University announces tech park

By KATIE PERALTA
News Writer

Notre Dame is taking big steps in the development of small things — very small. Local, national and University officials as well as executives from IBM and the Semiconductor Research Corporation met Tuesday afternoon on the 14th floor of the Hesburgh Library to announce the opening of a nanotechnology consortium on Notre Dame’s campus. The research center, called the Midwest Academy for Nanoelectronics and Architecture (MANA), is a part of a nationwide effort to develop nanotechnology that aims to optimize performance capabilities of computer devices. Officials chose Notre Dame for MANA because it is a prime Midwest capital for research initiatives.

"Notre Dame has a long history in work with nanotechnology," Dennis Brown, assistant vice president for news and information, said. Brown was joined at the conference by Indiana governor Mitch Daniels, Indiana speaker of the House Pat Bauer, Congressmen Joe Donnelly, Dan Benoit, South Bend mayor Steve Luke and Purdue University interim provost Vie Leechtenberg. University Vice President for Research Robert Clotfelter, University President Fr. John Jenkins.

This research consortium at Notre Dame will work in partnership with Purdue University in West Lafayette, Ind., according to Daniels. Roughly a third of the research will take place at Purdue.

The entire budget for the consortium is $30 million, with the University contributing $1 million and the State of Indiana committing $10 million. The research consortium will house 15 to 20 people, including students, postdoctoral fellows and researchers, said Daniels.

"It's really motivating us to see the realities of violence in relationships to those in attendance," said Adams.

In a brief overview Adams explained that two to four women are physically abused and between the ages of 18-64 one in four women will be raped.

Abuse can be done in many forms, she said. It can be physical (shoving, blocking, exiling rapists), verbal (yelling, sarcasm), emotional (stalking, ignoring, mind games), sexual and financial.

Adams also addressed the issue of gender in abusive relationships.

"I am going to be referring to the abuser as 'he' and the victim as 'she' because in 90 percent of the cases the women are the victim," Adams said.

In most abusive relationships, the beginning is very normal, she said, due to feelings of new, exciting attraction. But, Adams said things change when the abuser starts asking questions, such as who the victim is going to be with, where she is going, what she is doing, what she is wearing, that may not seem abusive at first but ultimately are possessive.

Students pose with former White House correspondent Helen Thomas at the Women’s Global Leaders Conference in Dubai March 12.

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

While many students were basking on a beach or visiting family members over spring break, five Notre Dame students were preparing to attend a leadership conference at Zayed University in Dubai, one of the seven United Arab Emirates.

Seniors Sarita Fritzler and Chelsea Ivenson, junior Becki Faunce and sophomore Adriana Rodriguez joined over 2000 delegates from universities throughout the world at the Women as Global Leaders Conference which ran March 10-12.

The group spent nine days in the UAE with their advisor Joy Evans, the assistant director for scholarship and research at the Center for Women’s InterCultural Leadership (CWIL) visiting mosques, historical sites, and the Sheikh Mohammed Centre for Cultural Understanding along with attending the conference.

Rodríguez said she and the others who attended the conference are all involved in different ways.
**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Trouble on God Quad**

Sorin is not a residence of war for a residence for Area, either — if you know the Greek mythology.

We are not mercenaries seeking a fight at every available avenue, nor are we Americanism territory-monsters (but don’t touch our Bond backyard).

We are peace-loving Otters, seeking naught but life, liberty, and happiness. Everyone knows this; Sorin’s disposition is sunnier than the sun on Tuesdays. Why, even during the hours of four and seven in the afternoon.

Letting good nature has its limits. There are those on this campus who would gladly glibly of our kindly disposition to usurp our property and sully our reputation. They attack our very way of life and openly disdain those virtues we hold dear. They have committed egregious offenses directed at Sorin College for generations, with no signs of stopping and without action on our behalf.

There comes a time in every Otter’s life where he must stand up and fight for that in which he believes, though he might not understand it. That time is now, virtually two days ago, but this is the earliest we could get it in The observer.

No longer will we be held prisoner to the whims of a dictatorial regime simply out of our own chivalry and love of lazying around the house. While they have the advantage of numbers, we are superior to them in experience, wisdom, and swimming abilities.

There will be casualties: duties will be crushed, feelings tweaked, and maybe even a few contusions. But can we go on living as we live now? Going through our daily routines as if nothing is wrong, while knowing all the while of the wholesale oppression of our people being perpetrated by a group self-styled as our leaders.

They must see the consequences. They must see what they got. They must see what they get when they mess with the otters. And though they might be wild women, we are screaming otters. And otters never give up.

Our resolve will be put to the test, but we shall prevail over the tyranny we face.

And when we shall dance. With this document, therefore, we men of Sorin College hereby declare war on Walsh Hall.

Premier Sorians will be given all chances to yield sovereignty, but this cession need be timely and for our own purposes, only digital clocks will be used. At 0000 hours tomorrow (that means sometime around noon, if you can’t read army time), vanguard forces will mobilize, and the annexion of Walsh Hall will be inevitable, unstoppable, irreversable, and as good as... in an otter kind of way.

In closing, please understand that we are really, really serious and if you don’t believe us, you should ask somebody from Sorin.

 Sigrid, The Otters

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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**QUESTION OF THE DAY:** If the Huddle could sell anything, what would you want it to sell and why?

**Tom Banaslaw**

*freshman*  

*Knott*

*"Bouncy balls, because they keep on giving."*

**Aaron Martinuzzi**

*senior*  

*off-campus*  

*"Alcohol, tobacco and firearms, so the ATF will stop sending me letters about international transactions."*

**Leah Miller**

*junior*  

*Leuvs*

*"Wool socks — for the days when weather.com is wrong."*

**Jenni Fong**

*senior*  

*Pangborn*

*"Stamps so they stop asking for them here at the info desk."*

**Luke Fitzgerald**

*junior*

*Keough*

*"Beer, so we can use Domer Dollars and Flex points instead of our own money."*

**IN BRIEF**

Notre Dame’s College Democrats will host a question and answer session with presidential candidate Hillary Clinton’s daughter Chelsea Clinton and actor Sean Astin today at 10:30 a.m. in Legends restaurant.

Christian Quenelder will discuss “Theory in Motion: Media Blends in Vachel Lindsay’s The Art of the Moving Picture (1915/22),” a lecture examining the pioneering American film theorist Vachel Lindsay’s foundational role in the development of a theoretical framework for the study of film at the beginning of the twentieth century today at 4:30 p.m. in 119 O’Shaughnessy Hall.

There will be information sessions regarding the Irish Guard tonight and tomorrow at 7 p.m. in the Band Building. All students are welcome.

A group of advanced students from the Department of Music will give a short classical concert in the Fine Performers Hall in D'Artbpolo Performing Arts Center on Thursday at 12:10 p.m. Admission is free, but tickets are required.

Breen-Phillips Hall is host of the 50th annual Princess for a Night event Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donated prom dresses will be given to local girls who attend the Notre Dame College Football Hall of Fame.

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

**CORRECTIONS**

The Observer regrets a mistake in a previous publication and reprints the item for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4414 so we can correct our error.

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**BOARD OF GOVERNANCE**

Spanish, Sociology clubs ask for trip funds

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY

News Writer

Two co-sponsorships were presented at the Saint Mary’s Board of Governance (BOG) meeting Tuesday evening as representatives from the Sociology Department and Spanish Club attended the meeting to ask BOG to help fund some of their upcoming events.

Nicole Loughridge, a senior in the sociology department, asked for money to help fund attendance for her and four students at the North Central Sociology Association (NCSA) Conference, March 27-29 in Cincinnati, Ohio, with three other seniors. Three of the students are going to present their senior comprehensive, two of which have already won prizes. "That is exciting for Saint Mary’s as a whole," Loughridge said.

The seniors will be showing their comprehensive to sociol­ogy professionals and students from colleges from seven differ­ent states in the Midwest.

Since 2004, Saint Mary's has been awarded the first, second or third place prize, Loughridge said. The women attending want to gain recognition for Saint Mary’s.

Junior Spanish Club treasurer Becca Mason was also at Tuesday’s meeting in search of funds for a symposium the club is setting up for gender bias. The symposium will take place on Oct. 2-3.

The club will be showing a film on the first day along with several guest speakers on both days. Professors from Rutgers University and Ohio State, as well as professors from Saint Mary’s, will speak. Topics will range from the effect the Iraq war has on women, the dis­placement of women in Africa and the trafficking of women in Eastern Europe, Mason said.

