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INSIDE COLUMN

Dot com writing

I am not a writer. And I am not going to pretend that I am one. This is not a technical — my AP English Language and English Literature scores will tell you that I have mastered the basics. After all, I am a good speller (I can identify and change the words I misspelled in little red squiggles), and I can usually do a decent job with grammar — just read what I have written out loud, and if it sounds okay then I figure I am probably good to go.

Basically, the problem is getting started. The prompt. What do I write about, and how do I make it interesting? One of my worst nightmares is to have assigned an open-ended paper topic, revising it only to Show That — You Actually Understood the Lectures and Readings — get your final grade. Pages Double-Spaced. Oh, and be sure to use Times New Roman, 12 point.

Yes, I am certain that I am not alone in my struggle to fill a page with meaningful text. For anyone who has ever tried a 12.5 point or 1.3 inch margins, or even reverted to T.N. Roman's close type (less space-efficient) consists Big City, Rockefeller, Bemko, and I'm not sure what you mean.

Now, I just get mad, and your teacher's unruffled eye just can't catch the type modifications that stretch that four-and-six-sevenths-page paper to a full five-page, more spelling out numbers under one-hundred is correct standard formatting, and also happen to be up out of space. Name with spelling out contractions). It would be a burden to punch you both in the paper — also. I would not recommend trying any tricks with the typewriter teachers in the Graphic Design department. Oh, wait, we don't write papers in design class. Never mind.

What I am trying to say is that even if 13 point Century with 1.476 inch margins will not do the trick, there is, thankfully, help for those of us struggling with paper writing assignments. For example, the Observer's Writing Bumpers.com and similar Web sites are out there waiting to get your fingers tapping and your cerebral tunnel activated. It's the serious, nobody writes with pen and paper anymore. They would not be able to copy paste your most recent research material into Wikipedia when you finished.) Some of the 302 prompts on the site sound- ed like a chance for finding synonyms for overused words like "interesting," so I narrowed it down to a few that I thought would fit this column. I have clearly chosen another direction (and have done a decent job of filling the host, but I encourage you to choose and ponder one of these, or discuss it with a friend over some research that we will make available. If you make a mistake, we will make a mistake. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at (619)-455) so we can correct our error.

Mary Jesse
Graphics Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW DO YOU PLAN ON CELEBRATING ANSTOSANT WEEK?

Kim Nanovic
junior
Welsh Family

"I'm participating in The World's Largest Spine Train — you should come too!"

Robert Plasschaert
junior
Alumni Hall

"I'm going to sacrifice a small animal."

Ben Linskey
freshman
Dillon

"Pantless."

Matt Bouillier
freshman
Dillon

"I'm going to celebrate with Achilles and Petroclus."

Spud Dupuis
junior
McGinn

"Not doing any homework!"

In Brief

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

The African Student Association is hosting African Food Culture Night today at 6 p.m. in the Calhoun-Morse Student Lounge. The event is part of Africa Week.

NBC Washington bureau chief and moderator of "Meet the Press" Tim Russert will deliver a lecture entitled "When Politicians Meet the Press" today at 8 p.m. in the Washington Hall.

The Notre Dame Baseball Team will play Toledo Tuesday at 6:05 p.m. at the Eck Baseball Stadium. Admission is free for students.

Archbishop Luis Augusto Castro Quiroga will deliver a lecture entitled "Columbus: The Church as Peacebuilder" Wednesday from 12 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in the Hesburg Center Auditorium.

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OFFBEAT

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Knott honored as Hall of the Year

By STEVE SANTAY News Writer

Knott Hall was awarded the honor of Hall of the Year by the Brianwater's Student Council last Monday at the Student Leadership Recognition Banquet at Lehigh University.

Keenan Hall was named Men's Hall of the Year, while Lewis and Helen Bernstein's Hall was the Women's Hall of the Year.

Coincidentally received honor able mention — the first time ever that an "honorable men tion" form was recognized.

Knott president Edward Radke said that the committee could be attributed to the wide variety of events the dorm hosted and the council's winning charity events and discussion with professors.

"I believe the single largest reason for Knott's success is that we organize the participants, amount of extremely successful events," Barsh said. "It was a lot of fun. I really enjoyed working with all of the other groups on campus."

Keenan Hall president Mark Webler said although he was very proud of Keenan's success, his overall experience as dorm president was more rewarding.

"One of the coolest things about being a hall president was the chance to interact with leaders from other dorms," he said. "Awards aside, we're all trying to create a positive, engaging atmosphere throughout the campus atmosphere.

"I was always providing a tour of both of its assistant rectors, hall president Jessica Keppel said the hall council was successful in entice exciting events by enticing people with the promise of free food.

"The commissioners on our council really worked hard to get everyone excited," she said. "Offering free Papa John's breadsticks really works well if you want people to come to events.

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Scientists test out sludge in poor areas

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Scientists using federal grants spread fertilizer made from human and industrial wastes on yards in poor, black neighborhoods to test whether it might protect children from lead poisoning as part of a taxpayer-supported collaboration to remove sludge from the nation's cities and as India's once-overlooked poor children.

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Thomas Burke
Johns Hopkins professor

Burke, the researcher, said, put the children at risk of brain or nerve damage from lead. A highly toxic metal, lead is used in gasoline and paint. Lead has been shown to cause brain damage among preschoolers and it is loaded into paint that had flaked off their homes.

The researchers said the phosphate and iron in the sludge can bind to lead and other hazardous metals in the soil, allowing the combination to pass safely through a range of pathways.

The idea that sludge — the left-over semisolid waste from water pollution at 16,000 treatment plants — can be turned into something harmless, even if swallowed, has been a goal of federal policy for three decades.

In a 1978 memo, the EPA said sludge "contains nutrients and organic matter which have considerable benefit for land and crops" despite the presence of "low levels of toxic substances."

But in the late 1990s the government began underwriting studies such as those in Baltimore and East St. Louis using poor neighborhood zoos and residences to make a case that sludge may well be even better for health.

"Meanwhile, there has been a paucity of research on the long-term harmful effects of heavy metals, pharmaceuticals, other chemicals and those-causing microorganisms often found in sludge," Burke said.

