Obama fuels debate, gives speech to well-wishers

Democratic nominee holds political rally at Washington High School

By BILL BRINK
News Editor

Illinois Senator and Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama told supporters Wednesday at Washington High School in South Bend that changing parties in the White House will not suffice. He outlined his plan for drastic alterations and gained an endorsement along the way.

South Bend Mayor Stephen Luecke, preceding Obama, endorsed the Senator to raucous approval from Obama supporters.

"Let's not hold the surprise," he said.

Obama, who entered the packed gymnasm with UI playing in the background, received a huge response when he asked how many Notre Dame students

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NDSP makes arrest for reported burglaries

Two men questioned about stolen cell phone, laptop; incidents not necessarily related to recent thefts in residence halls

By BILL BRINK
News Editor

Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) arrested one man and questioned another in relation to reports of burglary and suspicious activity on campus Tuesday, a statement released by NDSP reported.

NDSP assistant director Dave Chapman said in a phone interview that it is not known whether the incidents are related to the recent burglaries in Lyons and Howard Halls.

Around 10:50 a.m. Tuesday, Chapman said, a call to NDSP reported that a man may have stolen a cell phone from an office in Stepan Chemistry center. The caller lost sight of the suspect, he said, and did not know if he left the building. NDSP officers searched the area and eventually stopped the suspect as he left the building. He had a laptop computer under his shirt that belonged to a professor, the statement said, and the professor later identified the laptop. The suspect was arrested for burglary and taken to the NDSP building, and later to the St. Joseph's County Jail.

Two other cell phones and another laptop were still missing, the statement said. Chapman said it was still unknown who took them.

South Bend police were contacted because of the suspect's believed involvement in off-campus thefts, the statement said. The stolen laptop belonged to Chris Kolda, a physics professor. He said he left his office for five minutes and left the door open. NDSP contacted him, he said, to see if his computer was missing. When he returned to his office, his laptop was gone.

Police told Kolda, who never saw the thief, that they caught the suspect, he said.

"I was very happy with Notre Dame security," Kolda said. "Nothing like getting your computer back before you know it was stolen."

Police picked out the suspect because he was wearing rosary beads, which looked out of place, Kolda said. He also said other burglar descriptions and that they had been searching for him for three weeks.

NDSP found Kolda's computer on the suspect's person, he said, and the suspect

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STUDENT SENATE

Leaders hold informal meeting

Officers set agenda for Stand Against Hate week

By CLAIRE REISING
News Writer

Committee chairs and officers announced Student Senate goals and upcoming events during an informal meeting Wednesday. Initially, the meeting could not be called to order because Senate did not have enough members present for quorum due to a conflict with sophomore class reg- istration meetings.

Carroll Senator Nick Ruof of the Social Concerns Committee said that Stand Against Hate Week, which speaks out against discrimination directed at gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and questioning students,

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SAB to host events for annual SMC-Tostal

By NIKKI TAYLOR
News Writer

Saint Mary's Student Activities Board (SAB) will host its annual SMC-Tostal today. The event will be marked by an afternoon of activities in the student center, culminating in a concert by new and upcoming female recording artist, Colbie Caillat.

The name SMC-Tostal was modeled after an Irish spring festival from the 1960s An­ Tostal — short for Annual Tostal — according to senior Cassie Callon, SAB Coordinator.

"The Student Activities Board has been putting on this event all four years that I have been here," Callon said.

"As far as I can find in the yearbooks, SMC-Tostal has been celebrated since the 1970s here at Saint Mary's and has just continued," Callon said.

Special events for the day include a performance by "Kellie," said SAB said SAB said the band from Dayton, Ohio, in the Student Center Lounge. There will also be a petting zoo and balloon ani­mals available from 12 to 3 p.m., Callon said.

There will also be a special dessert night in the Noble Family Dining Hall for dinner.

The headlining event of the day is a free concert at 7 p.m. in O'Laughlin Auditorium featuring Colbie Caillat, accompanist.
Chocolate box men

I would not be who I am without what happened. I would not be stronger, I would not be wiser, I would not be prepared. We cannot learn without being taught, and we cannot know what flavor of love we like without tasting them all.

Just because you were surprised by the coconut center you ate, you won't be the one you pick next. However, even if you get four hundred bad flavors in a row, you have to know, that eventually you will find your favorite. You will find the guy who is milk chocolate all the way to his center. That, my dear friends, is why you continue to take a bite.

In the meantime, all of these wasted calories begin to add up. We begin to regret every bite. Worse yet, we dread the next. We actually look at our next romantic venture as though we are lambs out to slaughter. So, doesn't mean the creamy caramel love we like know, that eventually you will find the box of chocolates'? Well, simply, won't be the one you pick next.

"Kimya Dawson because she'll be at Legends this Saturday at 6."

Carolina Surfia senior off-campus

"Barack Obama." "Julia Roberts." "Serpico."

Nick Zaraza senior off-campus

"Hillary Clinton, I dig the manly pant-suits."

Elin James senior off-campus

Gabriel Ymalay junior Keenan

Paul Holt senior off-campus

Jackie Collins senior Pasquerrilla East

Questions of the Day: Who is your man/girl crush?

OFFBEAT

Man complains about assessment made in office

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. — Harvey Levinson might be the last person his neighbors would expect to complain about the assessment on his condominium. After all, he's the county assessor.

But Levinson has asked the Nassau County Assessment Review Commission to knock more than $200,080 off the $502,080 value his own office set for his two-bedroom condo in an upscale Long Island development. If approved, the change would save an estimated $1,709 off his $13,000 property tax bill for 2009-2010.

Levinson said he was simply trying to point out a clerical error that causes a 75-percent spike in his assessment.

Oregon woman enters standard of care debate

NEWPORT — The Oregon State Police arrested drunken drivers on the road every day. But it's not often when the drivers show up drunk at a state police office.

A trooper said she showed signs of being intoxicated after driving to the office with her 12-year-old son. A blood-alcohol test showed her level was 0.19 percent — more than twice the legal limit.

She was also charged with recklessly endangering another person.

Information compiled by the Associated Press

Students and moderator and chair of the department of Africana Studies Richard Pierce discuss race relations at a town hall style forum in McKenna Hall on Wednesday.

In Brief

Donna Smith, from Michael Moore's movie 'Sickie,' will speak about her experience in the documentary and the current state of healthcare tonight at 6 in DeBartolo room 126.

A Frozen Four Gamewatch will be set up in the Joyce Center for students to watch the Notre Dame Hockey Team play against Michigan tonight at 9, doors open at 8. There will be free food and giveaways.

The play "The Tragical History of Doctor Faustus", a Christopher Marlow play about a professor who sells his soul to the devil, will be performed April 10-13, 17 and 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the Deico Mainstage Theater at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

The Vietnamese Student Association of ND is hosting the 6th annual "Vietnamese Interacting As One" conference April 11-13. The theme this year is "Golden Dreams - Redefining Success for our Generation." Visit www.via.org for conference information.

Anne Thompson, Chief Environmental Correspondent at NBC News, will give a lecture called "Green is the new black," but will it stay in style?" Friday at 10:40 a.m. in Jordan Auditorium at the Mendoza College of Business.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.
Russett to deliver Red Smith lecture

Special to The Observer

Tim Russert, Washington bureau chief of NBC News, will deliver the 25th anniversary Red Smith Lecture in Journalism at Notre Dame on Monday.

Russett's lecture, "When Politicians Meet the Press," will begin at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall. Tickets are required for the talk, and they are available without charge at the LaFortune Student Center ticket office.

Moderator of "Meet the Press" since 1991 and the network's chief political analyst, Russett also serves as senior vice president of NBC News and as anchor of "The Tim Russert Show," a weekly program on MSNBC. He joined NBC in 1984.

Russett received an honorary doctorate from Notre Dame in 2002, when he also delivered the commencement address. He's the author of two best-selling books: "Big Russ and Me" (2004) and "Wisdom of Our Fathers" (2006).

Russett is the most influential Washington journalist in magazine rankings, Russett is the recipient of numerous awards, including an Emmy, and he's a member of the Broadcasting & Cable Hall of Fame. He holds 43 honorary doctorates from American colleges and universities.

The Red Smith Lecture in Journalism was established in 1983 to honor the sportswriter and 1927 Notre Dame graduate Walter W. "Red" Smith, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for distinguished comment in 1976. At the time of his death in 1982, Smith was a columnist for The New York Times.

The Smith Lectureship seeks to foster good writing and to recognize high journalistic standards. It is administered by the John W. Gallivan Program in Journalism, Ethics and Democracy at Notre Dame. Previous Red Smith Lecturers include James Reston, James J. Kilpatrick, Art Buchwald, Charles Kuralt, Judy Woodruff, Ted Koppel, Jim Lehrer and Frank McCourt.

The series is made possible by a gift from John and Susan McMeel and Universal Press Syndicate. A South Bend native and 1957 Notre Dame graduate, John McMeel is chairman of Andrews McMeel Universal, the parent company of Universal Press Syndicate. He's a member of both the advisory council for Notre Dame's College of Arts and Letters and the advisory committee of the Gallivan Program.

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will be held next week.

Events include an ally pledge campaign at the dining halls and LaFortune, a screening of the film, "Boys Don't Cry," and T-shirt distribution. The week will culminate with a Holocaust Memorial on South Quad next Friday, with a prayer vigil for hate crimes at the Grotto that evening.

According to former Social Concerns Chair Karen Koski, student government was involved in adding an academic panel on "History, Catholicism and Homosexuality," which will feature history professor Gall Giedeman and theology professor Mary D'Angelo.

"The speakers were what we were looking for in shedding an academic and historical perspective on relationships and issues (on) how people view homosexuality," Koski said.

Gender Issues Committee co-chair Patrick Tighe announced that campus will hold Take Back the Night on later in April to spread awareness about rape and sexual assault.

"It's going to involve a rally and march around campus where men and women will actually speak out about how they've been sexually assaulted. It will end at the Grotto with a prayer service," he said.

In the University Affairs Committee, student body vice president Grant Schmidt said they are continuing to plan election initiatives to raise student awareness on 2008 campaign issues. He suggested polling students to gauge what issues students are interested in or to set up posters contrasting the candidates' issue positions. Schmidt also said that the committee will discuss how to bring popular speakers to campus.

"It's a formality that [Father Jenkins] did invite Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama and John McCain to campus, and Hillary took that offer by sending Chelsea," he said.

