Genocide victims share experiences
Survivors of the Holocaust and Hutu-Tutsi Rwandan crisis speak at Kroc conference

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Writer

As part of a two-day conference called "Witnessing Genocide: Truth, Reconciliation and the Media," Aaron Elster told of his victimization by the Nazis during the Holocaust, and Egide Karuranga discussed the Tutsi persecution in the Rwandan genocide during his talk Sunday.

Elster focused on his intense fear of death and strong desire to survive after the Nazis invaded the ghetto occupied by Elster and his family. He was 10 years old in 1942 when he awoke from sleep and shepherded into a hidden room, a means to escape transportation to a concentration camp.

"Three dozen souls tried to squeeze into an average-sized bedroom," Elster said. "I was shaking and trying to hold back tears. I didn't want to die."

The survival of the occupants of the room, Elster said, depended on the ability to be absolutely silent. Elster remembers hearing an outburst from an infant. The people in the room warned the woman to quiet the child, Elster said. "I instantly wondered if my mother would do that to me."

Despite these desperate measures, the Nazi guards discovered the Jews in hiding. "Demonic faces appeared, and gunshot shattered the silence," Elster said.

"Total chaos ensued and dead bodies lined the streets outside, marring the beauty of a sunny autumn day," Elster said.

Egide Karuranga tells his story about his time in Rwanda during Notre Dame's Genocide conference Sunday.

OIT installs shred bins in all residence halls
Program in conjunction with University Archives helps students dispose of sensitive material

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The Office of Information Technology's Information Security Program has teamed with the University Archives department to install shred bins in all 27 residence halls to help students securely dispose of sensitive materials.

The program is part of a campus-wide program to draw awareness to how the University accesses and processes information of all forms.

"We're in the second year of a four year program that looks at all the ways we handle information — everything from physical security to computer security and paper records," said Michael Chapple, OIT's Informational Security Professional. University archivist Laura Edgar, who also helped to organize the initiative, said the shred bins will assist students in disposing of sensitive documents in a safe manner.

"We want to give students the option to securely destroy of sensitive materials," Edgar said. Chapple said the Information Security Program noticed that there was a need for shred bins in the residence halls after conducting a survey of students in disposing of sensitive documents in a safe manner.

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Two juniors receive awards
Goldwater Foundation honors Riedl, Manion

By KATY SMITH
Assistant News Editor

Two Notre Dame students, sophomore Eric Riedl and junior Andrew Manion, have been awarded scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year from the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation. Riedl and Manion are math and music dual majors from Minnesota and Kentucky, respectively, who have graduated and are in their senior years at Notre Dame.

The Goldwater scholarship, to which 1,035 students nationally applied, covers the cost of tuition, fees, books, room and board up to a maximum of $7,500 per year, the release said.

"I was completely surprised at a lot of things I had been seeing," Riedl said. The concept of the exhibit, Riedl said, was to pair stereotypical images with more surprising images to highlight the diversity of the culture.

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Dance marathon raises over $85,000
Participants stay up all night for Riley Children's Hospital in Indy

By LIZ HARTER
Saint Mary's Editor

After staying on their feet for 12 hours in support of children who can't at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis, students from Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross College were rewarded with the news that the event raised over $85,000.

The money raised at the event, which ran from 8 p.m. Friday to 8 a.m. Saturday, will go to the hospital, which never denies care to a patient, receives no state funding and is entirely dependent on corporate and private donations.

"Never in my wildest dreams would I ever have thought we would have raised that much money," Dance Marathon co-president Priscella Grimes said. Proceeds from the Dance Marathon, which is in its third year at the college, has grown each year. Organizers more than doubled their first year total in 2007, raising over $47,000 while becoming the third biggest marathon in the state of Indiana.

This year, the event raised $65,296.53, besting the total raised at Purdue University by about $10,000 to become the second biggest marathon behind Indiana University. Indiana has hosted a dance marathon for the past 18 years.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Don't wanna get served

Although it goes without saying that North Dining Hall is far better to any other eating establishment on campus with the words "Dining Hall" in it, a recent change has led to a severance of its superiority.

For some reason unbeknownst to nearly all North Quad residents, you're no longer allowed to serve yourself for pasta stir-fry, Chinese stir-fry, or fajitas.

You know the sign at the exit to all the dining halls? The one that begins with "You may eat as much as you like while you are in the dining hall..." Well part of the sign no longer true at North Dining Hall (the part about leaving with only one fruit or pastry was always a joke). Previously, I would pile my pasta high with as much rigatoni, pepperoni, and spinach as I like. Now, I must satisfy with however much the "service associate" deems necessary.

I've had football season, I've looked forward to Figata Fridays. I remember after pep rallies going back to the dining hall and waiting in line for what seemed like an eternity in line of students. But when I got those four delicious, steaming fajitas on my plate, it was all worth it. Last Friday, with the weekend at hand and fajitas ready to be eaten, I waited in line for just as long. But this time, because the portioning was no longer under my control, the payout was only two fajitas. Two fajitas? That was just enough to get me excited to eat the other fajitas I usually get. Instead, I was faced with the two options of either waiting in line for another 15 minutes just for another two fajitas or leaving the dining hall unsatisfied. I decided, and with other things to do on my Friday night, I went back to my room, stomach unfilled.

Maybe, I'm just a control freak, but I wasn't exactly overjoyed at a half spoonful of sausage on my pasta, why? But I can say "a little bit more" or "a little bit less", but they never get it exactly right, do they? Everything else in the dining hall is serve-yourself (except for the make-your-own-pizza, which I would not trust myself with), why is the stir-fry any different?

Out of the dining hall, other dining halls on campus still offers serve-yourself stir-fry. I suppose we north campus residents may want to be worried over the food quality. If this decision isn't reversed, I may have to take my business to other dining hall. It may be a bit of an extra walk, but if it means I'll have total control over my food (especially with the recent tuition hike), we deserve it, it would be more than worth it.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: If you could be any eating utensil, what would you be and why?

Laura Nawrocki junior Farley
"A little spoon — no explanation needed."

Lisa Russ junior Farley
"You think I could be the big spoon?"

Jeremy Thornton law student off-campus
"A spork — it’s the best of both worlds."

Joe Bramanti sophomore Fisher
"A chopstick because Chinese food is good."

Kate Zimmeister sophomore McGlinn
"A hand, because I’m a barbarian."

Anne Laughlini sophomore McGlinn
"A scooper-fork — it’s a dining hall invention."

OFFBEAT

Electrocuted rat causes Stockholm power outage

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — The electrocution of a fat rat in an electric station Saturday caused a three-hour power outage in Stockholm's central train station, halting elevators and escalators. The early morning outage led to some delays in train traffic, said Jesper Ekenlund, a spokesman for power company Fortum. Nearby hotels and shops also were affected, he said.

"The rat had sneaked into a secondary substation and came into contact with some parts that caused it to short circuit," he said.

"It must have been really big because there's a certain distance between the parts it touched." Ekenlund said Fortum will now have to detonate the area where the rat met its fate.

Naked man climbs onto roof of his moving car

REIDING, Pa. — A Reading man whose mitten was caught after he climbed onto its roof while driving about 55 miles per hour is in fair condition this weekend.

Police in West Reading say the 38-year-old man later stripped naked and led them on a chase along the highway.

Authorities are not identifying the man, who is not charged.

He remains in a Reading hospital recovering from what witnesses call a deep slash in his side.

Police say they used Taser jolts and pepper spray during the chase Friday but only subdued the man when they tackled him.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Thane Rosenbaum, human rights law professor, critical­ly-acclaimed novelist, and essayist on culture and poli­tics, will give a lecture entitled “After Auschwitz and the Twin Towers: Trauma and Memory” today at 7:45 p.m. in McKenna Hall.

A town hall discussion called “Evaluating Obama’s Speech on Race: A Town Hall Meeting on Race Relations in America” will take place Wednesday at 7 p.m. in the McKenna Hall Auditorium.

The Student Immigration Forum will take place Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The play “The Trafalgar History of Doctor Faustus,” a Christopher Marlowe play about a professor who sells his soul to the devil, will be performed April 8-13, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Decio Mainstage Theater at the Dellartolo Performing Arts Center.

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"The fear of death and the pain of dying were terrifying me," he said.

While the Gestapo husbanded themselves with the task of rounding up prisoners, Elster's father crouched and whispered instructions to escape. Elster moved through the damp ground, slid into the muddy sewer, and crawled through a barbed wire fence to escape.

"My sister Sarah's eyes haunted me. How could I have left my family?"

While on the run, he hid in the forest and dug up raw potatoes for food.

Elster discovered the whereabouts of his mother, who was working in a Nazi labor camp. After the Nazis exterminated the majority of the Jews in the camp, they kept about 50 prisoners to clean up the remains of the dead. Elster said. His mother was among the workers that survived.

Upon reuniting with her, Elster received instructions to seek refuge with an old neighbor in the town, while the mother stayed behind, hiding in a barn.

"I felt abandoned. Mothers are supposed to protect their children," he said.

Elster then returned to his town, where he begged an old neighbor to help him. The woman reluctantly gave him her attic to hide in, Elster said. He lived there for two years.

