ND female reports sexual assault

By KATIE KOLHER
News Writer

A female Notre Dame student reported being sexually assaulted between Pasquerilla West and Siegfried Halls at 2 a.m. Sunday, director of Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) Phil Johnson said.

Johnson said this case is not related to another sexual assault reported to NDSP on March 23 in which a female student claimed she was raped in her residence hall by an acquaintance.

"We are still investigating that case, but there is no reason to assume that these events are in any way connected," Johnson said.

Johnson said NDSP did not know the name of the suspect in Sunday's assault.

According to an e-mail sent to students Sunday, the female told NDSP the suspect followed her and walked with her from West quad to North quad and asked her questions. When she declined to give the suspect her telephone number, he allegedly grabbed her by the hair, held her against the wall and fondled her near the northwest corner of Siegfried Hall.

The suspect fled the scene.

A student said she was assaulted outside of Siegfried and Pasquerilla West at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Administration takes part in Earth Hour

Lights on Golden Dome, Hesburgh Library turned off to raise environmental awareness

By KATIE PERALTA
Assistant News Editor

Notre Dame experienced a sight unfamiliar to campus Saturday night—a majestic, stately, but utili Golden Dome.

In accordance with a project known as Earth Hour, the University turned off the lights of the Golden Dome and the library mural Saturday night from 8 to 9 p.m.

"Something was in the air Saturday night—"something magical," as Joan of Arc became symbols of their positions on women's rights."

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Tucker, who is married to a military veteran, came across the Cell Phones for Soldiers Web site and wanted to start a local collection point for the Michiana area.

She packages the collected cell phones and sends them to ReCellular, Inc. in Michigan.

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**INSIDE COLUMN**

**Me and my scooter**

December 28, 2007: I pulled up to the Parking Center to undergo a lumbarotomy on my right foot; surgical procedure to remove a bunion. A bunion, contrary to popular belief, is not excess skin on my foot or a variation of a wart. My friend at Wick's defined it as "a structural deformity of the bones and the joint between the foot and big toe, and may be painful."

Rudyard Kipling, who has written on both of my feet since I was 15, but it wasn't until college that the enmarrkable results caused the pain to be too much.

January 14, 2008: I remember the day back to school perfectly. My parents pulled into the NSMP parking lot to pick up my candy apple red #4 scooter, little did I know that after that scooter would change my outlook on everything.

My scooter and I have been through a lot. I mean we've last- 
ed 3 months together, that's longer than most Freshman relationships. However, it hasn't been totally easy. Our relationship has hit a couple of rough patches.

For example, one time I woke up in the middle of the night with a ruptured fracture blisters that caused me to go home in the middle of the day and use one of my previous gym skis.

My scooter wasn't really involved, but it was still sad leaving it plugged in the Pangborn lobby. There was that time that I was just leaving my way to APW for my FIT class, when all of a sudden I bent over too soon and my scooter literally 

sooed off the road. It turned out that one of the tires popped and caused me to be late to my Tuesday night scooting.

The only upside to that event happened when NSMP came to pick up my dossier-oped scooter at Pangborn. I am told that the one NSMP car accidently bunter kissed the other while trying to back up into the Pangborn staircases. It was apparently hilarious, I was so sad and I missed it.

There were two major reasons why my scooter has had skidding on icy sidewalks which have caused several near-crash experi-
nces. Luckily it hasn't been anything too bad. I really can't complain though, I would have been lost without my scooter during these past three months.

One thing I have noticed is that the handicapned doors sometimes don't open when you press the button transiting into reception. The side of the entrance under the Main Building, sometimes Deltarot can be watched for the person that is waiting for someone to open it or trying to maneuver it myself, which is quite difficult.

However, the first choice has led me to realize how nice the people are here. The point of this rather long column is to say thanks for these past three months. Thanks to everyone who ever opened the door for me, held the Deltarot elevator for me and not getting mad when I just had to get in the door, whoever filled up the hop potholes on that road between South and West Quad, NSMP and Health Services for letting injured students be mobile dur-

ing recovery, and the nice ladies at South Dining Hall who had to put up with my indecision to get a pizza or make a salad.

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**THE OBSERVER**

**QUESTION OF THE DAY: How do you feel about Notre Dame Making it to the Frozen Four?**

Nicole Allen  
Freshman PW  
"It's good that at least one of our teams is doing well this year."

Rebecca Bauman  
Junior  
"Quack! Quack! Quack!"

Morgan Schutz  
Senior  
"I think it's great because I'm from Colorado and that's where they're playing."

Danny Nolan  
Junior  
"Well, if we can't have a good football team..."

Andy Bulso  
Junior  
"It's pretty cool."

Jeremy Thornton  
Laurel student  
"I would have preferred it if they'd made it to the Final Four."

**OFFBEAT**

**Missing pastor found in strip club**

RIVERSIDE, Ohio — Police say a pastor who was reported missing from his home in western New York has been found at an Ohio strip club.

A police officer patrolling the K.C. Lounge parking lot Friday morning in the Dayton suburb of Riverside spotted out-of-state license plates on 46-year-old Craig Rhodenizer's car.

The FBI and New York authorities had been searching for Rhodenizer, who disappeared Wednesday after telling his wife he was getting his computer fixed at Best Buy. He is the pastor of a church in Lyndsville, N.Y.

Detective Matt Staypon said Rhodenizer was dis-

oriented when confronted by police and said he felt "emotionally guilty."

Man wakes up after night of drinking in garbage truck

MUNCIE, Ind. — William M. Bowen woke up after a night of drinking with friends and realized he was inside a commercial trash-

collection truck full of waste.

The driver had just emp-

tied a commercial trash bin into his truck and was about to activate its compa-

ctor when he heard Bowen screaming.

"He looked up and this 
gentleman was standing out 
the top of our truck," said 
Larry Green, market safety 
supervisor for the Rumpke 
disposal company. Green said the only thing Bowen said to the driver was that he was cold.

"This gentleman was ex-

tremely intoxicated," he 
said.

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

**LOCAL WEATHER**

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Missing soldier's remains found
DNA test confirms identity of 20-year-old private captured in 2004

BATAVIA, Ohio — The father of a soldier listed as missing-captured in Iraq since 2004 said Sunday that the military had informed him that his son's remains had been found.

Keith Maupin said an Army general told him DNA testing had identified the remains of his son, Sgt. Keith Matthew Maupin, or "Matt" as he was commonly known. He said the Army didn't say how or where in Iraq his son's remains were discovered, only that officials found a shirt similar to the one his son was wearing at the time of his disappearance.

"My heart sinks, but I know they can't hurt him anymore," Maupin said, speaking in the soldier's hometown near suburban Cincinnati.

The Army was continuing its efforts to find him.

"It hurts," Carolyn Maupin said of her son's death. "After you go through almost four years of hope, and this is what happens, it's like a let down, so I'm trying to get through that right now."

Two U.S. soldiers remain missing in action in Iraq. Ahmed Qaisi al-Taiee, a 41-year-old Iraqi-born reserve soldier from Ann Arbor, Mich., was abducted while visiting his Iraqi wife on Oct. 23, 2007, in Baghdad. Capt. Michael Speicher, a Navy pilot, has been missing since the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Maupin told him early on that there was only a 50 percent chance his son would be found alive.

He said he doesn't hold the Army responsible for his son's death, but that he did hold the Army responsible for bringing his son home.

"I'm sure when we'd go up to the Pentagon, whether he walks off a plane or is carried off, you're not going to leave him in Iraq like you did these guys in Vietnam," Maupin said.

Keith Maupin and his ex-wife, Carolyn, held a candlelight vigil Sunday night outside the Yellow Ribbon Support Center in Batavia, an office they used to package thousands of boxes of donated snacks and toiletries for shipment to soldiers in Iraq.

"Matt was a seller kid on the football field," Simmons said. "He did whatever the coaches told him. He wasn't a starter, but he made the other kids play harder."

French architect wins Pritzker prize

LOS ANGELES — Jean Nouvel, the French architect whose hyper-modern buildings have been acclaimed for their eclectic nature and departure from tradition, has won the 2008 Pritzker Architecture Prize, it was announced Sunday.

Nouvel joins Frank Gehry, Tadao Ando and I.M. Pei in receiving the top honor in the field in recognition of his high-rites, museums and performance halls around the world.

"I think they understood very well that I fight for specific architecture against generic architecture," Nouvel said by phone from his office in Paris, his ever-present halls around the world.

The Pritzker Jury of architects, critics, academics and others praised Nouvel for his "persistance, imagination, exuberance, and, above all, an insatiable urge for creative experimentation."

Nouvel said his structures reflect time, space and occupants rather than simply adhering to stylistic dogma or historical precedents.

"I think every site, every program, has a right to a specific work, to a complete involvement of the architect," he said.

"I am always researching the missing piece of the puzzle, and I like to analyze the site and conditions and give my answer after."

Among the 200 projects singled out by the Pritzker jury were Arab World Institute in Paris, which is festooned with motor-controlled apertures to control natural light, and Guthrie Theater, a boxy structure in Minneapolis with exterior screens that show scenes from past performances at the storied playhouse.

Currently planned by Nouvel are a tower alongside New York's Museum of Modern Art that cuts a jagged profile to a height comparable to the Chrysler Building, and a narrow condo building dubbed the "Green Blade" in the Century City area of Los Angeles with verdant gardens visible behind its glass walls.