In other BOG news:

*Mickey Gracinski,* the student body president-elect, and Sarah Falvey, the student body vice president-elect attended the meeting in preparation for the turnover at next Tuesday’s meeting.

*Cassie Quaglia,* president of the Residence Hall Association, said Le Mans Hall will be selling sweatshirts in the Student Center Atrium during lunch and dinner.

*Student body president* Kim Hodges said there will be birth­day cake in the Student Center Atrium Wednesday at 11 a.m. through lunch for Feb. and March birthdays. Everyone is welcome to help themselves.

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on campus through different student government groups and they all plan on incorpo­rating the things they learned through those organizations and in their classes.

Barnes agreed with her and said that she has already begun to share her experiences with her Critical Issues in Mass Communications course.

"We all definitely plan on implementing what we learned at Saint Mary’s," Barnes said. "I’m talking to my class about what I observed about the media in Dubai.

Each of the women who attended the conference are applicants for the new CWIL Certificate for Intercultural Learning which debuted this year.

"For the last couple years we’ve really been developing the structure and process (of the certificate),” said Evans, who is also one of the key leaders of the program. The leaders did work on the cer­tificate for about two years until they were ready to run what she called a “pilot year.”

Participants of the pro­gram are required to attend a kick-off retreat, peer-men­tioning meetings, advising meetings, the capstone retreat, and mentoring meetings with an interna­tional leader and a local community leader. There is also a study abroad require­ment.

50 hours of commu­nity-based service required, and a catalyst trip, also included in the certificate’s Web site.

All this must then be included in an inclusive leadership project and final­ly in the e-portfolio, accord­ing to the Web site. The portfolio highlights students’ experiences studying abroad, reflection papers, power points, video clips, and digital essays, Evans said.

"It’s the idea that they’re practicing their leadership and they’re practicing the values of the certificate program, as well,” she said.

Evans said that while stu­dying abroad is a require­ment of receiving the certificate attending a conference of this magnitude is not.

"This group of students got together and decided that they wanted to go to the conference,” Evans said. "It was not paid for by the [cer­tificate] program at all.

The group received most of its funding from CWIL, but also wrote grant proposals to the Board of Governance and Student Diversity Board. Rodriguez said it took a couple of months to prepare for the trip because they had to get the grants in order and then study the culture and language of Dubai through several documents that the group read.

Barnes said the group also talked to the mother of another Saint Mary’s student who is from Morocco.

"(The mother) talked to us about the culture and taught us basic Arabic phrases, which was so helpful,” she said. "When we were in Dubai, we knew what to expect a lot of the time because of all the advice she gave us.”

Barnes said she learned a lot at the conference but the most important thing she learned was to try to be less ethnocen­tric.

"[The con­ference] taught me to understand a culture before trying to ‘help them,’” Barnes said.

"People are often too eth­nocentric and quick to impose their values on other cultures. A mutual understanding has to be reached before you can make any progress,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said the trip was very informative and she is going to try to focus on people’s similarities rather than differences in the future.

"No matter what your cul­ture, religion, ethnicity or background we all have so many things in common with one another,” she said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

At least 9 killed in drug shootout

AINDOLI, India — Police and a man suspecting a gang of six men have been killed and seven wounded in a shootout in eastern Guatemala that is likely tied to drug traffickers.

Interior Ministry spokesman Ricardo Garcia Trejo says the nine men killed were apparently ambushed Tuesday in the town of Teculutan. Police say they have arrested three Guatemalan police officers, including one who was a police chief in Teculutan. The accused officers were formally arrested Wednesday and are being held in a police station in Guatemala City.

Saudi king calls for religious dialogue

RIYADH — The Saudi king has made an impassioned plea for dialogue among Muslims. "We live in a world from a nation with no diplomatic ties to Israel and a ban on non-Muslim religious services and symbols."

The message from King Abdullah, which was welcomed by a wide range of Muslims, leaders, comes at a time of stalled peace initiatives and escalating tensions in the region.

Dozens seriously injured in crash

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — A carload of workers was killed and dozens were injured in a crash in a New York City suburb on Tuesday that police said was caused by a carload of workers.

The crash occurred after the workers were killed when a long, multi-level building under construction began to collapse.

An injured worker lies on the ground after a crane fell from a Miami construction site Tuesday. (Associated Press)

Accident kills 2 workers, injures 5

MIAMI — A 20-foot-long chunk of construction crane plunged 30 floors at the site of a high-rise condominium in downtown Miami Tuesday, injuring at least five workers and smashing into a building that was used for storage, police said.

Five of the workers were injured, one critically, when the 100-ton crane was carrying an arsenal of automatic rifles and grenades near the construction site. The crane was moving when it was hit by a fire truck, police said.

Crews worked to remove the crane and other debris from the site, police said.

Crews rid water of sabinella bacteria

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — A crew started pumping out the water from the foothills of Colorado Springs on Monday after a suspected sabinella bacteria outbreak in the area.

On Monday, local public health officials reported a suspected case of sabinella bacteria in the area. The bacteria, which can cause respiratory problems, is spread through contaminated water.

Resident's water has been contaminated

ALAMOSA, Colo. — A resident's water has been contaminated with a strain of sabinella bacteria that is linked to the local public health outbreak, officials said.

Residents in the area have been advised to boil their water before drinking.

Troops fight Shiite militia in Iraq

Baghdad, Iraq — U.S. and Iraqi troops backed by helicopters fought a battle against a Shi'ite militia in Baghdad on Monday, killing at least four people and wounding 10 others, according to Iraqi security officials.

The Shi'ite militia has been targeted by U.S. forces in recent weeks, and the battle comes as Baghdad's security situation remains tense.

Iraqi security forces, backed by U.S. helicopters, battled the Shi'ite militia in the western district of Sadr City, according to police and hospital sources.

Ambushed in Baghdad

Baghdad — Iraq's leaders faced their gravest challenge in months Tuesday as Shi'ite militia loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr battled government forces for control of the southern oil capital, setting off one of the worst violence outbreaks in Iraq since the U.S.-led invasion.

Violence erupted when troops loyal to al-Sadr began to attack Baghdad's Sadr City district early Tuesday, according to local officials. The battle has left at least 10 people dead and dozens injured.

Baghdad's Sadr City, the birthplace of al-Sadr, is home to some of the city's most vocal and violent Shi'ite supporters.

The battle has raised concerns about the stability of the government and its ability to control the city.

Man charged with murder to go on trial

INDIANAPOLIS — A trial is scheduled for a man accused of killing two women and their children in 1998 in Indianapolis, where he then attempted to rob a bank.

The trial for David Martinez, 31, is scheduled to begin Monday in Marion Superior Court. Martinez is charged with murder in the deaths of 30-year-old Cynthia Costello and her 11-month-old daughter, Hope, in their home.

The trial is expected to take six weeks and is expected to be one of the most high-profile cases in Indiana's history.
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"Maybe she has a big mid term to study for and she needs to leave and he blocks her exit or pulls her back on the bus — it's the little urs," Adams said.

The abuse may just start with a slap across the face then an immediate apology. The women tend to look past that though.

"Women always look at how the relationship started and think he's a human being, he can't be all bad," she said. Adams related everything she said to the three-step "cycle of violence."
The first step is the "honeymoon" phase, she said. The abuser apologizes for the violence, he promises to go to counseling and sometimes purchases gifts for the woman.

Following that stage is the "tension building" stage, she said. The abuser uses jealousy as a weapon and belittles the person and attacks their self-esteem.

"Many women want to speed up the tension building phase because that is worse than the actual abuse," according to Adams. "Women are nurturing and want to tame the lion so they might instigate the abuse."

The final stage is the "explosion" phase, an extreme increase in physical, verbal or sexual abuse with threats to kill or harm, Adams said. Often times the honeymoon phase is shortened and the explosion phase is longer as the abuse continues.

Adams said that abuse is about power and control. "Men play mind games," said Adams, giving the example of a woman leaving their keys in a dish next to the door, the man taking the keys and then acting like he has no idea where they are. When the woman is in another room looking for them, he would then put the keys back and act like they were there the whole time.

In retrospect, the abuser knows what he is doing, she said.