A series of reports by the EPA's inspector general and the National Academy of Sciences between 1996 and 2002 faulted the adequacy of the science and the EPA's 1995 regulations on sludge.

The chairman of the 2002 academy panel, Dr. Walter Burke, professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, says epidemiological studies have never been done to show whether spreading sludge is safe.

"There are potential pathogens and chemicals that are not in the realm of safety," Burke told the AP. "What's needed are more studies on what's going on with the pathogens in sludge — are we actually removing them? The commitment to connecting the dots hasn't been there."

Associated Press

ROME — Italians fed up with the nation's most powerful and a stagnant economy voted Sunday in early parliamentary elections that could return conservative billionaire Silvio Berlusconi to power.

The 71-year-old media mogul's main opponent is Left-wing Premier Romano Prodi, a liberal reformer who has promised to implement an array of reforms and an ideology-free approach to tackling the country's problems.

A sense of malaise hung over the election, an Israeli pessimist that the ruling coalition was doomed by years of scandals and a popular administration that many decried as corrupt.

"I could only be going to vote," said 47-year-old Bruno Brunetti in central Rome. "I have little faith this time."

The election comes three years after the fall of Berlusconi's premiership due to the collapse of Romeo Prodi's left-wing government. Italians voted Sunday in a new three-party coalition that could return conservative billionaire Silvio Berlusconi to power.

Berlusconi will face Italy's perilous political landscape — improving the economy, the world's seventh largest, has been underperformed the rest of the euro zone for years and the Italian government has forecast a 0.3 percent this year, compared with a 1.4 percent average growth for the 15-euro area.

Italian governments on both sides have failed to make the structural reforms that economists say are needed — either for lack of political will or consensus.

On the household level, Italians are pressured by rising prices though salaries are among the lowest in Western Europe.

Signs of decline abound, from a dry spell in Naples, to a buffalo mozzarella heath scare that has hurt exports and hit the country's culinary treasures, to the faltering sale of Sardinian olive oil.

Italians increasingly blame the current government coalition — not just one political force or another — for the failure to solve the nation's problems.

There are 945 parliamentary seats up for grabs in the vote, which was scheduled to last until 10 p.m. Sunday and then resume Monday morning until early afternoon.

Turnout was running at 64 percent late Sunday, slightly behind the 66 percent at the same time last year during the last vote in 2006.

Berlusconi, who has been prime minister twice before, led elections polls two weeks ago, but more recent polls showed Berlusconi making a comeback. Whether Berlusconi could prevail could depend on undecided voters, a significant portion of the 41 million voters, analysts say.

Berlusconi appeared to have a clearer lead in the lower house, while the vote for the Senate was too close to be decided.

In the same problems, Berlusconi has spurred the far-left, Berlusconi, vying for his third stint as premier in the last 14 years, has blamed the outgoing center-left government for the country's problems.

Berlusconi, who lost his last government only 20 months ago, is running.

India

Sex-selective abortions continue

By 2001, researchers reported from 20 to 40 million "missing" girls

Associated Press

SINGHPUTRA, India — Standing in front of his small brick house, in a clary fig tree where oral ces have been baked down by genera­ tion of barfoot children, he looked silent­ ly, his hands covering the back of everyone's ears.

"Only someone who has been through something like this can understand the size of my catastrophe," said Sukhpal Singh Talsania, 25, who has struggled to find some reason for his suffering, but has come up with little else but to try to help the atmosphere.

The province's "Wealthiest" daughter does all right, so many he some­ times stumbles over their names. But his wife, Shanti, never forgets, and the words spill from her like a breathless prayer: "Amb­ ash-Varsha, Sheetal-Indira-Chandni-Shezal.

These are the girls who have been born in a country where one girl in 10,000 people is missing.

"But it's still in the back of everyone's mind: I must have a male child."

Madhur Gurhan
Moresca obstetrician

"There's more money here now, and more education. But it's still in the back of everyone's mind," said Madhur Gurhan, the obstetrician who runs the public hospital's women's ward in Meerana, the largest nearby city. "The problem doesn't change that much.

It has long been clear that India has a deep-seated preference for boys. By 2001, researchers estimated that the country had anywhere from 20 million to 40 million "missing" girls from sex-selective abortions made available through the spread of ultrasound technology.

But the state of exceptions — as places like Singhpura become small towns, as towns become cities and as India's once-over­ whelming poverty is slowly supplanted by an increasingly edu­ cated middle class that wants fewer children — researchers say the problem is only getting worse.
Candidates discuss God and religion

Clinton and Obama answer questions about personal faith at forum

Associated Press
GRANTHAM, Pa. — Democratic Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said Sunday that the potential for life begins at conception as she and presidential rival Sen. Barack Obama answered questions about faith and religion in both their personal lives and the public discourse.

In a forum devoted to an issue rare on the campaign trail, the two White House hopefuls talked about the presence of God in their lives and how often they read the Bible as well as divisive issues such as abortion, assassination and human rights within the context of faith.

The two are reaching out to people of faith in Pennsylvania, which holds its primary on April 22. GOP nominee-in-waiting John McCain did not participate.

Clinton was asked whether life begins at conception — which opponents of abortion contend is a reality that makes any termination of a pregnancy the end of a life.

"I believe the potential for life begins at conception," Clinton said. "Stop kibs" is a contemporary piece written by Diana Son and was performed in Saint Mary's Little Theater.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Iraqi government sacks deserters
BAGHDAD — Iraq's government moved Sunday to root out anti-government fighters who had deserted during recent fighting against Shiite militias in Basra.

At the same time, Iraq's Cabinet ratched up the pressure on anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr by approving draft legislation barring him from running in upcoming provincial elections.

A senior Iraqi government official, who asked not to be identified, said the draft legislation bars al-Sadr from running in the elections, which are to be held in the fall, and imposes a ban on his organization, the Majlesi, which has been a political force in southern Iraq.

