has given up 12 goals in four games after entering the post-season with a career 1.89 goals-against average in 153 playoff games.

Vance LeCocq, Martin St. Louis and Eric Perrin scored for the Lightning, who rallied from a 3-1 deficit, Hedvig stopped 33 shots after making 64 saves in Tampa Bay victories in Games 2 and 3.

Sabres 4, Islanders 2

Chris Drury has a knack for scoring big goals.

“For whatever reason, puck seems to find people like Chris,” Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff said after Drury scored twice to help the top-seeded Sabres beat the New York Islanders on Wednesday night for a 3-1 lead in the first-round series.

Thomas Vanek and Jason Pominville also scored, and Ryan Miller made 24 saves in his second straight victory on Long Island. The win moved the NHL regular-season champions into position to end the series Friday night.

“We feel pretty good, but know there’s still a long way to go,” Drury said.

Jason Blake and Mike Sillinger scored for the Islanders, and Rick DiPietro stopped 27 shots in his third start since returning from a concussion.

“We have to come out and play a great game Friday night,” DiPietro said. “They’re a great team and they’re smelling blood.”

Drury, who also scored twice in Buffalo’s Game 1 victory, gave the Sabres a 3-2 lead with a power-play goal 39 seconds into the second period. He scored from the slot off his own rebound after DiPietro and defensive tom Peti failed to control the puck.

“Rick made a great toe save and the rebound just found its way to a bunch of sticks and bodies,” Drury said.

With the Sabres leading 3-1 at the start of the period, you want to take advantage of it.”
Western Conference, Southeast Division

- New Jersey 41-41
- Toronto 47-35 33-19
- Miami 44-38
- Atlanta
- Orlando
- Washington
- Indiana
- Charlotte
- Houston
- LA
- Chicago 49-33
- Cleveland 50-32
- Detroit 53-29
- Memphis
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In Brief

Riley benches Heat superstars for season finale

ORLANDO — Shaquille O'Neal and Dwyane Wade were inactive for the Miami Heat’s regular-season finale in Orlando on Wednesday night.

"We have to be realistic with their health," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "Other guys need work. We're going to play it out and get ready for this weekend."

Riley made the decision strictly to avoid getting the two stars hurt before the playoffs open this weekend. When Riley was coaching the Los Angeles Lakers in 1983, he lost forward James Worthy to a broken leg in the final week of the season — one of the reasons, he thinks, why those Lakers were unable to defend their title.

He isn't taking any risks with the two most important players for the defending NBA champion Heat.

Andy Backs Heat superstars for season finale

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh said Wednesday that he would meet with players and staff in the coming week regarding the team's direction after the team missed the playoffs for the first time since the 1996-97 season.

“We are very disappointed with the season that concludes tonight," Walsh said in a statement. "He and president of basketball operations Larry Bird would meet the rest of the week while attending the NBA Board of Governors meeting and would meet with team owners through the weekend.

"As time permits, we will also meet with all players and the basketball staff," Walsh said. "The meetings should conclude next week, at which time the team will make announcements regarding its future direction, the statement said.

Ohio State freshman stars to coach annual spring game

COLUMBUS — Talk about having a lame-duck coach.

Basketball point guard Mike Conley, Jr. will be an honorary head coach in Ohio State's annual intraquad Scarlet vs. Gray spring football game on Saturday.

Conley, along with high school classmate and friend Greg Oden, led the Buckeyes to a 34-34 record and the national championship game. Now he, Oden, and a third freshman, Daquan Cook, are contemplating jumping to the NBA. Conley said he was looking forward to being in charge of the Scarlet's offense.

"I play my share of video games," he said Wednesday. "I like to get up and down the field with the passing game. I'll mix in some runs plays here and there as well."

Football coach Jim Tressel said he wasn't trying to hide the fact that he wanted to keep Conley and the other freshmen at Ohio State.

PGA event returns to New Orleans

At about 7,600 yards, the course plays long, yet presents an array of steep "pot" bunkers and other fairway obstacles that leave little margin for error on drives.