In addition to University Affairs, Schmidt said he is working with Community Relations chair Gus Garl to discuss a Donor Dollars campus proposal. Schmidt plans to discuss the proposal next week.

After enough senators arrived, Schmidt officially convened the meeting, and the Senate unanimously passed two resolutions that proposed adding amendments to the Student Body Constitution, which would require the president and vice president to take oaths of office.

In other Senate news:

- SMC Tostal, Residence Life Committee Chair, said her committee set their top seven priorities for the term, including free DVD rentals in the Huddle.
- Howard Hall is hosting a bone marrow registry in the Dooley Room from 12-8 p.m. today. This allows participants to become potential bone marrow donors if their DNA matches cancer patients in need of transplants.
- Keenan Hall will hold its annual Muddy Sunday mud volleyball tournament April 20. Teams can register on Keenan's website, and proceeds from the event will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

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panned by singer/songwriter Jason Reeves.

Califf, 22, is most recognized for her recent hit song, "Bubbly." While Califf was not exactly the performer that SAB originally set out to find, they were quite happy with the match.

"We had our eye on a group of performers," Callon said. "Once we started calling around to agencies to see which performer best fit with our Tostal date, Colbie (Caillat) seemed like a perfect match. We are very excited to have such an up-and-coming female artist visit our campus."

The concert has been much anticipated around Saint Mary's campus, and SAB's hard work to put on this event year after year is appreciated by students.

"I'm very excited to experience my first SMC Tostal," freshman SAB member Rachael Chesley said. "I've witnessed all the hard work that gets put into it and I can't wait for Saint Mary's students to kick back and have a great night," she said.

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This past Sunday, these sixteen Candidates for Full Communion, with the help of their sponsors, completed their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the 11:45 a.m. Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Please keep them in your prayers and help us to welcome them into our Catholic Community.
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Pierce said, and added that the speech should instead be used as a "springboard" for discussion.

The question of what defines the black community, posed by Pierce, sparked discussion between the audience and panel.

"Definitions are changing as racial definitions are changing, but when it comes to much of the community, much of our community that we call America, there is a very distinct attitude toward persons of color and that would define, especially if they come from African descent, the black community," Rev. Timothy Rouse from the First AME Zion Church in South Bend said.

Denise Challenger, doctoral candidate in the department of History at York University, Toronto, felt that "there are multiple voices [in the black community] but we share a common historical past which has changed over the centuries."

She added that the term 'black community' is "a very political term at times" and can become problematic when an individual speaks on behalf of the entire black community.

Audience members and panelists discussed the definitions of 'black' and 'black community' particularly in America.

"You're talking about a context in which the society has not lived up to its principles and values, that as African Americans, we have to contend with and I think that creates a unique experience that you don't find in the world today. The African American experience within the American context is unique, it's special," political science professor, Darren Davis said.

Audience members discussed ways of defining the black community. Some felt that the black community is one with a shared history of oppression, and some that the black community results when its members are labeled as black.

Political implications — such as problems receiving medical care and housing — were discussed as common problems that members of the black community in America face.

Pierce asked the audience to raise their hands if they thought that a black child, adopted by two white parents in a largely white community, would be considered part of the black community. The majority of audience members raised their hands to say that the child in question would be considered part of the black community.

Challenger saw this situation — as well as Obama's speech — as getting to the question of what it means to be black.

"I think we really need to get to this understanding of 'the child needs to know what it means to be black,'" Challenger said. "If we look at Barack Obama himself, he is still struggling... he wasn't 'black' enough."

He says it in his speech. We need to decide what does make a person black. If Obama wasn't multiracial or black defined as multiracial, how would he have responded to Reverend Jeremiah Wright and how would his remarks have been taken? Pierce gathered from the audience and the panelists that the definitions of the black community was made by members outside of the community.

Panelists also addressed the role of history in Obama's speech.

"The words that came to me as I was thinking about the speech were 'truth' and 'reconciliation'," Monica Maria Tetzlaff, associate professor of history at Indiana University South Bend, said.

Tetzlaff said that Obama made "very accurate historical references that the American public can learn from."

Panelist Jennifer Mason Mcaward, associate professor in the Notre Dame Law School, emphasized the importance of remembering history. "One of the points I took from Senator Obama's speech is that we have to always be aware of that history — the devastating history of racial injustice, and this idea of equality that was written into our constitutions," she said.

The meeting also addressed inclusion and who should participate in conversations about race relations in the United States. Rouse said the central racial conflict in America exists between blacks and whites.

"The heart of racism in America has to do with the oppression of the negro by the white slave owners... We have to address the issues honestly and then we can move on to some of the more aggregate issues," he said.

Challenger disagreed and said that dialogue across various groups of people would enhance the discussion.

"Multiple voices can participate in the discussion," she said. "I think it would be incorrect to say that only blacks have suffered through racism... multiple voices don't necessarily dilute the dialogue."

Davis felt that Obama's speech addressed the complaints and issues of various groups.

"Because we are a nation of migrants, immigrants, the things I took away from Barack Obama's speech is that we all have gripes. African Americans have gripes, Latinos have gripes, and guess what — white people have gripes. One thing I took away from the speech is that not only is there this black anger that has to be dealt with in a certain way, there's also this white resentment that has to be dealt with as well," Davis said. In consideration of Reverend Wright's controversial comments about America, Davis said that "part of the difficulty, I think, is understanding how whites react to something that we all here all of the time — even in church — that's a critical version of patriotism... it's critical, constructive patriotism," he said. "It's so surprising to me that certain things will stick to Barack Obama as if he is his pastor's keeper," he said.

Davis and Tetzlaff brought up truth and reconciliation as methods to healing and moving racial relations in a more positive direction.

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Petraeus: Don't expect troop buildup

Top commander in Iraq said he's aware of military strain during questioning by legislators

WASHINGTON — America's war commander in Iraq told Congress Wednesday he is unlikely to endorse any fresh buildup of troops even if the country deteriorates, signaling that the limits of the U.S. military effort are reached for now.

Gen. David Petraeus, closely questioned by lawmakers for a second day, described Iraq as a frail state still struggling to provide its own security. That volatile situation prompted his recommendation to President Bush that a gradual pullout of U.S. troops be halted this summer — a recommendation Bush is expected to embrace in a speech Thursday.

But Petraeus also spoke of the burden on U.S. ground forces, warning that they will address the strain that many soldiers are feeling. "I am keenly aware of the strain," he said in his 11:30 a.m. EDT, "strains that, at least initially, are quite personal in nature, and unless conditions improve to the point that military leaders believe some could go home early.

"I am aware of the increased stress on Iraq reflects — at least in part — the reality that the rotation pool of some 1.2 million military personnel in the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and senior military officers that warn the service's strategic reserve is at an all-time low.

Meanwhile, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, said current troop commitments in Iraq make it impossible to send extra forces into Afghanistan. While Democratic contenders Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton have promised voters they would end the war if elected, Republican John McCain supported last year's troop increase and believes conditions on the ground should dictate force levels. Still, Krepinovich said, it's easy to imagine that Army officials agreed to the 2007 buildup on the assumption that Petraeus would give troops a "breather" at some point. Every commander "rotates them out of the line every once in a while to get rested and refitted. Otherwise, you really do burn up the force," he said.

Petraeus wants the U.S. to complete, by the end of July, the withdrawal of the 20,000 troops that were sent to Iraq last year to deal with the violence there. Beyond that, the general proposed a 45-day evaluation period, to be followed by an indefinite period of assessment before he would recommend any further pullouts.

The plan leaves open the possibility that roughly 140,000 U.S. troops will be in Iraq when voters head to the polls this November and Bush leaves office next year.

"We think it makes sense to have some time, to let the dust settle, perhaps to do some adjustment of forces, re-evaluation," Petraeus told House members on Wednesday.

When asked by Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-Texas, whether he would call for another influx of U.S. troops if security conditions deteriorated during that 45-day window, Petraeus said that would be a last resort.
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had stolen laptops and cell phones before.
At around 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, NDSP received another phone call reporting suspicious behavior by a man between Badin and Howard Halls. When NDSP responded, they found the suspect walking towards the Rockne Building and stopped him for questioning. The man matched the "general description" of the suspect seen in residence halls at the time of recent burglaries. He was not, however, seen in any dorm on Tuesday, and "could not be detained," the statement said. NDSP gave him a No Trespass Notice.

NDSP is looking for a link between the arrest and detainment Tuesday and recent burglaries in residence halls, Chapman said. "Right now, we haven't found [a link], but that doesn't mean that there's not (one)," he said.

Residents of Lyons and Howard hall reported laptops and wallets stolen between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. last week. The burglaries in Howard took place on April 1, and the burglaries in Lyons happened on March 26.
The suspect in both cases has been described by "several people" as a black male, between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-11, with a thin build, "frizzy long black hair" in a pony tail or braid, possibly bad or missing teeth and possibly sporting facial hair stubble, NDSP director Phil Johnson said last Monday.

NDSP learned that Valparaiso University has experienced similar burglaries with a suspect whose description matched that of the suspect in Notre Dame's recent campus robberies, Johnson said last week.

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Airline cancels over 1,000 flights

American works to fix faulty wiring after increased scrutiny from federal regulators

Fed approves nationwide alert system

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To keep jobs in America, Obama said he would end tax cuts to companies that shipped jobs overseas. He also pledged to roll back President George Bush’s tax cuts for the wealthy and give them to people who need them.

Obama’s health care plan, he said, is intended to accommodate both those with health care and those without. For families with health care, he said he would lower premiums by $2,500. If families had no plan, he would make available plans similar to the government plan he receives as a member of the Senate. The plan would have no conditions, and if a family could not afford it, the government would subsidize it on a “sliding scale,” he said.

He ended with a discussion of the war in Iraq, which he said he opposed from the start. He pledged to pull the soldiers out of Iraq, which he said distracted the country from the war in Afghanistan “that we needed to win.”

Notre Dame sophomore Angela Antile, whose father is a teacher, said she appreciated the proposal to increase teachers’ salaries. “It was really moving,” she said.

Fellow sophomore Alena Christiansen was also impressed by the speech. “It was relatable to every race, every gender, every person,” she said. “He’s an awesome speaker.”

Barack Obama
Illinois Senator

“Every child is our child. Every child deserves support, every child deserves the American dream, and we need to start investing in those children.”

Obama placed emphasis on improving education, but said it started in homes with good parenting.

