Two Notre Dame students died this weekend in separate and unrelated incidents, University officials said Sunday evening.

One of the students, Cunnor McGrath, was a sophomore who moved to Siegfried Hall in January. He died Sunday morning or early afternoon, Siegfried rector Father John Conley told students gathered at the dorm's Mass Sunday night.

McGrath's death did not take place at Siegfried, Conley said. His address was the first official notice to Siegfried residents of McGrath's death.

Local news outlets reported that a student died in Dillion Hall Sunday. This was unconfirmed Sunday night by University officials, who also had not released McGrath's name.

A call reporting an unresponsive male at Dillion was placed to the South Bend Fire Department at 1:39 p.m. Sunday, a fire department spokeswoman said. The ambulance arrived at Dillion at 1:53 p.m. and did not make a transport.

No name has been released in the second death, but a number of dorm rectors said the student was not an undergraduate.

University President Father John Jenkins expressed condolences to the families of the two students through a statement Sunday night.

"On behalf of the entire University, my deepest condolences go out to the families and friends of these two members of the Notre Dame family," Jenkins said. "Our prayers are with them during this difficult time."

The University will release further information once the immediate families of the two students have contacted other family members, University spokesman Dennis Brown said.

Local news outlets reported that Notre Dame Security/Police responded to the scene Sunday, but The Observer was unable to reach the NDSP spokesman Sunday night.

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Policy bans profs from teaching relatives

Provost hopes to avoid 'perception of bias' in the classroom; new rule to be enacted this fall

By DAVIS RHORER, JR.
News Writer

Besides major and class restrictions, students registering for classes this fall will also have to consider blood ties to the instructor, as a new policy prohibits students and professors from being related in the same classroom.

In a letter to University faculty and staff members, the Office of the Provost announced last month a policy that will go into effect beginning with the 2008-09 academic year prohibiting professors from teaching relatives.

"We think it better not to put faculty in that position," Vice President and Associate Provost Donald Pope-Davis said last week.

Pope-Davis referred to the "perception of bias" that might come up among students in a classroom if they knew their professor was related. He said that teaching a direct relative would be a conflict.

The new policy is part of the complete re-evaluation of academic policies the University's Academic Council conducts every 10 years. Pope-Davis referred to the review as a chance "to update with the times."

While he said no particular incident triggered the new policy, Pope-Davis referred to the change as "proactive," common among other universities and the product of a council of Notre Dame faculty members.

The new policy will affect several students. In one case in the fall 2007 semester, entrepreneurship professor Gerald Frielin had his grandson, senior Grant Frielin, as a student of his classes.

"It was obviously different than a normal class," Grant Frielin said.

As an entrepreneurship major, Frielin was required to take his grandfather's course to get the degree. He said that before the semester began, he and his grandfather decided to keep a strictly professor-student rapport in class.

"I was more attentive," Grant Frielin said. "I didn't want to go through the motions."

Professor Martine DeRidder, who teaches an introductory public policy course, had to make a decision about how to handle her relationship with her daughter, who is currently taking the course.

On the first day of school, DeRidder introduced her daughter to the rest of the class to avoid any misunderstandings.

"I thought that was important," she said. "I didn't want people to think I was playing favorites."

DeRidder said she that when she started working at Notre Dame, she asked the University's policy regarding professors teaching their own children - a policy she said is good to have to avoid problems.

But it is also important schools recognize problems in certain cases, she said.

Parents flock to bars, restaurants

JPW results in increased sales for local businesses

By THERESA CIVANTOS
News Writer

Married people over the age of 45 were the ones crowding the dance floor at The Buckle this weekend. The Junior Parent's Weekend brought waves of parents to campus — and to the bars, too.

"There were a lot more older people here this weekend," said Roxanne Szczewsak, a bartender at the Linebacker Lounge. "At least half our customers were parents. Usually we have none."

But most South Bend bars and restaurants were unfazed by the exceptionally large number of

ND moves forward with green projects

Sustainability office looks into energy efficiency

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Notre Dame is giving its affinity for the color green a new meaning with plans for various sustainability and conservation efforts across campus.

The University recently established the Office of Sustainability and a $2 million green loan fund, and "evolving plans for numerous projects and initiatives" for these new developments, Amy Coughlin, project manager-director, said in an interview.

Paul Kemp, director of utilities for the University and part of the Energy and Environmental Issues Committee, said some of these projects will focus on waste reduction, recycling, environmentally friendly landscaping and building and energy conservation.

He said about 25 buildings — 40 percent of the gross square footage of campus — are currently being audited to identify potential conservation projects for the future, Kempf said. Some buildings being evaluated are the library tower, Flanner Hall, Notre Dame Stadium, the Snite Museum and the Hesburgh Center for
INSIDE COLUMN

What's in a name?

"When dealing with people, let us remember we are not dealing with creatures of logic," writes Dale Carnegie in one of the first best-selling self-help books, "How to Win Friends and Influence People." "We are dealing with creatures of emotion, creatures bribing with prejudices and motivated by pride and vanity."

The book explores various consequences of that principle, one of which is the importance of calling people by their first names. Carnegie puts it in grander terms, writing, "Remember that a person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language."

He gives plenty of examples. Most notably he chronicles how another Carnegie — Andrew, Steel King — applied the principal. When he wanted to sell rails to the Pennsylvania railroad, he built a steel mill in Pittsburgh called "Edgar Thompson Steel Works." The president of the Pennsylvania Railroad at the time, J. Edgar Thompson, let's just say that when J. Edgar Thompson needed to buy rails, he didn't go to Bob's House of Steel.

Dale Carnegie lived out his lessons, having changed the spelling of his name from "Carnegy" at a time when unrelated Andrew Carnegie was a widely revered and recognized name. One doesn't have to look far to see the principle in action today. DeBartolo, Jordan, Guggielmino, and others are recognized for financial donations. But Notre Dame also recognizes non-financial contributions. Examples include The Rockne Memorial Gymnasium, The DeBartolo University, and even the name of the University itself.

I want to highlight this whole naming business because, elsewhere, the financial contribution is beginning to be a driver. I'm referring specifically to the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST), scheduled for launch no earlier than June 2013. It's not that I have anything against James E. Webb, NASA's second administrator. It's just that, previously, such projects were named for people we're not competing with. In America (we're not competing with the Hubble Telescope), the Hubble Telescope (named for astronomer Edwin Hubble). But now funding the sciences in general is becoming less and less of a priority in America (we're not competing with the US$ billions). Extra steps need to be taken. And naming an expensive telescope after an administrator makes it much easier for current administrators to sign the necessary checks.

The JWST is one of the most sophisticated machines our society has produced that wasn't designed to kill people, and this sort of naming strategy shouldn't have been necessary. The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Joey King at joey@nd.edu

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OFFBEAT

301 pennies auctioned off for $10.7 million
LUNG BEACH, Calif. — A penny saved is not necessarily just a penny earned. One man's collection of rare American cents has turned into a $10.7 million auction windfall.

The collection of 301 cents featured some of the rarest and earliest examples of the American penny, including a cent that was minted for two weeks in 1793 but was abandoned because Congress thought Lady Liberty looked frightened.

Thai coin and a 1794 cent with tiny stars added to prevent counterfeiters each raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to the Dallas-based auction house Heritage Auction Galleries, which held the sale in Long Beach on Friday night.

Blow-up doll stands in for groom
GROVE CITY, Ohio — If one bride felt lighter than air in her wedding gown, her groom certainly felt like air itself as 19 couples renewed their vows near Columbus.

Sheila Smith's husband, Bob, had to go away on business and couldn't make the Valentine's Day recommitment service at Grove City United Methodist Church. So friends brought a life-size inflatable doll to serve as a stand-in. They dressed Blow-up Bob in dress pants, a shirt and tie, and taped on a head-shot photo of the real Bob Smith.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: What was your favorite thing about Junior Parents Weekend?

Meghan Corley
junior
off campus
"When my dad thanked me for teaching him the fine art of 'pong beer.'"

Nate Forte
junior
O'Neill
"The gala."

Stephanie Niemaber
junior
Walsh
"Making my parents endure the South Bend February weather."

LeAnne Parson
junior
Walsh
"Sister Janet's invitation at the Saturday night dinner."

Katie Rollins
junior
Walsh
"The gala."

IN BRIEF

As part of the Margaret Hill endowed lecture series, Emmy Award-winning actress and author Camryn Manheim will speak tonight in the Little Theater at Saint Mary's at 7:30. Manheim is most known for her work on "The Practice." Recently, her book, "Wake Up, I'm Fat," was named to the New York Times bestsellers list. Student tickets are $5.

As part of the Fireside chat series "Talking HE/Rory," theologian professor Catherine Hilker will speak Wednesday at noon in the Coleman-Morse Center lounge.

The men's basketball team will play against No. 22 Pittsburgh Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

As part of the Ten Years Hence lecture series, professor Karen Hunt Ahmed from the department of finance at DePaul University will speak at 10-40 a.m. Friday in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

There will be Stations of the Cross Friday at 1:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will be held each Friday during Lent.

The 50th Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival will begin Friday at 7 p.m. with a concert featuring at least four different bands. The festival will conclude Saturday with an afternoon concert at 1 p.m. and an evening concert at 7 p.m. All events will be in Washington Hall.

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

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NDAA appeals to seniors
Class of 2008 can start establishing connections to alumni clubs online

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

As graduation nears, seniors can begin to take advantage of opportunities offered by the Notre Dame Alumni Association (NDAA), smoothing their transition into life after college.

Seniors can use the Alumni Association’s online network, Irish Online, to begin establishing connections to Notre Dame alumni around the world.

"We would really like to encourage the Class of 2008 to register and login to Irish Online before they graduate," said Meeghan Mousaw, assistant director of Early Alumni Services. "It only takes a few minutes to register and after logging in they will be able to see all the things available."

Through Irish Online, seniors can look for an alumni mentor, search for a job, find a former classmate or alumnus, update their contact information and create a personal Web page.