"I can remember a couple of drives that I thought were decent shots ... and getting into spots where all I could do was chip out of the bunker side-ways," Toms recalled of his 2005 appearance here, where he missed the cut.

At the very least, it's now easier to play a shot out of the woods, which were thinned out by Katrina, and the canopy along the edges of the fairways is less likely to interrupt the flight of the ball.

PGA

Associated Press

AVONDALE — Bill Murray at a char-broiled Louisiana oyster as he walked toward the 18th green, then hurled the shell into a water hazard, shouting, "Now go and grow others!"

He flexed his biceps after his chip up a steep green, then hurled the shell through the woods, which were scattered with thought were decent shots and were left numer­ous fairways under water.

The public course was closed for 10 months, forcing the PGA to go back to English Turn so a rebuilding New Orleans could keep its economically vital tour dates in 2006. After about $2 million in repairs, even a few improvements, the pros have returned to the dis­tinctive TPC Louisiana, a Pete Dye-designed course carved out of cypress swamp.

"Obviously there was some devastation here and there was a lot of money spent to get this golf course up to speed," David Toms, a Louisiana native and 2001 winner in New Orleans, said after a practice round. "It's very important for the whole country not to forget this city."

A number of players were eager to forget this place after it hosted its first PGA event in the spring of 2005.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 27
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- 6:15 p.m. Opening remarks from Fr. Jenkins
- 6:30 p.m. Keynote speech from Ms. Brosnahan followed by panel discussion

SATURDAY, APRIL 28
- 9:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 9:45 a.m. Keynote speech from Fr. Anderson followed by panel discussion
- 11:00 a.m. Concurrent presentations of student papers (including roundtable discussions with faculty and students)
- Noon Lunch in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- 1:00 p.m. Continue with concurrent presentations of student papers

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Buehrle pitches a no-hitter during Sox win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mark Buehrle pitched the first no-hitter of the season Wednesday night — and he was nearly perfect, too.

The Chicago White Sox left-hander faced the minimum 27 batters in a 6-0 victory over the Texas Rangers, picking off the only hitter he walked and throwing his team's first no-hitter since 1991.

Working quickly and efficiently in a dominant performance, Buehrle allowed only one baserunner. He walked Sammy Sosa with one out in the fifth inning, then promptly picked him off first base.

"I can't believe I did it," Buehrle said. "Perfect game would have been nice, too."

With the crowd on its feet in the ninth, Buehrle struck out Matt Kata and Nelson Cruz, then got Gerald Laird to hit a slow grounder to third base that Joe Crede picked up and threw to first. As Paul Konerko caught the ball, he pumped his fist, setting off a wild celebration.

Buehrle was mobbed by teammates at the side of the mound, including catcher A.J. Pierzynski, and then got a big hug from manager Ozzie Guillen as he came off the field.

On a chilly 40-degree night, Buehrle threw 105 pitches. His previous low-hit game was a one-bitter against Tampa Bay on Aug. 3, 2001.

"I was part of one in high school," Buehrle said. "To get through a big league lineup three times, I never thought it would happen."

It was the first no-hitter pitched against the Rangers since June 17, 1995, when Toronto's David Cone threw one in a 4-0 win.

More than two years passed without a no-hitter in major league baseball before rookie Anibal Sanchez threw one for Florida on Sept. 6, ending the longest stretch without a no-no in big league history. His gem against the Arizona Diamondbacks was the first in the majors since Arizona's Randy Johnson threw a perfect game to beat Atlanta 2-0 on May 18, 2004.

Buehrle, who retired 20 of the final 22 batters he faced in his previous start against Oakland, had some stellar defensive plays behind him before a crowd of 25,390 at U.S. Cellular Field.

Three of the closest plays came on grounders. Jerry Hairston hit one to Crede at third in the third inning and was called out at first after a headlong slide. Replays showed Hairston was out, but he was ejected by first base umpire James Hoye for arguing and had to be restrained by first base coach Gary Pettis when he returned to the field.