President's rival to be prime minister
NAIROBI — President Mwai Kibaki named opposition leader Raila Odinga as prime minis­ter Sunday, implementing a long-awaited power-sharing deal aimed at resolving a political crisis that left more than 1,000 people dead.

The deal — signed more than a month ago — marks the first time Kenya will have both a president and prime minister. But the working relationship between the two has been frosty in the past, with Kibaki and Odinga both voting to have more hopeful and free societies.

Pope Benedict XVI blesses pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sunday, asking them to pray for a successful visit to the United States.

Pope to arrive at White House
Papal visit with President Bush to be second in history; crowd of 12,000 expected

leaders will be there instead.

The president explained the special treatment — particularly the airport greeting.

"One, he speaks for millions. Two, he doesn't come as a politician; he comes as a man of faith," Bush told the EWTN Global Catholic Network in an interview aired Friday. He added that he wanted Benedict's conviction that "there's right and wrong in life, that moral rela­tivism has a danger of undermining the capacity to have more hopeful and free societies."

The Bush-Benedict get-together will be the 25th meeting between a pope and a sitting president.

The first did not come until shortly after the end of World War I, when Woodrow Wilson was received at the Vatican by Pope Benedict XV in 1919. The next wasn't for 40 more years, when President Eisenhower saw Pope John XXIII in Rome. President Carter hosted the first White House visit by a pope when John Paul II came on Oct. 6, 1979.

Since then, such audi­ences have become a must-do. Every president has met with the pope at least once, often more. This week makes Bush the record-holder, with a total of five meetings with two popes.

There are more than 64 million reasons for this. Catholics number nearly one-quarter of the U.S. population, making them a desirable constituency for politicians to court. Worldwide, there are now an estimated 1 billion Roman Catholics.

The pope represents not just the Catholic church but the possibility of moral argument in world affairs and it is very important for American presidents to rub up against that, from time to time," said George Weigel, a Catholic theolo­gian and biographer of Pope John Paul II.

NATIONAL NEWS
Officials confiscate witnesses' phones
WASHINGTON — The leader of the world's Roman Catholics has been to the White House only once. History that changes this week, and Bush will push to pull out all the stops: driving out to a suburban mil­itary base, to award the pope Benedict XVI's plane, bringing a giant audience with a high-profile meal in the Bushes have put on a capacity for politicians to court.

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Latter Day Saints who are in the legal custody of the state had sought the order, said Mariana Gonzalez, a spokeswoman for Texas Child Protective Services.

The attorneys reasoned that cutting off communications would "prevent the possible tam­pering of memorabilia."

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Obama apologizes for comments
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As he tried to quell the firestorm, presidential rival Hillary Rodham Clinton hit Obama with one of her lengthiest and most pointed criticisms to date. "Senator Obama's remarks were elitist and out of touch," she said, campaigning about an hour away in Pennsylvania. "It's a profound refusal of the values and beliefs of Americans."

At issue are comments Obama made privately at a fundraiser in San Francisco last Sunday. He explained his troubles winning over working class voters, saying they have become frustrated with economic conditions.

President Bush will arrive at the White House Sunday. He will meet with President Obama for the first time since the 2008 election.

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ISRAEL
Leaders shun Carter over Hamas meeting
JERUSALEM — Former President Jimmy Carter brokered the first meeting between a pope and a sitting president.

The first did not come until shortly after the end of World War I, when Woodrow Wilson was received at the Vatican by Pope Benedict XV in 1919. The next wasn't for 40 more years, when President Eisenhower saw Pope John XXIII in Rome. President Carter hosted the first White House visit by a pope, when John Paul II came on Oct. 6, 1979.

Since then, such audi­ences have become a must-do. Every president has met with the pope at least once, often more. This week makes Bush the record-holder, with a total of five meetings with two popes.

There are more than 64 million reasons for this. Catholics number nearly one-quarter of the U.S. population, making them a desirable constituency for politicians to court. Worldwide, there are now an estimated 1 billion Roman Catholics.

The pope represents not just the Catholic church but the possibility of moral argument in world affairs and it is very important for American presidents to rub up against that, from time to time," said George Weigel, a Catholic theolo­gian and biographer of Pope John Paul II.

0 Pope Benedict XVI blesses pilgrims in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican Sunday, asking them to pray for a successful visit to the United States.
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Solar power is another popular suggestion as a source of alternative energy. According to Thompson, the cost of transportation and extraction of solar power is one of the biggest problems alternative fuels face.

To illustrate the severity of the environmental problem, Thompson, by the year 2020, Africa will have 75-250 million people who struggle to find water. This makes the situation in the United Nations' predictions for the world in 2020 more pressing.

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Jenkins joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997 after serving at Harvard University as a lecturer and Dunwattie Associate Professor of American History and History and Literature. He has been chair of the Department of History at Notre Dame since 2001.

"John McGreevey is a talented and recognized scholar, gifted and award-winning teacher, and proven leader," University Provost Thomas G. Bursch said. "He has an exceptional understanding of commitment and a proven ability to articulate the rich understanding of Catholic identity and character of Notre Dame, and he is able to articulate this dual mission in clear and compelling terms. We are grateful and fortunate to have that," Kelley said.

Thompson’s lecture entitles "Going Green: The new black," but will it stay in style? was part of the lecture series “Security and Human Rights.”

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**Jenkins names McGreevey new dean**

History professor succeeds Roche as head of College of Arts and Letters

Special to The Observer

John T. McGreevey, departmental chair and professor of history at Notre Dame, has been appointed I.A. O’Shaughnessy Dean of the College of Arts and Letters by University president Fr. John Jenkins effective July 1.

Since returning to his alma mater a decade ago, John has been a valued voice on our campus, through higher education and in the Church,” Jenkins said. “He is held in the highest regard as a scholar and raconteur here at Notre Dame and in the academic world, and I am delighted that he has accepted our offer to lead Notre Dame’s largest and oldest college.

McGreevey joined the Notre Dame faculty in 1997 after serving at Harvard University as a lecturer, assistant, associate, and full professor of American History, "Catholicism and American Freedom: A History," was published in 1998 by HarperCollins. McGreevey was awarded the John Gilmary Shea Prize for best book on Catholic history from the American Catholic Historical Association.