"He is always damaging her stuff because he knows it will hurt her more," Adams said. She also said that anyone can be an abuser because there is not a correct stereotype of what men will abuse a woman. "It does not matter what size, class or color," she said. "Abusers can be charismatic, intelligent, and religious but they can also be manipulative and justified in what they do is always ok."

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Write news. Call Bill at 631-5323.
The situation threatens to push the country to provide relief to a spreading credit crisis, the Federal Reserve has said. The Fed has provided a total of $260 billion in short-term loans to squeezed banks since December to help them overcome credit problems.

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AUSTRALIA

Argentina farmers prolong strike

President vows to not give into concessions on 45 percent export tax hike

A farmer blocks the road in Tandil, Argentina, Tuesday. As a part of the farm belt strike farmers and ranchers are blockading highways and dumping crops.

Rising food prices bring hunger, riots

The closely watched Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller index of home prices in 20 cities fell nearly 11 percent in January from a year earlier, the biggest drop in its two-decade history.

Prices were down about 20 percent in Las Vegas and Miami, both paying the price for especially rampant speculation in and too much new construction during the housing boom. Fourteen other cities posted record declines in the Tuesday report.

Housing price drop continues trend

WALMART — Home prices plunged by record levels in January from a year ago, with almost no major cities immune from the spiraling market. Analysts worried that even the usually reliable spring selling season is in jeopardy.

From subsistence farmers eating rice in Ecuador to gourmets feasting on escargot in France, consumers worldwide face rising food prices in which a relatively small storm of conditions. Freak weather is a factor. But so are dramatic changes in the global economy, including higher oil prices, lower food reserves and growing consumer demand in China and India.

The world's poorest nations still harbor the threat of terrorism and civil war. Clashes over bread in Egypt killed at least two people last week, and similar food riots broke out in Burkina Faso and Cameroon this month.

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No one knows what other problems have been revealed. But even relatively stable prices in the United States and Europe in the coming year.

However, consumers still face at least 10 years of more expensive food, according to preliminary FOMA projections.

Among the driving forces are petroleum prices, which increase the cost of everything from fertilizers to transport to food processing. Rising demand for meat and dairy in rapidly developing countries such as China and India is sending up the cost of grain, used for cattle feed, as is the demand for raw materials to make biofuels.

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BEIJING — China's economy is relatively strong.

The world's largest economy — a leading exporter of soybeans, beef and wheat — is in full farming rebellion over a new sliding-scale increase in export taxes. Soyaean taxes are being hiked from 35 percent to 45 percent, with smaller increases on corn and other farm products.

Scattered shops began emptying of beef, milk, chicken and cooking oil Tuesday as farmers mounted the most serious challenge yet to Fernandez's bedding government.

But policies of the government are leaving people without food, without milk, complained Marta Llamas, one of the farm protest organizers who announced Tuesday a 13-day old strike would now continue "indefinitely."

But Fernandez appeared undeterred as she delivered her government will not give in to the protest. Others lift taxes on soybean, beef and wheat. "This seems like ... comedy," she said.

Rural workers beat pots and pans in rural communities on the farming pumpkins to protest the president's speeches. Others even打出 fire after nightfall on blocks road and vowed to suffer their protests.

After a searing 2002 economic meltdown, the government rejigged its coffers through taxes on surging grain exports and soaring commodity prices. The cash influx powered an economic rebound, with growth rates topping eight percent annually.

Argentina's economy is back on track — and agriculture remains one of its most profitable sectors. It's only fair that farmers and ranchers be taxed on more of that wealth, according to Economy Minister Martin Lousteau, who announced the controversial tax overhaul on March 11.

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A farmer blocks the road in Tandil, Argentina, Tuesday. As a part of the farm belt strike farmers and ranchers are blockading highways and dumping crops.

Rising food prices bring hunger, riots

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — If you're seeing your grocery bill go up, you're not alone.

With subsistence farmers eating rice in Ecuador to gourmets feasting on escargot in France, consumers worldwide face rising food prices in which a relatively small storm of conditions. Freak weather is a factor. But so are dramatic changes in the global economy, including higher oil prices, lower food reserves and growing consumer demand in China and India.

The world's poorest nations still harbor the threat of terrorism and civil war. Clashes over bread in Egypt killed at least two people last week, and similar food riots broke out in Burkina Faso and Cameroon this month.

But food prices won't rise up even in Haiti. And while the price of spaghetti has doubled in Haiti, the cost of rice is picking a hit in Japan.

"It's not likely that prices will go back to as low as we're used to," said Abdolreza Abbassian, economist and secretary of the Intergovernmental Group for Grain in the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization. "Currently if you're in Haiti, unless the government is subsidizing consumers, consumers have no choice but to cut consumption. It's a very brutal scenario, but that's what it is.

No one knows what other problems have been revealed. But even relatively stable prices in the United States and Europe in the coming year.

However, consumers still face at least 10 years of more expensive food, according to preliminary FOMA projections.

Among the driving forces are petroleum prices, which increase the cost of everything from fertilizers to transport to food processing. Rising demand for meat and dairy in rapidly developing countries such as China and India is sending up the cost of grain, used for cattle feed, as is the demand for raw materials to make biofuels.

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BEIJING — China's economy is relatively strong.

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But policies of the government are leaving people without food, without milk, complained Marta Llamas, one of the farm protest organizers who announced Tuesday a 13-day old strike would now continue "indefinitely."

But Fernandez appeared undeterred as she delivered her government will not give in to the protest. Others lift taxes on soybean, beef and wheat. "This seems like ... comedy," she said.

Rural workers beat pots and pans in rural communities on the farming pumpkins to protest the president's speeches. Others even打出 fire after nightfall on blocks road and vowed to suffer their protests.

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The farmers are demanding to sit down and negot­iate a rollback on the new taxes, which Buzzi calls "extortion" against farmers. The government says it won't start talks until the protests stop.
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project is approximately $61 million. It will be
completed by 2008 and will be
available to the public.

In addition to the nanoelectronic research
initiative, the University is also planning to
dedicate space to the creation of a nanotechnology
engineering building. The building will be
located on the corner of Notre Dame
Avenue and South Bend Avenue.

According to Bernhard, the project is
expected to begin soon and will be
completed within the next five years.

Protest

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The protesters held signs with slogans such as, "Think if you really disturbed a student," or "Stop the violence at Notre Dame." Over a dozen passing cars honked in support of the protesters.

"We're protesting at Notre Dame," said a protester who did not want to give her name. "We're tired of the violence and the way they treat students.

The University responded to the protest by releasing a statement, saying that they were committed to the safety and well-being of all students.

Families unsure of Virginia Tech settlement

Associated Press

RICHMOND — The Virginia Tech mass shootings
too many questions mark the proposed offer.

"We're not happy with the settlement," said O'Dell.

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**PAKISTAN**

New prime minister takes office

Yousaf Raza Gilani calls for a change in Musharraf’s military policy

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A key figure in Pakistan’s new government said two top U.S. envoys on Tuesday there needs to be a change in President Pervez Musharraf’s policy of using the power of the army against Islamic militants.

The call came as a new prime minister, Yousaf Raza Gilani, took office, closing the book on eight years of military rule.

President Bush phoned Gilani after his swearing-in and invited him to Washington at his convenience. Gilani’s office quoted the new premier saying Pakistan would continue to fight “Islamic extremists and moderates that here are the Americans, right here in Islamabad, meeting with senior politicians in the new government, trying to dictate terms,” Abbas said.

The problem with the Americans is they don’t understand the domestic pressures on the new government, he said. “People are expecting this government to explore other possibilities for a solution to what’s happening in the tribal areas.”

The U.S. Embassy said the visit was part of a regular dialogue and had been planned for some time. But an official at Pakistan’s Foreign Office said the trip was arranged suddenly. The official requested anonymity because of diplomatic protocol.

The visit could add to growing mistrust of Washington here, even among liberals and the Western-educated elite.

**ARGENTINA**

President refuses to lower farm taxes

Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES — President Cristina Fernandez refused to ease tax hikes on agricultural exports Tuesday, facing down angry farmers embroiled in a nationwide strike that has all but halted production in one of the world’s biggest beef-eating and beef-exporting nations.

At least 9,000 cattle normally enter this capital’s sprawling stockyard each day for slaughter, yet not a single animal arrived this week due to the biggest farm and ranch strike in decades.