Tadahito Iguchi made a diving stop of Hank Blalock's grounder in the hole, got up and threw him out to end the fifth. That came one batter after Sosa spoiled the perfect game bid by drawing the walk.

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NCAA

Council recommends electronic contact ban

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Coaches have spent the last several years upgrading their gadgets and learning the new tricks of recruiting. Now it may be time to turn back the clock.

The NCAA Division I management council has recommended a ban on all electronically transmitted correspondence, including text messages, between coaches and recruits. E-mails and faxes would be exempt from the new rule but would be limited by current NCAA guidelines.

Unlike restrictions on phone calls and in-person visits, there are no coach limits on text messaging.

The Board of Directors must still pass the legislation, and if approved at its April 26 meeting, the ban would take effect in August.

“I think student-athletes wanted to see this eliminated for their own sanity,” said Kate Hickey, the management council’s chairwoman whose term is about to expire. “And to get rid of some of these bills.”

Hickey, an associate athletic director at Rutgers, expects the proposal to pass next week. “I think it all depends on whether there’s communication between coaches and athletic directors and then, ultimately, the board members over the next week,” she said.

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MLB
Millar’s double secures series win for Orioles

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Just as they planned, the Baltimore Orioles got Scott Kazmir’s pitch count up early, and that played a key role in another comeback victory.

Erik Bedard won his third straight start, Kevin Millar hit a tiebreaking double and the Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 6-4 on Wednesday. Millar’s fifth-inning double off reliever Gary Glover (0-1) gave Baltimore a 4-3 lead. Millar then scored to make it 5-3 when Jon Knott, who singled, was tagged out in a rundown between first and second.

Kazmir, the Devil Rays’ No. 1 starter, departed after throwing 102 pitches through four innings. "I thought we did a great job of laying off a lot of pitches, and he didn’t have his good stuff," Baltimore manager Sam Perlozzo said. "We got his pitch count up there. It was something we looked at. I had an eye on it from the third, fourth inning, hopefully that we could keep getting him up there with pitches and get him out of the ballgame."

The Orioles won twice — both coming from behind — in the three-game series. Baltimore is 8-4 since being swept in a season-opening three-game series at Minnesota.

Bedard (3-1) gave up four runs and seven hits in 5 2/3 innings. He struck out eight and walked three during a 110-pitch outing. Chad Bradford got out of the sixth before John Parrish and Danys Baez each pitched a hitless inning. Chris Ray struck out all three batters in the ninth for his fifth save in six opportunities.

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Recycle The Observer
McCallie next Duke coach

Joanne P. McCallie was hired as Duke's women's basketball coach replacing Michigan State coach and following the AP national coach of the year at one of the country's premier programs. She guided the Spartans to the 2005 national championship game and succeeds Gail Goestenkors, who left for Texas.

"The entire McCallie family is absolutely thrilled about the opportunity to serve at Duke," McCallie said. "This has been a dream job of mine for many years. We cannot wait to meet and get to know a team that we feel so very impressed by academically, as well as athletically, and by the way (they) carry themselves."

Goestenkors earned the award after leading the Blue Devils to the first 29-0 regular season in school and Atlantic Coast Conference history. Duke finished 32-2—an NCAA-record seventh straight 30-win season. She led Duke to five straight NCAA tournament championships from 2000-04, 13 consecutive NCAA tournaments and at least two wins in each appearance in the NCAA's since 1997.

Duke has reached the national championship game twice, most recently in 2006, and finished this season No. 1 in the Final AP poll of the season. Now, the Blue Devils are counting on McCallie to help them take the next step—their first national title.

McCallie—colloquially known as "Coach P"—because of her maiden name, Palombo—has a career record of 316-148 in 15 seasons at Michigan State and Maine. She leaves Michigan State after going 149-75 in seven seasons there, and reaching the past five NCAA tournaments. The Spartans' season came to an abrupt end with a 70-57 loss to Rutgers in the second round.