The new dean succeeds Mark Roche, who is stepping down after a successful 14 years in the role.

Jenkins praised McGreevey’s "brilliant book, which brings historical analysis of religion in American culture to a new level of insight and importance.”

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Am. Airlines returns jets to service — American Airlines on Saturday received clearance from federal aviation officials to return all of its 300 grounded jets to service, an airline spokesman said.

Starting Tuesday, the nation's largest airline canceled nearly 3,300 flights, as it grounded 300 MD-80 jets to wrap binding contracts to meet safety standards and prevent fires.

The cancellations stranded hundreds of thousands of travelers, as it grounded the world's biggest airline, but pilot officials said they thought they could obtain full pilot agreement two weeks ago when it scrubbed more than 400 flights, but the Federal Aviation Administration said the wiring still was not secure and stowed properly in wheel wells.

Founders fight for control over club — Virginia's new chairman, Edra Jones, is the ultra-rich, the Sunshine State is a private retreat like no other. It boasts its own ski resort, security provided by ex-Secret Service agents and a deep-pocketed membership that includes Bill Gates and former Vice President Dan Quayle.

He called on governments to rapidly carry out commitments to provide the U.N. World Food Program with $500 million in emergency aid it needs by May 1.

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Associated Press

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World Bank addresses food prices

Zoellick urges governments to give U.N. World Food Program $500 million by May

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Mexico

Security, railroads impact immigration

Associated Press

ABRIGA, Mexico — For thousands of Central Americans fleeing violence from Central America, the long journey to the U.S. starts here, on an eight-hour trek back of a freight train they call The Beast. But these days many don’t go too far.

Central Americans without documentation to cross into the U.S. are outfitted with a security within Mexico, including checks on the train for stowaways. It’s also harder for them to head north once they cross into Mexico because of hurricane damage to the train tracks.

The result: The number of non-Mexican migrants stopped by the Mexican authorities has dropped almost 60 percent from 2005, despite increased detention efforts. About 6,000 non-Mexican migrants — mostly Central American migrants — were arrested in 2005, last year, compared to 2005.

Mexican authorities have added up to 10 percent of all migrants caught by Border Patrol officers this year.

Mexico itself is also seeing fewer illegal immigrants — 124,000 recorded last year, a 50 percent decline from 2005, when Hurricane Stan hit Mexico, destroyed the rail system connecting the National Institute of Migration. Since President Felipe Calderon took office two years ago, Mexico has added more soldiers and federal police to its border with Guatemala and more immigration checkpoints throughout the south.

Despite its efforts to secure its own southern border, Mexico does not try to stop its own citizens from crossing legally into the United States, beyond pursuing drug and people smugglers. People want to walk north legally, and they can do so without fear of being arrested.

Many Mexican bankers have presented
to illegal immigrants from Central America, but the issue still causes some tensions that footloose Central Americans who have
crossed the border with Guatemala, where for $1 they cross on makeshift rafts into swirling jungles. Then they hike along the destroyed, sun-scorched train tracks to Arriaga for up to 10 days. Arriaga is 100 miles from the Guatemalan border, is the closest place to buy a train ticket since Hurricane Stan destroyed the Chiapa-Maya line.

As they head north, they pay off thieves, immigration officials, police and railroad employees.

Juan Gabriel Ramos, a Guatemalan 17-year-old trying to join in California, said that when his trainer, a police officer and an immigration agent even before making it to Arriaga.

"They both told me that if I didn’t give them money they would kill me and take me back to Guatemala."

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Soldiers, citizens use alcohol detectors

767 on Army training post hate personal devices in cars, on key chains

Associated Press

FORT JACKSON, S.C. — Hoping to save a life when an Army buddy had too much to drink, 767 soldiers had the right idea. On Monday, the Army’s largest training post now carry personal alcohol detectors in their cars or on their key chains.

Fort Jackson’s safety director Sean O’Brien has been handing out the four-inch devices since the first of the year.

“It’s a good way to get not to end up in confrontation with a buddy, in case they’ve been drinking,” said Master Sgt. James Smith. “It’s imperative. It lets you say, ‘Hey, let’s this be our guide.”

While there hasn’t been a big problem with drunken driving on the base — there were 10 alcohol-related accidents in a recent 12-month span — it’s still too many in O’Brien’s opinion.

Fort Jackson is one of eight Army installations that have begun using the pocket-sized detectors, base spokesman Pat Jones said.

Staff Sgt. Teresa Vann at Fort Benning, Ga., said she grabbed half of dozens of body for an alcohol officer and an immigration agent even before making it to Arriaga.

“If I go to a gathering where people are drinking, I want to be able to hand them out. I think they could be a deciding factor for people not to get behind the wheel,” said the 35-year-old administrative assistant.

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HAITI

Nutritional crisis threatens stability

Anger over rising food prices leads to protests, ousting of politician

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Aid organizations said Sunday they feared the nutritional crisis could deepen in impoverished Haiti, where skyrocketing food prices have already led to deadly protests and the ouster of the nation's No. 2 politician.

With anger over food prices threatening the stability of this Caribbean nation already haunt­ed by chronic hunger, the U.N. World Food Program appealed for donations to meet its US$96 million (61 million) aid goal for Haiti. It has collected less than 15 percent of the annual budget goal.

On Saturday, President Rene Preval announced subsidies to lower the price of rice and Haitian lawmakers fired Prime Minister Jacques Eudard Alexis for failing to boost food produc­tion.

But aid workers said the mea­ures might not be enough to ease popular anger if hunger continues to rise.

Mamadou Mbaye, who heads the U.N. World Food Program's office in Haiti, said firing Haiti's systemic problems like unem­ployment and dependence on imported food cannot be accom­plished immediately, and that means unrest could continue.

"Some measures will generate results in the long term ... but whether people will be willing to wait for that is another issue," he said.

Mbaye said the violence is hampering his agency's efforts to feed people. Children who used to depend on school-lunch pro­grams and adults who participate in work-for-food programs have been forced to stay home, bur­dening families, he said.