“Every child is our child,” he said. “Every child deserves support, every child deserves the American dream, and we need to start investing in those children.”

“We invest in you, you invest in America,” he said.

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**Pakistan**

**7 killed in street fighting**

Associated Press

KARACHI — A street fight between political rivals spilled over into rioting in Pakistan's biggest city Wednesday, with armed men smashing cars and setting fires.

Five people burned to death in one building and two were shot and killed.

It was the worst political violence Pakistan's new government has faced since taking office last month, vowing to curtail the powers of U.S.-allied President Pervez Musharraf and cement democracy after eight years of military rule.

The trouble broke out when pro- and anti-government attorneys punched and beat each other with sticks near the main courts complex in Karachi. Soon after, armed men in began shooting and torching cars in several districts, witnesses said.

A nearby building was set ablaze, and five charred bodies were found on the sixth floor, said police officer Syed Sultaman. Two other people died of gunshot wounds, including a paramedic whose ambulance came under fire while trying to the injured.

Salman Naguri, a 22-year-old shopkeeper, said he saw two men on a motorbike shoot at passing ambulance, which crashed into an electricity pylon.

"For 15 or 20 minutes an injured man was crying for help from inside the ambulance but nobody helped him," Naguri said. When another ambulance crew arrived, the man was dead, he said.

It was the second episode to tarnish a powerful lawyers' movement that led months of protests against Musharraf, galvanizing his opponents and contributing to the defeat of his allies in February parliamentary elections.

Attorneys from the movement were involved in an assault Tuesday on former cabinet minister Sher Aghan Niazi, who was beaten as he emerged from his office. Police hurried him into an ambulance, which was stolen and had its ignition key stolen, forcing security forces to push it away from the scene.

A group of lawyers allied with the pro-Musharraf Mutahida Quami Movement, or MQM, had been protesting the assault on Niazi when the violence erupted in Karachi.
Do you have many people in your life who know you — who really, really know you? Sure, we all have lots of friends, pals, acquaintances, section-mates; people we love to sit next to and chat with in this class or Kate Barrett that people eat lunch with because we always see them in the dining hall on Monday-Wednesday-Friday. But with whom do you really have intimate, life-giving relationships, the ones that have built up layers of strength and knowledge, forgiveness and grace over time? Who do you trust enough to let in on your embarrassing flaws, your deepest fears, your most far-reaching dreams, and who has let you in on theirs?

One of the most famous images in all the gospels has its name to the Fourth Sunday of Easter: Good Shepherd Sunday. This weekend, as we do each year on the Fourth Sunday of the Easter season, we will read from one of the gospel passages in which Jesus describes himself as a shepherd who knows his sheep so intimately that they will follow the sound of only his voice and no one else's.

I have always wondered about this phenomenon — I mean, I get my own children's voices mixed up sometimes, when I can't see which one of them I'm talking to. And yet these sheep — perhaps hundreds of them, who by all accounts are dumb as dirt — know the guy who leads them in and out to eat each day just by listening for him, and don't get it wrong, ever.

Jesus describes for the Pharisees a shepherd who knows the name of each of his sheep, and who leads them out of the sheepfold by means of an intimate relationship which has obviously been built up over time:

"The sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out... He walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice."

Of course, Jesus used this analogy, which anyone listening in that shepherd-laden time and culture would have understood, to explain why he came as God's son — to know each and every one of us by name and to call us safely to everything we need. Those sheep needed only a path of good grass to chew on and maybe somebody who would keep an eye out for wolves or poachers; we have a much more serious need for that shepherd who knows our name. The one who tells us, as we will hear on Sunday, that he came for us so we might have life and have it more abundantly.

"Wouldn't it be great if it were just that easy? If we could just recognize the voice of Jesus whenever we needed to figure out where to go, what choices to make, what direction to turn? If we have a significant decision to make, we just listen for the voice of Jesus, recognize it above all the competing din, and boom — we're good. Just as the sheep, by listening to the shepherd, knew who to go for lunch, we could hear the voice of life and know exactly what to say, or do, or choose in our search for the life Jesus promises.

Here's where we could learn from the sheep. They know the shepherd's voice because they have made a habit out of listening for it, many times a day. Deep in their little brains, they know their very lives depend on that shepherd and that they'd better be paying attention. We will certainly recognize the voice of Jesus more easily if we make a point to pray each day, to listen intently to how our shepherd speaks to our hearts.

And here's where we're much luckier than the sheep. Our God, who knows each of us by name and knows the sound of each of our voices, speaks to us first of all through the sacraments and through our prayer, but also through the voices of those most significant and life-giving relationships in our lives. If we hear and recognize the voice of Jesus when we listen to or read the Scriptures, when we receive the Eucharist or the sacrament of Reconciliation, we will be able to discern his voice in the sounds of the people in our lives whom we love most deeply and who truly love us. We will recognize the "thieves and robbers" of the gospel for who or what they are — people, material things, ambitions, insecurities, false desires, that come to distract and deter us from the abundant life God promises us through Jesus Christ.

Let's learn a lesson from the sheep: listen, and listen good.

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Alcohol: Enemy of academic and moral development

No legs. No hard liquor. No “games” although drinking is never a game. These were the first baby steps toward alcohol eradication taken years ago, and it seems that a next step must be taken. Alcohol is a deterrent toward the academic and moral development of students here at Notre Dame, and I believe that the decision to drink in college should be more personally defined and not just an issue on other people.

Certainly, alcohol is a main vector of sexually promiscuous activity here on campus, and many locales off. It is a depressant not only of our mental activity but also of our moral development. As a Catholic University whose goals are to educate the mind and develop the soul, Notre Dame should seriously reconsider its stance on on-campus permis­sibility of alcohol. Alcohol use runs counter to the goals and mission of this great university. The prohibition of alcohol would cause an increase in academic and moral development here at Notre Dame.

Ryan Slaney
sophomore
Carroll Hall
April 8

Drinking not purely a personal choice

For some reason, a lot of college students seem to believe that drinking is a compulsory aspect of college life, a precept as fundamen­tal as any listed in the Bill of Rights. Main Building 24 years ago in protest of alcohol establishment and would like to elucidate the reasons why:

1. Longevity — This institution has served the Notre Dame community for over 45 years!
2. The Music — At what other bar can you hear “Ghostbusters” played on a Saturday night? Or Toto and NSYNC mixed in with “Get Low,” “Apologize,” and Soulja Boy?
3. Potent Long Islands — You only remember the good times.
4. Location — Within walking distance from campus and TC, saving you money on cab fare.
5. Freebies — Drink ticket with $5 cover and freshly popped popcorn.
6. The Backer Pole — I dare you to lick it.
7. Mountains of Food — Make sure everyone wears a T-shirt exclaiming “I Tode the Linebacker Pole.”
9. Special Events — Have you ever been to a wed­ding reception or bachelorette party at the Backer? I have, though not for anyone I knew. At least I didn’t need Viagra for...”Yes, this was a real pick-up line used at the Linebacker Lounge.”

If the Backer truly served as Lewis’s comic strips, why is it packed every Friday and Saturday night of the year? In 50 years would you come here for a football game and go to “The Fewe”? Of course not! Yes, the Backer Sludge is disgusting, but the experi­ence is unlike any other. Call it sketchy if you must, but as Greg “The Curfew God” says, “If you don’t have fun at The Backer, it’s your own damn fault!”

Christine Scacco and Rachel Murphy
Seniors
Farley and Bren-Hilligus Halls
April 8

The consequences of drinking

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Being in college doesn’t entitle us to do as we please and we must remain sensitive to the effects of our choices — whether they involve alcohol or not — on other people.

Although I do not drink alcohol, I’ve always believed that the decision to drink in college is a matter of personal choice as long as those who drink respect those who don’t. However, when one person’s choice becomes another person’s problem, I can’t imagine that my dorm’s cleaning people are amused as they scrub the vomit of drunken students from toilet seats after a weekend of “responsible” drinking.

Certainly, excessive drinking by Notre Dame students has rankled local residents and undermined relations between Notre Dame and nearby communities. There’s nothing intrinsically wrong about drinking, but a heavily inebriated person simply cannot appreciate how offensive his or her actions can be to others. It’s pretty dis­gusting when a person is so intoxicated that he confuses a sink with a trinket.

Colin Lintief
sophomore
St. Edward’s Hall
April 8

Stir-fry changes a good thing

Sorry, Cornelian (“Unnecessary change in stir-fry,” Apr. 8), but I believe you may have fudged your argument concerning the new change in stir-fry process at North Dining. I, too, was rather annoyed at the loss of long privileges, but a 30-second conversation with the stir-fry guy cleared everything up.

Any leftover food served by a non-food services employee (i.e., students) must be disposed of at the end of the day. So at then end of every day, all the food self-served by students must be thrown out according to health regulations. If the food is only handled by food services staff, however, that food can be saved for the following day instead of being wasted. Over the course of a school year, this adds up to a heck of a lot of food being saved.

The decision to fix this problem reflects Notre Dame’s mission to make a positive impact on our environment through the elimination of wastefulness. So when it comes down to it, I will gladly wait a few extra minutes in the stir-fry line and eat a few extra pieces of pasta and pepperoni in order to contribute to this mission.

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Kennan Hall
April 8

Win the crowd (by writing a column for Viewpoint) and you will win your freedom!

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Friends, lovers face tragedy in 'Stop Kiss'

By MARK WITTE
Assistant Scene Editor

"Stop Kiss," directed by Katie Sullivan, opens tonight and runs through Sunday at the Little Theatre at Saint Mary's College. Starring SMC senior theatre majors Caroline Walker, as the confident Callie, and Ayslinn McGovern as the Midwestern Callie, the play chronicles a friendship that develops between the two characters and a kiss they share which forever changes their lives. It is a story about relationships, the power of love and the devastating effects of intolerance, hate and violence.

The play appealed to Sullivan both in credentials and in theme. "I am always looking for a play which features great roles for women," she said. "I am interested in supporting women playwrights, and I am particularly interested in contemporary plays which have been received well by the larger theatrical and literary community." As well, the play's deeper matters were hard to pass up. "The play spoke loudly to me in its plea for non-violence in our world," Sullivan said. "Both in the larger global picture and in the small individual choices we make each day." "Stop Loss" was written by the black playwright Diane Son and first performed in 1998 at The Public Theater in New York City. Although it's been a decade since then, the play's theme has grown stronger and more pertinent in Sullivan's opinion.