"We deeply appreciate the time, energy and effort that Joanne put into building a Big Ten contender and for placing MSU women's basketball on the national map," Michigan State athletic director Ron Mason said. "She has built a solid foundation for the program."

After being rumored as a candidate for several high-profile jobs, McCallie signed a five-year contract worth $500,000 a year plus a possible $143,000 in incentives on March 24—coincidentally, the same day Duke's season ended with a second-loss to those same Scarlet Knights in the regional semifinals.

Shortly after that, Texas offered the job to Goestenkors and she deliberated for about a week before accepting it this week, ending her 15-year run with the Blue Devils. California's Joanne Boyle, a former Duke player, turned down the job last week and agreed to a seven-year contract with the Golden Bears.

McCallie becomes the second straight Duke coach to return to the state of Michigan. Former Belles coach Dee Stevenson is a Waterford, Mich., native who played at Saginaw Valley State.

SMC TENNIS

Belles sweep Tri-State in singles play for win

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's was able to maintain their second place standing in the MIAA after they defeated Tri-State 8-1 Wednesday on the road. The Belles (9-11, 2-2 MIAA) are currently tied for second place with Hope, behind Kalamazoo who is ranked twelfth in the region.

The Belles dominated in singles play, shutting out the Thunder in straight sets in every match. In the first singles spot, McDavitt beat Thunder senior Holly Kimball 6-2, 6-1.

Standout Belles freshman Camille Gebert had similar luck when she dominated Thunder junior Amanda Steiner in two straight sets 6-2. At No. 3 singles, Belles freshman Lisa Rubino defeated Thunder sophomore Amanda Waidly 6-2, 6-1.

Belles coach Dee Stevenson was proud of how his team battled through less than favorable conditions.

"It was very cold, and that didn't make the best for playing conditions," he said. "But some how or another we managed to pull through and get the win."

Belles senior Tara O'Brien beat Thunder senior Stephanie Waidly 6-1, 6-4 to garner the victory at the No. 4 singles position. In the fifth singles spot, Belles junior Cassie Quaglin won the first set against Thunder sophomore Amber Crosby with ease 6-4, but the second set had to be pushed to a tiebreaker, where she eventually won 7-6 (7-5).

In the final singles match of the day, senior Grace Gordon dominated, first shutting out freshman Kathleen Klein 6-0, and then only allowing her one point before winning the second set 6-1.

In doubles play, the number-one Belles duo of McDavitt and Gebert battled to a narrow defeat of the Thunder's Kimball and Amanda Waidly 8-6. The Belles only loss of the day came at the second doubles spot where Belles freshman Caitlin O'Brien and Gordon were defeated 8-3 by Thunder players Crosby and Stephanie Waidly. In the final doubles match of the day, the freshman duo of Rubino and Kaplan defeated Steiner and Klein 8-3.

Saint Mary's will round out its long week of travel today when it heads to Bethel College to face the Pilots. Though it though a non-conference match, the Belles will hope to defeat the Pilots and better their skills in order to get ready for their next conference match against Albion Saturday.

The last time the Belles faced the Pilots was last season, when Bethel narrowly defeated Saint Mary's 5-4. Belles senior Justin Dittman will begin tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Mishawaka.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

No. 6 Irish drop match in Nashville

Sophomore Shannon Burke charges down the field in Notre Dame's 15-7 win at home over Duquesne April 1.

Irish fall 13-9 on road to No. 14 Vanderbilt, Commodores' seniors

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Vanderbilt's seniors played an inspired final home game Wednesday, defeating No. 6 Notre Dame 13-9 in Nashville, Tenn.

In a game that was close throughout, the Commodores and Irish were wrapped up in a 9-9 tie with just 15 minutes remaining. Vanderbilt scored the final four goals in the last few minutes to take the victory.