Irish Online also allows seniors to sign up for e-mail forwarding.

"After you leave Notre Dame, your nd.edu address will only be good until early July," Mousaw said. "E-mail forwarding is a free service available to all Notre Dame alumni that only requires users to obtain an e-mail address in the form, your-name@alumni.nd.edu."

Any e-mails sent to the student e-mail will automatically be forwarded to the user’s new address. Mousaw said this is an important — and easy — way of staying connected to the University and other graduates.

Mousaw also said the Alumni Association will be giving out free gifts to all seniors who register with Irish Online and select their future alumni club. Students who do not know where they will be living next fall can select up to four clubs. In case they at least have a few possible locations in mind.

But no matter where students go after graduation, the Alumni Association is hoping to welcome them there — especially in larger cities — as clubs host “Young Alum Orientations” in August and September, Mousaw said.

The Notre Dame Club of Chicago, for example, will be hosting an event called “Chicag-O” — spurn off from “Frosh-O” — “so that the newest alums can be welcomed to their new city,” Mousaw said.

Seniors who wish to participate in these events across the country must provide Irish Online with their personal information, Mousaw said, so they can be contacted by their respective alumni club, she said.

Seniors will receive in March a copy of “Onward to Victory,” a newsletter that details each of these opportunities.

Also in March, voting will conclude for the 2008 Alumni Board of Directors elections, she said. Each member on the board serves a three-year term and represents all graduates on alumni issues. Seniors have until March 12 to cast their ballots.

The Alumni Association will be holding a Senior Open House on April 3 at the Eck Center where students can learn more about these opportunities.

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ND astronaut helps discover new planets
Special to The Observer

The simultaneous discovery of two exoplanets slightly smaller than Jupiter and Saturn by an international team of astronomers that includes David Bennett from Notre Dame gives astrophysicists an important clue that solar systems like ours might be quite common.

The report, to be published in the Feb. 15 issue of the journal Science, describes the series of observations that began March 28, 2006, when a collaboration known as Optical Gravitational Microlensing Equipment (OGLE) detected a signal, possibly due to a planet in microlensing event OGLE-2006-BLG-109, that the researchers had discovered and announced two days earlier.

After the OGLE group announced the possible detection of a planetary system via e-mail, other astronomers from the Microlensing Follow-Up Network (MicroFUN), Microlensing Observations in Astrophysics (MOA) and Probing Lensing Anomalies NETwork (PLANET) collaborations also began intensive, round-the-clock observations of this event. The combined data from these four groups revealed a series of brightness variations over the ensuing 11 days that indicated that two planets orbit a star half the mass of the sun located 5,000 light years from Earth. This star, called OGLE-2006-BLG-1091, and its planets were discovered using a technique known as gravitational microlensing.

Early calculations by the report’s lead author, Scott Gaudi of Ohio State University, and the MicroFUN group indicated that most of the telltale brightness variations were due to a planet with a mass similar to that of Saturn, but that there was a brief additional brightening observed fromIsrael and Chile that could only be explained by an additional planet with nearly the mass of Jupiter. However, Gaudi’s calculations did not provide a perfect fit to the data and involved several approximations.

Subsequently, Bennett performed more sophisticated calculations in his office at Notre Dame using his own advanced computer program that included an important additional feature: the orbital motion of the Saturn-mass planet.

"Even though we observed the microlensing effect of the Saturn for less than 0.3 percent of its orbit, the observations simply could not be explained without accounting for the orbit," said Bennett, a research associate professor of astrophysics.

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The Observer is accepting applications for a 2008-09 Business Manager and Controller. Responsibilities include preparing a yearly budget and handling payroll for a 200-person staff.

Since the Controller will take over as the 2009-10 Business Manager, Controller applicants should be sophomores, or juniors staying for a fifth year.

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International Studies. "The fact that there are older buildings that have constant volume air handling systems that could benefit from more efficient variable air volume systems in the future." These buildings also have the potential for lighting upgrades and enhanced HVAC systems, he said.

Before variable air volume systems, he said, the technology was available, ventilation systems were at their maximum occupancy, Kempf said. For example, we were meant to hold 200 people, but air controls would be adjusted to match those 200 people or whether or not 200 people are actually in the building at a given time.

Adjustments to the audit were made by replacing the air handling and re-lamping existing fixtures. "We have found some cases just by making the existing fixtures, according to Kempf. The Facilities Building is already being used as a prototype for energy efficiency initiatives, according to Kempf.

To conduct the audits, Kempf said the University is working with the building automation firm Flahavan, who is also partnering with General Electric and its division for Greybar Electric.

In the past, Kempf said, making the buildings more energy efficient would be to transition from incandescent bulbs to compact fluorescent light bulbs. "Compact fluorescent light bulbs, for example, have almost one-thirtieth the non-heat energy as incandescent light bulbs," Kempf said.

Students are taking their own steps to make lighting changes. Four students participated in the Green Business Plan competitions, seniors Erin Mullholland and Jennifer Pope-Davis. Each student business model that is currently being used to find comfortable, affordable, and sustainable solutions.

Their business model suggests the creation of a Web site called "Green Counts" that will help have both a calculator to figure out how much energy savings for switching to compact fluorescent light bulbs and the opportunity to calculate energy savings for college dormitories from the site. "Right now, we have a database of sites that can calculate savings with these light bulbs, and other sites (where you can buy them). We're trying to link the two," Mullholland said.

The buidings reach out to non-profit, community centers and schools, offering fluorescent light bulbs to organizations, Mullholland said. "Our impact is helping community groups, the environment and also the education component," Mullholland said.

The model also includes the establishment of Green Counts taskforces. Mullholland, along with several other students, is heading one of these task forces in Lewis Hall, where a test case is currently underway to determine how much of a financial saving would be made by switching to these bulbs, she said.

Mullholland worked with other students to inventory all the light bulbs in Lewis, and is in the process of preparing a report for the dorm.

Mullholland and Pearce are in the semi-finals of the competition, along with 14 other teams, and submitted a full business plan on Friday. She said. Six teams will move on to the final round in April.

"As far as the test site, he is interested in seeing the report from the Lewis test case and in helping make lighting changes to other buildings on campus if the report shows that compact fluorescent lighting can make an impact in the dorm," he said.

"Neither than make the hall take care of it, we'd find a way to take care of it for them," Kempf said.

If Lewis does decide to use compact fluorescent lights, it would be an excellent means for illustrating how change can be simple as that of a light bulb to make an impact on energy savings and contribute to our campus conservation efforts," said Paul Kempf. Inefficient lighting is not only a concern for Notre Dame, but has become a national issue as well. Congress' Energy Act of 2007 includes an item to "to prohibit the sale of certain inefficient light bulbs, and require the development of a plan for increasing the use of more efficient light bulbs by consumers and businesses. Compact fluorescent light bulbs can last up to 10,000 hours, which is 40 times longer than incandescent light bulb lasting about 750 hours, according to Kempf. The extended lifespan of compact fluorescent light bulbs, which can last on how many times the bulbs must be replaced, and thus labor costs are reduced.

"I think what's exciting and interesting is that we'll start to not look at things purely on a financial basis... We now have the opportunity to try to make the changes in the way we think," Kempf said.

"I would like to see building light fixtures that are lit to a schedule that's going to save energy and would also be a plan that we might move forward, more once the director of the Office of Sustainability is in place," said Kempf. Trustees recently approved different positions for the Office of Sustainability, he said. The director will build institutional learning capacities to support continuous improvement in building design and operations, landscape, procurement, energy and water conservation, waste disposal and recycling and service provision," according to Kempf. "We're here to be educated and to learn so if we can get something out of a class, that's great.

The new policy will apply to professors and teaching assistants alike.

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dication. It is time to build an ark," Cole said. "it is time for me to offer at least a few plans." She said minority enrollment at colleges is up but that's not the "critical gain," "students of color" still are lacking.

"There is absolutely no contradiction between excellence and diversity," Cole said. "But more black are entrenched in the criminal justice system than in the deomrimities of our classroom.

Even with decades of affirmative action programs in place, the United States is still categorized by race, Cole said. "Minority faculty member is still the group that's white's to their profession," Cole said. "We cannot see and educate our underrepresented students of color to touch experiences that allow them to know the answer to fix problems of underperformance among students," she said. "As such, Cole said, "If she is a woman and not just an assembly line women's college," Cole said.

Spelman College has a student body of about 3,000, while Bennett serves fewer than 600.

Cole drew parallels between businesses and the benefit by promoting diversity and reaching out to diverse customers, and having embracing students and professors from other races and backgrounds to improve the quality of education.

Without a diverse student body and faculty and an inclusive atmosphere, education will fall short, Cole said.

To improve that feeling of inclusion, Cole said, the Office of Multicultural Affairs needs more support.

Cole also spoke of the financial aid and equalities at premier institutions that hinder diversity and inclusiveness. She talked about the school's moral obligation to address the issue of the rear of economic and social barriers.

"The money for other is the rent you pay for living on this Earth," she said. "Living a life and learning a life that embraces those who are different from you.

Cole serves as the chair of the board of the Jehnnetta B. Cole Institute for Diversity and Inclusion Institute at Bennett. She has received more than 50 honorary degrees.

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"The policy shouldn't be you can't [teach relativism]," she said. "You should do it only if there is no other way." While Pope-Davis emphasized the practice of rotating professors in and out of courses — in such a way that it would not be difficult to maneuver around a relative who is outside that under "extraordinary circumstances" a student could apply for an exception to the rule.

"The student must have a compelling set of reasons. He can't wait until senior year," Pope-Davis said, meaning that students should appropriately plan their schedules with enough time to avoid such conflicts.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
China concerned about spy satellite
BELGRADE — China said Sunday it was concerned over an American military plan to shoot down a damaged spy satellite that is hurling toward Earth with 1,000 pounds of toxic fuel.