"Nearly ten years later, I find the spectacle of violence in this play even more heart-rending than Sonya's message of love and eventual self-sacrifice," she said. "Stop Kiss" is a tragic comedy, whose characters Sullivan trusts will make its audience laugh as they possibly cry. "I am hoping to touch view-ers with their story and help them see that, at the basic level, people everywhere are so much more alike than different," she said.

Operating in 23 short scenes, the play makes use of a "converging timeline," a theatrical technique which allows the story to jump back and forth between "pre-kiss" and "post-kiss" scenes. The unusual structure is something that will challenge audiences to really pay attention to what's going on, and as Sullivan hopes, lend sophistication to the play.

The structure of the play actually benefited the director and her actors who had difficulties with scheduling. "Until last week, we only had our seven actors available together on the same night one time," Sullivan said. "However, the scene-by-scene structure of the show really made this much less of an issue than it would have been in a more conventionally written play." Sullivan also said that working with the lead actresses has been a delight. "I feel so fortunate to have them in these roles," she said. "They are both hard-working, serious actors who are very receptive to notes, enjoy the process of rehearsing, and are low-maintenance (as actors going with a director)."

Moreover, Sullivan felt that the dedication paid off and that both Walker and McGovern grew immensely as actors during their two months of rehearsal. "I especially applaud them because in addition to having to go back and forth in time (and emotional states) constantly, they now have to be able to handle the practical matters like extremely fast costume and set changes," she said.

However, Sullivan has faith that both her actresses as well as her entire thirteen man crew, including a feline, are up to the task. All she needs now is an audience.

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Joseph Arthur’s ‘Let’s Just Be’ pales in comparison

By JAMES COSTA
Scene Writer

Joseph Arthur has been spoiling us for the last eight years. With such albums as 2000’s "Come to Where I’m From," 2002’s "Redemption’s Son" and 2004’s "Our Shadows From," 2002’s "Redemption’s Son" and 2007’s "Can’t Exist," Joseph Arthur has been spoiling us with songs which allow the listener to see the sun soft hearts and aching desires: "In Sunday," "Once a Thousand," "Honey Lonely," "Stop Kiss," "Version," "Home," "Kiss,,,."

Recommended Tracks:
- "Honey Lonely"
- "Stop Kiss"
- "Once a Thousand"
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- "Stop Kiss"
- "Version"
- "Home"
- "Kiss,

"Stop Kiss"
Little Theatre, Saint Mary's
Tonight, Friday, Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 2:30 p.m.
Tickets: Adult $10, Seniors $8, Faculty/Staff $7, Students $5

The heat of Arthur’s vocals and fingerpicking is a trend often found in the meeting of soft drums and a melancholy singing voice, Arthur sings of the moments after love has been lost when two old lovers face each other with a sad ten- derness found only in the meeting of soft hearts and aching desires: "I can see the sun / I think the evening's done / Take me home / You look good on your own / Sometimes it's good to say goodbye / before you make it to the end of time." It's a brilliant, sad song, perfect for those moments when you want the music to make you think, rather than laments. It's a song of memories and one that anyone who's learnt to say goodbye will understand and appreciate.

The next track, "Chicago" turns up the tempo a good bit in the wake of "Take me Home." The music to make you think, rather than laments. It's a song of memories and one that anyone who's learnt to say goodbye will understand and appreciate.

Let’s Just Be
Joseph Arthur and the Lonely Astronauts
Released by: Lonely Astronaut
Recommended Tracks: "Take Me Home," "Chicago," "Lack a Version" and "Yer the Reason"

"The play spoke loudly to me in its plea for non-violence in our world," Sullivan said. "Both in the larger global picture and in the small individual choices we make each day."

"The problem with this record isn't even that it's particularly bad music, because it's not. Some of it is even good, and a few of the songs have more clunky, emotive, yet sub- stance to really pay attention to what's going on, and as Sullivan hopes, lend sophistication to the play."

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Joseph Arthur (center) and the Lonely Astronauts will likely let down fans with the weak and emotionless album ‘Let’s Just Be.’
Midwest Undergraduate Film Conference returns to Notre Dame

By MARK WITTE
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The 2nd Annual Midwest Undergraduate Film Conference kicks off this Friday at the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts, and runs through Saturday evening. Admission is free and all speakers will present in Browning Cinema. Associate Professors of Film, Television and Theater, Christine Becker and Christopher Sweeney co-organized the conference and have worked to collect undergraduate authors of 30 of the best papers on film and media from all over the Midwest. All students in Notre Dame’s FTT Honors Program were encouraged to submit proposals for the conference, but proposals from non-honors students were accepted as well.

The Conference, which began last year under the direction of Associate Professor of Film, Television and Theater, Pam Wojcik, is once again a landmark event.

"[T]his is the sole undergrad-only media studies conference in the country," Becker said.

Six Notre Dame seniors were among those chosen by Becker and Sweeney to present this weekend along with undergraduates from other schools such as Indiana, Northwestern, the University of Chicago and Loyola University Chicago. Becker sees the conference as an instrumental learning experience for all the students involved.

"It’s a great way for these students to learn more about media studies, it helps students develop relationships with their peers from other area schools, and it also gives them professional presentation experience," Becker said. 

"Many of the presenters are interested in going on to graduate study, so the conference offers a great place for them to get a taste of that kind of advanced academic experience." The weekend for the weekend’s papers are wide-ranging and diverse. Topics include "female Revenge Films," "Forgotten Film Stars," Canadian and Iranian cinema, classic directors such as Alfred Hitchcock and Robert Bresson, as well as discussions of more recent films — like "Atonement," "Stranger Than Fiction" and "Se7en."

But the conference isn’t just for FTT majors. Senior Honors student Brittany Lash, who will be presenting her paper entitled "The Modern Popular Hero in Cinema" on Friday evening, stressed that the conference is for all students, encouraging students of every major to attend the event.

"I think non-FTT majors would be surprised by how interesting it is," Lash said. "I’m talking about heroism and ‘Independence Day.’ Another paper is on ‘The X-Files.’ It’s not just films you haven’t heard of." And there are other reasons for attending too.

"[Students] should come because they get to hear these great new ideas that their peers are writing instead of dry, academic drivel in their text books. We’re presenting on a lot cool shows and movies," said Senior Honors student Jenni Fong, who will be giving her paper entitled, "Because We Believe: Cult TV.

The conference will help to give them the recognition they deserve for those efforts.

The conference function will function in three person panels with each panelist presenting a 20 minute paper, followed by 15 minute question and answer session run by a moderator. Becker pointed out that she was very pleased with how many of the moderators and panelists lined up. "For instance, FTT’s Donald Ownby will be moderating the panel on silent film exhibition," she said. "And he’s one of the leading experts on silent cinema, so I know that both he and the students will find the experience and the sharing of knowledge really gratifying and productive."

Jessica Burgers, a senior Honors student will close out the conference Saturday with an examination of "Children’s subgenre of horror in the 1970s and 1980s."

"My interest in the topic is based on my own experiences with and enjoyment of children’s horror when I was younger, such as R.L. Stine’s Goosebumps series, the television show ‘Are You Afraid of the Dark?’ and the film ‘Hocus Pocus," Burgers said. "Other Notre Dame students who will be presenting at this weekend’s conference include, senior Maria Iuppa, presenting her paper, “A Hint of Perversion: Domesticity in Hitchcock’s Shadow of a Doubt,” and Breana Leader presenting on "Dinsey and Counterculture." On Saturday, senior Cassie Relek will present her paper "Pos-Men’s Product Integration in ‘30 Rock.”

For a complete schedule with paper topics go to http://ftt.nd.edu/mufc.shtml.

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Western Conference turns up the heat in second half

No. 8 Anthony Travel lands dominant in route to tourney finals

By ANDY ZICARELLI and GRIFFIN DASSATI

Fitts said.

With an 11-7 lead at half time, Western Conference was able to hold Team 318 to one baseline and pull away with the 21-8 win.

Freshman Graysen Petersen-Fitts said the inspirational halftime speech of senior William David William as the reason for the spark.

"It's really their last chance to answer," said Pitts. "They won't want to lose."

William David Pitts sent Last Team In pack­-traveling 21-8 win.

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For a team with a couple of varsity athletes, such talent and athleticism is expected. However, in the future, do not expect Western Conference to need a halftime speech to fire themselves up.

"The second half is indicative of what this team is capable of," said Felder.

Western Conference will take the court again on Sunday, looking to advance into the round of 64.
Jose Guillen's 15-day suspension was put on hold through Tuesday by Major League Baseball and the players' association, an indication they are nearing an agreement that would eliminate the penalty and toughen the sport's drug rules.

Guillen and Jay Gibbons were suspended Dec. 6 by commissioner Bud Selig following media reports linking them to performance-enhancing drugs. Major League Baseball and the players' union announced March 28 they were putting the suspensions of Guillen and Jay Gibbons on hold for 10 days, giving lawyers more time to reach an agreement that would toughen the drug policy.

Lawyers have said for several weeks that the sides are close to a deal, and two said Wednesday that the sides have narrowed their differences to the point where they are confident an agreement will be reached.

UCLA's Love and Collison undecided about NBA

Los Angeles - UCLA All-American Kevin Love and teammate Darren Collison have not yet decided whether they will make themselves available for the NBA draft, coach Ben Howland said Wednesday.

He dismissed a report on the Los Angeles Times' Web site that said the players had decided to leave and were expected to hire agents, which would prevent them from returning to the Bruins next season.

"It's an erroneous report," Howland, adding that Love and Collison were very upset about the report because they had yet to discuss their future with their families.

College players have until April 27 to decide for the NBA draft.

Love, a freshman center, led the Bruins in scoring (17.7 points) and rebounds (10.6). Collison, a junior point guard, was a third-team All-American who averaged 15.2 points and 3.9 assists.

Favre not ruling out comeback with Packers

Green Bay - Brett Favre might consider returning to the NFL after his 15-year career. And he made it clear he is not changing his mind at this time.

"But to think that if they called me in October and told me, 'Hey, we want you now,' I'm probably going to say, 'Hey, you better go back to college,'" Favre said in a story that appeared on the paper's Web site on Tuesday.

He added he would not return unless he was in shape.
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Diamondbacks stretch winning streak to six

Napoli hits first career grand slam for Angels

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Arizona can still win the close ones, too.

The Diamondbacks stretched their winning streak to six games on Wednesday with a 4-3 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Erik Byrnes hit a go-ahead, two-run single in the seventh-inning off Hiroki Kuroda and Micah Owings (2-0) allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings as the Diamondbacks finished a three-game sweep of the Dodgers.