"He is an architect who is really always pushing the envelope, whose work is uneven — all of us agree on that — but his successes are so spectacular," said architectural historian and author Victoria Newhouse, a Pritzker juror.

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Bush begins farewell world tour

Despite unpopular president, will visit NATO, Putin on trip

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Winding down his presidency, George W. Bush is beginning his farewell tour on the world stage trailed by questions about how close he still wields.

Unpopular abroad, as he is at home, Bush nevertheless has been a commanding presence among world leaders for the past seven years. Now, with fewer than 300 days left in his term, other presidents and prime ministers are looking beyond Bush to see who will occupy his chair a year from now.

"It's an open question whether Bush's foreign policy priorities will be embracing by his successor in the Oval Office," McGuire said. Other world leaders have to calculate how far they should step out on the ledge with a president whose days are numbered and whose legacy had been darkened by the long and costly war in Iraq.

Air Force One will roar out of Andrews Air Force Base on Monday to whisk Bush to the first in a long-planned series of global goodbyes events. After a brief stop in Ukraine, Bush stops in Romania to attend his last summit with NATO leaders. A few days later, Bush will land in the Black Sea resort city of Sochi for his probable final meeting with Vladimir Putin as Russian president; his successor takes over in May.

Relations between Washington and Moscow have plummeted in recent years amid a welter of bitter disputes, and the talk in Sochi have focused heavily that Bush and Putin can lay the foundation for repairing ties.

This is busiest travel year in Bush's presidency in terms of the sheer number of trips. He went to the Middle East in January and to Africa in February, after he returns from NATO and Russia, and then made major excursions on the books — from China to Asia, the Middle East to South America.

In June, he will travel to Japan for his final meeting with the European Union. He will attend his last summit of Group of Eight leaders of major industrial economies in Japan in July. He will go to Peru in November for his final meeting with Pacific Rim leaders at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

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Women voters support Clinton
Top democrats want former first lady to exit race, clear path for Obama

Associated Press

NEW ALBANY — Debbie Starks has heard the calls for Hillary Rodham Clinton to get out of the presidential race, and she's not happy about it.

The 53-year-old Wal-Mart clerk, so bedecked with Clinton campaign buttons that she appears to be a political “Lady,” thinks sexism is playing a role in efforts to push the New York senator from the race. Starks wants Clinton to push back.

"The way I look at it, she's a strong woman and she needs to stay in there. She needs to fight," Starks said at a Clinton campaign rally. "If you want to be president, you have to fight for what you want. If she stays in there and does what she needs to do, I think she'll be on her way."

Amid mounting calls from top Democrats for Clinton to step aside and clear the path for rival Barack Obama,_strategy watchers are warning of damage to the party's chances in November if women — who make up the majority of Democratic voters nationwide, but especially the older, working-class women who've followed the former first lady's base — sense a mostly male party establishment is unfairly muscling Clinton out of the race.

"Women will indeed be upset if it appears people are trying to push Hillary Clinton out of the way," said Carol Browner, who was Clinton's energy czar during her husband's administration.

"If you are going to ask her to withdraw, you'd better be making a strong case for it — both to the candidate and the public."

Sen. Patrick Leahy last week became the first leading Democrat to openly call on Clinton to abandon her bid and back Obama, a sentiment shared by many activists worried that a drawn-out nominating contest only bolsters Republican nominee-in-waiting John McCain.

Other Obama supporters have echoed that view while stopping short of asking Clinton to withdraw.

New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson on Sunday called Obama's lead all but insurmountable, while Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry said the contest would be "a point of judgment" very soon.

"I don't think it's up to our campaign or any individual to tell Hillary Clinton or their campaign when that is," Kerry, the 2004 Democratic nominee, said on ABC's "This Week" on Sunday. "But there will be, I think, a consensus about it, and I think it's going to occur over these next weeks."

"To be sure, Clinton campaign officials concede her path to winning the nomination is not at all clear. She almost certainly will end the primary season narrowly trailing Obama in the popular vote and among pledged delegates unless the nullified primaries in Florida and Michigan are counted — an unlikely scenario at best. But Obama is unlikely to end the race with the 2,024 pledged delegates needed to win outright either, meaning the nominee will be determined by roughly 800 "superdelegates" — elected officials and party insiders who can back whichever candidate they want.

Most observers believe the superdelegates are unlikely to risk an intra-party uproar — not to mention the ire of black voters who thriled to support a black candidate — by siding with Clinton if Obama maintains his lead among pledged delegates.

But Clinton advisers believe many superdelegates remain at least persuadable, due in no small part to the influence of women voters on the party and in the general election.

"My e-mail is bursting with women who are furi­ous, and it's grown in the last week," said Ann Lewis, Clinton's director of women's outreach and a longtime Democratic activist.
Sweden
Stricter asylum laws affect Iraqis
Nation tightens immigration regulations to preserve welfare system

Associated Press

SOLLENTUNA — The fear of being sent back to Baghdad has taken its toll on Mustafa Aziz Alwi.
He says he cannot sleep and has lost about 20 pounds since his claim for asylum in Sweden was rejected in January.
"They told me it's because it's colder in Iraq now, that I can go back and be happy. But they don't know that it's death there," said Aziz Alwi, 25, wiping away tears in an interview at his cousin's apartment in the Stockholm suburb of Sollentuna.
Had his case been decided a year earlier, he would probably already hold a residence permit. Sweden has given shelter to about 100,000 Iraqis, 40,000 of them since the U.S.-led invasion in 2003. That's far more than any other Western country including the U.S., which admitted just 4,000 refugees in the first year of the war.
But Sweden has gradually tightened its asylum rules, worried that its generous welfare system can't cope.
The effects became evident this year, when immigration statisticians obtained by The Associated Press showed only 28 percent of the claims were approved in January and 23 percent in February — down from 85 percent in January 2007.
While Sweden has won praise for the welcome it extends to Iraqis, the government sees the surge of newcomers as out of control and has appealed in the European Council of Refugees and Exiles, an advocacy group.
But the numbers dropped sharply this year, with only 85 asylum seekers coming to Sweden in February — down nearly 40 percent from the previous month to the lowest level since July 2006. In the first three weeks of March, only 376 Iraqis sought asylum in Sweden, suggesting the downward trend continues.

Iraqi asylum seeker Mustafa Aziz Alwi, left, may be sent back home to Iraq due to changes in Sweden's immigration policies.

Obama stops by Penn State campus

Associated Press

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Shivering in blankets of Penn State's colors, some 30,000 people filed into a campus lawn Sunday to hear Barack Obama say he can win the Democratic nomination even if rival Hillary Rodham Clinton stays in the race.
Supporters stood in lines for hours to hear Obama address the April 22 Pennsylvania primary.
On a sunny day with temperatures in the low 40s, most bundled up for the type of large-scale rally that has become the candidate's trademark.
"It's been a while, and it's a little cold, but we really like Barack. He's inspiring," said 19-year-old Luci McDonnell, wrapped in a blue Nittany Lions blanket.
Pennsylvania's primary is the next contest in the Obama-Clinton fight for the Democratic presidential nomination. The Keystone State, which will allocate 158 delegates, is the biggest single delegate prize remaining in the Democratic primaries.
Some Democrats, particularly Obama's supporters, have voiced concern that the hard-fought, drawn-out race is already hurting the party's chances to win in November. The Illinois senator told the crowd not to worry.
"As this primary has gone on a little bit long, there have been people who've been seeing some frustration," Obama said.
"I want everybody to understand that this has been a great contest, great for America. It's engaged and involved people like never before. I think it's terrific that Senator Clinton's supporters have been as passionate as my supporters have been because that makes the people invested and engaged in this process, and I am absolutely confident that this primary season is over Democrats will be united.

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Candidates devise economic plans

Democrats support stimulus packages; McCain proposes to protect markets

Associated Press

WASHINGTON
Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama and John McCain have diagnosed the worsening U.S. economy and have come up with rival plans to revive it. If anything, the candidates are now as long as some economists predict, one of the three will get a chance to try to sell his or her proposal to Congress as president.

Or if the economy hits bottom before inauguration Day and then turns up, the victor may be handed a rare gift: the chance to begin a presidency precisely over the early stages of a rebound.

Take your pick. Who knows where the economy will be in nine days and a half months? As economic clouds darkened last week, all three candidates delivered major speeches on the economy while the Bush administration prepared a plan to give the Federal Reserve new regulatory powers over the financial system.

Democrats Clinton and Obama outlined competing $30 billion stimulus packages to help homeowners facing foreclosure and other victims of the financial crisis. This would be on top of the $168 billion stimulus package of rebates and temporary tax cuts passed by Congress last month and signed by President Bush. Both Clinton and Obama have called for broader financial regulation.

John McCain advocated voluntary action by leaders, more transparency in the lending process and the convening of a national conference of accountants and mortgage lenders to review how real estate is valued. He also proposed including opposition to expiration of Bush tax cuts.

Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama gives a speech about the economy at Cooper Union in New York Thursday.

Review responds to financial problems

WASHINGTON — In proposing the broadest overhaul of financial oversight since the Great Depression, the Bush administration kicked off a fierce debate. It pits those eager to revamp an antiquated system against an industry opposed to excessive regulation.

The administration is aware of the hardening lines. The 200-page plan set for release Monday comes with a presidency presiding over the early stages of a financial crisis. The plan was designed to give the Federal Reserve new regulatory powers over the financial system.

All three praised recent intervention by the Federal Reserve to calm the financial storm, including sharp Fed interest rate cuts and a $29 billion rescue plan for investment giant Lehman Brothers.