Haiti imports almost all its food and global food prices have risen 40 percent since mid-2007. Locally, the prices of rice and pasta have doubled in parts of the capital of Haiti, a country where 2.4 million people already cannot afford the minimal daily calories recommended by the World Health Organization.

On Saturday, Preval announced that international aid and local importers would work together to lower rice prices by 15 percent. A week of hunger-provoked protests and looting have already left six people dead, including a Nigerian officer with the 9,000-member U.N. police force who was pulled from a car and killed Saturday afternoon. Three Sri Lanka­n peacekeepers on patrol were injured by gunfire earlier in the week.

Preval is mulling over candi­dates to replace Alexis as prime minister, while some Haitians speculate lawmakers could go after the president next.

Sen. Youri Latortue told reporters that votes to replace Alexis as prime minister would be prepared to consider a new prime minister on Monday.

A full in violence Sunday allowed residents to shop in mur­res and attend church in the Haitian capital. U.N. peacekeep­ers reported no new violence or widespread protests.

But aid workers said that volatile protests were likely to continue because of sustained high food prices in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere.

As prices increase, desperation is spreading from the slums to Haiti's working poor, part of the impetus for this week's demon­strations, said Bill Canny of Catholic Relief Services.

Dumas Antoiner, a 54-year-old father of 14, said just one can of rice costs a fifth of the US$4 (2.50) he earns on a good day loading group taxis in the hills above Port-au-Prince.

"I hope that one day I'll see rice go back down at least 10 gourdes (26 cents; 16 euro cents) and I will be able to feed my kids at least two meals a day," he said.

Canny said Catholic Relief Services continues to distribute food to tens of thousands of vul­nerable children, pregnant women and the sick. But the pro­gram will need more donations if hunger spreads to poor people with slightly higher incomes.

"The international community has to work with the government to come together" to ease the hunger crisis, he said.

AUSTRIA

Official cancels meeting with IAEA

Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria — A top Iranian official on Sunday abruptly canceled a meeting with the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, dealing a blow to the U.N. monitor's efforts to investigate allegations that Iran tried to make nuclear arms, an agency official said.

The IAEA official, confirm­ing Iranian media reports that Monday's planned meet­ning was off, told The Associated Press that no reason had been given.

But a senior diplomat had told The AP that IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei likely planned to use the meeting to renew a request for more information on allegations Tehran had tried to make atomic arms.

Both the official and the diplomat demanded anonym­ity because they were not authorized to comment by name on the Iranian nuclear issue.

Iran's official news agency, IRNA, reported Sunday that the talks between Aghazadeh and the U.N. nuclear watch­dog were postponed. There was no immediate explana­tion for the discrepancy.

The diplomat, who follows IAEA attempts to clear up suspicions about Iran's nuclear activities, said the meeting also was likely to have focused on Iran's latest show of defiance of U.N. Security Council demands to suspend uranium enrichment.

Last week, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced that his nation was installing thou­sands of new uranium-enrich­ing centrifuges and testing a much faster version of the device.

Ahmadinejad said scientists were putting 6,000 new cen­trifuges into place, about twice the current number, and testing a new type that works five times faster.

That would represent a major expansion of uranium enrichment — a process that can produce either fuel for a nuclear reactor or material for a warhead.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, however, cautioned the claim could not be immediately substantiated, and diplomats close to the IAEA said Iran has exagger­ated its progress and experi­enced problems operating the 3,000 centrifuges already in place.
Ode to Notre Dame Hockey

I love Notre Dame hockey like I love Notre Dame football. Maybe it's because it was only at Notre Dame that I started loving and following the sport. Maybe it's because, as part of the fencing team, I shared that half of the JACC with the hockey players and home events. Maybe it's because, as soon as I found out that they were playing down in Colorado Springs for the West Regional, I had to take advantage of my first opportunity to watch some Notre Dame hockey in two years.

The Michigan State game was amazing. My eyes welled up with pride having watched this team earn their first-ever trip to the Frozen Four. The tickets to the Frozen Four I finally found were for the 25th birthday present ever. And what surprised me Thursday afternoon on my way to the Pepsi Center from my apartment in south Denver was how nervous I was about the semifinal game. I could only imagine what they felt. The Michigan game was one of the best games I've seen in my life. I've never been more nervous. I was absolutely thrilled about seeing our team take advantage of my first opportunity to watch some Notre Dame hockey in two years.

We should all feel lucky to be in college. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, just under 30 percent of the adult American population holds a bachelor's degree or more. Yet that elite 30 percent earns, on average, as much as those with a high school diploma, a difficult task with advanced degrees, four times as much. The Institute for Higher Education Policy, meanwhile, reported that college graduates enjoy higher employment rates and better earnings. A college degree often goes hand in hand with quality of life for their offspring, better consumer decision making and more leisure time. Economically speaking, a college degree is a good thing.

But there is something odd about reducing a bachelor's degree to mere numbers. Are such statistics supposed to reassure those studying toward degrees that they do for their future? After all, not everyone who made the right choice or are supposed to be an incentive for those who are thinking of not going to college at all? And what does it say that these institutions are describing the whole of college experience in terms of future earnings? The university is nothing more than a means to a vocational end — a monetary leg up and nothing else. And because the university is supposed to exist as part of the market, it suggests that a bachelor's degree has no intrinsic worth outside of its economic value. Maybe it doesn't. It's hard to break the liberal arts curriculum down into something as purely as a cost/benefit analysis. Of course, the liberal arts are supposed to impart critical thinking skills, general knowledge, aesthetic sensibilities and the like, to create a "complete" person. All of these things should be shared but are hard to measure or define. More importantly, all of these things are becoming less and less valuable in the real world, or at least in the working world, which for the most part values compliance, punctuality and efficiency as much as (if not over) creativity and critical thought. If you need some critical thinking, you can turn to the glut of analysts and commentators, who can reduce even the most complicated ideas or events into a sound byte or, even worse, a smug one-liner. And where are you going to use your general knowledge except at, say, trivia night at your local bar?