“We’ve been scoring some runs and getting some early leads,” Arizona manager Bob Melvin said. “Today it was a bit different. They got the lead early on and had some momentum, then we got the big hit.”

All six victories in the streak have come against NL West foes.

Arizona swept three at Arizona’s Augie Ojeda since coming to the Dodgers from the Japanese pitcher.

Byrnes, who went 3-for-5, matched his career best with three hits, two runs and getting some early runs a year ago.

“It’s a scrappy team that happens to be able to hit some home runs, too,” Byrnes said. “I know we hit a lot of home runs in those first two games, but I think the greatest thing about this team is we can win games in different fashions.”

Brandon Lyon, who had blown his prior two save chances, took the tying and go-ahead two-out, bases-loaded single that ended Kuroda’s afternoon with a 10-5 victory in the series’ first two games.

Byrnes hit a double.

Arizona took advantage of Lyon’s throwing error on a potential double-play grounder in the seventh, taking a 2-1 lead on a run-scoring grounder by Reynolds — his major league-leading 13th RBI — and Upton’s run-scoring single. Andre Ethier’s sacrifice fly tied the score in the fifth.

Angels 9, Indians 5

ANAHEIM — The Los Angeles Angels usually don’t rely on home run clusters like the one they had against Cleveland on Wednesday.

But the Indians are giving them up at an alarming rate, and one thing led to another.

Mike Napoli hit his first career grand slam, Garrett Anderson and Casey Kotchman also deep against Paul Byrd, and Vladimir Guerrero added a three-run shot along with a two-run single in the seventh for a 9-4 lead after Byrnes hit a three-run shot against Jensen Lewis in a victory.

“We’re hitting home runs right now, which is good for us, but we’re a situational team,” Napoli said. “We know what we’ve got to do. Moving guys over, going from first to third, being aggressive on the bases — that’s who we are.

“Anytime you get home runs up and down the lineup, it’s pretty good.”

Dustin Mosely (1-1) allowed four runs on nine hits and struck out five over six innings after getting staked to a 6-0 lead. The Indians rallied with four runs in the sixth as Ramon Peralta home- run, Casey Blake hit an RBI double and Kelly Shoppach added a two-run shot.

But Guerrero greeted Lewis with a drive to left-center in the seventh for a 9-4 lead after Chase Fitzgerald led off the inning with a broken-bat single and Gary Matthews Jr. reached on a fielding error by Blake at third base.

Byrd (0-2) allowed six runs and five hits in three innings, raising his ERA to 11.05. The 37-year-old right-hander, whose name was included in the Mitchell Report on performance-enhancing drugs, had his $7.5 million option for this season picked up by the Indians after capping off a 15-8 campaign with victories in both of his post-season starts.

“It’s been a distraction at times when I’m not on the mound, but it hasn’t really caused me to lose concentration,” Byrd said of the Mitchell controversy. “My head’s pretty clear. I just haven’t had my command all at all and I haven’t had very good stuff. To pitch up here, you have to have one of the two, and I have neither right now.”
SAN FRANCISCO — Security was tightened on the Golden Gate Bridge and elsewhere around the city Tuesday as officials prepared for massive protests of China's crackdown in Tibet during the Olympic torch's only North American stop on its journey to Beijing.

The Olympic flame was whisked to a secret location shortly after its pre-down-arrival Tuesday following widespread and chaotic demonstrations during the torch relay in London and Paris. Activists are protesting China's human rights record, its grip on Tibet and support for Sudan despite years of bloodshed in Darfur.

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It began its 85,000-mile journey from Ancient Olympia in Greece to Beijing on March 24, and was the focus of protests from the very start. Hours after it arrived in San Francisco, protesters marched to the Chinese Consulate, calling on China to cease its heavy-handed rule of Tibet.

Meanwhile, a few miles away in Chinatown, leaders of China's expatriate community held a news conference calling for a peaceful relay, and said they were proud of the city Tuesday as officials prepared for protests around the country.

"This is not about us battling the torchbearers," said Min Yuan, president of Students for American Voters, San Francisco Wednesday. Security was tightened due to protests.

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David Lee, executive director of the Chinese American Voters Education Committee and a proponent of political science at San Francisco State University, said while many Chinese agree with critics of China, on the whole, Chinese-Americans feel a tremendous sense of pride that the Beijing Olympics chose San Francisco as the only relay site in North America.

At a news conference Tuesday, business owners asked for calm.

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Thomas to conclude '08 season with Knicks

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Isiah Thomas will finish the season as the Knicks' coach, but needs a good explanation for why things went so horribly wrong for any chance to last beyond that.

New president Donnie Walsh said Wednesday he plans to meet soon with Thomas, and he wants to know why a team he thought could be good instead will finish as perhaps the worst in franchise history.

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Walsh said he expects their coach and both say they have a good relationship, so perhaps he has reason to believe he has a chance to stick.

Thomas assembled this entire team that will miss the playoffs for the fourth straight year. While he stresses that the Knicks were "pretty far down" when he arrived as president in 2003 but are "positioned pretty properly" now, Walsh needs to know why that hasn't shown on the court.

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This past season, she guided Notre Dame to a No. 15/13 ranking and a Sweet 16 berth before falling to Tennessee 74-64. The Monessen, Penn., native had the biggest night of her career in her senior game, when she scored a career-high 35 points in Notre Dame’s 79-75 overtime win over Oklahoma in the second round of this year’s NCAA Tournament. Allen was the first Irish player to notch over 1,500 points, 500 rebounds, 200 assists and 200 steals. She finished her Notre Dame career in the top 10 of 10 different categories, including eighth in scoring with 1,566.

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**WOMEN'S LACROSSE**

**Wildcats defeat Irish to end winning streak**

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

The No. 8 Irish (9-4, 2-1 Big East) found out the hard way why the top-ranked Northwestern Wildcats are three-time defending National Champions and are now riding a 33-game winning streak.

The host Wildcats (12-0) scored the game’s first 15 goals in a dominant 16-2 effort to end Notre Dame’s winning streak at four games. Senior attack Heather Ferguson and freshman midfielder Jackie Doherty scored the only two Irish goals, as Northwestern successfully shut down Notre Dame’s high-powered offensive attack.

Junior Jillian Byers, who broke the Irish all-time winning streak at four games. Senior attack Heather Ferguson and freshman midfielder Jackie Doherty scored the only two Irish goals, as Northwestern successfully shut down Notre Dame’s high-powered offensive attack.

The Irish will look to rebound when they close out their five-game road swing at Big East rival No. 7 Georgetown.

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**ND SOFTBALL**

**Lux shines in Irish victory**

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame dominated Eastern Michigan in a doubleheader, winning 10-1 and 5-1 yesterday and earning their seventh and eighth consecutive wins.

Sophomore first baseman Christine Lux led the Irish to victory in the first game, setting a school record for RBIs in a single game with seven. Lux started her big day off early, capping off an Irish rally a double in the first inning that drove in two runs and gave Notre Dame a 4-0 lead.

In the bottom of the second, Lux ripped a two-out single to plate two more runs and extend the lead to 7-0. Finally, Lux ended her big day with a three-run homer to right center to put the Irish up 10-0. Notre Dame junior Brittany Bargar pitched four innings of three-hit ball, giving up only one run and striking out six.

With the win, Bargar improved her record to 15-6 on the year. Junior Christine Farrell pitched the fifth inning for the Irish.

Notre Dame relied on solid pitching in the second game. Freshman Jody Valdivia pitched seven innings, gave up only one run, and struck out a season-high 14 batters.

Eastern Michigan made the Irish work for the win this time, though. The Eagles got on the board first in the second inning when freshman Stacie Skodinski knocked a double to left-center that scored junior Heather Han and put EMU up 1-0.

Lux once again came up big offensively for the Irish, smacking an RBI single in the third inning to tie the game at one. Notre Dame waited until the fifth inning to take the lead, and when they did, it was Lux in the middle of the action. After seniors Sarah Smith and Katie Laing had already drove in runs with two outs to put the Irish up 3-1, Lux came up with Laing standing on first base. On the fourth pitch from Eastern Michigan pitcher Jaclyn Caro, Lux ripped a triple to left-center causing Laing to score. On the day, Lux finished 5-6 with a home run and nine RBIs.

The Irish are set to host Rutgers on April 12 in the newly constructed Melissa Cook Stadium. The game begins at noon.

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Brey

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held even a bouquet.

"The great thing about this award is that there was no dinner or banquet or media blitz, because that's who Skip was — he was low-key," Bray said. "We thought we should just have lunch or go to an Irish bar."

Brey said that, going forward, he will be involved with the giving of the award. He said he hopes that all future winners — along with Proser's son, Mark — will be similarly involved.

"Mark and the previous award winners didn't have the new recipient's credit for hitting the ball well."

After Manchester cut into the deficit, Notre Dame added runs in both the sixth and eighth innings on run-scoring sacrifice flies with junior first baseman Casey Martin. Sharpley got the win for the Irish and senior righthander Justin Gingrich closed out the game in his Notre Dame debut. Gingrich gave up just one hit and struck out two in one inning of work.

"Our starters went out there and took care of business," Bray said.

Dane Schrage
Irish coach

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the polls.

The sophomore pair of Cosmina Ciobanu and Colleen Rielle was repeatedly named under pressure with the doubles point on the line. Their 8-5 win over junior Nazlie Matzenauer and freshman Maria Mosolova brought the doublesomes to 17-1 for the dual season.

Ghazal bunted back from a doubles loss to put Norte Dame back on the board by beating Krasik in two matches 6-3, 6-2. No. 122 Ciobanu earned another point for the Irish. Playing in the No. 3 slot, Ciobanu ousted No. 25 Murray 6-3, 6-2. Ciobanu's record stands at 9-5 playing in the No. 3 spot.

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**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

Coach Brey receives first annual Skip Prosser award

**By CHRIS KHOREY**
Senior Staff Writer

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey has won a lot of awards — but only one that commemorates one of his best friends.

Brey received the first annual Skip Prosser Man of the Year Award during the Final Four this weekend in San Antonio.

"It’s flattering given what Skip stood for in our profession," Brey said. "He was one of the good guys and a true teacher. He’s the kind of gentleman you’d want your son to play for.

"Prosser, who coached at Wake Forest, died on July 26, 2007 soon after returning from Operation Hardwood in Kuwait, a program in which Brey also participated.