Since all three are members of the U.S. Senate, they can influence congressional action now. But political reality being what it is, their time for impact — at least for one of them — probably lies in the future, not the present.

And there already is a welter of anti-regulation proposals pending in Congress — including major bills by Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., and Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., to let the government step in and back up to $400 billion in troubled loans. Both Obama and McCain have endorsed this legislation.

Economic statistics last week painted a bleak picture, reflecting continuing housing, credit and}

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In Brief

Film, TV actors to negotiate separately

Los Angeles — Unions representing film and television actors will negotiate separately with producers in upcoming contract talks after board members of the TV actors union voted Saturday to sever a long-standing agreement between the two guilds.

The vote by the board of the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists came hours before a meeting with the Screen Actors Guild and just three months before the expiration of the one covering movies and prime-time shows.

Despite a sometimes rocky 27-year relationship the unions had shown recent signs of peace as they prepared for the upcoming talks.

The two guilds had reached at least one meeting to set a start date for negotiations. Instead of discussing strategies the sides swapped accusa-

lations.

"For the past year SAG leadership in Hollywood has engaged in a relentless campaign of disinformation and disparagement," AFTRA president Roberta Reardon said in a written statement.

Yvonne fails to improve heart disease

Chicago — Leading doctors urged a return to older, tried-and-true treatments for high cholesterol after hearing full results Sunday of a failed trial of Vytorin.

Millions of Americans already take the drug, or one of its components, Zetia. But doctors were stunned to learn that Vytorin failed to reduce cholesterol levels, although it was intended as reduced to three key risk factors.

"People need to turn back to statins," said Yale University cardiologist Dr. Harlan Krumholz, referring to Lipitor, Crestor and other widely used brands. "We know that statins are good drugs. We know that they reduce mortality.

The study was closely watched because Zetia and Vytorin have racked up $5 billion in sales despite limited proof of benefit. Two Congressional panels launched probes into why it took drugmakers nearly two years after the study's completion to release results.
NIU police chief reflects on shootings

Associated Press

Grady has spent most of 2007 in Iraq advising that country on building a new police force.

“Things are done my way or the highway,” police officers responded by adopting a 103-5 no-confidence vote in their boss. Grady later resigned, saying his reforms had encountered too much resistance.

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Militant leader open to peace talks

Maulvi Faqir Mohammed says "Our war is with America"

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A militant leader with alleged ties to Al Qaeda welcomed an offer by Pakistan's new prime minister to negotiate with him and his fighters accused of launching terrorist attacks from tribal regions bordering Afghanistan.

Maulvi Faqir Mohammed also said Sunday his fighters were not "enemies" of Pakistan. "Our war is with America," he said.

Speaking in the Bajur tribal region, Mohammed told more than 4,000 supporters — hundreds of armed militants among them — "We welcome the government's announcement of talks with the Taliban." Pakistanis authorities claim Mohammed has ties with al-Qaeda No. 2 leader Ayman al-Zawahri. His comments came a day after Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gilani said in his inaugural speech that fighting terrorism was his government's top priority.

In a rebuke to the strong-arm anti-terrorism policy of the U.S.-allied President Pervez Musharraf, Gilani also said his government was willing to talk to militants who are ready to lay down their arms and "join the path of peace." Expanded education and development in the impoverished region would be a "key pillar" of the government's strategy against militants in the tribal zone, he said.

The United States has criticized past efforts to reach out to militants, saying it has allowed hard-liners to tighten their grip along the border. Many Pakistanis believe Musharraf's reliance on large-scale army operations, as well as his tacit approval of U.S. airstrikes inside Pakistan, have endangered civilians and produced a spike in domestic terrorism.

Also Sunday, a leader in Gilani's administration called for Musharraf to step down.

"The sooner Musharraf resigns the better it is for himself and for the democratic process," said Ahsan Iqbal, a lawmaker from the Pakistan Muslim League-N party who is tipped to become prime minister in the new government.

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A hopeful sign for the United States is as its ally, we will have our opposition to that matter," Mohammed said amid chants of "death to America."

Maulana Fazlur Rehman, a pro-Taliban cleric and member of Gilani's coalition government, said the new administration will try to prevent the U.S. military from launching further airstrikes inside Pakistan.

"We will try our best to stop America from making any further attacks in our border areas," Rehman told reporters in the eastern city of Multan.
Young French Muslims fight in Iraq
Seven men accused of criminal association with terrorist enterprises

Associated Press

PARIS — Boubaker el Hakim graded his Paris neighborhood of Beaujon for the insurgent camps of Iraq. When he came home, he told his war stories to other young men on the forgotten edges of French society, allegedly Islamic.

His younger brother did, and died fighting U.S. forces.

After years of investigation by French authorities, el Hakim, 24, went on trial this month in a case that carried a maximum of 15 months in office.

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All seven men are accused of criminal association with a terrorist enterprise, a vague charge that carries a maximum 10-year sentence, though the prosecutor only asked for between three and eight years.

The case is a derivative one in France, which strongly opposed the U.S.-led campaign in Iraq but has long struggled against homegrown terrorism.

It also highlights a dilemma in many European nations with growing Muslim populations: Tracking down risks alienating or radicalizing moderate Muslims and betraying western ideals of tolerance.

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Farid Benyettou

suspected ring leader of terrorist enterprise

"We are hunting down the lions in the desert," says the 44-year-old preacher Benyettou, told the court the case against him was "Tkaided to an affront to his freedom of speech."

He told the judge he had served only as a friendly ear to young people in his neighborhood, answering questions about Islam, that went ignored by France's secular schools and institutions.

In one interrogation session with anti-terrorist agents, however, Benyettou said: "I taught that suicide attacks are legitimate under Islam."

"Shah is justified," he said in another session in the days following his January 2005 arrest, according to the depositions viewed by The Associated Press.

El Hakim described placing and detonating roadside bombs with equipment that resembled a roadside bomb, the transcript of one deposition says. He claimed 10 American troops were killed in the last three operations he took part in, it says.

In a French radio interview broadcast from Baghdad in 2003, he urged Parisian friends to join him on the battlefields. "I'm ready to set off dynamite and bomb! Who killed the Americans?" he said on RTL radio.

In court, while he didn't deny his radio appeal, el Hakim said some of his statements to police were made under duress and that his role in Iraq was primarily "humanitarian."

Investigators say the alleged network funnelled about a dozen French fighters to camps linked to al-Qaida in Iraq led Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, and sought to send more before he was killed in a U.S. airstrike in 2006. In the end, seven French insurgents have died, some in suicide bombings, police say.

Associated Press

OAKLAND — At a high school in a struggling neighborhood in this violence-stricken city, Mayor Ron Dellums stood on a podium and congratulated a basketball player who led his team to a state championship.

"In a community where we find ourselves more often than not mourning, we are rejoicing," the former congressman told the grinning teenager and hundreds of other screaming students.

Such celebrations have been rare during Dellums' 15 months in office.

In recent months, a 10-year-old boy was paralyzed by a bullet that struck him during a piano lesson, a powerful state politician was carjacked by a masked man, a popular community journalist was gunned down in broad daylight, and a 13-year-old was shot in the foot outside a mosque service for another teenager who was killed by police after allegedly drawing a gun.

In the past three months alone, the city of 400,000 people across the Bay from San Francisco has logged 34 homicides, more than double the same period the last year.

"It's very frustrating," the mayor said after a rare sitdown interview. "I get up every morning praying that I don't open the newspaper and there's somebody dead."

The Democrat, 72, was swept into office after a stint on the Berkeley City Council in the 1960s and nearly three decades on Capitol Hill, including chairmanship of the House Armed Services Committee. He had been ready to retire when residants and local politicians recruited him to run for mayor.

He might have faced a bumpy road. Oakland's mix of guns, poverty and pollution has made the administrations of previous mayors — including Dellums' immediate predecessor, former California Governor Gray Davis — "fantasy," the mayor said.

"Anyone attempting to take this challenge on would run into extreme difficulties," said Terry Jones, a professor of sociology and social work at California State University, East Bay. "As staid as his career has been, I think Jesus would catch hell in Oakland."

Dellums is realistic about what lies ahead.

"We can't dig the soil and constantly, trying to deal with these issues. You get on a plane, you go to Washington, you beg for money. You go to foundations and you beg for money. You say "Give us the resources to do the job every day."

"I think people in our community need to understand what we're up against, and that's not simplistic," the mayor said.

Dellums and his staff have made progress toward getting Oakland's police force up to full strength, a step that previous mayors had failed to achieve.

The department is currently down 37 officers short and losing five more each month to retirement.

The agreement between the officers union and the city's mayor that authority for deploying officers to Police to Civilian Tucker. Before the agreement, that power resided with the union.

Richard Rodriguez, whose son is that of a popular community journalist, whose son was one of the people killed by police after allegedly drawing a gun.

While the mayor has been portrayed as aloof and criticized for leaving the city to campaign for Hillary Rodham Clinton in her bid to become the Democratic nominee for president, he gets support from people like Richard Rodriguez, whose son is the one paralyzed by a stray bullet that struck him during a piano lesson.

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Zimbabwe

Opposition party leads in elections

Associated Press

Harare—Zimbabwe's main opposition party claimed an early lead Sunday in elections, seeing the results of vote-rigging by President Robert Mugabe and his security forces, who maintained a heavy deployment of security forces. Elections officials said the streets were quiet, dancing, singing and giving each other the handshakes that is the opposition party's symbol.