"My days in attic were spent in fear of being thrown out and being killed by Germans," Elster said.

He described a vivid memory of looking out the window and seeing a young girl eating a strawberry in the neighboring yard.

"My heart was aching from pain and envy. Her life seemed so normal," Elster said. "I wished I hadn't been born Jewish."

While Elster lived contained in the attic, the Germans were defeated. He found his mother, who had survived in hiding as well. He later discovered that one of his sisters survived, while his father and younger sister died in the gas chambers.

"My sister was a beautiful little girl," Elster said. "I carry the tormenting image of her for all my days."

Karuranga gave another account of genocide that occurred more than 50 years later in Rwanda. During the genocide, he took refuge at the Hotel Des Miles Collines, more popularly known as "Hotel Rwanda."

Karuranga said that the Hutu-Hutu conflict started in 1990. "In 1959 we were forced from our homes. I remember people coming to put our house on fire," he said.

The families in his village were forced to hide in the jungle where there was little food, and the men had to protect their families against wild animals as well as the killers, Karuranga said. He was advised to leave the country because, it was said, it did not belong to the Tutsis.

"This was the first wave of refugees to the Congo, Burundi, and Tanzania," Karuranga said. Despite the warnings, Karuranga's family decided to remain in Rwanda. He said in 1973, people began looking for power, and "used Tutsis as a scapegoat."

Karuranga decided to leave Rwanda. He attended a university, and lived in several African countries before he decided to return to Rwanda to see his parents. It was then that the peak of the genocide occurred in 1994.

"I lived in a state of terror and fear," he said.

The houses of the Tutsis were looted and destroyed, Karuranga said.

"I heard people deny being Tutsi and say that they would never be Tutsi again before they were killed," he said.

When the Hutus came to his home, Karuranga hid his children under the bed.

"I was powerless in front of my children," he said.

As the violence escalated, Karuranga received a ride to Hotel Rwanda, a safe haven for Tutsis, and paid for a spot for his family, where they lived in hiding until the genocide ended.

Karuranga stressed that during the Rwandan genocide, the majority of the killings were not made by an army, but rather by ordinary citizens.

One of the main questions of genocide is 'How can ordinary citizens kill 100,000 people a day?'" Karuranga said.

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Strategist leaves Clinton campaign

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE — Mark Penn, the pollster and senior strategist for Hillary Rodham Clinton's presidential bid, left the campaign Sunday after it was disclosed he met with representatives of the Colombian government to help promote a free trade agreement Clinton opposes.

"After the events of the last few days, Mark Penn has asked to give up his role as chief strategist of the Clinton Campaign," campaign manager Maggie Williams said in a statement released Sunday. "Mark, and Penn, Schoen and Berland Associates, Inc. will continue to provide polling and advice to the campaign."

Communications director Howard Wolloson and pollster Geoff Garin will direct the campaign's message and strategic efforts for the campaign going forward, Williams said.

Penn's departure comes as Clinton, considered the front-runner for the Democratic nomination last year, trails Barack Obama in delegates and the popular vote with a must-win primary in Pennsylvania April 22 and nine other contests remaining. Clinton also must win in Pennsylvania April 22 and nine other contests remaining. Clinton almost certainly will end the primary season narrowly behind Obama in the popular vote and crippled delegates unless the nullified primaries in Florida and Michigan are counted — a scenario that seems remote. Her challenge will be to convince some 800 superdelegates to back her despite the numbers.

Penn has been a lightning rod for controversy throughout the campaign and managed to retain considerable influence in the operation almost solely because of the candidate's loyalty to him. He was known to get into angry shouting matches with other members of Clinton's team, including long-time adviser Harold Ickes and media strategist Mandy Grunwald, who often disagreed with his strategic advice and resented his unchecked authority to design the candidate's message.

Democratic strategist Chris Kofinis, who had been a spokesman in John Edwards' campaign, said Penn's departure was needed to help the candidate.

"The worst kept secret in the whole Democratic race was that Penn's campaign strategy was not working and that the Clinton campaign has unfortunately paid the price," Kofinis said. "The truth is this is the best move the Clinton campaign could have made and something that I imagine most Clinton supporters wished had happened months ago."

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They conducted a survey of faculty, staff and students every semester looking at various issues related to information security. The question we ask is how everyone disposes of sensitive information," he said.

According to the survey, only 28 percent of students said they are cross-cut shredding sensitive information. Chapple said, "We decided the easiest way to help students was to put the shred bins in the residence halls, so we talked to Residence Life and Housing and made plans to do that," Chapple said.

According to Edgar, as of March 13, each residence hall now has one shred bin, usually located in or near the hall's mail room. "We'd encourage students to shred anything they think is sensitive information," he said. "I think everyone appreciates the knowledge that their sensitive information is being disposed of in a secure manner.

Edgar said while she has not received feedback on the bins in the residence halls, she has received encouraging responses from other campus offices who use the bins.

"I have received positive feedback from the campus business offices which have been using these bins since the fall," she said. "I think everyone appreciates the knowledge that their sensitive information is being disposed of in a secure manner."

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This application included one long essay and a shorter essay of one or two paragraphs in length. Each student needed the name of a professor to be contacted for a recommendation, Riedl said, and after the student received a nomination from the University, he or she needed three more recommendations from University science professors. Similar to the college application process, each nominee needed to submit all transcripts from institutions he or she has attended, college as well as high school, Riedl said.

In addition, each nominee needed to submit a two-page essay and a few shorter essays focusing on his or her area of study.

"Throughout the process I was really impressed by how much the Notre Dame professors had helped me," Riedl said. "Not only did a couple of them help me edit my essays, almost all of the content of the essays, indeed, the entire application was about opportunities that the bins they had gone out of the way to provide." Contact Katie Peralta at kperalta@nd.edu

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The moratorium committee also kept participants energized by teaching them a "morale dance" choreographed to music relating to the themed hours throughout the evening. The group then performed the dance in its entirety at the end of the 12 hours.

"At 8 a.m., we still had a crowd dancing with as much energy as they had when they had first arrived," Dance Marathon co-presidential Pauline Kisicka said. "It was truly amazing and everyone fed off each other's energy and spirit."

Families who have personally benefited from Riley Hospital also shared their stories throughout the night, including to Campbell, a freshman at Indiana University South Bend.

Campbell suffered from a spinal stroke in 2005 and became a quadriplegic. After visiting Riley hospital, he managed to regain use of his limbs and moved from a wheelchair to a walker to a quad cane to a collapsible cane, what he uses now.

He said he didn't plan to tell his story Friday night and was visiting the marathon to drop off his younger brother to see the Super Bowl. However, he remembered the kids he helped at Riley by telling his story and wanted to let participants know that standing for 12 hours really does make a difference. "I looked at all the signs and everything that this stood for and I decided to just go for it," Campbell said.

Organizers are taking a few weeks to regroup after the event, but they will discuss ideas on how to improve the Dance Marathon next year at the executive council meeting next week, Johnson said. "In the future, we hope to get more of Notre Dame and Holy Cross involved not only as donors but as part of the planning committee throughout the year," she said. "We really want to make it a huge tri-campus organization with participants from all three schools working to make a difference in the lives of children."

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American's misconceptions of Cuba. Riley said she hoped the Saint Mary's audience would dispel traditional views and appreciate the rich Cuban culture.

"I hope to raise consciousness about the great diversity in Cuba," Riley said. "Freshman Cristina Posadas, an audience member, also emphasized the event's importance.

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This was the third of three events, part of a collaborative effort between the Center for Women's and Intercultural Leadership and the Cushwa-Leighton Library to explore intercultural differences. The exhibit will continue through mid-June.

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It was this cultural scene that frustrated many people, Riley said.

After the Cuban Revolution and Fidel Castro's rise to power, Riley said Castro accelerated Cuban interests.

According to Riley, Castro instituted many literary programs and provided government-fundented education for all Cubans. Despite current media coverage, Castro distributed free pressure cookers in 2006, Riley said. In addition, Riley said, Castro was the only man to kick organized crime out of his country successfully.

Today, only four groups can travel to the island — the press, missionaries, government officials and scholars to conduct non-commercial work.

President Bush has further expanded these restrictions, Riley said.

"I think our government was afraid we would become radicalized," Riley said.

Riley also said Cuba is not a pure Communist state, contrary to U.S. political perceptions of the Cuban government.

What we know has been filtered through Cuban and U.S. political rhetoric," Riley said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

House fire kills 3 Wisconsin students

BAGHDAD — Suspected Shiite militants lobbed rockets and mortar shells into the U.S.-protected Green Zone and a military base elsewhere in Baghdad on Sunday, killing three American troops and wounding 31, officials said.

The attacks occurred as U.S. and Iraqi forces tightened security around Baghdad City in some of the fiercest fighting since radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr ordered a cease-fire a week ago. At least 16 Iraqi civilians were killed and nearly 100 wounded in the fighting, according to hospital officials.

A military official said two U.S. troops died and 17 were wounded in the attack on the Green Zone, which houses the U.S. Embassy and the Iraqi government headquarters in central Baghdad.