But the two knew each other well before their trip to the Middle East. Brey said they had a lot in common.

"We both got our start as high school coaches," Brey said. "That’s why we were kind of joined at the hip. That was an experience we had in our past that really helped us and we used to talk about that often.

Prosser also had connections to Notre Dame. He got his break in coaching at a camp hosted by former Irish coach Digger Phelps in 1985. It was there that Prosser met Xavier coach Pete Gillen, who hired him as an assistant.

"Prosser was planning on visiting Brey for the Notre Dame-Georgia Tech football last fall, a missed opportunity that the Notre Dame coach said made him emotional. "He had never been out to a Notre Dame football game," Brey said. "It was sad when I thought about that after the fact."

Brey said that the award is an important way of remembering Prosser.

"More young guys in our profession should use Skip Prosser as an example, a guy that was in coaching and teaching for the right reasons," Brey said.

"He was very grounded.

So grounded, in fact, that the award named after him didn’t see BREY/page 22

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**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Sacramento bound

**By JAY FITZPATRICK**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame guard Charel Allen was taken 43rd overall in Wednesday’s 2008 WNBA Draft by the Sacramento Monarchs.

Allen said she was still unsure of whether she would be drafted going into the event.

“My coaches gave me confidence that I would get drafted,” she said in a phone interview Wednesday.

The 5-foot-11 guard is the seventh Irish player drafted in the last eight years, the most recent of which was in 2006 when guard Megan Duffy went to Minnesota in the third round.

Allen was taken with the last overall pick in the draft that was a compensatory selection for Sacramento after their third round selection last season was voided for selecting an ineligible player — Meg Bulger from West Virginia.

Allen said she was nervous as the draft wore on but relieved when she finally heard her name called.

She attended the draft workout in Tampa during the Final Four earlier this week to show off her skills.

The Monarchs used their first round pick on Maryland center Laura Harper (10th overall) and took both Texas A&M guard A’Queenia Franklin (38th overall) and UTEP center Izabela Piekarska (40th overall) in the third round.

Allen was a first team All-Big East player in both her junior and senior seasons.

This season, Allen lead the Irish in points per game (15.1), minutes per game (30.2) and 3-point shooting percentage with a minimum of 30 shots (38.1 percent). She also grabbed 5.6 boards per game and had 84 assists compared to only 68 turnovers.

**BASEBALL**

Irish topple Manchester

Lilley sets Division I record for number of times being hit by a pitch

**By FRAN TOLAN**
Sports Writer

Notre Dame defeated Division 3 Manchester College 13-8 at Frank Eck Stadium Wednesday.

The Irish plated runs in six of the eight innings in which they batted as sophomore centerfielder A.J. Pollock fell just a home run short of hitting for the cycle.

But the biggest story of the game was a hit batsman.

In the second inning, Irish shortstop Brett Lilley was plunked for the 93rd time in his career, a new NCAA Division I record.

"It feels pretty good. It is a record," Lilley said. "A lotta

**WOMEN’S TENNIS**

Squad falls narrowly to top-ranked Wildcats

**By DAN MASTERTON**
Sports Writer

No. 20 Notre Dame was not able to continue its nine-game winning streak as it fell narrowly to No. 1 Northwestern 4-3 Wednesday.

The Irish (16-8) continued their doubles dominance, winning two of the three doubles matches to earn the 1-0 lead.

Northwestern (20-1) took the first match as junior Georgia Rose and senior Alexis Conill reeled off a quick 8-1 victory over Notre Dame’s No. 2 pair, sophomore Kali Krisik and freshman Kristen Rafael. Rafael is now back in action after missing time due to a sprained ankle.

Northwestern sophomore Samantha Murray took the court alongside sophomore Lauren Lui at No. 1 doubles in place of Rose, who normally competes in the top spot. Lui and Rose are ranked No. 14 in the country when playing together, but Murray and Lui maintain an even higher rank, earning the No. 13 spot in the country.

However, the Irish boast the No. 1 duo in the nation of senior Brook Buck and junior Kiley Telfi. The dynamic pair defeated Murray and Lui 8-2 to improve their record to 9-1 since taking the top spot in

**WILDCATS/page 22**
Jeff Jackson leads the Irish into a mile-high Frozen Four showdown with Michigan.
No. 5 Notre Dame Fighting Irish

ROAD TO DENVER
Won West Regional, beating Princeton 5-1 and Wisconsin 3-2 (OT)

TOP SCORERS
F Erik Condoc (OUT) (15 goals, 23 assists) F Nathan Gerbe (12 goals, 17 assists) F Ben Ryan (10 goals, 16 assists) D Kyle Lawson (3 assists) G Mark Guilder (8 assists)

BETWEEN THE POSTS
G Jordan Pearce (1.95 goals-against, .927 save pct., 23-11-1 record) G Kevin Deeth (9 goals-against, .954 save pct., 26-10-4 record)

TOURNAMENT HISTORY
Appearances: 3 Frozen Four Trips: 1 National Championships: 0

The Numbers
Goals per game: 2.93 Goals-against per game: 2.02 Power play percentage: 154 Penalty-kill percentage: .986 One-goal game record: 9-6

When scoring first: 19-5-1 When leading after 2nd period: 23-1-0

Best Win
Notre Dame won in both performances when they showed that we’re a very strong transitional team — transition to defense and transition to offense. That helped the difference for us in scoring some key goals.

No. 2 North Dakota Fighting Sioux

ROAD TO DENVER
Won Midwest Regional, beating Princeton 5-1 and Wisconsin 3-2 (OT)

TOP SCORERS
F TJ. Olsie (18 goals, 25 assists) F Ryan Duran (17 goals, 22 assists) F Chris Vande Velde (15 goals, 17 assists) F Charlie Conway (6 goals, 21 assists) D Tom Chorske (12 assists, 21 assists) D Robbie Bina (2 goals, 22 assists)

BETWEEN THE POSTS
G J.P. Lamoreaux (1.62 goals-against, .940 save pct., 26-10-4 record) G Jordan Pothier (1.71 goals-against, .927 save pct., 23-11-1 record)

TOURNAMENT HISTORY
Appearances: 23 Frozen Four Trips: 18 National Championships: 7

The Numbers
Goals per game: 2.72 Goals-against per game: 1.76 Power play percentage: .191 Penalty-kill percentage: .874 One-goal game record: 7-4 Overall record: 24-9-3 When scoring first: 21-4-1 When leading after 2nd period: 22-3-1

Best Win
North Dakota won both performances when they showed that we’re a very strong transitional team — transition to defense and transition to offense. That helped the difference for us in scoring some key goals.

No. 1 Michigan Wolverines

ROAD TO DENVER
Won West Regional, beating Niagara 4-1 and Clarkson 2-0

TOP SCORERS
F Kevin Porter (11 goals, 23 assists) F Chad Koehl (10 goals, 26 assists) F Aaron Palushaj (8 goals, 22 assists) F Vinny Saponari (7 goals, 15 assists) D Travis Turnbull (15 goals, 27 assists) D Matt Makowiec (2 goals, 10 assists)

BETWEEN THE POSTS
G Billy Sauer (1.40 goals-against, .932 save pct., 30-3-4 record, 4 shutouts) G J.P. Leschens (1.96 goals-against, .916 save pct., 33-13-5 record)

TOURNAMENT HISTORY
Appearances: 31 Frozen Four Trips: 23 National Championships: 0

The Numbers
Goals per game: 3.25 Goals-against per game: 1.96 Powerplay percentage: .205 Penalty-kill percentage: .869 One-goal game record: 3-9-4 Overtime record: 2-1-4

When leading after 2nd period: 26-1-2

Best Win
“Billy Sauer was our best player in that game. We showed that we’re a very strong transitional team — transition to defense and transition to offense. That helped the difference for us in scoring some key goals.”

No. 3 Boston College Eagles

ROAD TO DENVER
Won Northeast Regional, beating Minnesota 5-2 and Miami 4-0 (OT)

TOP SCORERS
F John Muse (33 goals, 23 assists) F Joe Whitney (16 goals, 10 assists) F Ben Smith (23 goals, 22 assists) F Bern Ferraro (17 goals, 34 assists) F Dan Bertam (9 goals, 25 assists) D Brian Gibbons (2 goals, 10 assists)

BETWEEN THE POSTS
G Gabe Esgue (1.79 goals-against, .919 save pct., 23-11-8 record, 3 shutouts) G Joe Pothier (1.84 goals-against, .892 save pct., 10-7-3 record)

TOURNAMENT HISTORY
Appearances: 28 Frozen Four Trips: 21 National Championships: 2

The Numbers
Goals per game: 3.57 Goals-against per game: 2.27 Power play percentage: .237 Penalty-kill percentage: .839 One-goal game record: 9-9-6 Overall record: 24-9-3 When scoring first: 17-7-3 When leading after 2nd period: 18-0-3

Best Win
Michigan beat No. 2 North Dakota College Eagles

“Jeff Jackson talked a lot about the strength of our style team, similar to Michigan. A north-south team with great transition but even more physical style team. They’re well-coached, they have great goaltending, and they’re tough defensively, too.”

No. 1 Michigan Wolverines will be televised at 9 p.m. Eastern Time on ESPN2
Been there, done that

Jeff Jackson’s 1992 Lake Superior team had similar path to championship as 2008 Irish

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

This may be Notre Dame’s first trip to the Frozen Four in the program’s history, but forgive the team if it acts like it’s been there before. Irish head coach Jeff Jackson knows a thing or two about winning on college hockey’s biggest stage.

Jackson already has three national championship rings from his time at Lake Superior State University, two as head coach in 1992 and 1994. The 1993 Lakers squad came within one game of giving Jackson his third title, falling to Maine in the title game.

In total, the Michigan State alum has a 41-10 overall postseason record.

A familiar feeling

While said every team he’s coached is different, Jackson saw similarity between this year’s Notre Dame team and his 1992 championship team at LSSU.

He said the biggest parallel between the two squads is the fact that both teams were expected to win a championship the year before.

In 1991, Jackson’s Lakers went 28 games without a loss, and won 26 over that stretch to win the NCAA Tournament title. Last year, Notre Dame went 32-7-3, by far the best season in school history, and was ranked No. 1 in the country heading into the NCAA’s. However, the Irish fell in the second round of the Tournament to eventual champion Michigan State.