The U.S. military has said it hopes to smash the satellite as soon as next week — just before it enters Earth’s atmosphere — with a single missile fired from a Navy cruiser in the northern Pacific Ocean.

The official Xinhua News Agency quoted Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao as saying the Chinese government was monitoring the situation carefully and had urged the U.S. to avoid causing damage to securities in outer space and in other countries.

“Relevant departments of China are closely watching the situation and working out preventive measures,” Liu said. Xinhua did not elaborate.

U.N. employee falls from 19th floor
UNITED NATIONS — A woman who worked for the United Nations died Sunday after falling from the 19th floor of the U.N.’s Secretariat Building, authorities said.

Police and U.N. security officers at the scene, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the media, said the woman in her 40s had jumped from a window after showing up to work early in the morning.

“A U.N. staff member died after falling from the 19th floor of the U.N. Secretariat Building,” a U.N. deputy spokeswoman Marie Okade said. “At this time there is no suspicion of foul play.”

NATIONAL NEWS
Georgia refinery explosion kills 9
SAVANNAH — Dust that collected in a piece of safety equipment caused a small explosion at a sugar refinery weeks before the deadly blast that killed nine workers, a federal investigator said Sunday.

Selk, the relationship between that event and this blast that killed nine workers, a federal investigator said Sunday.

Two nearby civilian hospitals have the capacity of the Mount Healthy Marriages of Allen County. They were not authorized to talk to the media, said

Marriage and Family

Many dressed in traditional costumes and played trumpets and drums, and an ethnic Albanian couple named their newborn daughter Pavarise — Albanian for “independence.”

“Now this is the happiest day in my life,” said Meslet Shushu, 68. “Now we’re free and we can celebrate without fear.”

By contrast, police in the Serbian capital Belgrade fired tear gas and rubber bullets to skirmishes with protesters who opposed the declaration. Groups of masked thugs ran through downtown Belgrade smashing windows and ransacking tobacco stands.

At least 30 people were injured, about half of them police officers, hospital officials said.

KOSOVO
Country declares independence from Serbia

Serbia called the declaration illegal and its ally Russia denounced it, saying it threatened to touch off a new conflict in the Balkans. Russia called for an emergency session of the U.N. Security Council, which met later Wednesday.

In the capital, Pristina, the mood was jubilant. Thousands of ethnic Albanians waved red and black Albanian flags and set off fireworks over Kosovo Sunday after parliament proclaimed independence in defiance of Serbia and Russia, which condemned the declaration of the world’s newest nation.

A decade after a bloody separatist war, Serbia declared Kosovo independent and pledged to make it a “democratic, multiethnic state.” Its leaders looked forward to the day when Kosovo could join international organizations and other steps aimed at increasing the chances of living long marriages and stable families. The pact taking down the Air Force Academy’s emergency response manager and trade groups as well as federal authorities said.

Stephen Selk, investigations manager for the U.S. Chemical Safety Board, had few details about the previous explosion at the Imperial Sugar refinery in Port Wentworth. He could not say whether the earlier blast contributed to the massive explosion Feb. 7.

“It is far too early to reach conclusions about the relationship between that event and this explosion,” Selk said.

No one was injured in the earlier explosion, Selk said, but he did not know the exact date, but it happened “weeks ago.”

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Kosovo

Country declares independence from Serbia

Northern Illinois University lab supervisor Mary Wyizard offers comfort during a church service held at Cathedral of Praise Church in Dekalb, Ill., Sunday for shooting victims.

Thousands mourn NIU victims
Suburban Chicago churches holdcondolences services; residents wear Huskies’ red, black

Associated Press

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Wildfire victims still waiting FEMA homes

Associated Press

Huntington Beach, Calif. — Patty Reedy is still waiting for some- one at the Federal Emergency Management Agency to tell her the mobile home she was promised before Christmas.

In September, agency inspec- tors said she wouldn’t get a government house to replace the one she lost during last year’s wildfires because it would be too difficult to haul the 60-foot, three-bedroom prefabricated home up a winding road to her remote mountain property.

But that’s not all. FEMA has brought dozens of mobile homes to Southern California after the fires, only to find its own guidelines prevented them from being set on properties in rough terrain. San Diego County officials say dozens of applicants were denied homes because their property was too steep, too rocky or had utility lines, trucks, didn’t have connections into the electrical grid or were on cliffs deemed at middlerisk.

"They don’t have any familiarity with the areas so they can’t conceive of the needs being different," said Deena Deenah, a contractor who was hired by San Diego County to help fire victims. "You’re talk- ing about one area with sewage and water and other places that are very rural.

The mobile home delay is another blemish on a belea- guered agency.

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"My mom called Bono- fish Grill at least a week in advance to make dinner reservations,“ said junior Allison Lang. "They laughed and said they’d be too difficult to haul and refused.

"A lot of parents were acting like college kids, just drinking and having fun."

Roxanne Szczeschnicki

The Bonefish Grill
dsiced home up a winding road to the university’s Notre Dame campus. It’s not like sending your parents to someplace saying ‘Well, this is Notre Dame.’ Now, two and a half years later, they bring you to your favorite place on earth."

"You could definitely tell it was your first time being able to go anywhere, junior Allison Lang said. "I’ve never been that excited."

About 150 school districts around the nation have kept stepped up to aid victims of the Westland/Hallmark beef recall.

"The recall will affect beef products dating to Feb. 1, 2006, that came from Chino- based Westland/Hallmark Meat Co., the federal agency said.

Secretary of Agriculture Ed Schafer said his department has evidence that Westland didn’t routinely contact its veterinarian when cattle became non-ambulatory after passing inspection, violating health regulations.

"This is not Notre Dame. It gave that also led to bigger profits for bars and restaur- ants.

The parents are definitely bigger spenders, especially when it comes to alcohol, because most students were 21," Dickens said. "We had a gross profit of about $10,000 each Friday night and Saturday.”

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Economic confidence declines

Fears of recession, high prices of gas weigh over American consumers

Even when experts were declaring the economy healthy, many Americans voiced a vague, but persistent dissatisfaction. True, jobs were relatively plentiful over the last few years. It was easy to borrow and with the upturn in the value of homes and plentiful credit cards, encouraged a nation of consumers to get out and buy. But the price of oil, something that didn’t feel right, even if they couldn’t quite explain why.

Now the economic tide is receding, and the undertow that was there all along is getting stronger. Take away the easy credit and consumers are left with paybacks that, for many, haven’t nearly kept pace with their need and propensity to spend.

The frustration of $3 gas and $4 milk, the worries about health care costs that have risen four times the rate of pay, become much more real. The retirement security that is as good as the increasingly volatile stock market seems much less certain.

Americans’ declining confidence in their economy is triggered by a storm of very recent pressures, including plunging house prices, tight lending credit, and heavy debt. But it is compounded by anxiety that was there all along, the result of a long, slow drip of worries and vulnerabilities.

“The economy is currently in recession or at risk of recession close to recession and that’s certainly highlighted our collective psyche,” says Mark Zandi, chief economist of Moody’s Economy.com. “But … I do think there is an increasing level of awareness that self-help information. That is the economic fundamental and it is not going to go away even when the economy improves.”

Much of that anxiety is the uncomfortable, but expected jolt of the economic roller coaster. During a downturn, people become less confident about keeping their jobs or being able to find new ones, meeting household expenses and about the prospects for the future.

But there may be more to just what the numbers mean or what a boom means,” says Apodaca, a counselor for Colorado Housing Enterprises. “They’re worried about buying the groceries, buying the gas.”

A year ago — months before economic alarms went off — nearly two of three Americans polled by The Rockefeller Foundation said that they felt somewhat or a lot less economically secure then they did a decade ago. Half said they expected their children to face an economy even more shaky.

Homeless live in foreclosed properties

Associated Press

Cleveland — The nation’s foreclosure crisis has led to a painful irony for homeless people: On any given night they are outnumbered in shelters by vacant homes. Many homeless people are taking advantage of the opportunity by becoming squatters.

Foreclosed homes often have an advantage over boarded-up and dilapidated homes abandoned because of rundown conditions: Sometimes the heat, lights and water are still working.

“That’s what you call convenient,” said James Bertan, 41, a ex-convict and self-described “bando,” or someone who sneaks into a vacant house.”

While no one keeps numbers of below-the-radar homeless finding shelter in properties left vacant by foreclosure, homeless advocates agree the locations — even with utilities cut off — would be inviting to some. There are risks for squatters, including fires from using candles and combinations with drug dealers, prostitutes, copper thieves or police.

“Many homeless people see the foreclosure crisis as an opportunity to find low-cost housing (FREE!) with some privacy,” Brian Davis, director of the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless, said in a statement.

In Cleveland, a man who moved into a foreclosed house said that uncer­ tainty from the maintenance workers, drivers and others enrolled in the home budget­ ing class teaches them. Most have steady jobs, but are just getting by. They talk about challenges like the rising cost of getting to work or medical visits, not as new problems but as a continuing struggle.

“In my class, they don’t know what a recession means or what a boom means,” says Apodaca, a counselor for Colorado Housing Enterprises. “They’re worried about buying the groceries, buying the gas.”

There are some campgrounds and creek beds and such where people were used to walk across the street or climb out of the creek bed and sneak into a vacant house,” he said.

Bertan, who doesn’t like shelters because of the rules, said he has been homeless or in prison for drugs and other charges for the past nine years. He has noticed the increased availability of boarded-up homes amid the foreclosure crisis.

He said a “fresh building” — recently foreclosed — offered the best prospects to squatters.

“You can be pretty comfortable for a little bit until it gets burned out,” he said as he made the rounds of the annual “stand down” where homeless in Cleveland were offered medical checkups, haircuts, a hot meal and self-help information.
First of all, I would like to express my appreciation for the courage that Rob O’Brien (“The Monologues promote non-violence,” Feb. 12) and Christina Holstein (“Monologues encourage mistreatment of women,” Feb. 11) showed in writing their articles on the “Vagina Monologues” and sharing their experiences. This is clearly an issue that fosters differing opinions on our campus, and this creation of discussion is the purpose of it being on campus in an academic setting. I am certain that the majority, if not all of the people at Notre Dame, believe that violence against women is wrong, but perhaps disagree about the methods that should be used to stop it. My own personal experience with the “Vagina Monologues” was a very important one in the shaping of my college years, and the person who I have become.