Scattered shops began emptying of beef, milk, chicken and cooking oil Tuesday as farmers posted the most serious challenge yet to Fernandez’s fledgling government.

South America’s second-largest economy — a leading exporter of soybeans, beef and wheat — is in full farmbelt rebellion over a new sliding-scale increase in export taxes. Soybean taxes are being hiked from 25 percent to 45 percent, with smaller increases on corn and other farm products.

“The policies of the government are leaving people without food, without beef,” complained Mario Larrau, one of the farm protest organizers, who announced Tuesday a 13-day-old strike would now continue indefinitely.

But in a tough speech later in the day, Fernandez announced her government will not grant any concessions to striking farmworkers nationwide, vowing not to “give in to extortion.”

The speech drew angry protests from farmworkers, who lit new tire fires on blocked roads and vow to continue demonstrating indefinitely.

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Adoration is the answer

Elsewhere, this is Easter Week. At Notre Dame it appears to be The Week of the Vagina Monologues. To the reader's relief, this column will defer discussion of that production. Instead, we suggest a better way to spend your time these next few days and beyond.

The impact of the paparazzi of John Paul II and Benedict XVI is a dramatic rise in the practice of Eucharistic Adoration in parishes and other venues throughout the world, including Notre Dame. What is it? And why is it such a big deal?

The Eucharist was instituted by Christ at the Last Supper, fulfilling the promise he had made to his apostles. In his sixth chapter of John's Gospel, "In the ... Eucharist, the body and blood, soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really and substantially contained. This presence is called 'real ... not to exclude the other types of presence ... because it is presence in the fullest sense ... it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present" (Catechism, no. 1374) This is called transubstantiation because the substance of the bread and wine changes while the appearances remain the same. The distinction between substance and appearance is familiar. When the angel appeared to the women at the tomb on Easter, his appearance was that of a man but his substance was that of an angel (Mark 16:8-9).

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is possible whenever the consecrated hosts are reserved in the tabernacle, as indicated by the lighted lamp near the tabernacle. The practice of Eucharistic Adoration, however, commonly refers to adoration when the Sacrament is exposed to view on the altar. Such exposition is available at Notre Dame, in the Basilica on Friday from noon to 5 p.m., with Benediction at 4:45 p.m., in the Coleman-Morse chapel Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., with Benediction daily at 8:45 p.m. and at various times in some residence halls.

In his apostolic exhortation, Sacramentum Caritatis (Sacrament of Love) (2007), Benedict XVI stresses "the inherent relationship between Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ... The act of adoration outside Mass prolongs and intensifies all that takes place during the liturgical celebration itself. Indeed, "only in adoration can a profound and genuine reception mature." And it is precisely this personal encounter with the Lord that then strengthens the social mission contained in the Eucharist, which seeks to break down not only the walls that separate the Lord and ourselves, but also and especially the walls that separate us from one another: "No, 66."

Adoration of the Eucharist, therefore, is not some kind of sterile, self-centered devotion. Rather, it has a social impact. "The sacrifice of Christ is for all."

Benedict said, "... the Eucharist thus compels all who believe in him to become 'bread that is broken for others,' and to work for the building of a more just and fraternal world ... The union with Christ brought about by the Eucharist also brings a newness to our social relations (and) is social in character."

Notre Dame emphasizes the importance of service to others. Benedict notes the role of Christ in the Eucharist as a motivator of such service and concern: "We cannot remain passive before certain processes of globalization which... increase the gap between the rich and the poor worldwide. We must denounce those who squander the earth's riches, provoking inequalities that cut out to heaven [cf. Jas. 5:4-6]. The Lord Jesus, the bread of eternal life, spurs us to be mindful of the situations of extreme poverty in which a great part of humanity still lives: these are situations for which human beings bear a clear and disquieting responsibility." SC, Nos. 88-90.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke often of Eucharistic Adoration as a source of power. "When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work, when all seems to go awry, she said, "they spend an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace and strength." Mother Teresa was asked, "What will convert America and save the world?" She replied, "My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."

When he was ordained a priest, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen promised that he would spend an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament every day. He kept that promise and described the "holy hour" as not merely a devotion but "a sharing in the work of redemption. He [Jesus] asked for an hour of preparation to combat the hour of evil, an hour of victimal union with the cross to overcome the anti-love of the world."

So adoration of the Eucharist is a very big deal. But no one can cramp it down your throat. We are free to accept it or reject it. If you are not convinced that it is true, it might still be worth a visit to check it out. There is no set formula. You don't have to contact anybody. Just show up. Stay for as long or as short a time as you wish. You can pray, read or just think. If you fall asleep, don't worry about it. Archbishop Sheen recounts the time in a church in Paris when he kept down, promptly fell asleep and "woke up exactly at the end of one hour." He wondered if he had made his promised hour until he realized "that's the way the Apostles made their first holy hour in the early Church."

If you want to do something real for Notre Dame and for yourself, don't waste your time on anything like the Vagina Monologues. Go instead to spend some time with the person who himself really is Truth. And Love.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Those who matter don't mind, and those who mind don't matter."

Bernard Baruch

financier
Royal flush

The Chinese government is certainly a busy agency. It undoubtedly has trouble finding time to rest in between squashing Tibetan dissenters (led by the sav­
ing Tibetan Lama), blocking Internet traffic, and suing Guo N. Roses for their use of “Chinese Dissent, the band's 13-years-in­
the-making album title. But when the government does have a few spare moments, it turns its attention to the upcoming Olympic games scheduled for this August in Beijing.

Olympic officials recently faced a chal­

lenges when they realized that many

of the half-million expected foreign visitors will not be accustomed to China's squat toilets, little hole built into the ground that require no skin-to-porcelain con­
tact. The organizers therefore decided to

switch many of their squat commodes

to Western-style sit-down toilets. This

will relieve American visitors accus­
inated to relaxing on their porcelain

throne. It will also improve campus sanitation since these toilets use less water.

We here in the West are not lacking in efficient toilet options — we just fail to explore the full range of hygiene alter­

atives. For example, I attended John Calcut University in Rome last spring and was treated to dual-flush toilets in the bathrooms throughout the campus. The constant flushing stars in the toilet industry have two flush options: a low­

flow flush for liquid waste and a high­

flow option for solid waste disposal. (Apologies to those of you reading this

in the dining hall.) Giving the user the choice of two flushes offers huge poten­
tial for water conservation.

The American industry standard for
toilet water consumption is 1.6 gallons per flush on all toilets since 1992. Older toilets galp 3.5 or even 4.5 gallons of water every flush. The dual-flush toilet, in contrast to these water hogs, uses between 8.8 and 1.1 gallons for low-flow flushes and 1.3 to 1.6 gallons for high-flow flushes, yielding an average of about 1.2 gallons per flush. That gives a 25 percent savings each and every time you plop down to read the newspaper.

The prospective water conservation on campus that a move to dual-flush toi­

lets would bring is staggering. If the University wants to appear serious in its environmental efforts, it should — after checking off the power plant smoke­

stacks — make a commitment to dual­

flush toilets. (It could be the “No. 2” pri­

ority. Pardon the pun.) Allow me to

point the way.

To the Notre Dame Facilities Operations Web site tells us there are over 2,000
campus toilets cleaned by Building Services every day. Now, I realize that some of those toilets are male-only uri­
tinals. But if any section of this location is Siegfried Hall, we have two urinals and two toilets, or two urinals and seven working toilets. Assuming that campus toilet facilities are evenly split between genders, we have 1,000,000 flushes per day, or 36,500,000 flushes per year for use by males. Applying the urinal/toilet ratio of 2.5 to this number, we find that the male toilets are used about 90 times per day. That does not account for the urine trothl of the

Siegfried, quite active during football weekends. Subtracting this from the

overall 2,000 potties gives us a working figure of roughly 1,700 sitter toilets with the potential for a dual-flush overhaul.

The average person flushes about six times per day. Returning to any case

study of Siegfried. The residence hall has about 50 toilets (five toilets and two urinals for six sections, plus AB, rector, and first-floor bathrooms). If the dorm's 240 residents each flush six times daily, the collective 1,440 flushes spread out over 50 toilets yields 28.8 flushes per toilet per day. Taking into account high­

traffic latrines in classroom buildings, we can allow for a conservative esti­

mate of 30 uses of a toilet throughout the day. Multiplying the 30 by the 1,700

sitter toilets gives us 51,000 flushes of the John every single day.