But by sundown, as frustrations grew more than 24 hours after polls closed, riot police and other security forces were patrolling the capital's densely populated suburbs, according to independent election monitors.

In previous elections, partial results have been announced within hours of voting ending.

"Why are we not getting the results? Their very clear to us that Mugabe wants to steal this election," said Magnus Mate, a 23-year-old first-time voter.

The head of the Pan-African Parliament observer mission warned the delay was creating "anxiety" and warned of a scenario similar to Kenya, where a delayed announcement of results from the December referendum election led to an explosion of violence.

More than 1,000 people were killed.

"These are the delays that steal voting process," Markwick Khumalo, a member of the Pan-African Parliament observers, told South African Broadcasting Corp. TV.

Discontent with Mugabe has grown nationwide and the election was seen as the toughest challenge to his 28-year rule. Unemployment stands at 80 percent—the same percentage that survives on less than $1 a day.

Inflation is the highest in the world at more than 100,000 percent and people suffer from plugging shortages of food, fuel and electricity, and medicine.

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Greece

Beijing accepts Olympic torch

Pro-Tibetan protesters chant, hold banners before police intervention

Associated Press

Athens—Chinese spectators cheered Sunday as Greece handed off the Olympic flame for its journey to Beijing and relay through 20 countries. But protesters brandishing Tibetan flags stole the limelight.

Some two dozen activists chanted "Save Tibet!" and plastered a banner reading "Stop Genocide in Tibet" before police intervened, detaining 21 protestors outside the Panathenian Stadium. Most were later freed.

A police cordon prevented the demonstrators from disrupting the final leg of Greece's relay from the Acropolis to the marble stadium, the venue of the first modern Olympics in 1896.

About 7,000 Greek and Chinese spectators cheered as Greek triple jumper Hrysopigi Devetzi carried the torch into the stadium, lined with the flags of both countries. Greek presidential guards and actresses dressed as ancient priestesses looked on.

"It was an emotional experience for me," Devetzi said. "I hope the flame will bring light to all athletes, especially those from Greece and that everything with the Games goes well."

Western diplomats, who also spoke on condition of anonymity for that same reason, reported that many security officers showed open defiance of orders that they hand over the flame for Mugabe.

On Sunday, commission chairman Judge George Chiweshe was forced to flee from a Harare hotel after he was mobbed by journalists and ordinary people.

"This has been a more compli­ cated election," Chiweshe said. "We will be releasing the results as soon as we can." He said it was taking time because "Zimbabweans—the first time they voted."

Observers from the South African Democratic Alliance opposition party said accounts from the observers and others indicated the opposition "has won a majority in most seats."

"If this is not reflected in the results, this will be yet another indication that the election was rigged," they added.

Mugabe has dismissed allegations of vote rigging. "We don't rig," he said Saturday after voting and promising to respect results. "If you lose an election and are rejected by the people, it is time to leave politics." We are prepared for anything," he said.

Observers from the Pan-African Parliament, though have questioned thousands of names on the official voter roll, and the government has barred several international media organizations and some observers from the U.S. and Europe.

The Southern African Development Community's observer mission said it was concerned by the threats made by the country's security chiefs, delays in producing the torchers' rosters, the presence of police officers in polling stations and lack of impartiality in the state media.

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Desperate for money to rebuild, you applied in a frustrating bureaucratic process, and after months of living in a government-provided trailer tainted with formaldehyde you finally were given a federal trailer.

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I sometimes wonder if the proposal for Eddie Shurts Commons really is going to create the "college town" atmosphere it's supposed to. After all, the centerpieces of the development are supposedly the two hotels and the condominiums in the hundreds of thousands of dollars, which most people here don't really need and probably can't afford — unless the goal of the developing company is to try and recreate the Granger experience closer to campus.

But questionable residential choices aside, it seems that the real potential for creating that college town feel is in its retail sector. And the cornerstone of any college town is its bookstore. Of course, Notre Dame already has the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, and by all accounts it's doing quite well for itself. After all, it just put up that billboard right up the road from Barnes & Noble on Grapeland and it's expanding its southern wing so that it will soon have over 2,500 more square feet, which will be used to create dedicated space for, among other things, Steiner Sports Marketing & Memorabilia Inc., Adidas apparel, a gelato machine and pretzel bar for the cafe.

No one might find an outdated concept, but I was under the impression that bookstores were supposed to mostly sell books rather than merchandise. Right now, it seems like the area of Hammes dedicated to books is roughly equal to that dedicated to apparel, merchandise, and other non-bookish things. Granted, the expansion will free up another 1,000 square feet in the textbook area (which is only fully stocked for a few weeks every term), but once it's complete, it will be hard to make the case that Hammes isn't a giant gift store with a book section attached. After all, the bookstore has demonstrated that their primary goal is making a killing off of merchandise and over-priced coursepacks just to take an example from personal experience, charging $25 for a 100-page packet of bibliographical information that was not under copyright.) And now Hammes (whose parent company is Follett, an international corporation with annual revenues of $2.3 billion) has also expressed interest in opening up a bookstore in the Eddy Street development.

I'm not trying to engage in shrill anti-corporate hysteria or demanding that we transplant Powell's from Portland or The Strand from New York (although Powell's does have branches in Chicago — maybe they'd be open to one in South Bend, too). Instead, I'm just trying to make sense of the fact that in the University's bookstore, there are shelves of Notre Dame rugs and beer steins alongside signs of signed football helmets and babydoll T's with "Notre Dame" in that faded baseball-jersey font in such school colors as pink and sky blue, but no sections for used, remainder, rare or out-of-print books, rather stingy buyback policy, no membership or rewards program that I know of, no posted best-selling or prize-winning lists or even staff recommendations. The books section is well-stocked and well-organized, but still feels sterile and just a little bit neglected, and really if someone wants a no-frills book browsing experience, they might as well go to Amazon.com, where the selection is larger and you might even get a bit of a price break to make up for the five-day free shipping. As far as bookstores go, Hammes is doing the Tchotchke's-from-Office-Space-bar minimum in terms of, well, pieces of flair.

There's nothing wrong with selling school merchandise and memorabilia. What would be nice, however, is that we get a bookstore where you actually want to spend time browsing and reading, one that makes you want to come back to it and just not to go once a term for your required texts. If Hammes or its parent company can shift gears from trying to make our collective wallets a little lighter to actually setting up a good bookstore, then it wouldn't be so bad to have them in Eddy Street Commons. But if not, the space should go to an independent retailer, or at least someone who dedicates more space to books than to footballs.

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Tomatoes give a new perspective to Easter

Every Lent, I am struck by the fact that at places like Notre Dame we have to remind ourselves of the suffering of Christ on His way to the cross. I have been prompted to identify most with Christ's suffering every single day for the last year. The Lenten break, I went on the Migrant Seminar, sponsored by the Center for Social Concerns, to Immokalee, Florida. The main industry is agriculture and the main workers are the farm workers, who are the backbone of our society, do not have to set aside a specific time in their liturgical calendar to reflect on suffering — they suffer every day, living under the poverty line.

In Immokalee, I encountered the worst poverty I have ever seen in the US. The normal living condition is 15 men living in a tiny, rat and roach-infested trailer, for which they pay $1600 a month. I stayed in one of these trailers for a night with a family of three and I cannot even imagine how 15 people sleep in one. The conditions in the fields are even worse. Farm workers wake up at 4 a.m., so they have time to walk to a parking lot where they will be picked up to be bussed to the fields. There is no guarantee anyone will get work, so they must get to the parking lot as early as possible. When the workers get to the fields, they may have to wait up to 12 hours because they cannot start picking any tomatoes until they are completely dry. They are not paid for this period of waiting. The workers must pick the tomatoes as quickly as possible, as they are paid by the bucket. For each 32-pound bucket, they get $40-45. Workers work in weeks of the Florida’s minimum wage, they must pick 2 tons of tomatoes each day. This kind of pace is impossible for an entire workday. After more than 12 hours from when they were picked up, the workers return home to sleep so they can wake up and do it all over again. This is when the workers work the hardest.

Through this seminar, we got the chance to work in the fields alongside these farmers. We only worked for three hours and we were exhausted by the end of it. This was the most intense, backbreaking work I have ever done in my life and it was even worse with the sun beating down on us in the humid 80-degree Florida heat. Everyone had to wear long sleeves, pants and heavy work boots to protect us from the possibilities. We talked to some of the workers afterwards and most told us that they had dropped out of school and had begun working in the fields when they were 13 or 14 years old. They have been picking tomatoes all their life starting this work at age 13, knowing that there was no other way to put food on the table to do this every day of your life for the next 50 years or more? This problem may seem far removed from our daily lives, but reality, we are living in a country that depends on the farm workers of America. Have you ever thought about why your food at fast food restaurants or grocery stores is so cheap? Our agricultural system is able to keep the prices down because in giving us the cheap food we desire, businesses cut down on the wages of the farm workers — their wages have not increased in 30 years. As we consumers have the power (and the responsibility) to make sure the farm workers are given the wages that they deserve. We all ignore this systematic problem because we want our food cheap and we don’t care how we get it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rethink SAC's A statement of protest

Cancer Efforts Impeded Relay for Life is a national event sponsored by the American Cancer Society that was established as an event to bring people together to celebrate those who have survived cancer and remember those who have passed away. The play’s presentation would have allowed us to raise money for cancer research but also fosters hope in those affected by the disease. However, in our attempts to make this more of a student-oriented event, we have hit several roadblocks. Often students are familiar with the difficulties of dealing with the Student Activities Office (SAO) and Student Affairs. We understand that these particular offices exist for the regulation of student clubs on campus, but an office so unwilling to exist for the consistent policy or lack of leniency toward this national event is allowed to take place, with students being asked to pick between the important form here at Notre Dame. Why not Relay for Life? We do not understand the inconsistency of our protest. We mean no disrespect to our fellow students who have chosen to perform this play, nor to the University of Notre Dame, and particularly that our institution seeks to deliberately antagonize the rest of the community in this way— but all the more cause we want to see in the plays they perform, and we do not care how we get it.