My freshman year was 2004. For a number of months, I denied that it had happened to me and tried to push it out of my mind. A few months later, I joined the cast of the “Vagina Monologues,” something that I thought would have a monumental impact on my life. It was only then that I began to draw the long road of recovery and healing that continues to this day. Although how important my friends, my family and other students and support systems were at that time. But the “Vagina Monologues” was a different and very powerful kind of support. As a cast member, I was surrounded every day by these issues, and was able to share my own personal experience in a community of other women it doesn't. And for those people, I sincerely hope that they find their own particular path to healing. But for anyone that it was what ultimately got me through. To be in a community of women, who were working to end violence, and healing was not enough, I hope it always finds a home here. In my experience, it was what ultimately got me through. To be in a community of women, who were working to end violence, and healing was not enough, I believe that everyone is entitled to their position on the issue of the “Vagina Monologues.”

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"Vagina Monologues," if you choose to do so, I may disagree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it.” From this discussion in an academic setting and in the context of the University’s Catholic character, and studying the play in social, anthropological and psychological contexts is necessary. I hope you will listen. Form your own opinions and discussing works of art or literature in an academic setting.

So thank you for your discussion and debate, this is the very reason why this play is so important. And thank you to all those brave women and men who are survivors and supporters; to those who are living through it. You have given me courage and a voice.

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In the Feb. 14 Inside Column, Mary Kate Malone (“Be your valentine”) encouraged everyone to love their bodies by not working out. It’s obviously important to love who you are whether we’re talking about body image or who you are as a person, but that doesn’t mean it’s impossible to love yourself and still strive to feel lighter. I hope that no one who wanted to go for a run but then read Malone’s article decided that it would be wrong for them to workout. Working out is great for you as long as it’s done for the right reasons.

Everyone knows that exercise gives you endorphins and endorphins make you happy. If someone wants to lose a couple of pounds because it will make them feel better about themselves or because they got winded playing Wii Tennis, then there is nothing wrong with going for a jog or not having frozen yogurt after every meal. Along those same lines, if someone who loves their desserts is happy with their body image, then they shouldn’t feel pressured into working out just because of what others think.

My main message here is that everyone, including most of us at Notre Dame, needs to stop worrying so much about what others think. Whether you spend all night in the library because of some quiz that is only worth five percent of your grade, you climb the StairMaster for four straight hours at Rolfs trying to look like a model so that other people will think you’re hot or if you get super upset because you read about the fact that your liberal views are borderline fascist, everyone one needs to stop taking every little detail so seriously. Ronald Reagan didn’t save America from communism for everyone to live their lives in fear of being judged for being themselves. Reagan fought to sustain a nation where people are free to be unique and to only care about how they look if they want to care about how they look. I think Peter La Fleur summed it up pretty well when he said: “You’re perfect just the way you are. But if you feel like losing a few pounds, getting healthier and making some good friends in the process, then Joe’s is the place for you.”

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Feb. 14

Respect bishops’ wishes, move ‘Monologues’

Something is wrong here. The University is planning on hosting the "Vagina Monologues" on campus at the expense of a visit from our esteemed Catholic bishops. Last year our own Bishop John D’Arcy said no to the "Monologues" and the great actions of the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB) to move their theological seminar on campus reflect the willingness of our Church to be telling the truth all along. The "Monologues," despite its good intentions, "violates the truth about women, the truth about sexuality, the truth about male and female actions of the Church," D’Arcy wrote in 2005.

We hear a lot about "discussions," but do we even stop to consider that those of our own bishop or the actions of the USCCB? By avoiding the misconceptions and vulgarities contained in the "Monologues," our bishops are not trying to censor but lead us into an authentic search for truth. Sam Cahn said it best in his Feb. 13 Letter to the Editor ("Monologues promote discussion"): "We are at Notre Dame to find the truth: Let’s seek it with courage and charity, truthfully but God will not miss lead us." I, for one, wholeheartedly trust that God will not miss lead us.

As such, we must put our search for truth on the shoulders of God’s Word, not Eve Ensler’s "Monologues." As such, we must find a uniquely Catholic way to end violence against women and empower men and women to live in the fulness of their sexuality. For example, the Edith Stein Project is an ongoing study of the Notre Dame community already discusses issues of human sexuality in a real and truthful way. Saying no to the "Monologues" does not imply that we are saying no to women’s issues. Instead, we respect the dignity of women so much that we must deny any material that attempts to empower women through sin.

This is a wake up call, Notre Dame. If our own Church officials refuse to even step foot on our campus, something has got to be wrong. Our bishops sincerely said no to the "Monologues" because they see something that no one else apparently sees. Oversimplifying progressivism is not the way to end violence against women. Notre Dame should be moved off campus so there is no confusion on where we stand. Let’s come to our senses, listen to our bishops and help end violence against women through our embrace of Catholic teaching, not shunning it.

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Yatarola oversimplifies complex political ideas

In his column "Are you a fascist?" (Feb. 12), Greg Yatarola claims that liberals are more similar to fascists than conservatives. Not only is this a gross oversimplification of complex political ideas, but it also represents a fundamental misunderstanding of what that spectrum represents.

Yatarola clearly takes offense at the fact that conservativism is placed closer to the fascist end of the scale of ideas. This scale, however, is not meant to condemn conservativism as fascism; there is nothing wrong with conservatism being "two steps away from fascism" so long as it does not cross the line. Likewise, there is no problem with liberalism sitting close to socialism on the scale. The two extremes are both bad. Positions with some of their attributes can at times be dangerous, but liberalism and conservativism do not necessarily imply a fascist government no matter which party was in charge.

Climate change a very real problem

I was disappointed — but not surprised — to read Matt Gore’s Letter to the Editor ("Stop the climate change propaganda," Feb. 7). Like many other students, I despise a group of people who continue to resist mounting evidence of the negative global impacts of climate change, he belittles the severity of a very real problem.

As any discerning reader should, Gore questions the magnitude of the problem that climate change could cause mass extinction. He mentions a study by Chris D. Thomas that found that only the Costa Rican Golden Toad has gone extinct due to "global climatic shifts." Being the climate change believer that I am, I double-checked this citation. To my surprise, however, in the first line of Thomas’s report "Extinction Risk from Climate Change" (Nature, 2004, Vol. 427, p. 145), the author concedes that indeed, climate change has caused the extinction of only one species for the last three decades. But alas! All is not well for Gore, for later on the same page of the report, Thomas states that even in the minimum expected climate change scenarios (read: inevitable), between nine and 31 percent of species are predicted to go extinct, depending on their dispersal abilities. While I grant that nine to 31 percent of species is not most or all of the global species community, the climate change-induced extinction of such a significant portion of global biodiversity would be a large blow to the biodiversity of this planet.

Gore also argues against the claim that climate change will threaten the existence of life on Earth ("global climatic shifts"). I point out that species have persisted through more intense climate changes many times in the last few centuries. I agree — just look at cockroaches. The larger point at hand, however, is not how life in general will fare, but individuals. Although the majority of species, including Homo sapiens, could likely persist through expected climate change scenarios, individuals of those species may not emerge unscathed. As Professor Darcia Narvaez hinted in her Feb. 5 letter ("A call to conserve"), there is widespread acceptance among the scientific community that climate change will severely and adversely affect many human communities.

All in all, I must acknowledge that certain areas of the world could benefit. Some economies may boom as agriculture yields increase with warmer weather and reduced precipitation in some areas may limit transmission of diseases like malaria. The cost for other communities, however, will be profound. As we all have heard from various media sources, people around the world are at risk for reduced water supply in already water-stressed areas, loss of arable land due to increased temperatures, and massive flooding due to sea-level rise. (For a detailed summary, read the executive summaries of reports by the United Nation’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.) The potential consequences of climate change are not to be taken lightly. While I appreciate Gore’s ultimate agreement that we should take steps to conserve energy, I worry that his resistance to the potential consequences of climate change is indicative of a mindset that denies sans reason the gravity of our situation. By labeling people who voice concern as “fear mongers” and by exaggerating their claims, Mayays in the discussion prevent others from working to curb human-induced climate change. If we are going to make a positive difference, however, we all must work together. It is true that no one knows the future and the exact impacts of climate change, or how severe they will be. Personally, however, I choose to err on the side of caution.

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CONCERT BRINGS CHILDHOOD NOSTALGIA BACK TO FANS

On Friday night my fifth grade dreams came true at the Spice Girls concert in Chicago. When I found out that my favorite girl group of the '90s was reuniting for a world tour, I was desperate to get tickets. I missed the boat the first time around and I wasn't going to let it happen again.

Judging from the sold-out concert, I wasn't the only one who refused to let this opportunity pass by. I have an odd feeling that this is the last and only Spice Girls reunion tour we're going to see. For some reason I can't picture Scary, Sporty, Ginger, Posh and Baby wailing "Wannabe" and rocking about Ginger (Geri Halliwell) wasn't appreciated and rucking about "girl power" at ages 45 and 50.

The crowd was overwhelmingly lacking children and boys. Ten years ago, the United Center would have been packed with junior high girls wearing platform shoes and glitter. All those tweens were now grown up and buying beer at the concession stands. Interesting side note: A 20-year-old offered me $20 to buy her an $8 beer before the concert started (it was only $10). But let's not forget to mention the merchandise frenzy. People were dropping $50 for concert T-shirts like it was nobody's business. I ended up with an adorable mug, a program and a poster. I was stuffed and excited after the concert was over (it was only $10). I won der how many of those people buying T-shirts are actually going to wear them in public. As proud as I am to be a Spice Girls fan, I don't think I would ever dare to go that far to show my support.