Explosives strike housing complex

SANA — A housing complex used by foreigners in Yemen's capital came under attack late Sunday, with windows shattered, windows broken and caused no injuries, U.S. and Yemeni officials said.

The U.S. Embassy in Yemen said "three explosive rounds" hit the compound in the upscale Sadaah neighborhood. Two rounds exploded inside the compound and another blew up outside the building, it said in a statement.

"The Embassy advises all U.S. citizens to exercise caution in this area of the city," the statement said.

NATIONAL NEWS

House fire kills 3 Wisconsin students

MENOMONIE, Wis. — A smoky house fire near a University of Wisconsin campus killed three students who never made it out of the doors of three second-floor bedrooms near a University of Wisconsin-Stout. All three were given different names at different times. Investigators said in some cases they weren't necessarily mean the students were drinking.

"There was off of the roof of the fire was still being investigated.

Authorities raid polygamist compound

Texas - Authorities who removed 219 women and children from a polygamist compound were struggling Sunday to determine whether they had 16-year-old girl whose report of an underage marriage led them to raid the sprawling rural property.

Mangum, built by followers of jailed polygamist leader Warren Jeffs, is related to one another and share similar names; investigators said in some case they were giving different names at different times.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana schools to cut energy costs

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana's top schools officials are encouraging the state's school districts to look into renewable energy technologies as a way to cut their energy costs.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Steve Yager and the Indiana Department of Education's yearlong "Learn Green, Live Green" initiative this month. Reed said district officials are already investigating renewable energy, and saving taxpayer money in the process.

"Many school corporations are making the switch to renewable energy sources to cut costs and reduce their carbon footprint, and they are to be applauded for these efforts," she said.

Heston dies of unknown causes

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES, Calif. — Nancy Green, the wife of Charlton Heston, said Sunday that her husband, who was fighting cancer, died Saturday night at age 84.

"Charlton Heston was seen by the world as larg­er than life," Heston's family said in a statement. "We know him as an adoring husband, a kind and devoted father, and a gen­tle grandfather with an infectious sense of humor. He served these far greater roles with tremendous faith, courage and dignity.

The actor died at his home in Beverly Hills with his wife, Lydia, at his side, family spokesman Bill Powers said. He declined to comment on the cause of death or provide further details Sunday.

One of the biggest box-office draws of the 1950s, '60s and '70s, Heston's work dwindled largely to small parts and narration and other voice roles from the 1980s on, including an uncredited cameo as an ape in Tim Burton's 2001 remake of "Planet of the Apes."

In 2002, near the end of his five years as president of the NRA, Heston disclosed he had symptoms consistent with Alzheimer's disease.

"There was no other reaction on the site from Moore about Heston's death. Moore did not immediately respond to e-mails and phone requests seeking comment.

Mugabe uses violence to retain power

Associated Press

HARARE — For a few brief moments, Zimbabweans suffering under a despotic rule of Robert Mugabe allowed themselves a rare burst of optimism after their longtime president suffered what appeared to be a devastating electoral loss.

But the opposition's party leaders and secu­rity chiefs worried about their own fates in a post-Mugabe era — quickly dashed by the leader as he now appears poised to do everything he can to extend his 28-year rule.

"There's a political hardening by the political elite of the ruling party, which is showing signs of being hard and uncooperative," said Elford Masunungure, a political ana­lyst at the University of Zimbabwe.

He said Mugabe's "strong will, his nationalist hand that is the Movement for Democratic Change's symbol. The symbol of Mugabe's ZANU-PF is a clenched fist, and it didn't take long for it to show.

Opinion leader Morgan Tsvangirai has promised Mugabe a peaceful retirement, fears of violence against government opponents have grown as security forces and ruling party thugs took to the streets in the days after the March 29 election.

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Earlier, news of the opposition victo­ry sent supporters into the streets, dancing, singing and waving the open hand that is the Movement for Democratic Change's symbol. The symbol of Mugabe's ZANU-PF is a clenched fist, and it didn't take long for it to show.

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Police tear-gas MSU students
Officers arrest 52 people, ticket 48 for various offenses at party

Associated Press

EAST LANSING — Police used tear gas early Sunday to disperse a massive crowd par­
tying outside the Michigan State University campus after fights broke out and officers were pelted with bottles and cans.

Police said in a statement that about 1,000 people had gathered for the Cedar Fest party late Saturday. They said 52 people were arrested and 48 others were ticketed for various offenses.

Nearly every officer at the scene reported being struck by a flying object. Police Chief Tom Wilbert said at a news con­ference Sunday. Four small fires were reported, windows were smashed on two police vehicles and several officers and partygoers suffered injuries — mostly cuts and bruises.

"I don’t see how we could have dispersed the crowd without tear gas," Wilbert said. The gas was used as a last resort and officers showed restraint throughout the night.

Authorities said the crowd became increasingly unruly after 1 a.m. and about 80 offi­cers from various jurisdictions worked to contain the crowd.

Wilbert said police initially used pepper spray and other mun­i­tions rather than tear gas to try to get the crowd to leave, but only about half of the people dis­persed. Tear gas was fired around 2 a.m.

"I think that there were some who were there because they wanted to be tear-gassed as a rite of passage, so to speak," Wilbert said. "After the initial munitions were no longer effective, the smoke bombs — they were actually charging for tear gas."

Michigan State student Vanessa Schultz of Macomb County’s Clinton Township said she got a whiff of the gas through her apartment win­dows. She said, "I think everyone's mentality was like, 'We want to get tear-gassed. This is fun,'" said Schultz. She said she stayed inside because it didn't look like fun to her.

"During the day it was all relaxed and fun," Schultz said. "It was kind of a shock when it turned weird. But we all kind of knew that it was going to happen once it started."

Police said the majority of Michigan State's 45,000 students stayed away from the gathering and that many of the troubled students weren't students. Of the 52 people arrested, 28 had been identified as university students.

They could face charges ranging from disorderly conduct to inciting a riot. More charges could be coming after police review videotape.

Students convicted of charges involving riotous behavior could face long-term suspensions, as allowed by state law.

The event was held at Cedar Village, a student housing com­plex bordering the northeast side of campus.

The city and Michigan State University had warned people on Friday to stay away from the event, which was an attempt to revive an East Lansing party tradition that had been ended because of past problems.

In 2005, a crowd of more than 2,000 college students and others swarmed downtown East Lansing after the Michigan State men's basket­ball team lost in the Final Four. Police arrested 42 people.

In 1999, property damage was estimated at up to $500,000 when the Spartan men lost in the Final Four. Revelers overturned cars, smashed store windows and set fires.

Police arrest­ed 132 people, includ­ing 71 Mich­igan State stu­dents.

There also were­ problems during the Spartans' 2003 NCAA tournament run. But large gath­erings during Final Four appearances in 2000 and 2001, for the most part, were peaceful.

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**Brief**

Dpt. of Educ. addresses college loans

WASHINGTON — Education Secretary Margaret Spellings in seeking to ease worries that tight credit markets might make it hard for students to get student loans...

Spellings said in an interview Friday that her department had reviewed the law and concluded that it has the authority to quickly free up money from the U.S. Treasury, if needed, to lend to student loans.

She said the money would be provided so that guarantee agencies — nonprofits that traditionally provide loan issuance loans issued by banks — can offer loans directly in a pinch.

Spellings said she was clarifying her authority because there had been confusion about whether she would first have to go to Congress and seek legislative action before going to the Treasury. That could be time consuming, and legislative politics could cause further delay.

Skybus shuts down due to fuel costs

COLUMBUS — Low-cost carrier Skybus Airlines is shutting down Saturday and plans to file for bankruptcy protection next week, becoming the latest of the nation’s airlines to fall because of rising fuel costs and a slowing economy.

The announcement Friday came less than a year after Skybus started up at Port Columbus International Airport, offering several daily flights.

The airline’s situation worsened in recent weeks, said Skybus spokesman Rob Tronchon.

Fuel prices and the worsening economy combined to be insurmountable for a new carrier, said chief executive Michael Hodge.

“We deeply regret this decision, and the impact this will have on our employees and their families, our customers, our vendors and other partners, and the communities in which we have been operating,” Hodge said in a statement.

The airline makes 74 daily flights to 15 U.S. cities, Tronchon said. It has about 350 employees in Columbus and 100 at a second hub at Piedmont-Triad International airport in Greensboro, N.C. Employees learned of the shutdown Friday night.

**Microsoft pressures Yahoo over buyout**

**Associated Press**

SEATTLE — Microsoft set the clock ticking for Yahoo to accept its $41 billion buyout offer in a letter to the Internet pioneer’s board Saturday, warning that if a deal wasn’t reached by April 26 the software maker would launch a hostile takeover at a less attractive price.

“If we have not reached an agreement within the next three weeks, we will be compelled to take action directly to our shareholders, including the initiation of a proxy contest to elect an alternative slate of directors for the Yahoo board,” wrote Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer.

“If we are forced to take an offer directly to your shareholders, that action will have an undesirable impact on the value of your company from our perspective which will be reflected in the terms of our proposal,” he wrote.

A Yahoo spokesman declined to comment Saturday.