The No. 14 Commodores, who honored their five graduating seniors before the contest, picked up their second victory over a top-10 opponent with the win over the Irish. Vanderbilt also defeated then-No. 6 Penn State on the road in March.

The Commodores (10-4) held the advantage over the Irish (11-4) from the start, taking a 4-1 lead early in the game. Notre Dame was unfazed however, and came back to tie the game at five apiece late in the first half. A goal by Anastasia Adam gave Vanderbilt a 6-5 lead heading into halftime.

Both teams traded goals early in the second half and the lead swayed in both directions. Sophomore Jillian Byers' third goal of the afternoon tied the game at nine before Vanderbilt's run to close out the game.

Four of the Commodores' five graduating seniors scored on the game, and the exception, defender Molly Frew, helped the Vanderbilt back line hold the Irish to 16 shots.

Senior Kendall Thrift, the Commodore's all-time assist leader, tallied four points on the game with two goals and two assists. Fellow seniors Jennifer Tapscott, Nicole Pugno, and Ali Lemons each recorded at least two points each.

The Irish were led offensively by Byers, who netted three goals to go along with an assist. Sophomore Jane Stoeckert also contributed three goals and senior Lena Zentgraf had a goal and two assists. Fellow seniors Jennifer Tapscott, Nicole Pugno, and Ali Lemons each recorded at least two points each.

Vanderbilt out-shot the Irish 34-16, and Notre Dame goalkeeper Erin Goodman recorded 12 saves. Commodores goalie Brooke Shinaberry had five saves.

Two Notre Dame records were set in the game. With her three goals, Byers reached 50 goals on the season for the second time in her career — a first in Irish history. In addition, junior Caitlin McKinney set a record when she extended her point-streak to 37 straight games.

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ND SOFTBALL
Bargar, Fuemmeler guide Irish to no-hitter

Irish aces lead team to no-hitter from mound, offense pushes in win

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

The story of the afternoon was the corraboration between Notre Dame's two aces, sophomore Brittany Bargar and senior Kenya Fuemmeler, and the no-hitter against Ball State in a 3-0 win Wednesday.

After two improved Bargar's record to 15-7 on the season, and marked the 33rd no-hit showing for Notre Dame in school history. The last no-hit game was delivered by former pitcher Wende Booth over Rutgers last April.

The exciting non-conference win improved the Irish to a 23-14 overall record and was their third win in a row, while Ball State dropped to 15-26 on the season.

Bargar's only blemishes were two walks through six innings pitched, while she struck out seven. To seal the victory and earn a save, Fuemmeler struck one batter out in the last inning to make history for both pitchers. They now have each taken part in two-no-hitters in their careers.

The Irish bats also would take some credit for the win. Senior Stephanie Brown added two more runs in the game for a season total of 33. She also went two-for-three and had the first hit of the game, which took place in the opening frame. After a pair of sacrifices, including a bunt and a fly out, Brown scored the first run of the game on a throwing error by Ball State. Although the Irish would not need another run, they added two more in the third frame.

Junior Brittany Gunn started the third with a single and then moved to second on a bunt single from Brown to the shortstop. After a sacrifice bunt and a throwing error, Gunn crossed the plate and Brown advanced to third. Freshman Christine Lux then drove the winning home with an RBI off a fielder's choice.

Noire Dame threatened again in the fifth with back-to-back hits, but no runs were scored when Ball State was able to swarm the rally. Ball State had a walk in the sixth inning, but that was all the stingy Irish pitching allowed for the rest of the game.

Notre Dame's next game is today against Valparaiso in a make-up contest at Ivy Field at 5 pm.

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SMC SOFTBALL
Belles look to regain momentum at Goshen

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

When Saint Mary's faces Goshen College this afternoon, the Belles will look to reverse that dominance from earlier this season, when they went 9-1 during a spring break trip in Fort Myers, Fla.

The numbers haven't been looking good for Saint Mary's lately after three straight losses — two of those by just one run. The team hopes to reverse that trend against Goshen (5-16), which struggled against the Belles last year 9-1 and 6-1.