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On Saturday, SUB brought the comedic stylings of Mindy Kaling and Craig Robinson, better known as Kelly Kapoor and Darryl Philbin from the hit comedy series "The Office" to Washington Hall.

Kaling, who has appeared in the films "License to Wed," "Unaccompanied Minors" and the "40 Year Old Virgin," began the show with a bang by joking about a recent Observer headline involving "The Vagina Monologues." Kaling is also a writer and producer for the show and this led to several jokes about boredom during the writers' strike. She poked fun at perezhilton.com and the Megan's Law Web site.

Kaling's character Kelly is known for her high-pitched and annoying voice, but this made her pretty atrocious impression of deep-voiced actresses Scarlett Johansson and Julia Stiles even better.

Just to mix things up, Kaling made an 'impromptu' phone call to B.J. Novak, a fellow writer, and purveyor of her on-screen ex-boyfriend, Ryan Howard. While I may have been wishing it was going to be Steve Carrell or Jim Krasinski on the other end, Novak amp'd up the crowd by reminding them that he will be coming April 12 to perform at Notre Dame. Novak kept asking to speak to Craig Robinson, who joined Kaling on stage. After missing out on Novak's joke for a few bad Blackberry receptions (Novak was attempting to say, "blatiterate women. Sounds delicious!") Kaling finished up her bit and it was time for Robinson.

Robinson, whose character Darryl works in the warehouse of Dunder Mifflin, came out sporting an Notre Dame T-shirt and immediately began working the crowd. For a while, Robinson was silent, only adeptly working his keyboard when he began playing "If You're Happy and You Know it." He finally broke his silence when the audience failed at the song, breaking into a wild grime and exclaiming, "It's stomp your feet Invader ...!

He made a lengthy joke about how every song should include the phrase "take off your panties," and got the entire crowd to sing along to some favorites. He also shared his distaste for Harry White, because he makes everything including walking down the aisle all by themselves with a special song, "The Wedding March." However, he said during that part of the ceremony, all the groom bears is funeral music. Instead, he said when he gets married he will walk down the aisle to "Eye of the Tiger." And he 'revealed' to the crowd that every man hears the intro music for Michael Jordan before making love. Robinson's use of audience interaction was excellent and he even astutely pointed out that the guards at Notre Dame take their jobs "way too seriously."

Following Robinson's bit, Kaling rejoined him on stage for a Q&A. While I thought many of the questions were a bit pointless, some interesting information was learned about the show, and two girls even got up on stage and asked the stars to sign their T-shirts, which sported "Office" slogans. Kaling called the remaining six episodes of this season "the best yet" because the action from what should have been 10 to 12 episodes had to be packed into half that amount. She also noted that Angela Kinney (who plays Angela) was hiding her real-life pregnancy by always holding her purse in front of her, making her look like "a leprechaun hoarding her gold."

Kaling and Robinson seemed down to earth as they discussed the joy they got from watching "The Office" episodes on airplane flights. They seemed genuinely pleased and proud of their work. Robinson said his favorite episode was "The Coup," in which Michael gets in trouble once again as Jim buats him declaring it's "Movie Monday," allowing everyone to watch a movie and neglect work. Subsequently, Angela pushes Dwight to make a move on Michael's job. Robinson laughed about the confrontational scene in which Michael and Dwight come face to face. Kaling said it was difficult for her to pick just one episode but loves "Breeze Cruise" and basically "every episode fabe is f.

Overall, the duo was a riot. I look forward to seeing Robinson in the film "Pineapple Express" out in August starring James Franco and Seth Rogen. And he sure to catch the next part of "The Office Comedy Series" with B.J. Novak April 12 to join in on the Dunder Mifflin fun.

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By CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA
Scene Writer

Matthew Bellamy's interest in global conspiracies has been a long-standing theme in Muse's songs, and it continues to show in the title of their latest album, H.A.A.R.P. The name comes from the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program. The band's own version of this project is a two-disc album of its live performance at Wembley Stadium on June 16 and 17, 2007. The album picks back up where it left off with "Time Is Running Out" and continues strong into the last track, "Take A Bow," the intro track from "Black Holes and Revelations." The first disc is a solid mix of well-known tracks in a live setting, and is sure to be well received by Muse fans everywhere.

The second disc is where H.A.A.R.P. shines and makes the album worth buying. It is a DVD of the band's second concert in Wembley Stadium on June 17 - a day after the audio-only first CD was recorded. For those who have not seen Muse live in concert, the DVD comes very close to recreating brilliant madness that is Muse. Matthew Bellamy's vocals resonate throughout the entire stadium as he hypnotizes the masses with his crooning. The impromptu guitar solos and extended intros throughout are delightful additions, especially in the song "New Born," going from a quiet piano introduction to a riff-loaded, distortion-filled guitar solo courtesy of Bellamy. His artistic talents really shine in this one as we see him go from guitar to piano back to guitar deftly and smoothly, never providing for a break in the energy or momentum. "Soldier's Poem," "Unintended," and "Blackout" provide for a slow moment in the show, with Bellamy taking center stage on the acoustic guitar during "Unintended," a rarely-played single from the band's first album, "Showbiz.

The camerawork is excellently done, featuring shots of the band and crowd, along with aerial clips of the stadium and stage at night, which is quite a sight to see. Fast zooms and angles of Bellamy, Christopher Wolstenholme (bass), and Dominic Howard (drums) add to the energy of the more intense songs. In the end, it's the wild riffs and beautiful lyrics that leave the audience stunned in awe. This is Muse at its best, putting on an amazing performance while producing such a wide range of emotions in its listeners.

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Muse

Recommended Tracks: "Unintended," "Map of the Problematique" and "Hysteria"
Davidson's cinderella run ends against KU

Rose, Memphis run past Texas; each No. 1 seed advances to Final Four for first time in NCAA history

Associated Press

DETROIT — Stephen Curry darted this way, faked that way. Nothing open, and the bright red numbers on the clock getting closer to zero.

He was the right guy — the only guy — to take the biggest shot of the NCAA tournament.

But there wasn’t one. All he could do was raise the ball and watch as Jason Richards’ desperation try thudded off the backboard.

Davidson was done. Kansas was in.

“It hurts a lot to get this far, be so close to get to the Final Four,” Curry said after top-seeded Kansas held off Little Davidson 59-57 Sunday.

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| 1    | Virginia     | 19-0   | 1   |
| 2    | Ohio State   | 18-1   | 2   |
| 3    | Georgia      | 16-1   | 3   |
| 4    | USC          | 13-3   | 9   |
| 5    | Texas        | 13-3   | 4   |
| 6    | UCLA         | 12-1   | 6   |
| 7    | Mississippi  | 12-4   | 5   |
| 8    | Florida      | 10-8   | 10  |
| 9    | North Carolina| 10-9 | 11  |
| 10   | Florida State| 10-9   | 12  |
| 11   | Tennessee    | 10-5   | 13  |
| 12   | Michigan     | 10-2   | 14  |
| 13   | Pepperdine   | 9-6    | 15  |
| 14   | Arizona State| 9-7    | 16  |
| 15   | Duke         | 9-6    | NR  |
| 16   | Texas Tech   | 9-5    | 17  |
| 17   | Illinois     | 9-5    | 18  |
| 18   | Virginia Tech| 9-5    | 19  |
| 19   | LSU          | 9-6    | 20  |
| 20   | Washington   | 11-4   | 21  |
| 21   | Texas A&M    | 10-5   | 22  |
| 22   | Rice         | 12-5   | 23  |
| 23   | Oklahoma State| 9-5   | 24  |
| 24   | Alabama       | 14-6   | 25  |
| 25   | Auburn       | 9-7    | 22  |

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| 2    | Georgia Tech | 11-4   | 2   |
| 3    | Baylor       | 17-1   | 3   |
| 4    | Florida      | 12-1   | 4   |
| 5    | Stanford     | 10-3   | 5   |
| 6    | California   | 11-3   | 6   |
| 7    | Duke         | 11-2   | 9   |
| 8    | Georgia Tech | 12-4   | 10  |
| 9    | UCLA         | 12-4   | 8   |
| 10   | USC          | 12-4   | 10  |
| 11   | Minnesota    | 13-1   | 11  |
| 12   | North Carolina| 12-5 | 13  |
| 13   | Arkansas     | 12-5   | 12  |
| 14   | Miami        | 10-4   | 14  |
| 15   | Arizona State| 11-3   | 15  |
| 16   | Fresno State | 9-7    | 16  |
| 17   | Texas        | 8-3    | 17  |
| 18   | Pepperdine   | 13-3   | 19  |
| 19   | Notre Dame   | 12-7   | 24  |
| 20   | Florida State| 12-3   | 25  |
| 21   | TCU          | 14-0   | 19  |
| 22   | Tennessee    | 11-5   | 20  |
| 23   | Kentucky     | 13-5   | 21  |
| 24   | William & Mary| 11-8  | 23  |
| 25   | Indiana      | 14-3   | NR  |

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### MLB

#### Struggling Gibbons released by Os

Associated Press

**BALTIMORE — Jay Gibbons was released Sunday by the Baltimore Orioles, who lost patience waiting for the oft-injured outfielder to regain the form that enabled him to hit 26 home runs in 2005.**

Gibbons hit .189 with no home runs and four RBIs in 16 games this spring training after skipping opening day in 84 games last season. Baltimore owes him $11.9 million for the next two seasons as part of a $21.1 million, four-year contract he agreed to in January 2006.