In the letter, Ballmer said Yahoo’s search share and page views, two measures of the strength of the Web portal company’s business, appear to have fallen since the offer was made at the end of January. At the time, Microsoft’s cash-and-stock offer was valued at $44.6 billion, or 62 percent above Yahoo’s market value. Judging by Friday’s closing share prices, the deal is now worth just under $41 billion.

Yahoo’s board formally rejected Microsft’s bid in February, saying it undervalues the company.

Since then, the Silicon Valley company has explored alliances with Google Inc., News Corp.’s MySpace.com and Tim Warner Inc.’s AOL, but no alternative to Microsoft’s offer has surfaced.

Ballmer acknowledged the alternative negotiations and questioned why, in the absence of another offer, "is this despite the fact that our proposal is the only alternative put forward that offers your shareholders full and fair value for their shares," Ballmer wrote in the letter. Ballmer said the Microsoft offer has grown stronger as the economic climate has weakened.

"We believe that the majority of your shareholders share this assessment," despite a forecast recently released by Yahoo that calls for the company’s revenue to rise more than 70 percent during the next three years, he wrote.

Microsoft has said from the start that it would consider all possible ways to bring the deal done, including taking its offer directly to Yahoo’s shareholders, as well as working to elect its own candidates to fill Yahoo’s board at the company’s annual shareholder meeting, and thus the deadline for Microsoft to nominate its slate.

Pedestrians pass a Sharper Image store in Beverly Hills, Calif. Veterans Affairs employees abuse gov. credit cards

WASHINGTON — Veterans Affairs employees last year racked up hundreds of thousands of dollars in government credit-card bills at casino and luxury hotels, movie theaters and high-end retailers such asSharper Image and Franklin Covey — and government auditors are investigating; citing past spending abuses.

All told, VA staff charged $2.6 billion to their government credit cards.

The Associated Press, through a Freedom of Information request, obtained the VA list of 3.1 million purchases made in the 2007 budget year.

The list offers a detailed look into the everyday spending at the government’s second largest department.

By and large, it reveals few outward signs of questionable spending, with hundreds of purchases at prosthetic, orthopedic and other medical supply stores.

But there are multiple charges that have caught the eye of government investigators.

Among them are 12 purchases totaling $8,471 were charged at Sharper Image, a specialty store featuring high-tech electronics and gadgets such as robotic barking dogs. In addition, 19 charges worth $1,999.56 were made at Franklin Covey, which sells leather totes and planners geared toward corporate executives.

Government reports in 2004 said these two companies are "the types of products they market; would 'more likely be selling unauthorized or personal use items' to federal employees.

Many of the 14,000 VA employees with credit cards, who work at head­quarters in Washington and at medical centers around the nation, also spent tens of thousands of dollars at Wyndham hotels in places such as San Diego, Orlando, Fla., and on the riverfront in Little Rock, Ark. One­time charges ranged up to $8,000.

On at least six occasions, employees based at VA headquarters made credit card charges at Las Vegas casino hotels totaling $26,198.

VA spokesman Matt Smith the department was reviewing these and other purchases as part of its routine oversight of employee spending. He noted that many of the purchases at Sharper Image and other stores included clocks for low­vision veterans, humidifiers, air purifiers, alarm devices and basic planner products.

Smith said all the casino hotel expenditures in 2007 were for conferences and related expenses. He said the spending was justified because Las Vegas is a place where "VA is build­ing a new medical center and an increasing number of veterans are calling home.

"The Department of Veterans Affairs, like many public and private groups, hosts conferences and meetings in Las Vegas due to the ease of participant travel, the capacity of the facilities, and the overall cost asso­ciated with hosting a con­ference," he said.
LAOS

New Chinatown to be constructed

Communist government forced to explain; people fear loss of culture


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Somsavat Lengsavad insists every country organizations operating in Laos venture as a "City" in virtual well as wild rumor, giant northern neighbor is moving to engulf this nation.

So alarmed are Lao that the communist government, which rarely explains its actions to the popula-
tion, is being forced to do just that, with what passes for an unprecedented public relations campaign.

The "Chinese City" is a hot topic of talk and wild rumor, much of it laced with anxiety as well as anger that the regime sealed such a momentous deal in virtual secrecy.

The rumblings are being heard even among some government officials, and foreign organizations operating in Laos are being told to refer to the venture as a "New City Development Project" rather than a "Chinese City." Deputy Prime Minister Somsavat Lengsavad insists the deal poses no threat.

"This is not unusual. Almost every country in the world has a Chinatown, so why shouldn't Laos have one?" he told Lao reporters.

According to an artist's impression in state-run media, it will have a Manhattan-like skyline. There is no word on how many Chinese will live there. The figure of 50,000 families is widely speculated but Somsavat denied any such number had been agreed upon.

"We will lose our own culture."

Sithong Khamvong Vientiane resident, former Communist Party member

It comes at a time when China is rapidly becoming the No. 1 foreign economic and political power in Laos. As migrants, money and influence roll across the frontier, northern areas of the country are beginning to look like a Chinese province.

The impression in state-run media, with no known prior notice to the public. The company, contacted in Szuoz, declined to answer questions.

At a news conference, Vientiane Mayor Sinlavong Khoutphaythoune said three Chinese companies were involved in the project.

Even some aging revolutionaries are critical, saying they fought to keep out the United States and others during the Vietnam War and now are seeing their own government opening the floodgates to foreigners.

"The Lao people are not strong enough to resist the Chinese," said Sithong Khamvong, a middle-class Vientiane resident and former Communist Party member.

SOMALIA

France contacts hijacker pirates

France has made contact with pirates who hijacked a French luxury yacht in Africa's eastern coast with 30 French and Ukrainian crew members on board, the French foreign minister said Sunday.

About 10 suspected pirates stormed the 288-foot Le Ponant on Friday as it was returning, without passengers, from the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean. The pirates then guided the vessel down Somalia's eastern coast.

The hijacking comes amid a surge in piracy in the seas off the chaotic Horn of Africa nation, where a weak and impoverished government is unable to patrol its territorial waters.

Pirates have seized more than two dozen ships off the country's coast in the last year, typically demanding high ransoms to free their hostages.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner told France-Inter radio that France has been in contact with the pirates.

"We have established contact, and the case may take a long time," he said, without providing more details. Asked whether France would consider paying a ransom, he responded, "We'll see."

"We have to do everything to avoid bloodshed," Kouchner said.

Earlier, a local fisherman Mahdi Daud Anhure told The Associated Press he saw the ship arriving at the northern town of Eyl, about 310 miles north of the Somali capital, Mogadishu, with a small boat heading toward it, apparently with supplies.

Abdrizhaman Mohamed Bangah, information minister for the semi-autonomous northern region of Puntland, said he hoped international forces will "rescue this ship" at Eyl, confirming its location.

France's prime minister said Saturday that he hoped to avoid force in freeing the crew but that no options had been ruled out. There are 22 French citizens, including six women, on board, as well as Ukrainian citizens, authorities said.

A French diplomat working on the case said the hostages were being treated well, and that they have been provided food and given the opportunity to wash. The diplomat spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to media.

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RUSSIA

Putin, Bush debate US missile defense

Associated Press

Vladimir Putin failed to overcome still far apart on an issue that has sharp differences over a missile defense system, closing their sharp differences over a long-running dispute on mis-

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ance of the issue," he said.

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enforcement that Bush has activ-

ly championed over Putin's vocal

The Sochi meeting came two days after NATO leaders agreed to begin a similar, but rebuffed U.S. attempts to un-

rebuffed the process of inviting Ukraine and Georgia to, among their own fears of the

conference with Bush at his vaca-

long-distance runway systems in the Czech Republi-

counsellors," he said.

But they also acknowledged remaining strong disagreements, principally missile defense and NATO's east-

Russia remains adamantly op-

posed to the expansion of the alliance into its backyard, an

enlargement that Bush has activ-

ly championed over Putin's vocal

But despite the impasse, the two leaders agreed that their meetings in Washington and Mos-

would refer to U.S. concessions to assuage Moscow's concerns. U.S. officials said that was what they wanted to

bear in mind.

Putin was asked whether he - or Medvedev, who is set to become president-elect - would be in charge of Russia's for-

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Putin said Medvedev would be in charge of Russia's foreign policy, but deferred later whether he thought Putin actually was going to cede authority to Medvedev.

National Security Adviser Dmitry Medvedev, who had met with Putin steps down as president and is expected to be named prime

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als, while others have developed pharmacist programs to help patients who can't get insurance coverage.
As I’m writing this, I’m in the living room, back-park on the floor beside me—three pockets open—umbrella tightly folded in a case in case of rain, notebook open on the left with research notes, haphazardly added as they came to me, a to-do list for before summer break: poking out beneath the double-sided scribbles of lecture notes. While writing that first sentence, I re-checked my e-mails twice, opened my Facebook and checked the final score of last night’s Braves game.