The concert started about 30 minutes late, but that's to be expected. The anticipation was almost too much for me. I had been waiting 11 years to see my girls on stage and I was getting a little emotional and was scar ing my friend. Judging by my reaction to when the Spice Girls finally appeared, there's no way that I'll ever be able to go to a Mariah Carey concert and come out completely healthy.

The girls started with "Spice Up Your Life" and followed that with "Stop." It was comforting being in an arena full of people who know as many of the words to the songs as I did. We were singing in the 300 level, which gave us a bird's eye view of the stage and the opportunity to look out over the entire crowd and see how much fun everyone was having. Some people were more into it than others, especially two guys sitting near us who were home-made Spice Girls T-shirts and Union Jack bandannas.

The show was spectacular. There was singing, dancing, glitter and Roberto Cavalli-designed costumes. The Spice Girls know how to put on a lively performance, but they also knew how to go slow. During "Mama," they brought their children on stage and sang to them and the crowd with photos of their mothers in a slideshow in the background. It was a tender moment, but I was more concerned with the fact that I just saw Eddie Murphy's baby and the Bochum boys.

I appreciated that they never tried to gloss over a pivotal part of their history. Ginger's early departure from the group. At the end of "Viva Forever," Ginger who was dressed as her Union Jack sparkling lava turd at one point in the evening, descended through a trap door, leaving Scary, Sporty, Posh and Baby—all four who worked on a third album together—to perform "Make You Feel," a single from that album.

Ginger (Gerri Hallowell) wasn't gone for long, though. She emerged solo in the next number to sing her remake of "It's Raining Men" from her second solo album, which appeared on the "Bridget Jones's Diary" soundtrack. Sporty (Mel C) came out next and performed two of her solo hits before the five women came out together to sing "Wannabe," their hook ichot Neverland to me.

"Wannabe" was one of the Spice Girls' biggest hits and it's the reason why they're still alive and kicking. The song is now a classic, and it's one of the few songs that I can sing along to without feeling embarrassed. I was glad to hear it live for the first time and it brought back memories of my childhood.

Overall, the concert was a huge success and I'm glad that I got to see it. I'm looking forward to more shows in the future and I can't wait to hear more new music from the Spice Girls. I'm sure that they'll continue to make music that will last for years to come.

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Scene & Heard

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Walking into Chicago’s United Center for the Spice Girls concert Friday night was, I can only imagine, very similar to going to a Cher concert. There were almost as many men in teeny-tiny outfits and heels as there were women in the same attire. Among the many drag queens in attendance were four dressed as the Spice Girls, something I expected of the girls in attendance, not the boys. There was also a man dressed up as Wonder Woman, which may or may not have been a tribute to “Spice World” the movie, in which one of the girls dresses up as Wonder Woman for a photo shoot. Not every male in attendance was dressed in drag; there were, surprisingly, several groups of guys scattered throughout the arena dressed perfectly normally. These were definitely the minority, though.

By the time the five Spice Girls rose to the stage and began the concert with “Spice Up Your Life,” I had already seen more sequins, leopard print, pigtails, and crimped hair, on girls and guys, than I ever wanted to. For their part, the Spice Girls themselves seemed more than aware that featured quite a bit more risqué implications than would’ve been expected of the four girls when they were catering to the 12-year-old audience of the 1990s. In the opening few songs, the girls all wore metallic-inspired outfits that mimicked their signature outfits. For “Lady is a Vamp,” the Spice Girls sported 1940s lounge inspired outfits which included Halliwell wearing what appeared to be a man’s dress coat. They also sported classic outfits such as Posh Spice (Victoria Beckham) wearing her usual Union Jack dress. Baby Spice (Emma Bunton) was probably the most mature looking with dresses that reached mid-thigh as opposed to just above the butt. The Spice Girl who changed the least, Sporty Spice (Melanie Chisholm), still seemed content to wear studded suits or, if she absolutely had to, some form of pants suit.

Then, they decided to throw a curve ball at fans. During the song “Mama” the four Spice Girls who are now mothers brought their children on stage to demonstrate that they are grown up now, even if their wardrobes don’t demonstrate as much.

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NHL

Red Wings’ woes continue in 1-0 loss to Dallas

Blackhawks win third straight against Colorado; Rangers back in playoff hunt with crucial victory over Sharks

Associated Press

DALLAS — Dallas Stars goaldie Marty Turco savored a rare win over the Detroit Red Wings.

Turco made 28 saves for his third career shutout and second victory in 16 tries against Detroit, and Niklas Hagman scored as the Stars handed the Red Wings their season-high sixth straight loss, 1-0 on Sunday.

"That team’s had my number so it was satisfying to beat them," said Turco after registering his 20th victory. "Now I’m focused on evening things up against them.

Turco nudged his record to 2-9-5 against the Red Wings, helping the Stars improve to 9-1 in their last 10 games overall.

"I’m not too sure he’s not crying, he’s trying to hold it off," Dallas coach Dave Tippett said. "But it was good to see him get results. He had saves at the right time.

This has to help him get momentum against this team."

Turco preserved his shutout against the Red Wings with 48.4 seconds left, falling on his back to make a sliding stop on Detroit’s Brett Lebda. Turco also denied Johan Franzen with 34.8 seconds remaining.

"I’m running out of words to describe how Marty is playing," Hagman said.

"At the start, middle and definitely the end they had played good chances, I don’t know how my defense can get some of those saves. We’ve always had a tough time against Detroit. It was a huge win."

Hagman scored at 3:13 of the third period, notching his career-best 21st of the season and eighth game-winner from a sharp angle to the left of Detroit’s third-string goaldie Jimmy Howard.

Howard failed to control the rebound of Jere Lehtinen’s shot, and Hagman filled the puck over the sprawling Howard, making his first start of the season.

Lehtinen drove towards the net with a pass from behind the back door," Hagman said. "I got a good bounce and it was the right direction."

Howard stopped 30 shots, playing in his seventh career game and getting his fourth career start in place of Detroit No. 1 goaldie Chris Osgood.

"We missed by a couple of inches on some of ours, and Marty played really well," Howard said.

Coach Mike Babcock gave Howard the assignment after Osgood lost his fourth previous start and had been replaced by Howard in the previous two games. Star. Detroit’s Dominik Haasek is out with a hip injury.

Howard was fighting the puck early, but the Stars were unable to capitalize.

The first couple of shots came off him like crazy, but that’s just a kid being nervous," Babcock said.

Babcock also switched up his lines in an attempt to spark his struggling team, but the Red Wings fell to 0-5-1 in their last six games.

We had lots of chances," Detroit’s Tomas Holmstrom said.

Ryan Callahan scored twice and Chris Drury added a go-ahead goal and an assist Sunday for the Rangers, who finally beat a Western Conference team with a solid effort against the San Jose Sharks.

That came on the heels of a relatively easy 5-1 rout over Buffalos at home Saturday. New York is back in the mix after dropping to ninth.

It was definitely a tough game, the second of back-to-backers, especially playing against a big, physical, talented team," forward Brendan Shanahan said. "It was a real good test for us and we really responded well."

Henrik Lundqvist made 29 saves for the Rangers, who beat a Western team in their last five games after going 0-7-2 in the first.

Druzy helped set up Callahan’s first-period goal to tie it before sending the Rangers on their way to another win over a goalie in the second. Callahan added an empty-netter with 1.6 seconds left.

Callahan has four goals in five games after going 25 without one following a score on opening night.

"These are two big wins to build on," he said. "We have a long road ahead of us, but we can move forward and go from here. We have a lot of character in this room from top to bottom. You have to follow your leaders and go from there."

Lundqvist, who also stopped 29 Saturday, is 2-0 since signing a six-year contract extension with the Rangers.

Jonathan Cheechoo had the lone goal for the Sharks, who have the fewest road losses in the NHL (17-6-3). San Jose is 4-1-3-0 against New York and hasn’t beaten the Rangers since Oct. 22, 2001.

Evgeni Nabokov stopped 30 shots in starting for the 57th time in San Jose’s 58 games this season. The Sharks are 3-3-1 in their past seven.

"When you lose a game you always want to say it wasn’t enough and you know we’re trying hard, but it wasn’t enough," Nabokov said. "Defensively I think we played well. They were forechecking, and they was surprising a little bit how hard they played."

Dallas goaldie Marty Turco stops Detroit right wing Jiri Hudler in the second period of Dallas’ 1-0 Sunday.

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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team | record | pct. | GB last ten
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Boston | 41-19 | .688 | 4-2
Toronto | 29-31 | .483 | 8-4
New Jersey | 27-31 | .468 | 10-6
Philadelphia | 23-30 | .413 | 7-3
New York | 19-37 | .343 | 27-1-9

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team | record | pct. | GB last ten
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Detroit | 39-15 | .714 | 19-9
Cleveland | 29-23 | .550 | 18-6
Chicago | 21-31 | .408 | 18-6
Indiana | 21-32 | .404 | 23-2-2
Milwaukee | 19-34 | .354 | 29-3-2

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team | record | pct. | GB last ten
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Orlando | 32-9 | .769 | 9-1
Washington | 20-22 | .488 | 6-4
Atlanta | 21-28-1 | .453 | 3-7
Charlotte | 19-34-1 | .368 | 13-3-2
Miami | 9-24 | .292 | 22-5-1

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team | record | pct. | GB last ten
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Phoenix | 37-15-1 | .718 | 7-3
LA Lakers | 29-17 | .632 | 19-0
Golden State | 32-20 | .625 | 4-3-7
Sacramento | 23-26 | .479 | 13-5-6
LA Clippers | 17-33 | .340 | 18-5-6

Western Conference, Southwest

team | record | pct. | GB last ten
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New Orleans | 20-19 | .526 | 12-8
San Antonio | 34-17 | .677 | 2-3
Dallas | 29-20 | .580 | 4-5
Houston | 32-26 | .515 | 4-5
Memphis | 14-30 | .320 | 22-5-2

MIAA Women's Basketball Conference Standings

rank | team | conference overall
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1 | Hope | 14-0-1 | 20-0
2 | Albion | 12-3 | 19-4
3 | Calvin | 10-5 | 16-6
4 | Adrian | 6-6 | 8-8
5 | Alma | 6-6 | 9-7
6 | Olivet | 6-6 | 10-6
7 | SAINT MARY'S | 6-6 | 10-6
8 | Trine State | 3-11 | 8-9-6
9 | Kalamazoo | 1-13 | 6-18

NASCAR

Penske driver Ryan Newman celebrates after winning the Daytona 500 Sunday at Daytona International Speedway. The victory ended Newman's 81-race winless streak and was owner Roger Penske's first victory at the event.