In one of J.D. Salinger's short stories, a character complains, "You never even hear any hints dropped on a campus that wisdom is supposed to be the goal of knowledge. You hardly ever even hear the word 'wisdom' mentioned!" And in a sense, that's true. No matter what goes on the curricula, universities are, for the most part, designed for the market. After all, according to these two institutions, the university is nothing more than a means to a vocational end — a monetary leg up and nothing else. And because the university is supposed to exist as part of the market, it suggests that a bachelor's degree has no intrinsic worth outside of its economic value.

Or maybe it doesn't.

Daryl Campbell

Speak Up. Please

The Observer

The value of college


Re-thinking alcohol consumption

I'm sure I speak for a large group of people when I say that most students at this university have encircled themselves within a group of friends that genuinely care about each other, but more importantly, each other's well-being. Alcohol consumption is only a problem when you either drink by yourself (in that case, try to get serious problems) or hang out with a group of people who are terrible human beings and have no regard for your personal safety. I'm going to make a bold prediction that the majority fall into the first group.

So Daniel Gervose, Ryan Slaney and all you other consum­ers, I'm not asking you to become pro-drinking. Instead, I am asking you to realize that not only are not you only not more intelligent and moral for not consuming alcohol but that you also need to lighten up and allow others to enjoy their college years. But seriously guys (and girls), go grab a Keystone Light and enjoy the nectar of the Gods.

A better suggestion than outlawing alcohol on campus would be a serious mistake for students to develop as balanced, responsible human beings. The University should take an active role in making sure its students can swim socially after they leave. My main concern comes from outside the bubble.

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The Irish captains, from left to right, Mark Van Guilder, Dan VeNard, Erik Condra and Brock Sheahan laugh in front of the crowd that gathered at Main Circle around 4 p.m. on Sunday to welcome back the hockey team from Denver.

Irish goalie Jordan Pearce makes a save against Boston College. Pearce allowed 12 goals in his four NCAA Tournament games this season.
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FROZEN FOUR

Monday, April 14, 2008

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MLB

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Cubs defeat error-prone Phillies in extra innings; Lee pitches two-hitter in Indians’ win over Athletics

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CUBS DEFEND ERROR-PRONE PHILLIES IN EXTRA INNINGS; LEE PITCHES TWO-HITTER IN INDIANS’ WIN OVER ATHLETICS

White Sox outfi1lder Nick Swisher celebrates after scoring on an Orlando Cabrera double in Chicago’s 11-0 win Sunday.

Chicago’s Carlos Zambrano hurls a grounder to shortstop Shortlitt that should’ve been an inning-end-
ing double play. However, first baseman Ryan Howard couldn’t scope up a ground ball and Zambrano scored. The Phillies have committed 15 errors, second only to Pittsburgh. Utey, who has four of the errors, may have rushed his throw. When Zambrano burst ed out the line, "I put the ball in play and he was hustled," DeFelf said. That shows the character of this team.

Zambrano, an 18-game win-
er last year, took the loss in the series opener on Friday. Kerry Wood (1-0) pitched two scoreless innings and Bob Howry finished for his first save.

The Cubs doubled with two outs in the 10th. After Howard was intentionally walked, So Taguchi grounded out to end it.

Second baseman Chase Utley’s throwing error on Zambrano’s grounder allowed Ronny Cedeno to score the go-ahead run in the 10th inning and the Chicago Cubs beat the Philadelphia Phillies Sunday to avoid a three-game sweep.

Jayson Werth and Eric Bruntlett hit solo homers for the Phillies. Mark DeRosa had a disputed solo shot for the Cubs. Cedeno walked leading off the ninth, and Bernie Williams singled. Zambrano, a career .215 hitter and former 18-game winner started 2-0 after his first two starts.

"We’re not a very good team right now," Rogers said. "We’re as bad a team as there is right now in every facet, myself as much as anyone. I’m supposed to be consistent and I was very uncomfortable out there and inconsistent."
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**NFL**

Adam "Pacman" Jones would like to be reinstated to the NFL Tuesday after being suspended for the 2007 season. The Dallas Cowboys have expressed interest in acquiring Jones.

Pacman Jones asks for reinstatement

Associated Press

**NASCHELSE, Tenn. —** Suspended Tennessee Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones will again ask NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to reinstate him, with his agent planning to send in his latest request on Tuesday.

Jones had planned to ask to be reinstated before the NFL draft on April 26-27. His agent, Manny Arora, said that being able to work out for teams would increase Jones' appeal to those in the market for a corner­back.

"We were hoping some­thing would get worked out with the Titans or another team to work out a trade, but the trade talks, the way I read, aren't progressing as well as we hoped," Arora said on Saturday. "If the commis­sioner reinstates or grants permission to work out at a team's facility, that should ease the risk factor for a team interest­ed in picking him up."

The NFL sent Jones a letter in late February telling him he could not work out at the Titans' facility. The Titans have given Jones permission to talk to other teams about a trade, and the Dallas Cowboys have shown the most interest. But the talks reportedly have bogged down over compensation.

"They still hope Jones will be traded before the draft, and they are ready to rework his contract," Arora also said that if they can't get Jones reinstated they hope to at least ease the terms of his suspension, now going on more than a year, to make him more attractive.

Jones was the first defensive player drafted in 2005 with the sixth pick overall out of West Virginia, and he was Tennessee's best defender in 2005 and 2006. Goodell suspended him on April 10, 2007, for his off-field conduct, which now includes six arrests since being drafted.

Jones settled the last of his criminal charges on Feb. 14 by entering an Afford plea to obstruction of a police officer in Georgia, which left him with a felony conviction. Under an Afford plea, a defendant acknowledges there is enough evidence for a conviction without admitting guilt.

The commissioner has said he'll consider rein­stating the cornerback before training camps open in July.

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**IN BRIEF**

**U.S. Women's soccer team qualifies to Beijing Olympics**

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — Nicole Barnhart made a diving save on Brittiny Timko's penalty kick to give the United States a 6-5 shootout victory over Canada on Saturday night in the CONCACAF Women's Olympic Qualifying Final.