Gibbons, 31, was suspended for 15 days on Dec. 6 by commissioner Bud Selig following a media report that he received a shipment of the human growth hormone after January 2005, when it was made by baseball. Kansas City outfielder Jose Guillen also was suspended for 15 days.

"The decision was essentially down to two players, and we made a baseball decision," said club president Andy MacPhail, who delivered the news to Gibbons.

"We laid it out pretty clearly," MacPhail said. "For you to be a productive player you need to play, and that opportunity just doesn't exist here absent some horrible injury. His words were, 'I agree completely.'"

Gibbons also did not fit into MacPhail's decision to rebuild the team with youth.

**"We just need to move forward along the path we've decided we need to take," MacPhail said. "I'm convinced that it's the right thing for us to do."**

MacPhail, however, did not make the decision without first discussing it with owner Peter Angelos.

"I gave him the ramifications and what my thinking was. I hadn't really reached any conclusions myself, I was really wrestling with this one," MacPhail said. "His advice was, 'You gotta do what you gotta do.' Those were the last words he left me with, and I took the position that this is what we had to do."
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It couldn't stem the Lady Vols' offensive flow. The simplistic could attribute Tennessee's performance to Lady Vols forward Candace Parker. But a lay-up by Tennessee's Anosike at the first half horn put in put in 39.7 percent on the game; Tennessee hit an even 10-for-20 from the arc.

The stats are similar to the 2007 Sweet Sixteen game; Tennessee hit an even .500 percent from beyond the arc. Against the Irish defense, which is full of seniors, the Lady Vols couldn't be stopped in there key. The Lady Vols were 14-for-23 from the floor. Against Notre Dame's zone defense, the Irish were 12-for-25, with thirteen inside two points.

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Irish coach Muffet McGraw said she switched from the 2-3 zone to the 1-3-1 zone to limit Anosike's effectiveness from the key, but Anosike kept making the shots. "We had really been trying to guard her at the beginning of the game, and then she started making them and then Bobbitt, we're gonna have to change defenses to be able to guard her at the high post, and so I went to the 1-3-1 for that," McGraw said. The 1-3-1 zone, McGraw said, had the drawback of leaving a smaller defender at the low post to deal with Parker. McGraw recognized the relative futility of planning to stop Parker in the post. "Parker, she's gonna score no matter what defense you're in when she's on the block," McGraw said. "She's gonna score no matter what defense you're in when she's on the block." McGraw said. "She's gonna score no matter what defense you're in when she's on the block."

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Belles falter in Kentucky

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s ran into a speed bump this weekend in its pursuit of a qualifying for a spot in the Div. III National Championship Tournament. The Belles finished 16th out of 21 teams at the Northern Kentucky Spring Invitational tournament this weekend in Perry Park, Ky.

“We made a lot of progress on the second day of play,” Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. “But we still need to improve.”

Captain Katie O’Brien was the leading performer for the Belles, shooting an 86-84, placing her in the top 20 of the individual standings. Freshman Rosie O’Connor also finished with the second best score on the team.

The Belles have more than a week off before they compete in the NCAA qualifying tournament. "The way I see it, we have a week and a half to shave off about 10 strokes from our total before the qualifier tournament," said Hamilton.

Saint Mary’s will play in the Tri-State Invitational next weekend in Angola, Ind., before playing in the qualifying tournament on April 9.

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SMC TENNIS

SMC falls to Olivet, Wheaton

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s (4-8, 0-2 MIAA) went 0-2 this weekend at the Jack Swartz Invitational at Wheaton College, Ill. The Belles lost Friday 6-3 to No. 16 Olivet Nazarene and 8-1 on Saturday to No. 28 Wheaton College.

Against Olivet Nazarene, Saint Mary’s won three of the six singles matches. No. 1 singles sophomore Camille Gebert defeated Olivet’s Jill Hans 5-7, 6-4, 6-0. At No. 2, freshman Billan Hurley beat Erica Englebret in two sets, 6-3, 6-1. No. 4 freshman Jessica Kosinski overcame Alicia Callen in two sets as well, winning 6-3, 6-1.

At No. 3, Betsy Reed, a freshman, lost to Lily Gonzalez from Olivet Nazarene 6-1, 2-6, 6-1. At No. 5, sophomore Lisa Rubino went down 7-5, 6-1 to Jen Ramsey, and at No. 6, freshman Jessica Camp lost 6-1, 6-1 to Jade Stanlick.

The Belles were unable to come through on the doubles side on Friday. The No. 1 team of Gebert and Hurley lost 8-5 to Erica Englebret and Allicia Callen. The No. 2 duo of Betsy Reed and Lisa Rubino lost 8-2 to Lily Gonzalez and Jen Ramsey, and were followed by the No. 3 team of Jessica Camp and Francia Peloza losing 8-2 to the Tigers’ Jill Hans and Jade Stanlick.

Saturday’s match wasn’t any more successful for the Belles as they took on Wheaton College.

Reed won the only singles match for Saint Mary’s on Saturday, 6-3, and 6-0 over Wheaton’s Brooke Parrish.

No. 1 Gebert lost 6-0, 6-0 to Jordan Hook. No. 2 singles Hurley lost for the only second time this season to Shannon Hale, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. No. 4 Kosinski lost 6-4, 6-1 to Brittany Dunn. No. 5 Rubino was defeated 6-2, 6-2 by Sara Federschmidt. To finish off the Belles singles losing streak for the week-end, No. 6 Laura Arnold lost 6-0, 6-0 to Kasip Edwards.

The Thunder won all three doubles matches. The team of Gebert and Hurley were defeated 8-4 by Hook and Federschmidt, bringing their record to 5-7 as a duo. Reed and Rubino lost 8-2 to Parrish and Lindsey Hallett, and Mary Theresa Lee and Peloza were defeated 8-1 by Dunn and Edwards.

“It was a tough weekend, but our team played well,” Rubino said. “We stepped up our competitiveness, and I think it will pay off for conference matches later in the season.”

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish earn split, snap Blue Demons’ streak

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Behind strong pitching performances from freshman Jody Valdivia and junior Brittany Bargar, the Irish split a doubleheader with 17th-ranked DePaul and ended the Blue Demons’ 25-game conference winning streak.

“I think taking one from DePaul is always a good win,” Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. “They’re a tough team and we have quite a history with them.”

The Irish nearly managed a sweep of the twinbill, losing the first game on a walkoff single by Jackie Tarulli-Fisher. Two errors in the final inning spelled doom for the Irish. The fielding woes were especially frustrating for Gumpf, who has been trying to stress the importance of defense to her team this season.

“Our defense hurt us in the first game,” Gumpf said. “Bargar earned the loss despite allowing only four hits over 6 and 2/3 innings and allowing no earned runs while striking out 12.”

In the second game, Notre Dame was determined to give its pitching more support. Linda Kohan crushed a solo home run to center field in the top of the second to put the Irish up 1-0. Notre Dame added an unearned run in the fourth, and a 2-0 lead was all Valdivia needed. The freshman struck out three in 5 and 2/3 innings to get the win, and Bargar pitched the final 1 and 1/3 for her first save of the season. The biggest stat from the second game for Gumpf, though, was that the Irish defense made no errors in the field.

“We really picked it up,” Gumpf said. “I’m really proud of the way the girls bounced back.”

The Irish (17-10 overall, 1-1 Big East) will play at home against Ball State Tuesday.

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Women's Rowing

Notre Dame rows to victory in California

Varsity boats defeat Stanford, UCLA

By LULU ZHANG
Sports Writer

Notre Dame claimed victory in two of three races against both Stanford and UCLA on the first day of the Pac-10 Challenge in California. The women's second varsity eight and varsity four crews beat Stanford in its first race of the day. The Irish went on to win their second varsity eight and second varsity eight boats beat UCLA.

Notre Dame's varsity eight boat crew of Lauren Buck, Allison Marsh, Laura Pearson, Amanda Polka, Mary Quinn, Kendra Short, Julie Sobieskiski, Christine Tresca and coxswain Kelsey Otero competed against Stanford in its first race of the day. The Irish won by a time of 7:02.45, falling short by 0.09 seconds to the Cardinal's time of 6:59.50. The Irish regrouped and were able to claim victory in the afternoon against 13th ranked UCLA. The Bruins finished in 7:34.16, while the Irish claimed victory with a time of 7:25.1.

Notre Dame's second varsity eight crew of Calvin, Emily Crosby, Elli Greykhar, Britney Kelly, Kristin Madison, Carol Ann Mihel, Aoni Nowhitley, Casey Robinson and coxswain Stephanie Seorged defeated Stanford in the opening race, and UCLA in the second race. Notre Dame beat Stanford by just less than 13 seconds in the first race, posting a time of 7:13.8, and beat UCLA in the second race by just over two seconds, posting a time of 7:28.9.