The Belles are still struggling to find a way to win in the 2007 season. With six freshmen and only one senior, the team is young. And while Saint Mary's has some experience in its lineup, it has been little help.

"We really want to win and we're not taking any team lightly," Maureen Healy said.

The Belles are facing some of their own struggles with a 1-5 MIAA conference record.

"We're taking it one game at a time and we're going to use our games today in preparation ... and see what we need to change for our next conference games," junior captain McKenna Davison said.

On the take to the Leafs, the Belles will use their combination of power hitting and accurate pitching. Freshman Ashley Peterson, sophomore Kristin Amram and senior Sarah Miesle lead the Belles with batting averages of .433, .429 and .391, respectively.

Amram has been a dominant force not only at the plate but also on the mound. The sophomore has pitched consistently to a 1.22 ERA. Sophomore pitcher Calli Davision has been behind Amram with a 3.57 ERA, and the Belles are 9-2 in Davision's starts.

Healy said beating Goshen can help the team get back on track.

"Right now it doesn't matter what a team's record is. A victory is a victory," she said. "We know we can beat any team we've faced so far ... We just have to keep being consistent in our training games. (Beating) Goshen would be a confidence boost- er but it wouldn't be anything that would shock us."

Saint Mary's takes on Goshen College in Goshen, Ind. at 3:30 p.m. today.

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like that," Irish fifth-year catcher Matt Weglarz said. Elam finished with nine strikeouts and allowed just one hit in his nine full innings of work, while lowering his ERA to 3.75.

Elam and Bischoff ended up with no decisions, as both left with the game scoreless after nine. For the Boilermakers, freshman southpaw Matt Jansen came in to work the ninth. Bischoff, who was scheduled to work only three innings, then got Irish leftfielder Ross Brenovsky to fly out to left to end the inning.

In the eighth, Bischoff again got a boost from his defense. With one out in the Irish half of the inning, Dury lined a full-count pitch from Bischoff into the left-center field gap that hung up just long enough for centerfielder Jon Moore to run it down.

Bischoff pointed out at his news conference for this game that, "It was disappointing because it felt like we were in control, but we didn’t do it," The Dead James Brown player John Siegel said. "We went into this game with a two-game, no-points-allowed winning streak — one was a bye and the other was a forfeit. We had high expectations for this game, but we just didn’t turn on our bats."”

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H ide the Women and Children 21, Team 327 4

The off-campus team formally from Knott, Hide the Women and Children, had a simple strategy that allowed it to dominate Team 327 in a 21-4 victory Wednesday.

"Our plan is easy," Hide the Women and Children’s Jack Arkins said. "Score more points and allow less." Team 327, however, entered the game with a more complex plan.

"We’re going to drive it down the lane and use a zone defense," Team 327 player Brett Thomas said. "Oh, yeah, and lots of dunks." From the first play of the game, fast breaks from Arkins put his team into the lead. Kyle Meade’s outside jump shots combined with Eamonn Bahnson’s top of the key baseline jumper helped the Women and Children into the early lead. By halftime, Hide the Women and Children’s superior defense allowed Team 327 just one basket, bringing the score to 11-1.

Team 327 decided to change its tactics in the second half, switching from zone to man defense. While the change in strategy allowed 327 to gain a few more points, it was still unable to stop Matt Levering, who dominated the lane for Hide the Women and Children.

Hide the Women and Children also had a commanding defense led by Lima and Doug Mahoney, who intercepted the ball and gained several points off fast breaks. "Our legs were really fresh for a lot that long weekend," Mahoney said. "We had some raw defense."

"I'm sure the Women and Children hope to continue its winning streak into the next round and deep into the tournament, all while using its simple strategy to score more points and allow less.

Smush Parker: The Prequel 21, Wabrudra’s Freedom Fighters 15

This intense match-up of two highly skilled teams was framed by a large and enthusiastic crowd of dedicated fans that created an intense atmosphere. After the game began, it took awhile for players on both teams to acclimate to playing on a slippery court with a wet ball. Many players passed and cut out of bounds as a steady rain fell.