The United States won the shootout after the teams finished regulation play tied 0-0, and 30 extra minutes tied 1-1. Barnhart stopped Timko after Heather O'Reilly gave the United States the lead. Carli Lloyd, Leslie Osborne, Abby Wambach, Angela Huclcs and Christie Rampone also scored for the Americans in the tiebreaker. Kara Lang, Rhian Wilkinson, Christine Sinclair and Melissa Tancredi and Clare Hamiltorn scored for Canada in the shootout.

Lloyd opened the scoring for the United States on a free kick in the 118th minute, but Tancredi tied it 1-1 in the 118th minute.

**Olympic torch makes one and only trip to Africa**

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania — About 1,000 people cheered and marched with a team of 30 athletes and a Cabinet minister participating Sunday in the Tanzania leg of the Olympic torch relay, the flame's only stop in Africa.

Officials have said that they do not expect any of the disruptions that have hit other torch runs in the world. Kenyan Nobel Peace laureate Wangari Maathai, however, pulled out of the relay in Tanzania to protest China's human rights record.

Two President Ali Mohamed Shein lit the Olympic torch, passing it on to Cabinet minister Mohamed Seif Khalib, who led the relay team from the city's main train station to the main stadium, about three miles away.

The crowd that marched behind the relay team waved miniature Olympic flags and chanted in the national language Kiwahli, "We are happy the torch came to Tanzania," and "We are glad to receive it."

**Antonio Tarver wins light heavyweight title bout**

TAMPA, Fla. — Antonio Tarver climbed into the ring with one light heavyweight title Saturday night. He departed with two championship belts and a roaring crowd behind him.

Tarver handedly defeated Clinton Woods with a unanimous 12-round decision to retain his lightly regarded IBF crown and seize the IBF title from his British foe.

Tarver (27-4, 19 KOs) thrilled his hometown fans by rocking Woods with a solid left jab to the head in the 11th round. The Tampa resident carried the momentum into the final round, then thrust his hands upward at the final bell as Woods dropped his head and returned to his corner.


Tarver immediately turned his attention to the future.

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**SMC TENNIS**

**Doubles improves in win**

Struggling squad gains confidence in win over conference team

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

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Women's Track

Runners unable to qualify for regionals

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Our Dame achieved mild success this weekend in the Spartan and Mississippi Invitational, but failed to capitalize on the good weather by not setting an NCAA regional qualifying mark in any event.

Freshmen Natalie Johnson and Kelly Langhans led the way for the Irish at the very competitive Mississippi Invitational in Oxford, Miss. The duo took first and second, respectively, in the 800-meter run, but fell short of a regional qualifying mark by about four seconds.

Sophomore Joanna Schultz and Senior Brienne Davis ran well in the 200, taking fourth and fifth, respectively. Davis also continued her string of good finishes in the 100 dash, taking second place in the event and missing an NCAA qualifying mark by less than a quarter of a second.

In the field events, the Irish sent only two athletes to compete and both came away with excellent finishes.

Sophomore Elise Knutzen took third place in the javelin while Junior Alyssa Hanan grabbed sixth in the high jump.

At Michigan State's Spartan Invitational, the Irish grabbed a number of quality finishes.

In the 5000-distance race, junior Heidi Rocha took first place for the Irish with senior Amy Kohlenberger finishing right behind her in second. Senior Ann Mazur and sophomore Beth Tiel fifth and sixth, respectively, to round out a long Irish performance in the event.

In the 3000-meter steeplechase, sophomore Lindsey Ferguson and junior Becca Bauman ran away from the competition, easily taking first and second, respectively.

Sophomore Jordan Minor had a standout meet for Irish, placing well in a variety of events. Minor took second in the triple jump to go along with two seventh-place finishes in the 100- and 200-meter dashes.

In the field events, junior Anna Weber continued her dominance of the throwing events while several other Irish athletes posted solid results.

Weber blew away the competition as she took first in the shot put by almost a meter and finished a close second in the hammer throw.

Freshman jumper Jessica Sullivan tied for second place in the pole vault and Jasmine Williams finished fourth in the long jump, rounding out a dominant Irish performance in the field events.

Next weekend, Notre Dame will send athletes to the Central Collegiate Championships in West Lafayette, Ind., and the Mount SAC relays in Walnut, Calif., both of which are three-day meets.

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PGA

Immelmann wins Masters

28-year old wins first major tournament four months after surgery

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Trevor Immelman has never felt better.

Four months after he had a tumor removed from his back, Immelman handled the wind and pressure of Augusta National far better than any other chasing him Sunday to win the Masters, the first South African in a green jacket in 30 years.

Immelman held it together around Amen Corner and stretched his lead to as many as six shots on the back nine, taking the life out of a Masters that began with so much hype.

A two-putt par on the final hole gave him a 3-over 75, matching the highest final round by a Masters champion. Ever so, it was good enough for a three-shot victory over Tiger Woods, whose hopes for a calendar Grand Slam ended with a thud.

Woods never got within five shots of the lead when he was on the course, twice missed birdie puts inside 8 feet and had to settle for a 72 and his second consecutive runner-up finish in the Masters.

Immelman, who finished at 5-under 280, started the week by playing a practice round with his boyhood idol, Gary Player, who won his third Masters in 1978 and set a record by playing for the 51st time.

Player told Immelman he was good enough to win the green jacket, and he left him a televised Saturday night that Immelman played on his speaker phone for his family to hear. The message: "I know you're going to win."

"He's been on me all week, telling me to believe in myself," Immelman said. "He also told me to keep my head still on putts. It's really a special moment, and I'm glad I pulled it through for him."

Reached by telephone in Abu Dhabi, Player told his assistant: "I am so proud of Trevor. What a thrill it was to see him come back from major surgery and beat Tiger."

"I can't wait to see him and shake his hand personally," Immelman's wife, Carmelita, and their 1-year-old son were waiting for him behind the green when he couldn't go into the scoring shack to be with his father.

Immelman's parents also were there to greet him with hugs. His father, Johan, is the former commissioner of the Sunshine Tour in South Africa.