My laptop bag in the room has two browsers open right now—one with seven tabs, the other with five. Each has been open for days. Turning off my computer completely has become too risky; I might lose those tabs of interest that I would have looked at right away had I time and they are obviously too important to delete. My planner has meetings every night. Two, three, one during the day. The coffee cup on the bottom half perimeters through March and past the first two weeks of April. The crinkled pages left in its wake renders flipping from week to week much more agreeable than it was only 60 days ago. June’s blank pages seem far away.

Our son is 10. But not much older than the ones you where you can put a screen inside the screen — in case just one program, one game is not enough action for you. I wanted to watch a mini-series, but he read a book. And I read my own book, which I used to be content to only watch, maybe talk or eat, but not do any SAT scores for those two and a half hours. Last night, I watched the opening of the season, the first half of an inning, then pulled out my laptop to answer some e-mails for work, then pulled out a browser to read a few pages, decided that was distracting, too, closed one, opened one, didn’t get past the first double-sided sheet, called my mom, went to the bathroom, started looking up plane flight prices for this summer, then realized that it was time for mass and I hadn’t gotten anything done. Should I panic? Should I skip it? Will I sit during the homily and only think of how much stuff is in my room, piled on the desk, waiting for my attention? My attention. There’s a laugh. When’s the last time I actually spent longer than an hour on anything? I’m getting hungry. Maybe I’ll walk up to the Huddle and get a snack? How many browsers are open on your computer? How many browsers are open in your brain? The list was our ignorance to the topmost levels of our ratiocination.

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Guest Columnist

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Redefining pro-life

In response to Stephanie Wallace’s Apr. 2 letter “Defining pro-life,” I have to disagree with his contention that “pro-life” should only include abortion, embryo-destructive research and euthanasia issues. While a common tenet of the pro-life movement is that “life begins at conception,” it seems to forget that life doesn’t stop at birth. The evil Democrats that Mr. Wallace castigates are the ones using social welfare programs to make sure that these children have food to eat, a roof over their heads and clothes to wear. While Mr. Wallace might not see this as admirable as compared with, say, ensuring that every fetus comes to term, I applaud Congressman Donnelly for recognizing that pro-life means more than just protecting life before it is born. Poverty, genocide, war, and disease are all issues that should be of utmost concern to those truly care about protecting life.

Only by narrowing his definition of “pro-life” can Mr. Wallace seriously claim that voting Democrat would be immoral. Once the definition of pro-life expands, his argument falls apart. Along with Mr. Wallace’s narrow “pro-life” issues, the Republican Party is the same party that is focused on prolonging a war in Iraq, retaking action on climate change and stifling spending on social programs while preserving tax breaks on stock dividends for the super rich. If you narrow the definition of “pro-life” enough so that the Democrats are always voting outside of that definition it becomes much easier to say that Republicans are the only moral choice. Narrowing the definition of what is “pro-life” is a Karl Rove tactic used to blind people — especially religious people — from voting issues that truly matter. As long as this narrow definition of “pro-life” endures, it will remain a wedge issue that prevents us from seriously discussing issues that affect the lives of everyone in this country.

Michaela Sullivan
eclipse
Ap. 4

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Lauren Mangiafico
line
off campus
Ap. 4

Title IX not tyrannical

Greg Yatorone’s Apr. 2 Viewpoint column denouncing the “tyrany” of Title IX (of the Education Amendments of 1972) distorts the requirements of that law and leaves out a crucial fact that completely undermines his arguments.

First, Title IX does not demand proportionality — that the percentage of students that are female and the percentage of athletes that are female be roughly the same. Instead, as per the “three-prong test” instituted in 1979, it requires either proportionality, a “continual expansion of athletic opportunities for the underrepresented sex,” or “full and effective accommodation of the interest and ability of underrepresented sex.” The U.S. Department of Education explains these three prongs in detail in sections 3-5 at http://tinyurl.com/36w6uh.

If Yatorone’s (risible) claim that “from earliest childhood, boys are far more interested in athletic competition than girls...” is correct, why doesn’t this result occur in college — despite the extremely flexible requirements of the law, schools are still failing to satisfy it in apparently significant numbers. If Title IX is a tyrant, it is one neither feared nor obeyed.

Dan Hida
grasshopper
off campus
Ap. 2

‘Absurder’ was being satirical

As I read Theresa Thomas’ Letter to the Editor (“‘Absurder’ in poor taste,” Apr. 4), I was bewildered to find that she considered that my letter to the editor about the controversial play at Notre Dame was offensive. She claimed that “...vulgarity in calling women by a single private body part is abhorrent.” She went on to say that “the vagina is a foundational word” at Notre Dame, I’d be making an appointment this afternoon with school officials — and “the significance of addressing the concerns about his party leadership and anti-life platform. Donnelly’s ability to protect the life in his district, as he informed his listeners he was “constitutionally required” to do, is seriously handicapped by his party’s control of Congress. This battle line is this: A nation cannot...”

Anna Franzonello
second year law student
Balin Hall
Apr. 2

Appreciate your speaker

Every year an undergraduate commencement speech is delivered. The student body is followed swiftly by another snotty student who says it is not good enough. Jeff Immelt, President of GE, was not good enough. Every year I am embarrassed for myself and the whole student body and I remember their graduation ceremony. What are the experiences that have prepared you for your true value.

Joanna Cornell
class of 2005
Apr. 3

What is a vote for a pro-life Democrat?

The Democratic Party Platform explicitly states, “We stand proudly for a woman’s right to choose, consistent with Roe v. Wade, and regardless of her ability to pay. We stand firmly against Republican efforts to undermine that right.” This is inconsistent with Congressman Joe Donnelly’s recent remarks at the law school that, as The Observer paraphrased, “despite people’s impressions of the Democratic Party, the party is not inherently pro-choice.” Even a vote for a personally pro-life democrat is a vote for a leadership staunchly opposed to life, and the priority of the leadership is to win the legislative process. Installing Nancy Pelosi (who former chief of staff Cecile Richards, runs the political arm of Planned Parenthood) as Speaker of the House ensures pro-abortion bills are brought to the floor whereas pro-life proposals are tabled and rarely, if ever, brought up for a vote. Pelosi’s support of the president’s Mexico City Policy, which would reimburse our taxpayer dollars for abortion, the "Freedom of Choice Act" (codifying Roe as a statute), etc. The third vote was a new democratic-controlled congress. H.R. 3, proposed funding embryonic-destructive research. Donnelly voted "no," but the bill passed, due in part to the Democratic coalition of Congress and in part to Pelosi’s management of the floor (though ultimately vetoed by President Bush).

Meanwhile, pro-life bills continue to languish. Even those sponsored by pro-life Democrats such as the Pregnant Woman Support Act are not brought to the floor under the current regime. Donnelly’s votes against life-destroying measures are commendable, but it was his vote for Pelosi that brought anti-life legislation to the floor and barred the possibility of pro-life bills. Donnelly was asked how he could reconcile his vote for Pelosi, or support of either of the Democratic presidential candidates with his pro-life convictions. His demeanor shifted and he attacked Republicans instead of addressing the concerns about his party leadership and anti-life platform. Donnelly’s ability to protect the life in his district, as he informed his listeners he was "constitutionally required" to do, is seriously handicapped by his party’s control of Congress. This battle line is this: A nation cannot have a pro-life direction when it is controlled by a party whose platform tout abortion as a "fundamental right" and whose leadership is determined to ensure it as "reproductive justice."

Rebecca Weiss
class of 2005
Apr. 3

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Fashion Designers
Shake Up Industry with New Business Deals

Styles from top designers worldwide have recently been finding their way to the closets of increasing variety of consumers. This current trend of big-name retail chains collaborating with high-end designers and design houses in an effort to produce "cheap-chic" clothing collections.

Target has featured the looks of Isaac Mizrahi for years, although Mizrahi will soon end his relationship with the discount chain to become the creative director for Liz Claiborne. In a somewhat reversed move, Dana Buchman's looks will move from upscale department stores such as Neiman Marcus and Saks Fifth Avenue to join Vera Wang's by selling a line at budget-conscious Kohl's stores.

These pairings have broken the standard view in the fashion world that designer names are reserved for department stores and have no place at discount retailers. When Mizrahi and Target forged their partnership in 2003, Mizrahi's career did not suffer. Unexpectedly, the designer had an estimated $300 million a year success on his hands.

H&M recently announced its newest design partner, Comme des Garçons, a Japanese design house founded, solely owned and headed by Rei Kawakubo. Its name is French for "like boys," is known for its avant-garde aesthetic. Its expected creations for this project include underwear, men's wear, childrenswear, accessories and a unisex fragrance. The line will be available exclusively at H&M, launching first in Tokyo in November, and being rolled out worldwide within a few days.

Past guest designers for the affordable Swedish retailer include Karl Lagerfeld, Stella McCartney, Viktor & Rolf and Roberto Cavalli. This newest pairing with Comme des Garçons is expected to draw a more sophisticated, fashion-savvy following.

In an interview with "British Vogue," Kawakubo explained her reasoning for working with the inexpensive retailer. “I have always been interested in the balance between creation and business. It is a dilemma, although for me creation has always been the first priority. It is a fascinating challenge to work with H&M since it is a chance to take the dilemma to its extreme, and try to solve it,” she told the magazine.