The varsity four boat of Mallory Glass, Annika Jedic, Bridget Leach, Mary Kate McNamara and coxswain Sarah Keithley beat Stanford by more than 30 seconds in its opening race. The Irish finished with a time of 8:38.0, while the Cardinal finished in 9:11.6. In its second race, the Irish defeated UCLA by a time of 8:54.1, while the Bruins finished in 8:41.1.

Notre Dame also competed in the Lubbers Cup in Michigan this past weekend. The Irish claimed victory in the varsity eight, 23.7993, varsity four B, and novice four races.

WTA Tennis

Davenport upsets Ivanovic at Sony

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — When an infall in the stadium stands began to cry during a rally Sunday, Lindsay Davenport won the point anyway. Motherhood hasn't diminished her focus at all.

Still gaining momentum in her career comeback after becoming a parent, Davenport, who is second-ranked Ana Ivanovic 6-4, 6-2 in the third round at the Sony Ericsson Open, Davenport left the women's tour in late 2006 to have her first child, then came back last summer. The three-time Grand Slam champion is 17-3 against the top two titles, and she rallied the way Ivanovic an her best since returning.

"It's quite rewarding," said Davenport, who is ranked 94th with only four years.

Saint Mary's sweeps Calvin

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Belles had a busy weekend, sweeping a doubleheader against league opponent Calvin Saturday and splitting another at Rose-Hulman Sunday.

Saint Mary's raised its overall record to 13-3 and 2-0 in MIAA competition.

Saint Mary's started MIAA play Saturday by defeating Calvin 6-5. Senior McKenna Corrigan hit a three-run home run in the third inning to put the Belles up 5-2.

The Knights, however, chipped away at the lead and tied it in the top of the seventh inning. In the bottom of the frame, sophomore Ashley Peterson scored the winning run on a single by junior Katie Rashid.

Peterson, a rising offensive star, had two hits in the game. Junior Calli Davison pitched a complete game for the win.

The Belles won their second game against Calvin 5-0. Corrigan pitched a complete game.

The Belles amassed 13 hits, including a 4-for-4 effort by Peterson and a 3-for-3 performance by junior Ashley Fusaro.

On Sunday, the Rose-Hulman Engineers defeated Saint Mary's 10-4 in the first game of the doubleheader.

Senior infielder McKenna Corrigan snags a grounder in Saturday's 6-5 win over Calvin. The Belles defeated Calvin 5-0 in the second game of the doubleheader to improve to 2-0 in the MIAA.
Women look strong at ASU Invitational

Sophomore Joanna Schultz competes in the 400-meter sprints on Dec. 7. Schultz finished second this weekend.

By ALEX BARKER

The Observer

Notre Dame jumpstarted the outdoor season in a big way this weekend by grabbing seven top-three finishes at the Arizona State Invitational meet this weekend in Tempe, Ariz.

Senior Brienne Davis turned in the best performance for the Irish by handily winning the 100-meter dash and taking third in the 200-meter dash.

Junior Alyissa Hasan also had a great meet for the Irish taking third in the 100-meter hurdles and the javelin throw.

Hasan was enough to qualify her for the NCAA regional meet at the end of the year. The Irish 4-by-400-meter relay team took first place at the meet and also qualified for the NCAA regional meet. Members of the relay team also found success in other events. Sophomore Joanna Schultz, freshman Cora Dayon, and senior Crysta Swayzer finished second, sixth and eighth-place respectively in the 400-meter dash event.

Freshmen Kelly Langhans and Natalie Johnson finished second and third-place respectively in the 800-meter run rounding out an outstanding performance by the Irish.

Next weekend, Notre Dame will send athletes to both the Stanford and Purdue Invitational.

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Runners impress in Arizona

Schipper earns NCAA Regional qualification in pole vault

By EUGENIA ALFONZO

The Observer

Although some members were not present for the meet, composing of mostly distance runners, the team had a good showing against the 12 other teams present, including top-ranked Arizona State.

The Irish had 10 athletes earn Big East qualifications and one NCAA Regional qualification, along with many performances that missed the mark by a small margin.

On Friday, only the throwers participated in the meet since the hammer throw was the first and only event of the day. Freshman Greg Davis came in 13th place in the preliminaries with a throw of 54.70 meters, well over the Big East qualifying distance of 48 meters. He now ranks first for the Big East conference in the hammer throw, past indoor champion Andrew Backney.

Junior Jeff Mensch also participated in the hammer throw, ending up with a 45.68-meter distance and a Big East qualification. On Saturday morning, the first event for the Irish was the 400-meter dash, with freshman Miklos Szaszny and junior Billy Buzaid finishing seventh and tenth, respectively. Senior Austin Wocher followed with an impressive finish in the 400-intermediate hurdles. With a time of 53.72 seconds, Wocher’s time ranks in the top four in all of the Big East. The 4-by-400-meter relay consisting of Szaszny, Wocher, Buzaid and sophomore Balazs Molnar ran to fourth place with a time of 3:13.57. Their time is ranked third, following close behind Rutgers and Seton Hall University.

For field events, sophomore Brandon Denom threw 50.74 in the Discus throw, landing him with a Big East qualification and an 11th place finish. As for shot put, The Irish throwers picked up three Big East qualifications. Senior Mike Schubert, freshman Denes Verez and John Belcher placed sixth, ninth, and tenth in the event respectively, and are in the top seven of Big East standings. Sophomore Eric Quick finished well for jumps, finishing second in both the long jump and the triple jump, earning another two Big East qualifications for the Irish. In the high jump, junior Blair Magrina performed well and finished fourth with a Big East qualifying jump of 2.05 meters.

The Notre Dame NCAA Regional qualification belongs to sophomore pole vaulter Matt Schipper, who earned a sixth place finish with a jump of 5.05 meters. Schipper finished fifth last year at the Big East outdoor championships with a jump of 4.85-meters. His previous best this season had been at the Meyo Invitational, with a jump of 5.5 meters.

The Irish compete again at the Mike Pfohelein Invitational next weekend at West Lafayette, Ind.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team loses fourth in a row

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

No. 27 Notre Dame found itself overtaken against No. 2 Ohio State Friday, and the Buckeyes defeated the Irish 6-1 at the Eck Tennis Pavilion. The loss was Notre Dame's fourth straight and only the second at home this season.

Ohio State got on the board first with a win in the doubles point. The Buckeyes then went on to win the first set in all six singles matches, and the Irish could not recover.

The Notre Dame pair of sophomore Sheva Parhbu and junior Brett Helgeson registered a 9-7 win over the No. 25-ranked Buckeyes pair of Bryan Koniecko, who defeated Notre Dame in straight sets, only the second at home this season.

The Irish extended their first singles point with a win and freshman Matt Allare. Ohio State improved its record to 19-1 after dropping the first set and then lost the next five games en route to the loss. Roth fell to 1-4 on the season.

The No. 27 Irish pair of freshman David Anderson fell into an early hole against Ohio State, whom the Irish have defeated in 17 straight contests.

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish extend winning streak to six matches

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

For No. 19 Notre Dame, March was an excellent month.

In the third month of the dual match season, the Irish extend their season-long string of six in a row for the No. 27 Irish pair their second loss in three matches as a doubles team.

With Notre Dame up 1-0 in the match, the momentum from the doubles point carried over to singles play, with the Irish taking five of the six matches, including four in straight sets.

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After Notre Dame’s Friday game with Cincinnati was postponed because of rain, the Irish and Bearcats met in a doubleheader Saturday and finished up their regular-season series.

The teams split the doubleheader before the Beanies went home with a 4-3 win in the rubber match.

**Bearcats 5, Irish 3**

Irish ace David Phelps threw 112 pitches over six innings but was canceled out by one swing of Cameron Satterwhite’s bat. Cincinnati right fielder hit a towering home run in the eighth inning to give the Bearcats a lead for good as Notre Dame fell in the first game of Saturday’s doubleheader.

Lefthander Van Osterbrock got the victory in the opener for Cincinnati, allowing just two earned runs on six hits. Phelps took the loss for Notre Dame after giving up eight innings and striking out eight.

“He gave us a chance to win,” Schrage said of Phelps. “We talked in the dugout and he wanted to go back out there in the eighth. I thought he pitched fine.”

With the game tied 3-3 in the eighth, Satterwhite capitalized on sloppy defense by the Irish and scored the go-ahead run. Phelps gave up the run and was out of the game after giving up four more runs on five hits. Irish shortstop Brett Lilley committed a fielding error, allowing the run to score.

“He didn’t hit him too much, I don’t mean to [get hit], but I didn’t mean to [get hit],” Lilley said. “I don’t mean to [get hit] but I don’t mean to [get hit].”

Mills followed Lilley with a see-saw single that launched his career. Phelps overdrove the ball deep enough to score Lilley and tie the game.

“Just like a walk if I can get hit by a pitch and get on base to hit it any time,” Lilley said. “I’m not sure why he ran, but he did.”

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**BEARCATS**

**Irish 3**

After Irish starter Wade Korpi loaded the bases in the fifth inning, Bearcats left fielder Jamie Scott ripped a single into center field to knock in the winning run. Korpi moved to third on a wild pitch then scored on a sacrifice fly to center field by Brezovsky.

The Irish bullpen duo of Steven Mazur and Kyle Weiland finished off the Bearcats and earned Notre Dame a split in the doubleheader.