Penske scores big with Newman's 500 win

Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Ryan Newman snapped an 81-race winless streak Sunday, using a huge push from teammate Kurt Busch to give car owner Roger Penske his first Daytona 500 victory.

Penske, the most successful owner in open-wheel history with 14 wins in the prestigious Indianapolis 500, now has a victory in NASCAR's showcase event.

It only took him 23 years to get it.

It came in the historic 50th running of The Great American Race, and it came in thrilling fashion.

"We did something very special for the Captain tonight," runner-up Kurt Busch said.

The Penske cars were quiet for 199 of the 200 laps, letting Joe Gibbs Racing stars Tony Stewart and Kyle Busch race each other in a battle of Toyotas. With one lap to go, it appeared Stewart finally would get a Daytona 500 win in his 100 try.

Running out front in the high line, he held off the two Penske cars as they circled the famed speedway. With a pair of teammates closing in on him, Stewart didn't feel safe running out alone with no allies. So at the last second, he dropped low on the track to line up in front of Kyle Busch. The JGR teams had talked about using teamwork all week, and Stewart thought he'd need Busch to make it to the checkered flag.

But the decision backfired when the two Penske cars flew past him on the top, and Newman pulled away for his first win since New Hampshire in September 2005.

"I just made the wrong decision on the backstretch," a dejected Stewart said. "My intention was to get in front of Kyle and pull Kyle along with us. It's hard to explain. It's probably one of the most disappointing moments in my racing career."

And for Joe Gibbs Racing and the entire Toyota camp.

Toyota seemed destined to win its first points race in NASCAR's top series behind the strength of JGR, which joined the manufacturer this season and gave it instant credibility. After a strong month of testing and a Denny Hamlin win in one of Thursday's qualifying races, the JGR cars seemed poised to battle mighty Hendrick Motorsports for the win.

IN BRIEF

Swimmer Hoff sets second American record in 2 days

COLUMBIA, Mo. — Katie Hoff set her second American record in as many days Sunday in a 200-meter freestyle and 400 individual medley races on the second day of the meet.

Hoff set an American record in the 200, finishing in 1 minute, 56.05 seconds to defeat five-time Olympic medalist Natalie Coughlin for the second time in two days. Coughlin set the previous mark.

On Saturday, Hoff broke the oldest American record on the books in the 400 freestyle.

In Sunday's medley, Hoff beat Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe, who a day earlier set a world record in the 200 backstroke.

UI president in spotlight with Sampson scandal

INDIANAPOLIS — College presidents aren't athletic directors, but sports can be a big part of their job — as Indiana University President Michael McRobbie is finding out.

McRobbie said the school will conduct a new investigation into NCAA accusations that men's basketball coach Kelvin Sampson committed five major rules violations. The announcement Friday came amid mounting calls to fire Sampson.

That puts pressure on McRobbie, who took office as UI president seven months ago, but it also creates opportunities, said Louisiana State University System President John V. Lombardi.

"Everybody is unhappy now — boosters, alumni, the athletic department," Lombardi, who has taught a course on the history of college sports, told The Indianapolis Star for a Sunday story. "This is a moment where he can go in and take charge."
Hampton tries comeback
Veteran pitcher readying for last attempt after missing 2 seasons

Associated Press
Ken Johnson, El Paso - Mike Hampton rubs down the ball, stares toward home plate and delivers a pitch that soars across the outsidecorner. Mark Kotsay never gets the ball of his shoulder.

The southpaw nods slightly toward the mound. "That's better," Kotsay joked.

Brayan Penla is even more enthusiastic. "That-a boy!" the catcher barks, giving a slight pump through his left arm.

"My pitches are starting to come around," he said a few minutes later, standing by his locker in the Atlanta Braves' clubhouse. "My arm's been feeling pretty sound. I'm happy where I'm at right now."

For Hampton, it's another baby step in one of baseball's longest-running comebacks.

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Remember Mike Hampton? Left-handed pitcher. Former 20-game winner. Perhaps best known for getting one of the richest contracts in baseball history.

Well, he's still around, though no one could be blamed for thinking he retired or took up coaching or settled for a job overseas. Hampton hasn't made it through a full year since 2004. Heck, he hasn't pitched at all over the last two seasons.

"Put yourself in his shoes," Braves manager Bobby Cox said. "You like to play, you like to pitch, you like to compete. Then all of a sudden, it's taken away from you. It hurts."

But, now, entering the final year of that infamous eight-year, $121 million deal he signed with Colorado in 2001, the 35-year-old Hampton is back on the mound, trying to show in the early days of spring training that he's still got a little something left in that scarred-up pitching arm.

I've been preparing for this day since the day after the surgery," Hampton said. "I'm excited."

For the record, he's referring to last year's operation on his billy left elbow, the one that cut short Hampton Comeback, Version 2007. At that time, he was coming off Tommy John surgery, which replaced the ligament in his elbow and cost him the '06 season. When the pain returned, he went back under the knife for a torn flexor tendon.

Another season gone.

From all outward appearances, Hampton never let two major operations dampen his enthusiasm for the game or his determination to get back on the mound. During two full years of rehab, he often stranded through the Turner Field clubhouse cracking jokes or ribbing teammates.

"When you're so very for you and at the end of the day you're still feeling sorry for yourself, well, your mind is messed up and your arm still hurts. It doesn't really help anything," Hampton said. "I decided to keep a positive mindset, get it taken care of and look forward to the day when I could compete again."

A cynic might find it hard to muster a whole lot of sympathy for Hampton. After all, those big paychecks kept on coming, and he's due to make $15 million this season, no matter how much he pitches or for how long.

Then again, it wasn't his fault that Colorado doled out such a foolish contract, or that Hampton's sinker-beaty repertoire just wasn't cutting it for the Mile High City. He can even laugh about his experience with the Rockies.

"When I was in Colorado, I got to throw every day," Hampton joked. "I was like, 'What the hell are you doing?' I was throwing a sinker down here" - he drops his arm below his waist and "- and my four-seamer from up here" - his arm rising above his head. "I went straight brain dead. Now, I'm pretty comfortable."

That's just what the Braves want to hear.

While they're not counting on Hampton for as much as they did a year ago, they know he could make a stronger rotation look downright formidable. The Braves already have John Smoltz, Tim Hudson and Tom Glavine. A healthy Hampton would give them four top-line starters, the sort of rotation that could help Atlanta challenge the free-spending New York Mets and defending champs on Philadelphia Phillies in the NL East.

"Everything we get from him is a bonus," Smoltz said. "There's no other way to put it."

Hampton had hoped to start his comeback in the Mexican winter league, but that plan lasted all of three outs. Yes, he hurt himself again, pulling his right hamstring at the first inning of his very first start.

He had to take another month off, and still feels a bit of tightness in the back of his leg when he throws. He's had to re-examine his workout routine, giving more attention to his legs and making sure he shows up early enough to do plenty of stretching.

"I'm excited," Hampton himself. "I don't really care how Hampton throws in spring training, as long as he makes it to opening day without getting hurt again."

"I'm sure he'll be rusty a little bit," Cox said. "But we're not looking for that. We're looking for health."

Actually, the aborted stint in Mexico boosted Hampton's confidence. His arm didn't hurt, and when he watched a video of the inning that popped up on YouTube, he was relieved to see that his mechanics looked basically the same as they did before all the injuries.

"It's like Smoltz told me, 'Dude, you don't forget how to pitch,'" Hampton said. "It's like a bicycle. You don't forget how. You might need a refresher course, but you don't forget how. When I saw that video, I was like, 'Dude, you look just like you did before. Try line.'"
Saint Mary's blasts Kalamazoo
Kessler scores 22 as Belles ride 34-8 run to blowout victory

By GRiffin DassATti
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's was actually down four to Kalamazoo at one point in its 71-39 win Saturday. Then, five and a half minutes into the game, the Belles (10-12, 1-13 MIAA) decided it was time to start playing.

With 14:37 left in the first half and the score tied at 8-8, Saint Mary's senior guard Alison Kessler scored two of her game-high 22 on a layup. It was the last time Kalamazoo (4-18, 1-13 MIAA) sniffed the lead.

That's because Kessler's layup began a 34-8 Saint Mary's run that sent the Belles into the locker room with a 42-15 lead.

Sophomore forward Anna Kammrath, who pulled down a game-high 12 rebounds to go along with her six points, said the Belles' success in the first half was a result of the team's laid-back style.

"We were definitely more relaxed (than in previous games), which is easier to do when everyone was clicking," Kammrath said.

In the second half, the Belles continued their dominance. The Hornets never got within 26 points, and many of Saint Mary's reserves saw the court for the latter portion of the game.

The blowout victory was a big change for the Belles, who have an average margin of victory of 6.6 points in their MIAA wins this season.

Belles junior guard Katie Rashid finished with 13 points, and classmate Erin Newson netted 11 to go along with seven rebounds.

The Belles also got a solid performance from freshman guard Liz Wade, who scored seven points, grabbed seven rebounds and had seven assists off the bench.

Kammrath said after the game that the win was a big one for the Belles, especially with the end of the MIAA season coming closer.

"Getting this win means we are for sure playing on Tuesday once (the conference tournament) starts next week," Kammrath said. "It also helps team morale, a win like this."