Kawakubo's thoughts speak to recent issues in the fashion world of balancing creative integrity with the financial bottom line. Established companies that are seeking to revitalize their look also need to find leaders for their houses who will design enough commercially appealing products to keep profits up.

This strategic dilemma has lead to a frequent turnover in some design houses, presenting cracks in the plan of brand reinvention that has dominated the industry in the past decade. Experts theorize that customers are not given enough time to embrace the changes in their favorite brands due to the rapid replacements in creative direction. Yves Saint Laurent, Lanvin and Burberry avoided creating confusion in their consumer bases by implementing clever management moves to allow their changes to be absorbed by the public.

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Reds right fielder Ken Griffey Jr. rounds the bases after hitting a two-run home run during Cincinnati's 8-2 win over Philadelphia.
**NHL Standings**

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**NBA**

Boston forward Kevin Garnett, center, high-fives teammate Paul Pierce after a made basket. Garnett, Pierce and guard Ray Allen will take on a lighter load as the team gears up for the playoffs.

**Celtics to rest Big Three before playoffs**

Associated Press

**CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Big Three are getting a rest.**

With the Boston Celtics all but assured of securing the best record in the NBA, coach Doc Rivers has decided to rest stars Kevin Garnett, Ray Allen and Paul Pierce.

None were scheduled to play Saturday night in Charlotte, even though a win would secure home-court advantage through the playoffs. At least two of them also could sit out Tuesday's game at Milwaukee.

Rivers also has scaled back some practices, although he intends to play everyone in the last five games over the final week of the regular season.

"We thought about it a month ago," Rivers said. "When you looked at the schedule, we had a game, two days off, a game and two days off. Honestly, we had hoped that we had clinched home court. But if we don't do it now, you literally can't do it. Because I believe you have to be playing going into the playoffs."

Pierce wasn't with the team Saturday after his fiancée gave birth to a baby girl on Friday. Garnett and Allen made the trip and took part in pregame warmups.

"They did their normal routine, because I'm a big believer in that," Rivers said. "This morning they did the normal shootaround with the guys. If you were here three hours before the game, Ray was out there, just like normal."

The Celtics were on the verge of setting the NBA record for the biggest single-season turnaround after coming from 24 wins to 60 after acquiring Garnett and Allen in the offseason.

Garnett is averaging 18.9 points and 9.4 rebounds, while Allen is averaging 18.1 points and 9.4 rebounds, while Allen is averaging 18 points. Pierce, who could round out the team before Tuesday's game in Milwaukee, is averaging a team-best 19.9 points.

"Doc has been running the ship the whole time. I'm just going to sit and watch from the sidelines," Allen said. "My body feels great. But it will be good to let these guys get minutes."

The Big Three's absence left an odd starting lineup for the Celtics against a team that has given them trouble this season. Tony Allen, James Posey and Leon Powe joined normal starters Rajon Rondo and Kendrick Perkins.

**In Brief**

**Investigators to meet with Canseco about Clemens**

SAN FRANCISCO — The federal government's top steroid investigator has asked to meet with Jose Canseco to speak to the former slugger about Roger Clemens.

Canseco's lawyer, Robert Sauvonne, told The Associated Press on Sunday that IRS agent Jeff Novitzky called him last week and said he wanted to discuss a photograph that allegedly shows Clemens at a pool party at Canseco's home in 1998. The meeting would likely happen within the next 30 days, Sauvonne said.

"There's no urgency or rush on anyone's part," he said.

Novitzky had hoped to meet with Canseco this week while the former AL MVP was in California to sign copies of his latest book, "Vindicated," Sauvonne said.

**Florida receiver Harvin to have heel surgery**

Invitation to meet with Canseco about Clemens

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida receiver Percy Harvin will have heel surgery next week, but coach Urban Meyer expects the speedy playmaker to be fine for fall practice.

"It's not a career-threatening injury," Meyer said Friday. "It's a very minor surgery, probably an eight-week recovery and then he'll be full speed for offseason. They're saying in June we should be able to get him cranked up, for sure July."

School officials said renowned foot specialist Dr. Robert Anderson will perform the surgery Monday in North Carolina.

The Gators hope the surgery will relieve years of pain in Harvin's right heel, which has bothered him off and on since high school.

It was initially treated as tendinitis at Florida, but the pain persisted and eventually caused soreness in his knee and hip.

Love's streak of 70 straight majors to end at Masters

HUMBLE, Texas — David Love's streak of major championship starts will end at 70.

Love had to win the Houston Open to qualify for next week's Masters and stretch the longest active run of major appearances. He shot a 1-over 73 on Sunday to finish at 5 under, 11 shots behind champion Johnson Wagner.

The 43-year-old Love will sit out a major for the first time since the 1990 U.S. Open. He tore ligaments in his left ankle last September, spent more than four months rehabbing and has struggled to recapture his old form, missing three cuts in seven starts in 2008.

"I'm close to playing good," he said. "I'm just not getting it done. I don't know if I'm ready for Augusta or not. I'm not really playing good enough to compete right now, so I probably don't deserve to play."
Anti-China protesters try to snuff Olympic flame

Associated Press

LONDON — Demonstrators grabbed at the Olympic torch, blocked its path and tried to snuff out its flame Sunday in a series of protests of China's human rights record that forced a string of last-second changes to a chaotic relay through London.

The biggest protests since last month's torch-lighting in Greece tarnished China's hope for a harmonious prelude to a Summer Games celebrating its rise as a global power. Instead, the flame's 85,000-mile journey from Greece to Beijing has been a stage for activists denouncing China's recent crackdown on Tibetans and support for Sudan despite civilian deaths in Darfur.

Demonstrators attempted to block the torch running shortly after British five-time gold medal rower Steve Redgrave started the relay at Wembley Stadium. Less than an hour later, a protester slipped through a tight police cordon and grabbed the torch before he was thrown to the ground and arrested.

"Before I knew what was happening, this guy had lurchled toward me and was grabbing the torch out of my hand and I was definitely clinging on," said children's television host Konnie Huq told British Broadcasting Corp. television.

"I was in the cordon," she said. "I think that China have got a desperate human rights record."

Another demonstrator tried to snuff the flame with a spray of white powder from a fire extinguisher, police said. Still others threw themselves in the torch's path. They were tackled or dragged off by police. Authorities said 37 people were arrested.

London's Metropolitan police said some 2,000 officers, on foot, motorcycles, bikes, and on horseback tried to keep the procession under control.

The presence of Tibetan protesters was corverted in metal barricades across from Bloomsbury Square.

"It feels like we are restrained like a sheep in a barn," said Pastor Holme, 27, a Tibetan national who works as a nurse in London. "It really hurts."

Chinese nationals about 100 yards away were allowed to move freely as they waved Chinese flags distributed by the Chinese Embassy and the Bank of China.

"We don't like the Tibetan people who use this time against the Chinese. It's not a proper venue," said Ting Yan, 27.

The demonstration swelled near where Chinese Ambassador Fu Ying was expected to carry the torch. Frantic organizers shuffled the order of participants and Fu unexpectedly appeared in the heart of Chinatown, jogging unhindered with the torch before handing it to the next runner.

"Maybe on TV screens there might be some chaotic spin," Chinese embassy spokesman Liu Weimin told the BBC from the relay convoy. "I saw more smiling faces, waving hands, and thumbs-up welcoming the Olympic relay."

But there were ugly scenes between Trafalgar Square and Big Ben, where a dozen protesters charged the torch.

"Everyone was running at me. It was a bit weird," said Scott Darby Jr., 17, the torch-bearer at the time.

About 100 demonstrators managed to briefly impede the flame's progress by surrounding it near St. Paul's Cathedral, forcing police to shut the flame on a bus before continuing.

The torch was closely followed in London by dozens of demonstrators shouting "Shame on China!" Police stopped to form a protective phalanx three or four officers deep every time the torch was handed to a new runner.

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown briefly greeted the flame when it arrived outside his Downing Street residence.

Brown never handled the torch, but watched as Olympic gold medalist Denise Lewis handed it to Paralympic power-lifting hopeful Ali Jawad. Pro-Tibet demonstrators and police clashed yards away, near Britain's Parliament buildings.

The torch made its unscathed to the Olympic Park in Greenwich after more than seven fraught hours that belied the London event's theme: "Journey of Harmony."

"There was definitely a bit of an edge," British tennis player Tim Henman, one of the torchbearers, told The Associated Press.

Olympics Minister Tessa Jowell later said Britain was celebrating the Olympics, not China's human rights record.

"The welcome of the Olympic torch to London is not the same as condoning the human rights regime in China by condoning the treatment of Tibet," she told the BBC.

There had been scattered protests before the torch reached London, and more are expected as the flame moves on to Paris, San Francisco and New Delhi.

"They've called the torch relay a journey of harmony, but on the ground in Tibet they are shooting and killing peaceful Tibetan protesters," said Matt Whitelaw, spokesman for the London-based Free Tibet Campaign. "We want to use the momentum gathered over this weekend to really press our case that the torch should not be allowed to be paraded triumphantly by China."