After graduating eight seniors from the 1991 team, and losing future NHL All-Star Doug Weight to the NHL, Jackson’s 1992 Lakers finished the season with a mediocre 9-5-2 stretch in its last 12 games. But it got hot at the right time, won the CCHA Tournament, and steamrolled through the NCAA tournament, setting an average of six goals per game during the championship run.

Notre Dame’s second-half struggles this season have been a bit more pronounced — the Irish went 6-8-4 over their last 18 games. The Irish turned it on for the CCHA tournament, tough, and came within 3.4 seconds of beating Miami (Ohio) and advancing to the CCHA championship against Michigan. So far in the NCAA Tournament, the Irish showed a similar late-season scoring prowess to the 1992 LSSU team, as Notre Dame has averaged five goals per game in its two Tournament wins over New Hampshire and Michigan State.

"It’s a very, very similar situation," Gilbert said. "The Frozen Four year that was Wisconsin, Michigan, Notre Dame, and Lake Superior. You’ve got 2,800 fans at Lake Superior and you’re looking at three of the biggest, not Notre Dame’s equipment manager, said that going into the 1992 NCAA Tournament time.

"Of course every coach continues to evolve," Pooley said. "But I think my philosophy is the same and from what I’ve seen, being away from him for such a long time and coming back together, it’s very similar.

Doing the little things right

That philosophy, of course, means playoff success. Pooley attributed Jackson’s spectacular postseason run to his ability to get players to band together come Tournament time.

"The main thing is his ability to get players to band together, a group and focus on the team expert and the commitments necessary to be successful in the NCAA Tournament," Pooley said. Jackson’s attention to detail and commitment is evident in this year’s squad, as Notre Dame’s tournament goals have come from eight different players. Gilbert said that Pooley’s leadership was another similarity this team has with his 1992 Irish Jackson said. "When it came down to the Tournament time, we just really banded together. It was a lot different from how we played.

"It was an opportunity that I just jumped on," Jackson said. "Kind of similar to what we’re getting from this team."

Oddly enough, one of the main factors both Gilbert and Pooley pointed to when asked why Jackson’s teams have had a habit of turning it up a notch in the NCAA Tournament was the fact that Jackson doesn’t change anything for the postseason.

"How he approaches things is the same from week to week, which is good because if you don’t, you get out of whack — you get too high, you get too low — but he’s been very consistent," Pooley said. "Gilbert remembers that steady style from 1992, and says that, while Jackson’s coaching is not the same, it’s more about making all the alterations, he was able to get the players to step up their focus and tune into him more.

"I think it was a change in the guys, to be honest with you," Gilbert said. "I think his message stayed pretty true throughout the year, and I can kind of see that now.

The main idea Jackson tries to communicate to his players is that if you concentrate on doing the little things right, greater success will follow. The head coach said this message is even more important in the NCAA Tournament.

"You have to have guys that are focused and disciplined and all the things that we preach all the time," Jackson said. "We get magnified in the playoffs. If they elevate those things in the playoffs, then we start a better chance of doing well.

So far, Jackson has led the Irish to their first CCHA Championship, their first抽检NCAA Tournament appearances and their first Frozen Four. All that’s left is to win Notre Dame’s first National Championship. The players will look to Jackson to help them achieve that goal this weekend.

"I think it will help," senior captain Mark Van Guider said. "I mean a lot of people say we’re an inexperienced team, it’s our first time, or whatever. I think having coach, Jackson’s been there, seen it all before. I think he can really help, maybe calm us down a little bit.

Jackson has already talked to his players about the off-ice distractions they face as Notre Dame prepares to face off against Minnesota-Duluth.

"I think the distractions is the key thing, that and getting to Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson gives directions during his team’s 7-3 win over No. 1 New Hampshire in the NCAA quarterfinals. taking care of business," Paul Pooley said. "They have to be for the more things that will happen in Denver. He told the team to get things such as tickets and hotel rooms out of the way before they leave.

"The bandwagon has been jumped onto," Jackson said. "They have to be prepared for the hoopla, that’s going to happen in Denver. It’s going to be chaotic around here, so stay focused, this environment is probably the most important thing, not allowing the distractions to impact how you perform in practice. Your mind has to be on the game.

Pooley said all his NCAA Tournament history has taught Jackson how to best get his players to focus on the game at hand.

"One thing that coach always does is make sure everything’s under control and there’s not too many distractions," Pooley said. "Some things we can’t control, but the things we can control, we’ll make sure that we control them.

Jackson said that success this weekend would be a huge boost to the growing Notre Dame hockey program.

"There’s no question, getting to the Frozen Four will help us. That day we win a national championship, whatever it be this year or future years, it’s going to help us go further than what we’ve done in the past.

With his fantastic NCAA Tournament run, Pooley seems to be the right man to oversee that growth, and, possibly this weekend, an NCAA title.

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Jeff Jackson
Third season at Notre Dame
career record: 253-93-36
at Notre Dame: 27-14-11
against
Northern Michigan: 15-18-1

Jeff Jackson knows how to win in the NCAA Tournament. His teams are always firing on all cylinders—when the calendar turns to March and that has brought national championships. It's a pedigree that's hard to beat.

Jackson won two national championships in six seasons at Lake Superior State. That's a title every three years, which puts him on pace for one again in his third season on the Irish bench. Unfortunately it's not that simple, but he can do it.

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Red Berenson is no stranger to a national title either. The Michigan coach won one in 1998 and his teams are a constant presence in the NCAA Tournament. His team will be more than prepared for the Irish on both ends of the ice.

In the second half of the season, Notre Dame flat out couldn't score. But last weekend, the Irish figured out how to score again—and they did it a lot. The offensive creativity they found on the big ice last weekend will need to make another appearance this weekend.

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Battle of the South for one night. The Wolverines defense has been overshadowed all year by their explosive offense, but don't be deceived. Michigan can play defense too, allowing 2.0 goals per game. Mark Mitera will be a physical presence in front of the cage, frustrating the Irish.

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If the Irish offense from last weekend and the first half of the season shows up, this matchup swings toward the Irish. If not, it could be a long game. Look for more daring moves a la Dan Kessel against New Hampshire to ruffle the game.
Michigan Wolverines

Record: 33-5-4
USCHO/CSTV: 1
USA Today: 1

Red Berenson
24th season at Michigan
career record: 644-297-68
at Michigan: 644-297-68
against Notre Dame: 43-9-3
head coach

North Dakota Fighting Sioux
Record: 27-10-4
USCHO/CSTV: 3
USA Today: 2

Dave Hakstol
Fourth season at North Dakota
career record: 105-55-15
at North Dakota: 105-55-15
NCAA Tournament: 9-3

Roster

Michigan Wolverines

Irish Power Play
Irish Penalty Kill

Once the second half of the season started, Notre Dame’s power play became impotent, going 39 straight man-advantage chances without scoring. The problem, however, became a non-issue after February, and the unit has performed well, if not spectacularly.

Like last year, the Irish penalty kill is one of the premier units in the nation. They successfully killed 89.6 percent of their man-advantages, allowing 21 goals in 202 situations. Their box defense is tough to penetrate and Jordan Pearce allows few shots in from the point.

Michigan's penalty kill gets the job done, not allowing a goal 86.9 percent of the time. They were one of the units that stonewalled the Irish during their January power-play goal drought and have the ability to do it again.

The Irish power-play unit against the Wolverines penalty kill will be one of the most crucial battles in the game. An Irish goal in two or more of those situations will swing the game. These units, however, are a dead draw.

The Wolverines spent a majority of the year as the No. 1 team in the country; then they proved they were by taking the CHIA tournament. They don’t lose often and have a long tradition of success in the NCAA Tournament behind them.

Michigan has been arguably the best team in the country all season. They beat the Irish twice in the regular season, even though Notre Dame played strong in the games. They didn’t struggle in winning the CHIA tournament and walked through their regional two weeks ago.

The Irish probably never should have been here. But they are. There is no one outstanding part of their game; their success stems from their ability to buy into Jeff Jackson’s team-centric, no-individuals philosophy. He knows how to win, and now Notre Dame does too.

Notre Dame has had one hell of a season. They spent the first half of the year steamrolling competition, then they walloped in mediocrity for the second half. Right now, they are surging after two upset victories on college hockey’s biggest stage.

The Irish power play will deal with very much adversity this season. The Irish have handled it in workloads, from defeats to injuries. Goaltender’s injury could have broken the Irish, but they responded by marching in their first Frozen Four. Advantage: Irish.

As well as the Irish are playing, the Wolverines are more talented. By all rights, Michigan should win this game and move on, so the overall matchup goes to them. This is a hockey game though, and as ND proved in the regional against UNH, it’s anyone’s game.

The Irish have a tough, but winnable battle with the Wolverines. The Irish lost to them twice this year, and though their game is not the best, they still believe they can beat Michigan.

Michigan Wolverines

Heck, I won’t even bother. Theiring proof that tournament games are won on the ice and on the ice only, and continue to show higher-ranked teams will not be the case here.

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So much has been made of Michigan’s explosive offense, and they will come out firing. Jordan Pearce keeps the Irish in the game, though, and the Irish (finally) get a lucky bounce. Jeff Jackson claims his third National Championship as Notre Dame completes a three-game sweep of Michigan State, Michigan, and BC in a complete exertion of football season.

FINAL SCORE: Notre Dame 3, Michigan 2
Notre Dame 2, BC D

Irish predictions

Sam Werner
Sports Writer
Irish forget regional, get to work against Michigan

By KYLE CASSILY
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At the end of one practice early last week, Irish coach Jeff Jackson ordered his players to skate to the goal line, shattering any euphoria still left over from that weekend's West Regional championship. Jackson, who wanted to condition his players to handle the high altitude and low oxygen of the Frozen Four in Denver, skated them across the length of the rink until some looked ready to pass out. Again.

"It's been good to let us come back to earth a little bit," Irish captain Mark Van Guilder said about the two-week layover between the NCAA Tournament regional and the Frozen Four. "We were feeling pretty good about ourselves after that weekend. But you kind of realize after a few days that, hey, we still have work to do."

For one of the top teams in the country, going back to the grind is what Van Guilder means. "It's just a matter of putting [Ian] on the ice, and he's one of the best. He's the quarterback," coach Jeff Jackson said, and Cole Porter

The No. 3 Irish have a lot of work left to do when they play No. 1 Michigan tonight at 9 in Denver in the national semifinal. Notre Dame (26-15-4) lost twice to the Wolverines (13-5-4) during the regular season, stymied by a winning goal with 20 seconds left and then by a poor defensive performance in a 5-1 loss. The two losses to Michigan came in January at the start of a two-and-a-half month stretch of fullness during which the Irish went 9-11-4 prior to the upset 7-3 victory over New Hampshire in the NCAA quarterfinals.