Using conventional water closets, we go through roughly 81,600 gallons of

government water to dispose of our waste every day (1,600 flushes times 1.6 gallons per

flush.) Now if we return to our earlier

figures, we find we have saved over 20,000

gallons of water per day. That means over

seven million gallons of water saved annually.

I realize, of course, that not all waste­

water is irrevocably lost. Sewage treat­

ment facilities can reclaim a great deal of the water we bid adieu, but the figure of seven million gallons remains a grand

demand for attention. Many bodies of

water contain less. I would guess, based on no scientific calculations whatsoever, that you could empty one of the campus lakes and fill it up again with the 7 mil­

lion gallons we can save every year.

Here at Notre Dame, we do not have to worry about Olympic preparations or

Tibetan protesters or YouTube censor­

ship, and Guo N. Roses only occasionally wreaks havoc. With all the time we have, we ought to explore installing a sophisticated network of dual-flush toi­

tlets, saving the precious natural resources of the Dalai Lama would approve.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Boycott Beijing

Last week’s events in Tibet reminded the world what China really is. Behind the mask of new economic prosperity and porous borders lies a nightmare of human rights violations, zero freedom of the press, and frequent hostile military action in the face of peaceful protest.

In an effort to extend economic interest and “open” a closed world, the interna­
tional community ignored a patterned history of irresponsible and egregious behavior and awarded China the 2008 Winter Olympic Games. The Olympics holds to a mantra of respecting universal ethical principles and pre­
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Contrary to President Bush's statement, the Olympics is much more than sport. According to the 2008 Winter Games to China, was deep-seated neglect in his responsibility spreads beyond their borders. The country's economic interest in Africa coupled with its permanent spot on the U.N. Security Council has helped to expand the conflict in Darfur (leading to the popular label "Genocide Olympics").

In addition, the country’s complete disregard for the environment threatens the entire world. The hopes that the Olympic Games would lead to a new order in China has been exposed as farce. China's human rights record stands as a mock­

erie to the Olympic Games. I ask Olympic athletes and viewers alike to “Boycott Beijing”; boycott the Genocide Olympics.

Jeffrey Koch
junior

Monty Hall
March 24

Support the troops,
not the war

My name is Chris, I am the student

who was directly referred to the

letter to the editor ("protesters Out of Life," Mar. 21). During the Iraq War protest last Wednesday at the Fieldhouse Mall, I asked Meghan, the author of the letter, if her ROTC boyfriend to join the protest last Wednesday. Meghan, upon seeing you and your boyfriend, removed her ROTC regi­
tary gear, my first impulse was to thank him for his service. I thanked him and offered, if he wished, to join him in our opposition to the war, as I had every person that walked by the protest.

I understand you thought I was an ungrateful college student spitting on the soldiers on a mindless quest to make other protesters look bad, but that is not who I am and that is not what I rep­
resented on campus last Wednesday. Your anger seems justified since you believed we were holding signs, “complaining of Iraq War solutions brought about by American soldiers.” The sign read “655,000 Frags killed.” This number is of civilians, not oppo­

tion insurgents. We were by no means condemning the soldiers for their actions; we were calling atten­
tion to the collateral damage of war. We do not blame soldiers for what they do, that we know they are doing the best job they can to protect the inno­
cent of Iraq. Meghan, please consider e­

to soldiers thanking them, per­

writing to your ro­

try to yesterday, and will continue to do so (any soldier.com). I am thrilled that you called this campus to action for something we can do back to the soldiers! But I will not allow you to condemn me for protest­
ing this war.

Are you claiming that the war sup­
porters on campus who crumpled up

my flyers, or those in town that gave me a finger and told me to go back to the soldiers. But I will not allow you to condemn me for protest­
ing this war.

Chris Rhodenbaugh
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Lucrative journalism career

after graduation?

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No "Darko" Love for Southland Tales

By MARK WITTE
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"Southland Tales" is a movie that might be too vast for its own good. Like "Donnie Darko," it tries to explore realms of the fourth dimension.

The story begins in Abilene, Texas. The attack starts World War III and the war in the Middle East and North Korea. Homeland security and the price of oil go through the roof. This inflation leads to the discovery of a new energy source, Fluid Karma, which somehow draws energy out of the ocean's waves and wirelessly channels it out in an electrical field. We're told that the invention was used on U.S. soldiers, including in Abilene, as an enhancing drug, but with sketchy results.

The film then cuts to 2008 in which an election between the Democratic and Republican Party has come down to the state of California where the Republican ticket of Elliot/Frost is scrambling to locate the vanished Santaros, fearing his disappearance to have been an attack on the Republican Party. And it is.

There are quite a few other bits of altered history. After the nuclear attack, the Republican Party helped start this program called US-IDENT, a means for monitoring internet and television activity. This didn't sit well with the Neo-Marxist group called the Neo-Marxists and they are bent on bringing down Senator Frost and his wife, who heads US-IDENT. The Neo-Marxists capture Officer Taverner and his identical brother, planning to use them in an elaborate scheme to make the government look bad. But things don't go as planned and the story shoots off in an array of different directions.

The rest of the story is made up of a blur of confusing plot twists involving a screenplay Santaros supposedly wrote which keeps predicting the future in a countdown to the apocalypse, the truth behind the dual nature of Officer Taverner and his brother, and a dragged-up musical interlude by Abilene.

A longer version of the film debuted at Cannes in 2006 and received very little love. To combat what many critics called "a disastrous mess," Kelly shortened "Southland Tales" and added a running narration by Timberlake's character, made up of recitations from the Book of Revelations. Whether or not the additions and subtractions provide any more cohesion to the story is debatable. It's still ridiculous-ly hard to follow and leaves many of its questions unanswered.

"Southland Tales" is movie that might be too vast for its own good. Like "Donnie Darko," it tries to explore realms of the fourth dimension and possibilities of time travel, while questioning human purpose. Unfortunately it waits until the final 15 minutes of the two and half hour film to let us know what's really going on, and that might be a bit too long for an audience to wait.

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By MYCHAL STANLEY
Scene Writer

You might know Zooey Deschanel from movies like "Elf" and "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy," but did you know she can sing? She can sing quite well, and together with indie folkster M. Ward, she just put out a very solid record under the name She & Him.

In this collaboration, Deschanel takes care of the lyrics and vocals, while Ward supplies pretty much everything else. He plays all the necessary instruments and produces. Through his fantastic production, he makes the work of just two people sound like a full band.

Usually, a two-person band makes pretty simple arrangements, but Ward's production allows for some impressive layering. In songs like "Sentimental Heart," Ward uses multiple tracks of Deschanel's voice to create harmonies and fill out the empty spaces, and transforms the song into something that could be recorded by a five-piece girl group from the 60s.

Using multiple tracks might seem like a way to account for Deschanel's lack of range or vocal prowess, but one listen to the 50s country throwback track "Change Is Hard" is all one needs to recognize that the girl can sing. She may not have the greatest voice in the world, or the best range, but her full-bodied and impressively expressive vocals deliver.

As you can probably tell from the last two tracks mentioned, the pair's music is essentially trying to recapture the pop and country sounds from the 50s and 60s. Instead of trying to innovate and add anything new, they work to emulate the sound produced by the female country singers and the Brill Building work of Carole King and Gerry Goffin from that time period.

Fortunately, they do it to perfection, and pop tracks like "I Was Made For You" mix fantastically with woeful country tunes like "Take It Back." The record presents a very vintage feel while still sounding fresh.

Deschanel also provides the lyrics to all the original songs on the record. In the style of the genres the duo emulates, most of the songs are about being swept away by love or being hurt by it. In "Sentimental Heart," she sings of "crying all night until there was nothing left." In Black Hole, she's "alone, on a bicycle for two." But then in "I Was Made For You," she sings about "waitin' for a long, long time for a boy like you." The innocence and charm of these simple lyrics are very disarming and fit the music so well.

There are also two covers on the album. The first is Smokey Robinson's "You Really Got a Hold on Me." Unfortunately, it's probably the weakest song on the album. It adds nothing to the original, and is played straight the entire song through. The second is a cover of The Beatles' "I Should Have Known Better" which is a standout on the album. Deschanel and Ward slow it down, and allow the tune and melody a little more space to breathe. It's a fantastic interpretation of a classic early Beatles song.