French torchbearers will be encircled Monday by several hundred officers, some in riot police vehicles and on motorcycles, others on skates and on foot. Three boats were also to patrol the Seine River, and a helicopter was to fly over Paris, police said.

The head of Reporters Without Borders, arrested in Greece last month for protesting during the flame-lighting ceremony there, said the group had altered its initial plans because of the heavy police turnout. Without giving away details, Robert Menard promised protests would nonetheless be "spectacular."

Two-time French judo gold medalist David Douillet said torch carriers will wear badges reading 'For a better world' — which French athletes also hope will be permitted to wear in Beijing. Paris City Hall is to be draped with a banner supporting human rights.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy has suggested he might boycott the Olympic opening ceremony depending on how the situation evolves in Tibet.

Gayle Dennis, a spokeswoman for the San Francisco Bay Area Darfur Coalition, said her group did not intend to disrupt the torch relay and was not calling for a boycott of the Beijing Olympics.

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Irish sweep pair of Big East doubleheaders

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame swept a pair of conference double-headers this weekend, defeating St. John’s 5-0 and 8-4 on Saturday and Seton Hall 12-1 and 6-2 on Sunday, extending its winning streak to six.

"The girls really showed up and played hard," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "A dominant weekend like can’t help but carry over for the rest of the season."

Junior pitcher Britney Bargar notched all four wins on the weekend for the Irish (22-10, 5-1 Big East). Against St. John’s (15-21, 2-6), she started the first game and came in relief in the second. Bargar (17-6) also earned her fourth shutout of the season. She allowed only three hits and one walk while striking out seven in the first game.

"Bargar threw a lot of innings and did a great job controlling hitters," Gumpf said. "She is a very strong pitcher and I am getting out of her exactly what I expect."

Continuing her impressive offensive output this season, senior second baseman Katie Laing went 7-for-16 with three home runs and 11 RBIs on the weekend.

"Right now, Laing is in a position where she really wants to be at the plate; you can see it in her eyes," Gumpf said. "When you combine her great mechanics, her confidence, and the way she sees the ball right now she can’t help but have a great year."

Freshman catcher Sadie Fitzhugh put things right against the Red Storm, doubling home freshman outfielder Brianna Jorgensborg in the top of the third.

Laing added a run with a solo shot to right-center field that bounced off the top of the fence in the fourth. Laing added two more RBIs in the seventh with a clutch two-out single.

Freshman pitcher Jody Valdivia found herself in trouble early in the second half of the twin bill, walking the bases loaded with one out in the first. She stayed poised, however, striking out the next two batters to escape unscathed.

Sophomore Christine Lux hit a solo homerun in the second to give Valdivia the lead. That lead was extended in the fifth when Laing’s bases-loaded fielder’s choice got the runner at home. A sacrifice fly from junior infielder Linda Kohan brought the lead to 3-0.

Valdivia again found herself in a jam in the fifth with the bases loaded and one out, but again she escaped without allowing any runs.

Pitzenberger hit an RBI single that gave the Irish some insurance in the sixth. Valdivia’s luck ran out in St. John’s half of the sixth, when St. John’s senior Lisa Greer hit a two-run homerun. The Red Storm added two more runs in the inning to knot things up 4-4 and send the game to extra innings. Valdivia pitched 5 and 2/3 innings, giving up four runs on four hits and striking out eight.

Bargar entered the game in relief to pitch 6 and 1/3 innings in the 12-inning contest to earn her second win of the day.

The two teams went scoreless for five innings until Kohan broke the game open with a solo-homerun in the 12th. Freshman Shannon Kelly added another RBI for the Irish and senior outfielder Sarah Smith added two more to round out the final score.

Sunday’s double-header against Seton Hall (13-20, 2-8) saw an impressive offensive explosion from the Irish, that included two five-run innings.

"The offense is really coming along for us right now," Gumpf said. "We can get down early and the girls are completely unfazed. They need to not be satisfied and they need to keep hungry."

Bargar was again solid, going five innings and only giving up one unearned run with six strikeouts.

Laing, Smith and freshman shortstop Katie Fleury all had two hits, with sophomore outfielder Ashley Ellis going a perfect 3-for-3. Laing notched four RBIs to add to her impressive run.

Game two started off shaky for the Irish as Seton Hall earned an early 2-0 lead.

The Irish did not let that stand for long, as RBIs from Laing and Ellis knotted things up in the third. Jorgensborg hit her first career home run in the fourth inning to add two more runs.

Laing added two more RBIs to round out the scoring for the Irish.

Bargar got her fourth win of the weekend by again coming in to relieve Valdivia in the 13th. Bargar gave up two hits and no runs with three strikeouts.

One outstanding performer all weekend was Ellis, who went 10-for-14 on the weekend. She had two doubles, a home run, and three RBIs.

"It was one of the most impressive weekends I’ve seen," Gumpf said. "She was playing outstanding softball."

The Irish will take the field again on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in Chicago to battle Illinois-Chicago.

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Irish beat Iowa, Scarecrow to extend win streak

By DAN MASTERTON and LORENZO REYES
Sporr Writers

Another weekend resulted in more wins for Notre Dame.
No. 22 Irish were on a roll, and in its path, it has left nine straight wins, and eight of those wins in its first two matches.

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Irish take eight races against Miami, MSU

Observer Staff Report

Notre Dame won eight of its 14 races against Miami and Michigan State in East Lansing, Mich., Saturday.

Notre Dame's varsity eight boat crew, ranked No. 14 in the nation, fell to the No. 8 boat crew, ranked No. 14 in the nation, against Tennessee - a 4-7-46.

Back in the Final Four for the NCAA tournament, scoring 25 points and grabbing 13 rebounds while getting some timely help from Kayla Pedersen and 11 Hones as Stanford shocked Notre Dame, 25 points and grabbing 13 rebounds while getting some timely help from Kayla Pedersen and 11 Hones as Stanford shocked Notre Dame, 82-73 in Sunday night's national semifinals.

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Ochoa dominates opponents Sunday

Associated Press

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Whether she is playing or celebrating, the Mexican star is unstoppable.

Ochoa buried her competition Sunday at the Kraft Nabisco Championship with back-to-back birdies at the turn to pull ahead by a five-shot lead, then closed with eight pars for a 5-under 67 and another romp in a major that once gave her the flas.

Even more inspiring were the festivities that followed.

She joined hands with her parents and sister-in-law and raced into the water. Her brother, Alejandro, swing coach Rafael Marcan and radiate Dave Brooker leapt from the bridge. Before long, two dozen friends and family members were bobbing in the water to the rhythm of a mariachi band, a celebration unlike any other at this major.

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**WOMEN’S TRACK**

**ND gets 11 top-two places**

By ALEX BARKER
Spoke Writer

The Irish, split up between the Stanford and Purdue Invitationals, enjoyed another successful weekend, accumulating 11 top-two finishes while dominating the running events at Purdue.

Competing in the Stanford Invitational — one of the more competitive meets of the outdoor season — the Irish managed to accumulate three top-seven finishes from the three athletes that were sent to Palo Alto, Calif.

The Irish garnered solid results in the throws at Stanford from junior thrower Anna Weber and sophomore Jaclyn Espinoza. Weber had the best weekend across both meets for the Irish finishing fourth in the hammer throw and fifth in the shot put at Stanford. Espinoza also had a strong showing taking seventh in the discus throw.

At the Purdue Invitational, Notre Dame had even more success. The Irish took four first-place finishes — all in running events, and seven second-place finishes.

Senior runner Brienne Davis took first in the 100-meter dash for the second consecutive weekend.

In the 400-meter race, the Irish dominated by claiming five of the top six spots.

Freshmen Corta Dayon and Natalie Johnson took first and second respectively for the Irish. Senior Crystal Swayzer, sophomore Samantha Williams and freshman Kelly Langhans took third, fifth and sixth respectively.

Rounding out the great performance in the throws at Purdue, sophomore Elizabeth Myers took second in the 800-meter race and senior Ann Mazur finished second in the 1500-meter race.

The relay teams also fared very well at Purdue. Both the 4x100 and 4x400-meter teams took first in their races.

The field events continued to be strengths for Irish this weekend.

Sophomore Elise Knutzen took second in the javelin throw, junior Mary Saxer finished second in the pole vault, and Sophomore Jaime Minor grabbed second in the triple jump. Saxer’s mark in the pole vault was good enough to qualify her for the NCAA regional event in May.

Next weekend, Notre Dame will head to the Mississippi Open in Oxford, Miss.

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**NCAA MEN’S BASKETBALL**

**Stomach won’t sideline PG Rose**

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND — Memphis freshman sensation Derrick Rose had a stomach ailment that forced him to miss media sessions Sunday, but will play in the national championship game against Kansas on Monday night.

Rose received treatment from trainers instead of talking to reporters. Shortly after, the school released a statement settling any doubt about his status.

"His teammates weren’t too worried," said Memphis coach Tubby Smith. "He eats Gummy Bears and Starburst for breakfast, and Twizzlers and Honey Bums for dinner. That’s why his stomach hurts," Smith said.

Derrick Rose of Memphis during a game against Kansas.