"It looks like they’re playing on ice," Smush Parker fan Rich Golden had some disappointment.

Smush Parker made the initial point before the middle of the game shifted back and forth. The Wabruda team, however, had an impressive show with their "in-your-face" style of defense. Floyd Rose, of the Wabruda team, was an especially strong presence on the court.

In the end, Smush Parker used its height to prevail over the Freedom Fighters. Much of Smush Parker’s success late in the game could be attributed to the play of Ryan Jones and to Mike Wakim.

After the heartbreaking loss, Knott, team member William David William kept a positive outlook. "We’re freedom fighters," he said. "Tonight we were fighting for prestige through athletics. We’re going to continue fighting politically."

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of rest and practice the team can get will be beneficial. "That's really good," Louderback said of the bye. "Getting that bye also gives us an extra day to practice and get outside so that's good too." When the Irish play their second round match Friday at the University of South Florida, they will face either Seton Hall or Connecticut, depending on who wins today's matchup.
Louderback has not been able to see much of either team so far this season, but after he watches today's match, he hopes to have a good idea of what to expect. "I haven't really had a chance to look at them yet," Louderback said. "We just found out the draw yesterday, and I'll get a chance to see them play today (Friday), but we really haven't seen much of them at all this season. We'll know better today." Practice will be key for the Irish as they prepare for another difficult test Friday. At this point, Louderback said the most important thing his team can do is get plenty of repetitions outdoors, where the championship matches will be played. "Our big thing now for the next three or four days is to be able to get outside," Louderback said. "(Tuesday) was beautiful and we had a chance to hit outside. We played quite a few singles and doubles points (Tuesday) just to get good outdoors. We'll probably do quite a bit of playing the next few days."
When asked what it would be like to win the Big East championship for the third consecutive year, Louderback was hesitant to look too far into the future. "It would be nice," Louderback said. "I think it's going to be tough because there are some good teams for our first match, and then if we win that, it could be Marquette or West Virginia. We just played Marquette but three of their kids were out of the lineup, and if they're back in the lineup, they're dangerous. "No one is going to just hand it to us and say, 'You win it' - they're really going to make us play."
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Notre Dame secondary coach Corwin Brown looks on at practice Wednesday. Brown is determined to strengthen the Irish defense.

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Zbikowski, who will enter his fourth year starting next fall, has already been named a captain for the 2007 season.
"He's earned and deserved at this point to be kind of considered the leader back there," secondary coach Bill Lewis said.
At the other safety spot, vacated by the graduation of Chinedum Ndukwe, things are much less clear. Rising juniors Bruton, Ray Herring and Kyle Lewis said.
Lewis said most of those five have been working out at both safety positions, in order to maximize flexibility in the defensive backfield.
"We're kind of rolling guys to both sides because what we eventually want is the eleven best guys on the field," he said.
Bruton said the competition has benefited everyone involved.
"It's helping us as individuals," he said. "We're trying to get on the field and trying to get better. It's friendly between all of us, but it's business on the field. May the best man win." Lewis said that competition may continue well into next season, once he and Brown see who responds in a game situation. But in order to make the best decision, he said, the coaching staff is trying to create as many game-like situations as possible in practice.
"The one thing about the NFL is you have four preseason games that are truly practice games to get better," he said. "We don't enjoy that luxury."
At corner, Lambert returns after starting most of last season. He made 40 tackles and was second on the team with three interceptions, including two against Michigan State, one of which he ran back for the winning touchdown.
Opposite him will most likely be Wooden, who appeared in nine games and made 21 tackles during his injury-plagued 2006 campaign. In 2005, Wooden was the full-time starter and was third on the team in tackles with 74. He also had two interceptions.
When the Irish go to five and six defensive backs, Brown and Lewis expect to send out some combination of cornerbacks rising seniors Leo Ferrine, rising sophomores Darrin Walls and Raeshon McNeil and early-entry senior. He watches today's match, he hopes to have a good idea of what to expect. "I haven't really had a chance to look at them yet," Louderback said. "We just found out the draw yesterday, and I'll get a chance to see them play today (Friday), but we really haven't seen much of them at all this season. We'll know better today." Practice will be key for the Irish as they prepare for another difficult test Friday. At this point, Louderback said the most important thing his team can do is get plenty of repetitions outdoors, where the championship matches will be played. "Our big thing now for the next three or four days is to be able to get outside," Louderback said. "(Tuesday) was beautiful and we had a chance to hit outside. We played quite a few singles and doubles points (Tuesday) just to get good outdoors. We'll probably do quite a bit of playing the next few days."
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Irish freshman Cosmina Ciobanu returns a volley during Notre Dame’s 5-2 win over North Carolina Feb. 16. Ciobanu has remained undefeated in singles play throughout the season.