"Volume One" is a refreshing window into the simpler, more innocent songs of the past. While She & Him branched out into a few more styles and themes (a bonus track rendition of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariots" show the promise of Deschanel's voice in gospel music), there's always time for that in "Volume Two." And at just 35 minutes, the album does not overstay its welcome, but provides a brief respite for lovely escapism into the past.

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Men's frisbee reaches semis

Women's water polo earns No. 1 ranking; rugby falls to IU

Bargar, Irish look to stay hot against IUPUI

ND SOFTBALL

By CHRIS DOYEN

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MLB

Former Yankees pitcher Roger Clemens is sworn in before testifying before Congress on Feb. 27. The top Republican on the Congressional committee investigating use of steroids released a report questioning if he lied in his testimony.

"It's a far more complicated picture than some may want to believe. Memories fade and recollections differ. That's human nature, not criminal conduct. My concern is the integrity of sworn statements made to Congress. At this point, the Justice Department is best equipped to investigate that central question and reach a fair conclusion."

The report includes portions of previously undisclosed interviews with new witnesses and addresses issues such as whether Clemens attended a party at then-teammate Jose Canseco's house in 1998; information about injections of vitamin B-12; and whether Clemens developed an abscess on his buttocks.

The report — "Weighing the Committee Record: A Balanced Review of the Evidence Regarding Performance Enhancing Drugs in Baseball" — stands as a counterpart to the 18-page memo released Feb. 27 by Chairman Henry Waxman.

That was the day Waxman and Davis asked Attorney General Michael Mukasey to open an investigation into whether Clemens committed perjury. The following day, the Justice Department told the FBI to take up the matter.

IN BRIEF

Red Sox fans wake early, watch season opener on TV

BOSTON — Red Sox fans ate their sausages with eggs and hash browns instead of peppers and onions, and bars were opened so early they couldn't legally serve beer.

And that was just the start of a unique opening day for Boston, where fans rose before the sun to watch the Red Sox defeat the Oakland Athletics in the land of the rising sun.

Bars around Fenway Park and elsewhere catered to big breakfast crowds as the season officially started in Japan at about 6:05 a.m. Eastern time on Tuesday.

Terry Boccelli of Stoneham said she would have made the trip to Boston to watch the defending World Series champions, no matter what time of day or night.

"I could not wait for the Red Sox," said Boccelli, who was at the Cask'n Flagon, "I have withdrawal all winter long.

Pacers' Walsh not clear about future plans

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers insist Donnie Walsh has not agreed to oversee basketball operations for the New York Knicks after the season.

"Donnie said this morning there's nothing clear about his future," Pacers spokesman David Chappell said Tuesday. "When there is he'll make a statement. He has not agreed to anything with anybody."

Walsh, the Pacers' chief executive and president since 1998, said Monday he would step aside after this season, but he would not comment on his future. The Pacers have turned over operation of the troubled franchise to Hall of Famer Larry Bird.

The Associated Press left a message with Walsh's office, but his secretary said he would not respond to the inquiries.

IU opens spring practice, star quarterback suspended

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana's offense just got a whole lot faster, even with star quarterback Ben Chappell calling the signals.

The Hoosiers, who last season realized their goal of playing in a postsea son bowl game, opened spring football practice Tuesday with Chappell directing a new no-huddle offense while star quarterback Kellen Lewis sat out a suspended two games. "No huddle, man, we're going fast, we're on the line to go. We're playing fast but under control. That's the goal for this spring."
At the Easter Vigil this past Saturday night, these eight members of the Notre Dame community were fully initiated into the Catholic Church. At this liturgy they received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Please join us in congratulating them and welcoming them into our faith community.
Sweet 16
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me." Sooner center Courtney Paris had 24 points, 16 rebounds and five blocks, and guard Jena Plumley hit 6-of-10 3-point attempts en route to 18 points. Forward Amanda Thompson had 19 points, eight rebounds and eight assists.
Irish guard Ashley Barlow had 16 points, and guard Tuishah Gaines had seven assists on the night.
Allen almost destroyed the night she had so beautifully crafted. After Irish guard Lindsay Schrader rebounced Barlow's missed 3-point attempt, Gaines and Allen played keep-away until, with 44 seconds left, Allen lost control of the ball. It bounced out of bounds and gave Oklahoma possession.
The Sooners took immediate advantage of the miscue. A tight Notre Dame defense kept them from getting a good outside look, but they found Courtney Paris in the paint for an easy bank shot to tie the score at 62 with 9.9 seconds left, forcing overtime. Schrader threw the inbounds pass to Barlow across mid-court, where Barlow was fouled and made both free throws to seal the game.
"We handled their run when they went up five," Barlow said. "They're a good team. We just handled their run, got out and made our free throws at the end of the game."
The Irish hit 57 percent of their shots in the first half, but only 30 percent in the second. It was their free-throw shooting, however, that won them the game. They made 22-of-24 free throws, or 91.7 percent.
"I give credit to Notre Dame, they were terrific from the free throw line," Sooners coach Sherri Coale said. When Oklahoma had a 56-49 lead with 7:26 remaining, Allen had enough. She made straight four foul shots during a three-minute span when she scored 10 points.
"After a steal in the offensive end, center Erica Williamson hit two free throws. Allen helped force a steal in the full-court press and made an awkward baseline jumper, hitting two more foul shots to make the score 61-58 with 3:57 remaining.
The press, along with the Notre Dame fan contingent, increased its energy and hounded the Sooners more than previously. The Irish had struggled to find quality shots in the second half, but by getting the double bonus they battled back from the foul line.
Notre Dame led by as many as nine in the first half, but the Sooners fought to keep close and finished the first half down four.
Notre Dame 75, SMU 62
With Erica Williamson in foul trouble, freshman forward Becca Bruszewski scored a career-high 16 points off the bench during No. 12-seed Southern Methodist in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. I thought Becca Bruszewski was phenomenal off the bench," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "You don't expect a freshman to show up in the NCAA Tournament and get a career-high, and that's just what she did today."
Ashley Barlow had 20 points and 12 rebounds, and Charel Allen had 14 points.
The Irish jumped out to a 25-8 lead in the first half, but the Mustangs pulled to within four by halftime.
In the second half, Southern Methodist tied the game at 57 when Allen a fade-away jump shot to give the Irish the lead. They went on a 12-0 run full of layups and free throws and never allowed the Mustangs back in the game.
Notre Dame out rebounded Southern Methodist 49-26 and had 24 offensive rebounds.
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ND WOMEN'S GOLF
Irish brave weather, come away with fifth
By MIKE BLASCO
Sports Writer
On a day when the wind was blowing everyone away, Notre Dame was just glad to hold on.
In wet and blustery conditions, No. 25 Notre Dame eked out a fifth-place finish with a 36-hole total of 642, 51 over-par, at the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Tex. Irish freshman Se-Hyun Park carded her seventh top-10 finish in eight contests with a 12-over-par 156, ending up seventh overall.
The inclement weather wreaked havoc in Austin, shortening the tournament by forcing the University of Texas Golf Club to cancel the second round of competition and driving scores up across the board.
"The conditions made it very tough," Irish coach Susan Holt said. "You knew the scores were going to be high today, but I was shocked with how high they were."
The tournament featured some nation's best, as the field of 18 featured five top-25 teams. No. 22 New Mexico led through-out the tournament, clinching a first-place finish with a 32-over-par 623. No. 5 Florida finished one shot back while Texas (630) and No. 6 Arkansas (632) finished third and fourth, respectively. Notre Dame and No. 24 TCU tied for fifth, rounding out the top five.
Coach Holt accepted her team's finish, especially considering the competition and weather.
"There were some good teams here and (the weather) affected everyone," Coach Holt said. "I just told our team to keep grinding. I feel like we made the best of the situation by tying for fifth. It could have been worse but we grinded it out."
Behind Park, fellow freshman Katie Conway shot her third top-10 finish of the season for Notre Dame, finishing play with a 13-over 157 in a three-way tie for 10th. Co-captain Lisa Maunu carded a 21-over-par 165 to finish tied for 51st overall.
Notre Dame returns to competition April 6-8 at the Canes & Cards Classic in Miami, Fla. The tournament will be the Irish's last contest before the Big East tournament.
We should play well [in Miami] and hopefully that'll give us some momentum heading into the Big East tournament," Holt said. "You just kind of have to toss this tournament aside and move on and that's what we'll do when we go to Miami."
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GOURMET BURRITO.
(Not an oxymoron)
BASEBALL
Weather cooperates, Irish win home opener

By FRAN TOLAN
Associate Sports Editor

It was worth the wait. After having its first two home games postponed due to rain last week, Notre Dame scored at least a run in each inning from the third through the sixth as the Irish defeated Ball State 6-4 Tuesday. Evan Sharpley and Billy Rockford both went deep in the team's first full contest at Frank Eck Stadium.