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Announcing the Year 2008 Annual Awards of the Albert Ravarino Italian Studies Travel Scholarship

Thanks to a generous gift from the Albert Ravarino family, the Italian Studies Program is pleased to announce the year 2008 annual competition for travel in support of summer research and foreign study in Italy. Grants will be made in amounts not to exceed $3,000, and will not normally cover all expenses. Notre Dame graduate and undergraduate students who are planning to pursue research or a formal program of summer study in Italy are invited to apply.

Students must have completed at least one year of Italian language. The course work will normally be in Italian; will involve the study of Italian language, literature, and culture; and must be applicable to a student's degree program at the University of Notre Dame.

Recommended programs for foreign study include, but are not limited to: Loyola University in Rome, Boston University in Padua, UCLA in Pisa, Miami University in Urbino, Columbia University in Scandiano. Interested students are encouraged to consult the materials on Italian foreign study in the Department of Romance Languages, 343 O'Shaughnessy Hall.

Application Deadline: Wednesday, February 27, 2008

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Students are invited to submit a letter which should include:

1) an explanation of how the proposed research or foreign study will enhance their degree program at Notre Dame;
2) a personal statement indicating their background, interests, and long-term goals;
3) a description of the research project or the program they intend to follow;
4) a budget indicating the costs involved;
5) two letters of recommendation
6) a transcript showing all grades and courses completed
7) a list of other sources of funding (being sought or confirmed) for the same project (i.e. Office of International Studies, Nanovic Institute, etc.)

Irish battle to 2-2 split in Arizona
Game against No. 1 Wildcats rained out

By JAREDジェDICK
Sports Writer

In a rare rainy weekend in Tempe, Ariz., Notre Dame came up even in Arizona State's Kajikawa Classic, defeating Utah and Cal but losing to Western Kentucky and No. 3 Texas A&M to start the 2008 season.

Officials cancelled Friday's game against top-ranked Arizona because of the rain.

"I like how the girls came out," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "They really showed a lot of fight, and I think it was a great learning experience.

The Irish jumped out to a 7-1 lead of a Pinzenger double and a sophomore Christine Lux sacrifice fly, but the lead would not stand.

Western Kentucky's Rebecca Horosky hit a grand slam off of freshman Jody Valdivia to give the Hilltoppers a 5-3 advantage.

Sophomore Heather Johnson tied the game at 5-5 with a two-run homer in the seventh with a two-run inning, before allowing three earned runs in the final three frames.

"Brittney really gave us a chance to win both games," Gumpf said. "It was just three or four pitches that went wrong for her."

The final game on Sunday against Cal was a chance for the Irish to make up for the previous day's mistakes, and they took full advantage.

Senior second baseman Katie Laing went 2-for-4 and had RBIs, including a two-run homer in the third inning to propel the Irish to a 4-3 comeback win.

In the bottom of the seventh, Laing showed her power in the clutch, knocking the first pitch she saw into right center field to plate freshman Katie Jorgensborg.

"Katie really led this team all weekend," Gumpf said. "She single-handedly scored three runs for us in the last game and led the team to victory.

The Irish will spend the week working on the little things before traveling to Gainesville, Fla., next weekend to participate in the Aquafina Invitational.

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Wake Forest upends second-ranked Duke

Freshman Teague scores first half of the Demon Deacons' 86-73 win.


Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — Freshman Jeff Teague and James Southerland each scored 17 points for No. 4 Duke. Instead, they helped coach John Cadinu claim a victory that surely would have made his late best friend proud.

Teague scored 26 points and the Demon Deacons shocked the No. 2 Blue Devils 86-73 on Saturday night, snapping Duke's 12-game winning streak and giving the first-year coach his signature victory as the leader of the late Skip Prosser's program.

"I watched them on TV (and) dreamed about (North Carolina and Duke)," Teague said, adding that he and Johnson "talked about that when we first got here. 'Playing Duke, they're going to pressure you.' "That's why I want to play. I'm not an All-American or nothing, but I want to go out and try to be one a little bit.""Johnson added 24 points and a personna with six rebounds for the Demon Deacons 116-8, 6-5 Atlantic Coast Conference, who claimed their first victory against a top-five team since Chris Paul's sophomore season in 2004-05.

This time, the tie-dye-clad "Screamin' Demons" student section poured onto the court to celebrate the program's biggest win since they knocked off the then-No. 4 Blue Devils on Feb. 2, 2005. The Demon Deacons' third straight victory improved them to 14-4 on their home court and snapped Duke's five-game losing streak in the series. They did it on the strength of a 17-2 run midway through the second half and some smothering defense, forcing Duke into a season-high 22 turnovers.

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Irish lose twice in ITA tourney

By MIKE GOTTIMER Sports Writer

Facing some of the toughest competition in the country, Notre Dame split its first two matches in the ITA National Team Indoor Championships this weekend in Seattle and earned a spot in the consolation final before falling to No. 12 North Carolina Sunday.

On Friday, the Irish faced off against No. 8 UCLA in the first round and lost a tough one to the Bruins, 4-0.

The Irish began the match by losing the doubles point despite a strong showing from senior Sheeva Parbhu and junior Brett Helgeson, who beat UCLA senior Iarel Snogo and freshman Nick Meister 8-2.

Notre Dame senior Andrew Roth and freshman Stephen Havens lost a close match to Bruins senior Mathieu Dehaye and freshman Holden Seguso by a score of 8-6.

The final Irish pair of freshman Tyler Davis and junior Santiago Montoya came up short against UCLA junior Mike Look and senior Jeremy Dean by a score of 8-4.

The Bruins took the momentum from their doubles win into the singles and won their first three matches to secure the 4-0 victory.

The Irish loss to UCLA set up a Saturday match in the second round of the consolation bracket against No. 16 Penn State, whom the Irish defeated on Jan. 26. The Saturday contest will be able to rebound from the tough loss to UCLA on Friday to pick up a 4-2 win.

The Irish started slowly and lost the doubles point. Parbhu and Helgeson lost to Penn State junior Adam Slagter and freshman Holden Seguso by a score of 8-6.

The second Irish doubles pair of Davis and Montoya dropped the second match 8-4 to Nittany Lions senior Michael James and junior Brodwan Lynch.

Despite the slow start in doubles, the Irish came back strong in singles play to surge ahead of the Nittany Lions. The Irish picked up their first two singles wins from Havens and fellow freshman Dan Stahl.

Havens earned the first Irish win after Bourchier withdrew from the match. Stahl then defeated Penn State freshman Jake Toole in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2.

The Irish dominance in singles continued with No. 11 Brett Helgeson, defeating No. 51 James in straight sets, 6-1, 6-4, which gave the Irish a 3-1 lead. Penn State took the next point as Lynch defeated Roth, 6-2, 6-3.

Notre Dame earned its fourth point when Parbhu defeated Slagter in three sets, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3, to clinch the Irish victory.

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while picking up the victory.

"My performance was pretty good," Koppens said. "I give credit to my defense." Koppens and junior attacker Jake Wilcox led Notre Dame offensively. Koppens finished the game with one goal and two assists, while Wilcox added two scores and one assist. Freshman attacker Matt Langan and senior Tyler Davis also scored. Cooper Macdonnell each netted one goal as well.

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goals in her first collegiate game, and senior Heather Ferguson scored twice.

Notre Dame came out strong and looked to bury Griffiths early, notching the first six goals of the game and racing out to the big advantage. Canisius fought back and tailed the Irish for four goals, closing the gap to 6-4. Canisius held close until a Byers goal with three seconds left in the first half gave the Irish a 10-5 lead and momentum heading into the break.

After Canisius cut the Notre Dame lead to 12-9, the Irish needed to regroup.

With Notre Dame hanging onto its slim lead, the Irish made the necessary adjustments. Notre Dame rattled off three unanswered goals, pushing the lead to 22-9. The rally included three goals from Byers and two from McKinney.

Ashley Gray led the Griffins with three goals, and Whitney Card and Chelsea Martinez scored twice each.

Notre Dame outscored the Griffins 16-4 behind six goals from Irish attacker Jill Byers. All 100 wins have been under Coyne.

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beginning their home slate against Canisius at 1 p.m. in the Loftus Center.

Notes:

• Loyola held an advantage on total shots over Notre Dame with a mark of 37-33. The Irish were slightly better in face-offs, however. They won nine of 17.

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end, but the ball ricocheted out of bounds off three Scarlet Knights.

On the ensuing Notre Dame possession, guard Kyle McAlarney drained two free throws. Scarlet Knight Corey Odom was given credit for the two-point basket, and the Irish left Piscataway with the win.

Jackson was a bright spot on an otherwise ugly day for Notre Dame. He scored 15 points and eight rebounds — two boards shy of his first triple-double.

"I was happy to come in and knock down some shots," Jackson said by phone after the game. "Jackson's biggest play came with more than a minute remaining and the Irish clinging to a 67-66 lead. He nearly lost the ball between a double-team but recovered enough to get it to senior forward Rob Kurz, who knocked down a wide-open jumper for a three-point lead.

"I was driving and the guy reached in and knocked it away," Jackson said. "I thought it was going to be a steal.... It went through my legs and nobody grabbed it, so I lifted it up and bounced it off Bob."

Kurz, who battled the flu last week, finished the game with 11 points and 14 rebounds.

"He knocked down some big shots," Jackson said of Kurz. "That's what he does on a daily basis.

Notre Dame started slow but used a 13-3 run midway through the first half to open up a 10-point lead at 34-24. The Irish led by eight, 48-39, at halftime.

In the second half, the Piscataway crowd came alive as the Friars won a 14-4 run and took a five-point lead at 55-50 with 11:13 remaining.

The Scarlet Knights held the advantage for five minutes until a tip-in, left by McKenzie, got the Irish back to a point at 55-54.

The Irish wore their blue uniforms Sunday. Notre Dame will put its 34-0 record in conference play and 34-0 in the Big East out at the box-and-one style of defense limited Morrow's effectiveness.