"[Michigan] is on a mission, but I would like to believe our team is too," Jackson said. "The confidence we gained last weekend helped us a lot. The game against UNH helped us against Michigan State. The guys understand that, in all the other national and all the problems we had in the second half, I think they found out if they pay the price, they can beat anybody."

"I've been saying in the postgame that, hey, we've been playing so well for so long, it can't possibly continue," Van Guilder said. "I just don't want to be the one to go out of the game."

The Irish offense was as impotent as the Wolverines' was dangerous. In the 21 games before the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame scored only four goals. But a seven-goal barrage against New Hampshire foreshadowed a three-goal win in the quarterfinals over Michigan State against one of the nation's top goalies in Jeff Liog's given confidence back to Notre Dame's skaters.

"We were saying in Colorado Springs how nice it would be to join him because we would have been scoring seven goals a game," Irish defensemen Dan-Van Nard said. "It wouldn't have been so nerve-wracking.

"I'm just looking on the big picture," Van Guilder said. "Michigan goalie Billy Sauer, although not a Hobey Baker finalist, has posted a 1.89 goals against average, fourth best in the nation. Sauer, a junior, has registered four of Notre Dame's five goals in the NCAA tournament. In the second round of the CCHA playoffs, the Irish have three pairs of defensemen playing hurt. One pair is Brad 'Brock' VeNard and Chris Blatchford. VeNard (five goals, seven assists) and Blatchford (12 goals, 12 assists) are a mix of the two, as Jackson has seen major improvements in VeNard's defensive intensity and Blatchford's ability to distribute the puck.

"I try to get into the rush as much as I can and kind of be the guy in the wave of attack," said VeNard, who has scored just two career goals in three injury-plagued seasons coming into his senior campaign. "Brett's a guy who makes a good first pass. We just try to hold our heads above the water and try to stop the third and fourth lines when we're out there."

Regardless of who's paired in the defensive blend, depending on who's on the ice and how the offensive zone for the Irish, "VeNard is 100 percent," said Jackson. "We've got a nice balance of guys that are solid defensively, and we've got guys with offensive instincts, but they all know how to play defense. With the development of the young guys ... and the leadership of the seniors, we're definitely solid."

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Blue-line pairings master roles, offensive side

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With a 1.95 goals-against average that ranks sixth nationally, junior goalie Jordan Pearce has earned elite status among college hockey netminders. He's also been credited with much of Notre Dame's success this year, especially considering the worries scoring goals during the season's second half.

Still, within the locker room, the team knows the Irish go as Pearce and his defensemen go.

"We try to play solid defensively and our offensive kind of stems from that," Pearce said. "It helps out when our guys cover their areas as well as they have and keep guys from getting free and keeping shots out on the other side. I might have to make a big save or two a game, but other than that, they make my job as easy as you can make it.

"The Irish have three pairs of defensemen that log plenty of ice time — sophomore Kyle Lawson and freshman Ian Cole, senior Brock Sheahan and freshman Teddyhi, and senior Dan Vanard and sophomore Brett Blatchford. Each pairing has its own defined style and strategy, making all three units valuable to the Irish.

Lawson (five goals, 20 assists) and Cole (eight goals, 10 assists) combine to form the most offensively prolific tandem, with Lawson serving as the "quarterback," coach Jeff Jackson said, and Cole the top playmaker.

"[Kyle] makes good decisions with the puck ... and he's as good defensively as anybody," Jackson said. "It's just a matter of putting [Ian] in the position to use his big shot effectively. That's why we've put him in that role, to be more active shooting on the power play recently, because that's what he's gifted with.

"I've just been finding the seams and guys have been giving me good passes," Cole said. "I've got to get shots on the net, and I've just been hitting them."

Lawson has transitioned well into his role as the third line's top defensive presence.

"All I'm looking for is to feed him the puck," Lawson said. "He's got a good, big, slanted shot, and I'd rather pass than shoot anyway. I've seen a problem sliding it over to him."

At the opposite end of the spectrum are Sheahan (one goal, 11 assists) and Ruth (two goals, 3 assists), the two hard-hitting enforcers who are almost always charged with stopping an opponent's top lines — which they will try to do tonight against an explosive Michigan offense, led by forwards Kevin Porter (33 goals) and Chad Kolarik (28 goals).

"Brock's leadership is going to be there ... every night, he's a man. He plays against the top lines and the top players as tough as anybody," Jackson said. "Teddyhi, he's physical, he skates well, and he makes good decisions with the puck ... I love the guy's grittiness, I like his character, and I think he's got a lot of upside (offensively)."

While Ruth scored a big insurance goal late in the West Regional final against Michigan State and Sheahan tallied an assist in the win over UNH, the offensive production they do provide is just icing on the cake.

"We pride ourselves on being strong physically and doing a good job against the other teams' top lines," Sheahan said. "There's certain guys we've got to really buckle down with on the ice, and he's one of those guys.

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Irish get goals from new places without Condra

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After Irish junior right wing Erik Condra was helped off the ice by teammates after being injured in a March 16 playoff win over Ferris State, one question surfaced through the minds of nearly every onlooker — how will the Irish deal with the loss of their leading scorer?

That inquiry was answered resoundingly in Colorado Springs, where the Irish pulled off two upsets to advance to this weekend's Frozen Four.

But the less-pondered question remains — how is Condra himself coping with the pain of not only a knee injury, but also the pain of watching his teammates before games during the CCHA semifinals, they couldn't afford to let Condra's injury keep them from putting away Ferris State — and a newfound sense of urgency was immediately evident, senior captain Mark Van Guilder said.

"It was pretty clear that we needed a lot of guys to step up for his absence," said. "There was nothing said during the game, but you could see things really change among the guys over the next couple shifts — guys realizing the scoring's going to have to come from somewhere, so we better pick it up."

But according to coach Jeff Jackson, it wasn't just the scoring that would need a boost.

"Anytime a player goes down, there's obviously concern about the welfare of the player first and foremost," Jackson said. "Then you start gaining some perspective about all the areas where you're going to miss him — and it's not just from an offensive perspective. He's one of our top guys on the power play, and we rely on him a lot in penalty-killing and with the other team's goalie."

And it wouldn't take long for one of those "other" areas to come into play.

With the Irish desperately clinging to a 1-0 lead late in their CCHA semifinal matchup with then-No. 3 Miami (Ohio), the RedHawks pulled their goalie to create a six-on-five advantage and attempt to score the game-tying goal — and they did just that. Miami won with a crucial assist in the Notre Dame defensive zone, and with less than two seconds to play in regulation.

"The funny thing is that's actually the position that Erik Condra would have been in making his face-off," Jackson said after the loss. "We practiced that situation, five-on-six, with Erik, but since Erik got hurt last Sunday, we didn't practice it last week with a new player. It's hindsight, but it's one of the areas that you just lose track of the fact that he's the guy that would have been on the ice in that situation. Everybody talks about his losses from other areas, but that's one that even our coaching staff almost didn't anticipate the importance of."

Picking it up

"There's a lot of things the Irish have lived to see another day, earning an NCAA tournament berth despite losing both their games in Detroit. But Miami won the game in the place where they needn't have won on, with out their fallen star."

"When you lose a guy like that, especially being a senior, it's duty to step up," senior captain Mark Van Guilder said. "You can't just lose out and pick it up a little bit."

And Van Guilder has come through, gaining 11 points in the 7-3 thrashing of New last weekend and earning the game-winner in the regional championship win over Minnesota. He was named the West Regional's most outstanding player.

But the Irish captain is just one of several players who have stepped up. Irish senior forward Kevin Deeth (Condra's former linemates) and defensemen Kyle Lawson, Ian Cole and Teddy Ruth.

Junior center Christian Hanson was perhaps the most impressive player for the Irish in Colorado Springs, scoring three goals and adding an assist in the two games to earn all-regional honors.

"Erik's the best player on our team, so we felt when he went down, we knew that all the guys around him were going to have to pick it up," Hanson said. "I've just been trying to do my part, get in (near the net) a little more and take a few more chances offensively."

The efforts of the perhaps once-less-heralded Irish players have certain not gone unnoticed.

"They've definitely picked it up for me," said. "It's good to see them battling and scoring all the little things in the right time. We're paying attention to details, and we're taking that intensity to the next level, where it matters."

"It's almost harder to be a fan than a player because you're sitting there and you can't do anything about it." Condra said. "I was probably hoping of the most excited guys out there when we won, and I think I'm just as much a part of it now as I was when he was on the ice — and they have to be fired up like that.

That has been a focus of the team and its coaching staff, Jackson said.

"The thing that's tough for me is to watch him see what's happening right now," he said. "I don't think anybody's more passionate about playing than Erik, and I know that inside it's just killing him not being there.

"I want to make sure he stays involved. He's a huge component of our team and he's still is, from a leadership and an emotional perspective. I want to make sure he gets the chance to enjoy this, even though he won't be able to fully enjoy it because he's not on the ice."

Though Jackson knows the team will miss its star tonight against Michigan, and that Condra himself is certainly unhappy with being injured, the Irish coach knows the experience could help Condra in the future.

"He hasn't missed a game until now, and it is an opportunity for him to see things from the coaches' perspective and from his teammates' perspective," he said. "You never want to see that happen, but hopefully it will teach him to be training hard this off-season because I know he wants to be training back for Notre Dame's face next fall. "I want to make sure I get that chance to be out there on that ice with them."

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The long road to Denver

It hasn't been easy, but the Irish have made it to the Frozen Four anyway. After a fast start that saw Notre Dame climb into the top eight of the national rankings, the Irish went cold — really cold. But Notre Dame couldn't have come together at a more perfect time, coming to life in Colorado Springs by pulling consecutive upsets over North Hampshire and CCHA-rival Michigan State. If the Irish hope to advance to Saturday's national championship game, they'll have to overcome the CCHA (and perhaps the country's) best team in No. 1 Michigan. The Irish gave up a late goal to lose the teams' first meeting 3-2 on Jan. 18, before getting blown out 5-1 the next night at the Palace in Auburn Hills. But as Notre Dame showed in Colorado Springs two weekends ago, anything can happen come Tournament time.