"That was a good ballgame," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "We've been playing well; we've won five out of six and continued today.

Ball State got on the scoreboard first but the Irish offense maintained the momentum it accumulated while scoring 37 runs in three games against Georgetown over the weekend.

Irish starting pitcher Brian Dupra, who worked six innings and gave up just two runs, allowed Ball State to plate the first run of the game in the top of the third.

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and it marked the final game for Kurz, who finished with eight points and three rebounds. "I have a lot of great memo-
ries with these guys," Kurz said. "It's been a wonderful year. We had so many great wins and great successes, but obviously this one really hurts." Kurz helped instill a tireless work ethic into his teammates, and many of them said throughout the season Notre Dame wouldn't have made it this far without him. "I wish we could have extended his season," Brey said. "I will always be indebted to his leadership, how he set the tone as an example of a worker in our program, a guy who made himself better. But no amount of hard work could have saved Notre Dame from the offensive woes it had Saturday. Washington state held the Irish to just 13- for-53 shooting for the game, including 3-for-17 from 3- point range, and held Big East player of the year Luke Harangody to just 10 points on 5-for-17 shooting. Harangody did pull down a career-high 22 rebounds, but it wasn't enough to counter his team's miserable day shooting. The Cougars employed on-and-off double teams to stymie Harangody and contested each shot he took. "I think maybe the double-teams frustrated them a little bit," Washington State forward Robbie Cowgill said. "The guards did a great job of rotating. I think also the refs let us play. They let us be physical in there. Sometimes they try to create contact and get some of those. That didn't happen Saturday." Washington State wouldn't just double-team Harangody, however. When the Irish drove to the basket, at least two Cougars defenders greeted them and made it hard for the Irish to use the screens well. "I will always be indebted to [Kurz's] leadership, how he set the tone as an example of a worker in our program, a guy who made himself better," Mike Brey Irish coach

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Cougars head coach Tim Floyd's Irish were no match for the Cougars, who finished with 12 points and nine rebounds while Cougars guard Taylor Rochestie finished with seven assists. Low and Weaver each had three steals as well. "Low and Weaver are very good wings. They're threats. They can either go to the hoop, or they can shoot the three or a jump shot. So you have to be aware of that. They were coming off all those screens. The big guys were setting good screens for them and the were curling or fading. They're very versatile and multi-threats." After trading baskets the next few possessions, Washington State went on a 12-2 run to put the game out of reach. Cowgill started it off by hitting two consecutive perimeter jumpers. After guard Tory Jackson turned it over on Notre Dame's end, Washington State guard Kyle Weaver had Kyle McAleary beat by a step on a fast-break to the basket. But McAleary didn't let Weaver have the easy bucket, and reached out to grab Weaver as he went up for the shot. Only two referees whistled McAleary for an intentional foul. Weaver hit both free throws and then hit one-of- two after the Cougars got the ball back and got fouled again. On the Cougars next possession, guard Derrick Low hit a three to put the his team up 52-35 with 8:34 left. During that stretch, Low scored six points and Weaver poured in four. Notre Dame would pull within six after a pair of free throws from Kurz, but Washington State then went on an 11-2 run, capped off by a three from Low. Contact Chris Hine at chine@nd.edu

Men's Tennis

Freshman wins twice in ND loss

By MIKE GOTIMER
SpokesWriter

No. 27 Notre Dame (10-7) dropped its third straight on Tuesday at No. 50 Kentucky, falling 4-2.

The Irish lost two of the three doubles matches, as freshmen Stephen Havens and Tyler Davis earned an 8-4 victory to improve to 10-3 on the year. Notre Dame's top pair, junior Brett Helgeson and senior Sheena Parhpu, lost their second straight. The Irish got on the scoreboard when Havens won his match, 7-6, 6-5. Havens was the only Irish player who recorded two wins on the day, and he improved his singles record to 17-4 on the year. Helgeson fell at the No. 1 singles spot, allowing Kentucky to open up a 3-1 lead. After jumping out to a 4-3 lead in the second set, he lost the next three games and lost the third 6-4, 6-4.

Parhpu kept the Irish in the match with a straight set win at No. 2 singles, improving his record to 21-9.

With the loss, the Irish dropped to 10-7 on the season. Notre Dame plays host to No. 2 Ohio State on Friday.

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Men’s Lacrosse

Irish notch win over Drexel

By ELLEYN MICHALAK
Spurn Writer

No. 7 Notre Dame (6-1) added another win to its record with a 13-6 victory over No. 11 Drexel Tuesday night. The Dragons entered the match on a seven-game winning streak with their only loss coming from their first match of the season against No. 3 Virginia. Their streak was easily broken by the effective Irish offense, led by junior attack Duncan Swetey, who recorded five points on the match with three goals and two assists. Senior attack Alex Wharton notched three goals and one assist on the evening, and senior midfielder Michael Podgajny added one goal and four assists to the team effort. “I felt like today might have been our best game all around,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “We did a lot of things well today and I feel pretty good about how the offense played.”

The game began with a Drexel goal three and a half minutes into play. The Irish offense quickly retaliated with 21 seconds when Wharton assisted Grant Krebs for the first Irish goal. Three minutes later, Podgajny assisted junior attack Ryan Hoff to give the Irish a 2-1 lead. The Irish dominated play in the Drexel half of the field during the second quarter, scoring four more goals to conclude the half with a lead of 6-2. Junior midfielders Dan Gibson Peter Christman, each scored while Swetey contributed two more goals for the Irish in the second quarter. “The defense gave up one early goal on an off rebound,” Corrigan said. “Drexel had a really tough time generating any offense for most of the rest of the game.”

The Irish returned from the half and continued their goal run during the third period. A goal by Krebs and two by Wharton pushed the Irish lead out to 9-2. Junior midfielders attack Greg Casey scored two goals before the Irish concluded the period with a final goal by Podgajny. The Irish headed into the final period of play with a 10-5 edge. Another goal by Wharton at the 8:56 mark pre­ ceded the final Drexel goal of the game. The Irish finished out the game with strong offense and three consecutive goals by Swetey and Hoff to finally defeat the Dragons 16-5.

“I was very happy with our guys today with how efficiently they played at both ends of the field and in terms of executing what we wanted to do,” Corrigan said. “It was another step forward for us we’re off to a great start and ready to begin conference play.”

While the Irish were prepared to open its Great Western Lacrosse League conference schedule in Colorado Springs versus Air Force on Saturday March 23, the game was postponed due to inclement weather in Chicago that prevented the team from flying. A make-up date for the game is yet to be determined.

ND Women’s Tennis

Notre Dame continues winning ways in Texas

By LORENZO REYES
Spurn Writer

No. 24 Notre Dame extended its winning streak to five games over the Easter weekend, outing two solid opponents from the Lone Star State. The Irish beat No. 27 Texas A&M and SMU on the two-game road swing.

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simply ran into a wall and that wall came in the form of a superi-
or more experienced opponent. The Cougars suffocated the Irish offense like no other team came close to doing this season. And their guard-play showed Tony Jackson and Kyle Mclnary what another year of playing together can do for them.

Washington State seniors Kyle Weaver and Derrick Low picked apart the Irish man-to-man defense. Weaver, a perimeter-ori-
ted forward, worked the base-
line like a good artist works the canvas, routinely shaking his man and finding his way to the hoop. Low also proved to be much more than the Irish could handle. He controlled the pace of the game and orchestrated an offense that committed just seven turnovers.

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**SMC TENNIS**

Belles look to bounce back in home opener

By MEAGHAN VESELIK

Saint Mary’s (4-5, 0-1 MIAA) continues conference play Wednesday when it hosts Calvin in its home opener at Notre Dame’s Eck Tennis Center at 5 p.m.

"I am really excited to see what we can do against Calvin tomor-
row," sophomore captain Camille Gebert said. "Calvin will be a team very much like us — young and of similar talent level — so it will be a good chance to see how well we can perform."