"The three points give us a big edge," McCartney said. "The way we're playing, every time we're on the line, we knock them down."

Charel Allen led the Irish with 22 points and 12 rebounds. It was the first time an Irish player had had at least 20 points and 10 rebounds since Angel McCoughtry did it last season, on Feb. 11 against DePaul.

"This was the best game of her Big East season," McCartney said. "She was aggressive, she was looking for her shot, and she took care of the ball. She was able to do the best player on the floor.

Sophomore forward Nicole Michael scored 14 points, and senior center Valda Sipavicuie added 12.

Mccaw said Morrow hurt the team with a sequence of turnovers, including two late turnovers in overtime Saturday. The Orange went on a 10-0 run and made the score 61-60 with 5:13 left in the game. Morrow's 3-pointer with 2:12 left in the half put the Irish up 28-21, but four free throws and a layup from Michael again closed the gap to one point.

Senior guard Tulusah Gaines had eight assists — four more than her season average — and two steals in the game. McCarthy said despite reaching 100 career wins and her team aren't caught up in records or rankings.

"We're playing really good basketball right now," she said. "We're not thinking about numbers."

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and passed the Orange (19-5, 7-4) to move into fourth place in the conference.

Notre Dame has at least 20 games in 14 of the past 15 seasons, and in 18 of Muffet McGraw's 21 seasons as head coach.

"I think it's great for this group that we got [20 wins] early," McGraw said. "We've always tried to keep that as a number one as a barometer for getting into the NCAA Tournament.

The Irish took over in the paint, grabbing both ends of the floor and had 14 more rebounds than the Orange — and had averaged an advantage of 9.5 boards per game this season. They kept their boards-binding totals balanced — they had 20 on offense and 25 on defense.

"That was critical," McGraw said. "We really needed that, especially at the end after being tied, we had a couple of great stops. We did some nice things on the boards.

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totaled 32 saves in the contest. The score would remain tied until Thang's winner.

The Irish kept the momentum up Saturday night, ripping off a season-high 20 shots in the first period. None of them got past Rogers, though, and the winner finished with 40 saves.

While Notre Dame was busy shooting, the Nanooks were busy scoring in the first period. Saturday. After an apparent Adam Lee goal at 6:22 of the period was wiped out by interference on Pearce, Alaska made its next chance count.

On a power play, defenseman Tyler Eckford found freshman Lansden Soyoviny alone in the slot, and Novotny unblocked a back-hand that beat Pearce between the legs at 8:24 of the period.

Rogers' stellar net-minding ensured that the score remained 1-0 until 9:55 into the third period, when senior Mark Van Gelder tied the game on Notre Dame's seventh power-play chance of the night. Van Gelder knocked down the left boards and fired a shot from the left circle that deflected off an Alaska defensemen and past Rogers.

Ish coach Jeff Jackson was traveling back from Fairbanks, Alaska, and could not be reached for comment.

The three points give the Irish 31 on the season, only four points behind second-place Miami (Ohio) and Michigan State with four games remaining in the season. Notre Dame now needs two points next weekend in two games against Ohio State to secure a top-four seed and first-round bye in the CHCA playoffs. The Irish take on the Buckeyes at 7:35 on Friday night and 7:05 on Saturday night at the JACC.

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, 27; Paris Hilton, 27; Brooke White, 14; Julie Benz, 36.

Happy Birthday: There should be lots of changes this year. Once you accept the inevitable, you will succeed. Look for new beginnings and show your work and you will feel more in your new direction. This is a year to move on. Your numbers are 12, 26, 29, 37, 46.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotional matters will surface if you aren’t careful when you say or do. Take the time to pause yourself and plan with friends. Working on something big that will benefit you professionally will help you stay on track. 2 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The more succe s you see others and say yes, the further away you will get. A project or hobby that interests you can be taken a step closer to where you see it going. A serious look at self-esteem you are or consider your options is a must. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Attend a conference or trade show or engage in conversation with someone who has great ideas or similar interests. Don’t let any idle discouragement from you preventing your dreams. Follow your heart. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Change is in the works and, like it or not, you must come out unscathed. Don’t be fooled by someone’s boasting. Take a wait-and-see approach. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): A trick is in the works, and like it or not, you want your seat and follow through. Once you have put bad things behind you, you will benefit from the dramatic change. You will have Rewards and you find about yourself and your future. 3 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Set the standard and speak of your findings, ideas and intentions. It’s hard to be long enough someone puts your light to make reforms in or to get things done. You will have an open and honest approach but it is not to be open to anyone. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don’t let your emotions get the better of you. Stick to your beliefs without moving a single deal out of what you want to do. As long as you are too open or accommodating, others will take advantage of you. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Flex your heart, your dreams and your desires and set the stage for anything you think is possible. Now is the time to go. You have too much to lose and too much to gain. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You may be able to find people that somewhere someone will be on to will be doing what you are doing. Be careful not to upset the tricks and find it to be key. Someone who is in a vulnerable position. Act fairly and honestly. 2 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will be pulled in different directions. Your emotions will come on strong, give you to someone who wants your undivided atten­tion. Think about your relationships with others and which are worth keeping. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You must take action, so act now and be the one to move the plans that fall apart. You will get what you want to be a leading influence with your friends, colleagues and loved ones. 1 star

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): If you let your personality take over, you will move on something great. Love is in the picture, so take a practical approach. You will get what you want and you will get absorbed in different milieu than if you are dreaming. 2 stars

Birthday Baby: You are emotional yet well balanced and able to balance the needs you have. You are clever, ingenious and emotional. You are strong and kind.

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**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

**Orange crushed**

Allen, Williamson get double-doubles in win

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

It just hasn’t been Melissa Lechlitner’s night. The sophomore guard was 0-for-5 from the floor, and her only two points came on free throws. But moments after coming off the bench late in the second half, two quick jump shots salvaged her game.

Lechlitner hit a jumper with 2:52 remaining and another with 2:17 left to spark No. 16 Notre Dame’s offensive on a 13-3 run en route to a 79-67 win over No. 21 Syracuse Saturday at the Carrier Dome.

The Irish hit 11 foul shots in the final 1:26 to widen the gap.

Notre Dame improved to 20-5 (8-3 Big East) on the season.

**HOCKEY**

Team gets three goals from 71 shots in weekend series

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame got in its shots against Alaska this weekend. Unfortunately, only a few of them managed to get in the net.

The Irish 121-103-1, 14-7-3 CCHA unleashed a combined total of 71 shots, including a whopping 41 Saturday night, in two games against the Nanooks (8-17-5, 8-14-5 CCHA), but netted only three goals in a 2-1 win and 1-1 tie.

Notre Dame scored late goals in both games, including a Ryan Thang game-winner with 5:11 left in the third period Friday night. Thang received a backhand pass in the slot from defenseman Kyle Lawson and launched a one-timer past Alaska goalie Wylie Hogers, who made 29 saves on the night.

Garrett Regan got the Irish on the board first Friday night, notching his seventh goal of the season on the power play at 15:19 of the third period. Forward Evan Rankin fed the puck to Regan, who was positioned at the bottom of the left circle. Regan fired a low shot that beat Hogers just inside the far post.

Irish guard Carmel Allen drives past Huskies guard Ketia Swanier during Notre Dame’s 83-64 loss to Connecticut on Jan. 27. Notre Dame beat Syracuse 79-67 Saturday in the Carrier Dome.

**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

Notre Dame notches 100th victory

By ANDY ZICCArelli
Sports Writer

Notre Dame got off to a fast — and record-setting — start this weekend.

The Irish tied a school record for goals in a 22-10 win over Canisius on Friday, and then regained the program’s 100th win on Sunday against Duquesne. Both games were played at the Loftus Center.

Ten different players scored for Notre Dame in its season-opener, a win over Canisius.

"Generally, we like an up-tempo, aggressive-on-defense type of team,” Irish coach Tracy Coyle said before the Canisius game. "I guess we’ve found out tonight what our style’s going to be.”

If Friday was any indication, the Irish look like they will be pushing the tempo all season. Midfielder Caitlin McKinney and Byers led the team with five goals apiece. Freshman Shaylin Blaney added four.

**MEN’S LACROSSE**

ND has 7 scorers in win over Loyola

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Senior attack Alex Wharton sealed a 7-6 victory for the Irish over No. 17 Loyola (Md.) Saturday in Baltimore by scoring with 3:33 remaining in the season-opener for both squads.

The Irish used a variety of weapons offensively, finishing with a different player scoring each of the seven goals.

No. 16 Notre Dame started the first quarter strong, netting three scores before the Greyhounds answered any. Loyola ended its scoring drought with an early second-quarter score courtesy of sophomore attack Colin Finnerty. After trading a few more goals, Notre Dame found itself ahead of Loyola 5-2 at the half.

The third quarter, however, was all Loyola. The Greyhound attack scored three times to tie the game at five with one quarter remaining.

Irish attack Jill Byers shoots during Notre Dame's 22-10 win over Canisius on Friday.

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Irish avoid upset in Piscataway

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Luke Harangody struggled mightily, but sophomore Tory Jackson's big game and a key blunder by Rutgers allowed No. 18 Notre Dame to escape Piscataway, N.J., with a 71-68 road win Sunday.

The sophomore, who was averaging more than 20 points a game and a key player on teams that lost to both Duke and Connecticut, was stymied by the Scarlet Knight defense all day. He finished the game with only 10 points on 5-for-16 shooting.

Harangody even had a chance to redeem his day with 15 seconds remaining. The Irish led 69-68, and the forward stepped to the free-throw line for a one-and-one and a chance to put the lead at three points.

Harangody missed on the front and followed that with a missed jumper from the free-throw line. Notre Dame got the rebound past Pearce, who was able to get the ball to a teammate near the corner.

Rutgers led 71-68 into the final minute Sunday, but Harangody drained a three-pointer and a jumper to end the game.

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