“In the second game, we only had one out rally that fell just short,” Schrage said. “I delivered a two-out single to get on base. After a格尔 win the second game, shutting them down with good pitching.”

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ND clobbers Bellarmine

By ELLYN MICHALAK Sports Writer

No. 7 Notre Dame (7-1) opened league play this weekend with a dominant win over Bellarmine University.

The Irish scored 15 goals in the first half en route to a 19-7 victory over the Knights.

"We scored the first goal of the game, putting the Knights on their heels early in the first half," said Irish coach Kevin Corrigan. "They recently had a couple of big wins after struggling very early on. They are very good team offensively."

Senior goalkeeper Joey Kemp recorded 10 saves for his 33rd career victory. He now holds the Irish record for wins.

Junior attack Ryan Clagett started the run, giving the Irish a 4-2 lead entering the second quarter.

The Irish dominated the second stanza. Podgajny first scored two goals followed by a goal from senior attack Alex Wharton. The Knights then scored to make it 7-3, but the Irish when on an 8-0 run to take a commanding 15-3 lead.

Senior midfielder and face-off specialist Taylor Clagetti started the run, scoring his second goal of the season. Christman scored next, followed with a goal by freshman midfielder Zach Breeneman.

The Irish dominated the first half, which saw them rack up seven goals, bringing her career total to 49, which leads the team by 21 goals.

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Irish get Big East road win at wireless UConn

By ANDY ZICCARELLI Sports Writer

Notre Dame (8-3, 2-1 Big East) stormed out to an early 6-0 lead and maintained its big win throughout, beating the winless Connecticut 18-11 Saturday in Storrs, Conn.

"Out of the gates, we needed to come out with more intensity," said Tracy Coyne, Irish coach.

Coyne, along with Amy Wink a chance to see action for the second time in her career. All season long, Coyne has stressed the importance of conference games, noting that the team’s main goal is to win the Big East. The Irish are a half-game behind first-place Georgetown and Syracuse, who each sport 2-0 conference records.

Notre Dame will play at Duke on Thursday, followed by a trip to top-ranked Northwestern and then a Big East showdown with Georgetown on April 12.

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10. The Irish faced the Wolverines twice in CCHA play this season, falling 3-2 on a last-minute goal in Ann Arbor and 5-1 at The Palace in Auburn Hills. Mich. Jackson called the Wolverines "probably the most explosive team in the country offensively."

None of this could have been expected when Jackson arrived. Last year, at the Frozen Four, Van Guilder said "hugely" for the program, he wants a championship. "For this team to make their first Frozen Four this year, Van Guilder is great," Jackson said. "But we can't just be happy with that. We're 120 minutes away from a championship, but all we can do is focus on the first minute of the first game."

Irish 7, Wildcats 3

So much for Notre Dame's scoring drought.

After hearing about their scor­ ing woes for weeks and not post­ ing more than three goals in a game since Jan. 26, the Irish offense exploded for seven goals in their regional semifinal win. "It was their willingness to get it done," Jackson said. "Confidence is everything. I think that our ability to score on the power play after New Hampshire scored the first two goals on breakdowns on faceoffs, to be able to come back each game gave them confidence to know that they can compete with teams of that caliber."

Senior captain Mark Van Guilder recorded three assists and junior Christian Hanson net­ ted the first multi-goal game of his career, giving the Irish a 3-2 lead early in the second when the Irish scene to control the momentum into the final stanza. Finally, at 14:06 of the third period and with overtime looming, Van Guilder scored the goal that would ultimately prove to be the game winner. After deflecting a pass from Ben Ryan off his skate and onto his stick, Van Guilder fired a low wrister past Lerg's stick to give the Irish a 1-0 lead.

Ruth sealed the win for Notre Dame 1:14 later when he beat Lerg with a slapshot from the right point.

The win was a sort of vengeance for the Irish, who were eliminated in the regional finals by the Spartans last year. Jackson minimized the feeling of revenge, though. "There wasn't a whole lot of talk about last year," he said.

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Irish right wing Ryan Thang, left, and senior captain Mark Van Guilder watch Van Guilder's game-win­ ning goal put by Spartans goateefer Jeff Lerg during Notre Dame's 3-1 win Saturday night.
**Black Dog**
MICHAEL MIKUSKA

The story says there are four
traits summed: for the how
someone who is attractive, a god
provider, faithful, and emotionally
available.

It's little for anyone who can fill
the emotional void I've had
stuffed
with chocolate.

I can't wait until you
ask me what
I want from you.

It's in the
whole

**Lollerskates**
DIDIER LEWIS

A recurring
affair

Help stop me this walk with my
chaser!

Oh great, now he's going to talk to
be fat ugly girlfriend!

Are you kidding me?

I really hope you birthday!

**The Single Life**
LINA PAEK

1. 10 Across

Across the surface

Lamb, say

6: Railcar

Bikes

5: Sports

Equipment

Clair's crush on "Singhivale"

3: "Hey, come back"

A bit

15: Front opener?

16: Enter en masse

17: Free health and
dental care, and
then some

18: List of best
answers

21: Aviate

22: Limon or somet

23: Lucky twin

"Star Wars"

24: Price

25: Math symbol for
the extraction of a root

30: Pacl's stat.

33: Warnings

63: The Big Board: Abl.

64: Doe's mate

65: Whorls of "Girl",
"Intemipted"

Down

1: Picker's faux

2: New York

3: One often

4: Take advantage of

5: "Coudn't be
better"

6: Pertaining to a
son or daughter

7: Ear or leaf part

8: Four Corners

9: Area Indians

10: Prohibition

11: Dribble
dignitary

12: Six-legged

13: Move skyward

14: Fake identity

15: Bogene Italian

16: Tour of?

17: Monkey

18: Occurrence

20: Bad smell

21: Tomb is in

Red Square

22: Arabian sound

35: Hits hard

37: Lawrence

40: Like 16 vie-

8 vs.

15, age issue

41: Tark's spot

42: Home viewing

43: Subtraction

45: Where most of

period, often

50: Red Square

51: Leafoating

52: Poni's organism

53: Préfet with

chaver

54: Group of buffalo

55: Five feet with

chamer

56: Rule before 21-

Down

57: Mains'-

over

58: Emere of the 24-

Down

59: Star Myra

60: Eris of the 24-

Down

61: Silver screen

62: The Big Board:

Abbr.

63: Doe's mate

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"Intemipted"

*Answers tomorrow*

**Jumble**
HENRI ARNOLD
MIKE ARGIRION

Unscramble these Jumbles. One letter to each square.

To form four ordinary words

VALIT

YOVR

BINLE

ANGOLS

That scrambled word game

WORTH AN IRONWORKER, HIGH ON A SKYSCRAPER CAN BE-

Answer here:

SATURDAY

Answers tomorrow

MOUNT ANSE

HANSON SMUDGE

What the male model received when he posed in the suit - A "HANDSOME" SUM

**Horoscope**
EUGENIA LAST

Happy Birthday! Be strong, agile and adaptable to get ahead this year. Emotional
changes will be highlighting your life. You need to
be open to new ideas and ways of thinking.
Financially, your efforts will be strongly rewarded.
Emotionally, you may feel especially sensitive and
suggestive with your friends, 
and with your
relationships.
You need to be
more
worldly and

MARS (March 21-April 4): Your interests will be centered around things that have to do
with the arts and beauty.

ARIES (April 5-19): You may be interested in new ideas and ways of thinking.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be thinking about your past and how you
may have been left behind or neglected.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): You will be thinking about your past and how you
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CANCER (June 22-July 22): You will be thinking about the past and how you
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Rocky Mountain high

ND beats UNH, MSU to advance to first Frozen Four

By MATT GAMBER and SAM WERNER
Sports Writers

Notre Dame entered the weekend as the West regional's No. 4 seed, expected to step aside for the heavily-favored New Hampshire, the top seed. But the Irish surprised everyone in the second half of the season, to say the least, beat New Hampshire 7-3 Friday and Michigan State 3-1 Saturday to advance to the first Frozen Four in the program's history.

"After the way the second half has gone, I'm just happy for our kids," Jackson said. "You know, they persevered through a real difficult time. They still held together, they still worked hard." The Irish looked more at home on the larger, Olympic-sized ice surface. Jackson said the added space allowed Notre Dame more offensive creativity, especially on the power play.

"You can really stretch out a team's penalty killing," Jackson said. "And we didn't get stretched out defensively, which was huge." Notre Dame moves on to face Michigan in the national semifinal in Denver on April 26.

Irish players Christian Hanson and Justin White mob defenseman Teddy Ruth, center, after his goal Saturday.

Team finally regains early-season form with balanced effort in two upset victories in NCAA Tournament

The defense was stellar, with hard-hitting Brock Sheahan earning a spot on the all-region team and freshman defensemen Ian Cole and Teddy Ruth coming through with clutch goals.

And coach Jeff Jackson showed why he's widely considered one of the best big-game coaches in college hockey, running his NCAA tournament record to 15-6.

So that's how it happened, and while top-ranked Michigan surely will provide a tough test, a tougher one might yet happen again next weekend.

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No. 1 seed Lady Vols dominate second half

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY — How do you stop a 6-foot-4, All-American forward from taking over a game and ending your season?
That was Notre Dame's problem — it couldn't.

Tennessee's Candace Parker poured in 34 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in the Lady Vols' 86-63 victory over the Fighting Irish in the NCAA tournament final Monday night.

Irish forward Dan Kessel handles the puck during Notre Dame's 3-1 victory over Michigan State Saturday.

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