Gebert and freshmen Jillian Hurley, the Belles No. 1 doubles team that beat Albion in their last action, aren’t the only Saint Mary’s doubles who have been improving since the Belles came back from spring break. The duo of sopho-

more Lisa Rubino and freshman Betsy Reed and freshmen Jessica Kosiński and Jessica Camp have all progressed recently.

"I am excited that our doubles are doing better," Gebert said. "In order to win tomorrow we are going to need to win at least two or the three doubles matches, hopefully three. If we start off strong our singles will finish the win off."

No. 1 and No. 2 singles players Gebert and Hurley currently sit at 4-3 and 7-1, respectively, on the season. Reed and Kosiński have also been strong in singles for the Belles.

"Our entire team has really been doing well," Gebert said.

"Each player has stepped it up when needed, including the play-
ers not currently in the lineup. Tomorrow will be a good test for our team. If we can pull the win out, which I have faith that we will, we will be in good shape for the rest of the conference season."

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Tournament.

"It was a great feeling," junior left wing Shaylyn Begian said. "It's what you work for all year, and that was definitely one of our objectives to make the NCAA Tournament. We made it there, and now we have a chance to win a championship, so we've got to make the best out of our opportunity."

Notre Dame, the No. 4 seed, will face New Hampshire, the top seed in the West regional, on Friday afternoon in Colorado Springs, Colo., with the opportunity to take on the winner of Friday's Colorado College-Michigan State matchup.

Though the Irish will certainly be the positioned, they believe they can make up for their poor second-half showing by pulling off the upset Friday.

"We've got to realize how lucky we are to still be playing. Only 16 teams get this opportunity every year, so you can't pass up one chance," assistant coach Mark Van Guilder said. "The thing is, it doesn't really matter what we did last weekend, it doesn't matter what we did in the first half or second half — it's one game. It's one and done or one and move on. We have to put all our eggs in one basket and just go for it, because anything can happen here."

RedHawks 2, Irish 1 (OT)

In a tough match Jeff Jackson could only describe as "devastating," the Irish held a high-powered Miami attack scoreless until Mitch Ganzak beat Notre Dame goalie Jordan Pearce — who was otherwise sensational with 28 saves — stick-side through traffic with 3:4 seconds remaining in regulation.

The positives are that we executed exactly what we wanted to," Van Guilder said. "We weathered the storm in the first period, and Pearce was awesome. We frustrated them, and that was our goal going into the game, and then just waiting for our chances. Unfortunately, we got a couple tough breaks there, and the negative is that we weren't able to close it out with a one-goal lead in the third period."

Senior forward Evan Rankin put Notre Dame on the board with just 4:30 to play in the game with a backhander from the slot. That goal came just two minutes after Van Guilder's power-play goal was called off when the officials ruled that it was negated by the goal line.

Miami's defenseman Alec Martinez won it for the RedHawks when he fired a shot by Pearce from the left point, deflecting Notre Dame's Hughes of returning to Saturday's title game.

"We showed that we can play with anybody," Jackson said. "We went on our heels a little bit early in the game ... but as the game went on, we got better and better. In the third period, we controlled the tempo of the game, and I think Miami's as good a team as there is in the country, so we should have a lot of confidence because we're getting closer to finishing it off. Hopefully this makes us stronger in the long run."

Wildcats 2, Irish 1

For the first time all year, the Irish lost a game in which they led after two periods.

"I think we had a tough time getting over Friday still, and there wasn't a lot of emotion — you could see it wasn't as intense as Friday," Van Guilder said. "That was our fault, we had a little trouble getting up for the game, but we didn't know the NCAA Tournament situation. We were just trying to win."

Christian Hanson scored the lone Notre Dame goal midway through the second period, but Northern Michigan's Tim Hartung and Matt Siddall each scored goals in the first four minutes of the third period.

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ND Women's Lacrosse

Irish sneak by Hofstra, win second straight

By ANDY ZICARELLI

The Observer

Things are finally starting to break right for the Irish.

Coming off of a weekend that saw the Irish knock off Loyola, 13-10, No. 13 Notre Dame (7-3) continued its roll on the road in New York, defeating Hofstra 14-13.

Tough defense, coach Tracy Coyne said, proved to be the difference.

"We had a huge defensive stop at the end of the game by Rachel Guereca," Coyne said. "The stop was crucial to the Irish victory, as it turned away the Pride attack as time was winding down. Notre Dame had lost to such a scenario earlier in the season, losing to Oregon on a pair of last-minute goals. This outcome, however, shows that the tide may be turning for the Irish this year."

That was the turning point of the whole game. It was the 'Puritas' Game-Changing Performance," said Coyne with a laugh, referring to the popular highlight segments from football season.

The stop was also crucial to offset a slow start for the Irish, something Coyne hopes to avoid for the future.

"I think we need to come out with more intensity," she said. "But I think we played a very good game."

Once again, the Notre Dame offense clicked, netting 14 goals for the third time in ten games this season. Junior Jillian Byers led the offensive charge, putting all four of her goals in the second half.

Freshman Shaylyn Blaney scored two goals, including the game winner with four minutes to play.

The Irish will play their next game on Saturday in Storrs, Conn., against the Connecticut Huskies, with the hopes of extending their two game winning streak.

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

How Sweet it is

Allen scores 35 points as Notre Dame beats Oklahoma, advances to Regional semifinals

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Charee Allen said before the NCAA Tournament started that the team goal was to reach the Sweet 16. Tuesday night, she saw to it herself that they got there.

Allen scored 35 points during No. 5-seed Notre Dame's 79-75 overtime win over No. 4-seed Oklahoma in the second round of the Tournament.

The Irish, who donned their green uniforms against the Sooners, advanced to the Sweet 16, where they face No. 1 seed Tennessee Sunday. The Volunteers beat Notre Dame 87-63 on Jan. 5 at the Joyce Center.

"The whole team absolutely refused to go home without a victory," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "Even when we got down five in the overtime we just kept battling back."

Allen was 10-for-21 from the field, 3-for-3 from 3-point range and 12-for-12 from the free throw line. Still, she said the Tournament meant more.

"It wasn't bad," she said of her night. "We got to the Sweet 16. The 'W' is all that counts for Irish senior guard Tulyah Gaines, left, reaches for a loose ball as Sooners guard Danielle Robinson corrals it during Notre Dame's 79-75 overtime victory Tuesday night.

ND earns NCAA bid after losses

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

Rarely is a team that has just lost consecutive one-goal games entering a conference tournament as relieved the morning after as the No. 11 Irish (24-15-4) were on Sunday.

After losing an overtime heartbreaker to No. 3 Miami (Ohio) 2-1 on Friday and giving up a pair of third-period goals in a 2-1 loss to Northern Michigan in an elimination third-place game the next night, Notre Dame's NCAA Tournament hopes were very much in doubt, especially after the team entered the weekend in Detroit with the expectation that it had to win at least once to guarantee itself a berth.

And yet, when the pairings were announced Sunday morning, there the Irish were — yelling, cheering, but most of all, breathing a gigantic, collective sigh of relief that its dismal record in the season's second half had not ultimately cost them a berth.

"I think you certainly take your hat off to Washington State," Brey said. "They imposed their will on us."

In the process, the Irish set or tied a few records for offensive facility under Brey — lowest points scored in a game, tied the lowest points for a half (19 in the first half) and lowest field goal percentage for a game (.454 percent).

The loss was only the second time in school history the Irish have lost by 20 or more points in the NCAA Tournament — see COUGARS/page 19

HOCKEY

ND rents NCAA bid after losses

By MATT GAMBER
Associate Sports Editor

DENVER — The Irish had a good season but, boy, does that type of loss leave a bad taste in their mouths. Like the dry, putrid taste you have in your mouth after a long night of partying. No amount of toothpaste can fully eradicate that taste.

But for Notre Dame, there are enough positives to be taken from its season-ending loss to Washington State. The Irish saw what it takes to advance beyond the first weekend of the NCAA Tournament.

Before the Tourney, I said that anything short of a Sweet 16 berth would be a disappointment for the Irish. I still believe that, but after seeing Washington State dismantle Notre Dame, I now also more fully realize why the Round of 16 is labeled "Sweet." You have to play really, really well to get there. Obviously, the Irish didn't.

But I think Saturday's loss had more to do with Washington State's execution than with Notre Dame's poor showing. The Irish