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FOOTBALL

Brown, secondary determined to bury past ghosts

Safeties, cornerbacks one of most experienced units on young Irish roster, must adjust to 3-4 defensive scheme

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

It's a scene that is burned into the memories of Notre Dame players, one that fans alike: quarterbacks like Michigan's Chad Henne, USC's John David Booty and LSU's JaMarcus Russell completing long passes time and time again against the Irish secondary.

But new Notre Dame defensive coordinator Corwin Brown is determined to put those painful memories in the distant past with a secondary that is one of the most experienced units on the 2007 Irish roster.

"Everyone needs to play a little better back there, especially at safety," Brown, a former secondary coach with the New York Jets, said in an interview April 4. "If you make a mistake at safety, the band's going to be playing.

And if the hand plays too many times, somebody's coming off the field.

And players like rising junior safety David Bruton are excited about Brown's new scheme and his no-tolerance approach to failure.

"It's a lot more laidback this year," Bruton said. "There's not a lot of thinking. I have a chance to make a play." Notre Dame returns two starters at defensive back — rising senior cornerback Terrail Lambert and fifth-year Tom Zbikowski — and another player, fifth-year Ambrose Woodson, who started in 2005 until an injury in the Michigan game slowed him for most of 2006.

Zbikowski, who is also Notre Dame's punt returner, has six career interceptions and has scored touchdowns three different ways — punt returns, interception returns and fumble returns.

But what really sets him apart, according Brown, is his fiery demeanor, something the coach would like to see more of in the other defensive backs.

"You have to play smart, you have to play error-free, and you have to play with passion and intensity," he said. "And across the board, everyone back there has to do that [more] with the exception of Zibby." (see BROWN/page 26)

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Eastern domination

No. 2 Irish head to Florida as No. 1 seed in Big East tournament

By DAN MALOOF
Sports Writer

After another remarkable regular season, the Irish will take their 23-2 record into the Big East tournament today as a No. 1 seed for the 11th time in 11 years and won the championship seven times, including the last two years.

Historically, the Irish have won 38 of 40 matches against current Big East opponents.

Although the team is getting used to being the No. 1 seed in the tournament, it is still very honored by the distinction, Notre Dame coach Jay Louderback said.

"We had been the No. 1 seed for a few years so I think our kids are used to it," Louderback said. "It just reflects what a good season we've had and how well we've played this year.

On Friday, the Irish rebounded nicely from an upset defeat to Northwestern by soundly beating DePaul and Marquette.

The loss to Northwestern was the team's first in 17 matches.

Regarding health issues, Louderback said that aside from a few small lingering injuries, the team should pretty much be at full strength.

"We'll be all right," Louderback said. "Junior Brook Buck is probably going to play some doubles this week, and we're just going to wait and see. She went through full practice today and was a little sore but not too bad, and then we have just a few other nicks, but I think we should have all of our players.

The Irish have three days off before the tournament begins and also have a bye in the first round, which gives them one more day between matches.

Louderback said any extra day

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