"We tell Derrick the whole year, ‘Stop eating so many Gummy Bears and Sour Straws.’ But he can’t. Nobody eats Gummy Bears more than him.’

Sunday afternoon, Rose worked into a scheduled group interview with all the starters and coach John Calipari, then went on to catch up with Chris Douglas-Robertson. "We tell Derrick the whole year, ‘Stop eating so many Gummy Bears and Sour Straws.’ But he can’t. Nobody eats Gummy Bears more than him.’

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**Irish sprinters excel at Poeplehin Invitational**

By EUGENIA ALFONZO
Sports Writer

Although Notre Dame was split all across the country, many managed to accumulate more competitive meets of the outdoor season.

The majority of Irish sprinters finished well at the Mike Poehlein Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind., over the weekend.

Freshman Chandler Brooks started it off with a sixth-place performance in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.33 seconds. Brooks also finished with 22.97 seconds in the 200-meter dash to finish seventh.

Fellow freshman Miklos Szehenyi took third in the same race with a time of 22.33 seconds. Sophomore Balazs Mohar dominated the competition place first in the 400-meter dash, running it in 48 seconds to match his time in the 2008 Big East Indoor Invitational.

Freshman Kevin Labus finished third in the 800 with a time of 1:56.18. Other top performances at the Poeplehin Invitational included Kevin McFadden who finished first with a time of 3:57.43 in the 1,500-meter run. Freshmen Spencer Carter and Ryan Gamboa followed close behind with fourth and fifth-place finishes respectively.

Junior Kevin Veselik and Matt Bahna each qualified for the highly competitive 1,500 with a time of 3:43.39. Junior Patrick Smyth qualified for the 800 with a time of 1:46.73, finishing eighth.

Irish sprinters excel at Poeplehin Invitational.

The rest of the Irish ran at the Stanford Invitational in Palo Alto, Calif. Senior Adam Currie ran in the 800 with a time of 1:50.67, placing him eighth in the Big East standings.

Senior Jake Watson finished second in the long jump.

The Irish will head to the Mississippi Open in Oxford, Miss.

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Swagger

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An instantaneous reaction to a positive play,” Weis said. “It’s not like we know that every day he’s going to come through with the kind of practice Friday and Saturday.

Tight ends Luke Schmidt and Mike Ragone both missed some drills due to injuries. Schmidt banged his head and had to sit out of some parts of the day and Ragone tweaked his ankle, Weis said.

Weis attributed the injuries to the fast-paced tempo he has run practices at this spring.

“You can see by the tempo, we’re bashing guys around pretty good,” he said. “The tradeoff is you get more guys in the training room.”

Team camaraderie

Weis continued with his team-building goals this spring by trying to lighten the mood.

Right tackle Sam Young fielded a punt against the second-team coverage squad and returned it for about 15 yards before Weis blew the play dead.

Weis also sat with some of the high school coaches at the practice (Saturday was also the coaches clinic) and watched the linebackers practice during individual workouts.

Even though Weis did want to keep the mood light, he said the team needs to know when to be serious and when not to.

“I wanted to make sure they can differentiate between how football coaches have to be on you and the fact that when they’re on you they’re trying to make you better, not on you just to be on you,” Weis said. “And I think they’re starting to get a better understanding of that.”

“When it comes down to it, it still comes down to getting players to make plays,” Weis said. “I think as coaches, we have to put them in position to make plays and demand that they make them.”

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LEF Ty

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Its namesake, Lefty Smith, was the first Notre Dame hockey coach of the modern era when he helped start the program in 1968. Smith was present for the announcement and was introduced by Greg Meredith, a former player under Smith and All-American in 1980.

The artist’s rendering pictured the inside of a rectangular building with a lower, curved roof. The cavernous space of the current Joyce Center rink configuration was gone, replaced with seating wrapped light along the ice and a video scoreboard in one corner.

White didn’t release any new information on possible construction timelines or if the project was yet fully-funded. An anonymous donor gave $15 million to the rink fund on Sept. 12, 2007.

The new rink’s name was a surprise to Smith, who said he realized something was up at the banquet when he saw members of the Boler family present. John and Mary Jo Boler were honored for their contributions toward funding the new rink at the banquet.

Smith told the audience that when he got to Notre Dame to coach, he was also charged with running the rink at a profit. Smith said he had no idea how to sharpen skates or drive a Zamboni, but he and longtime assistant coach Tim McNeill spent seven days a week at the rink learning to operate it.

They practiced driving the Zamboni on concrete, Smith said, but the off-ice training did little to make the first on-ice run any easier.

“We can smash through the boards,” Smith joked about the inaugural Zamboni drive.

Smith coached the Irish for 19 seasons until he retired in 1987 with 307 wins. He was named the WCHA coach of the year in 1972-73 and mentored six All-Americans for the Irish.

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Olympics

Unrest in Tibet cause for concern

Associated Press

BEIJING — International Olympic Committee head Jacques Rogge said Monday that he was “very concerned” about unrest in Tibet, hours before he was to give a press talk of a boycott of the Beijing Games.

“I’m very concerned with the international situation and with what is happening in Tibet,” Rogge said Monday in Beijing.

“The torch relay has been targeted. The International Olympic Committee has expressed its serious concern and called for a rapid peaceful resolution in Tibet,” Rogge said in a teleconference call with media.”

China is facing rising criticism abroad of the August Olympics on issues from its crackdown on dissent in Tibet to protests among Tibetans to its close relations with Sudan.

Demonstrators, challenging China’s policies in those areas, tried to grab the Olympic torch and snuff out the flame as it passed through London on Sunday.

Rogge’s comments were his strongest yet on the growing political storm surrounding the Games, underscoring rising concern over the potential that such protests would tarnish the Olympic movement.

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Baseball

Bring out the broomsticks

Notre Dame sweeps three-game weekend set against Rutgers

By MICHAEL BRYAN, LORENZO REYES AND FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writers

The weekend got progressively easier for Notre Dame as the Irish swept Rutgers in a three-game series at Frank Eck Stadium. Notre Dame fought hard to win 7-5 Friday before blowing out the Scarlet Knights on Saturday and Sunday by identical 11-2 scores.

Irish 7, Scarlet Knights 5
The Irish got home runs from Senior shortstop Brett Lilley makes the throw to first base during Notre Dame's 7-5 victory over Rutgers Friday.

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Football

Weis sees team developing swagger in spring

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

At the beginning of the spring, Irish coach Charlie Weis said he wanted his team to play with more swagger. After Saturday's open practice, he elaborated on the building blocks to that goal — confidence, passion and emotion.

Weis said getting players to play with these three things is imperative to move past last season's 3-9 record. More importantly, he said he has seen this growing.

"So the two things that we're trying to emphasize the most, they're starting to get. It's a slow process, but we're making some strides," he said.

Weis reiterated that gaining confidence stems from making plays. But he added that, since the passing game is coming along, he has seen growing confidence in a larger number of players than before.

"Not the whole team, but there are guys playing with confidence," Weis said. "Ultimately, you are trying to get enough of them where it becomes the whole team.

Weis said he tries to work with the players who need more confidence building this spring. For example, he said he never has to worry about the confidence of linebacker Maurice Crum, Jr., and safety David Bruton. But he also said cornerback Gary Gray, who missed all of last season with a broken arm, has started making good plays in practice this spring and is gaining the confidence needed to be a good player.

Weis said passion and emotion go hand-in-hand in trying to rev up your young team. He said that, with any young team, there are going to be times when they get a little bit overwhelmed. He explained that so the players understand what they need to do.

Weis said he is trying to avoid the "deer-in-the-headlights" style of play that many young players fall victim to.

"I think there were a lot of times with a fairly young and inexperienced look, that you get that "deer-in-the-headlights" look. They freeze. And not that they freeze in the game, but you don't see that same passion and emotion," he said.

Weis' plan to coach emotion this spring became most evident Saturday during the "Irish Eyes" drill, a modified "Oklahoma" where an offensive and defensive lineman square off with a running back trying to make it past the defender. After one big defensive play in the drill, Weis said the celebration afterward had to be immediate and genuine.

"This can't be something that's faked. It should be an immediate and genuine response," he said.

Men's Lacrosse

Irish lose heartbreaker on Denver's last-minute goal

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No. 19 Denver scored a goal in the final minute of play to defeat the No. 7 Irish (7-2, 1-1 GWL) 9-8 on Sunday in Bridgeville, Ill. The loss broke Notre Dame's eight-game GWL winning streak that dated back to the 2007 season.

"I feel like we played a very good first half and a very poor second half. We were up 2-1 in the first half and it should have been a bigger lead then," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "In my mind it was a matter of us not taking advantage of our opportunities offensively." Junior attack Ryan Hoff led the team with three goals followed by sophomore midfielder Grant Krebs, who earned two goals in the contest. Senior goalteroom Joey Kemp tied a career-high 13 saves on the game.

"I thought we did a good job out of the second half. We were up 2-1 and didn't have the same passion and emotion," Weis said. "They were a very good team. We played with a lot of confidence, but they have a lot of experience."

"Ultimately, the game is not won until the final whistle," Weis said. "I thought we started slow, but then we came back and played with a lot of confidence in the second half."