"It's his moment, not mine," said the father, who waved away a reporter.

No one doubted he was capable of winning a major, but maybe not this one. Only four months ago, doctors discovered a tumor in his diaphragm that required surgery through his back to remove it. The tumor was benign and the recovery was quick, even though it took him two months to get his game back in shape.

The recovery hit a warp speed this week at Augusta, where Immelman had only broken par once in his five previous Masters.

"This has been the ultimate roller-coaster ride, and I hate roller coasters," Immelman said.

"I win the Nedbank Challenge in South Africa, and a week later I'm having an operation to remove a tumor. I felt like I had to start from zero again. Here I am after missing the cut last week."

"Masters champion — it's the craziest thing I've ever heard of."

Immelman built a two-shot lead into the final round of the Masters in 70 holes in the 60s, and it held together during a few nervy moments.

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MEN’S TENNIS

Squad loses at Ann Arbor, wins at home

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

For the second consecutive weekend, No. 33 Notre Dame split its two matches, falling to Michigan 6-1, but downing Louisville 4-3.

On Saturday, the Irish traveled to No. 15 Michigan. Notre Dame could not upset the Wolverines, falling 6-1 on Michigan’s Senior Day.

The Wolverines jumped on the Irish early, winning all three doubles matches to earn the point.

But the Irish rebounded and eked out the match when freshman Dan Stahl won the first singles point over Wolverine sophomore George Nasi in straight sets, 6-3, 7-5.

But even then, the Irish, Stahl’s singles performance proved to be the lone bright spot, and Michigan won the next five matches. Michigan sophomore Mike Stroczynski put the Wolverines ahead for good with a straight sets victory over Irish senior Andrew Roth, 6-3, 7-5. The Wolverines followed up with another straight sets victory from junior Andrew Mazlin, who downed Irish freshman Stephen Haves 7-5, 6-4.

Although the Irish lost the next two matches, they took all of them to three sets. Irish senior doubles duo setup freshman David Anderson both won the first set in their respective matches before falling in three sets. In the final singles match, junior Brett Heffernon recovered from an early deficit to tie the match at a set apiece before falling 6-1, 4-6, 4-6 to Wolverines senior Malko Maravic. Despite the setback at Ann Arbor, the Irish recovered with a 4-3 win over No. 37 Louisville Sunday in their final match before the Big East tournament.

The Irish reversed their fortunes from Saturday in the doubles point as they swept all three matches.

With momentum on their side, the Irish jumped out to a 3-0 lead behind straight sets singles wins from Heffernon and Parhbu. Nationally-ranked No. 42 Helgeson earned a 6-2, 6-2 win over No. 39 Cardinal freshman Austin Childs in his final home match. Parhbu defeated Louisville sophomore David Simon 7-5, 6-1.

Louisville freshman Viktor Maksimuk kept the Cardinals alive with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory over Haves. In the next match, Stahl came from behind to seal the victory with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-2 triumph over Louisville junior Robert Rootar.

Louisville won the next two matches to make the score 4-3. Roth and Anderson both found themselves on the wrong side of hard-fought three set matches. Roth was defeated in his final home singles match by Louisville freshman Steven Childs. After winning the first set, Roth dropped the next two sets in a thrilling 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 defeat over Louisville freshman Alejandro Galligari and sophomore Steven Calbeto. After a come from behind victory over Anderson with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 win.

With the weekend split, the Irish head into the Big East tournament with a 12-10 record. The Irish will learn their Big East draw later this week.

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ROWING

Irish win all six races at Indianapolis event

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Men’s and women’s rowing teams each took first place in their respective events.

The Observer Staff Report

After a one-day rain delay, Notre Dame won all six races it entered in the Indiana Invitational this weekend. The weather for the competition was less than ideal but the Irish still dominated the field.

The No. 16 Irish varsity eight boat finished in a time of 6:25, six seconds ahead of runner-up Indiana.

The Irish entered two boats in the second varsity eight race, taking first and fourth place in the event.

Notre Dame also entered two boats in the varsity four race and this time swept the top two spots.

The Irish also came out on top in the second varsity four, novice eight and second novice eight races.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Team downs Demons, Eagles

By DAN MASTERTON and LORENZO REYES
Sports Writers

If there’s an ideal way that a team wants to head into its conference tournament, No. 16 Notre Dame is following the right formula. After dropping a tight match to top-ranked Northwestern last week — their first loss in nine matches — the Irish regained their momentum and swept a pair of Big East rivals in DePaul and Marquette.

Notre Dame, 7-0, DePaul 5-2

Notre Dame (18-7) continued to dominate conference opponents, improving to 4-0 in Big East play and handing DePaul (16-1) its first conference loss.

Notre Dame sophomore Camilla Ciobanu and Colleen Riley were the first ones off in doubles play, but for just the second time of the dual season, the sophomore pair was on the losing side.

DePaul’s No. 2 pair, junior Dunja Anturanc and sophomore Kirstin Gambrell took the match 8-3. The Blue Demon pair improved to 12-1 on the season, but that was the lone bright spot for DePaul.

Notre Dame sophomore Kali Rusk and freshman Kristen Rafael stole the show, winning their doubles match 8-3. The Irish carried that momentum back from their defeat against the Golden Eagles, heading into the Big East tournament having won 11 of their past 12 matches.

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Things looked to be clicking for the Irish, and Ciobanu kept the Golden Eagles at bay with her 6-1, 6-0 win over Ruiz.

With Notre Dame holding a 3-0 lead, Marquette couldn’t muster any substantial answer for the Irish play.

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Notre Dame returns to action in the Big East tournament beginning Apr. 18 in Tampa, Fla. With the Irish ranked highest of all conference teams, and boasting an undefeated league record, the squad will most likely take the top seed in the tournament and face the winner of DePaul/Marquette in the quarterfinals.

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No. 122 Cisboanu downed Salkovics 6-3, 6-1 to open singles play. After junior Katie Potz took care of Gambrell 6-2, 6-2, No. 42 Tefft won the match for Notre Dame with a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Anturanc.

Notre Dame won the next off the court. Her 6-2, 6-1 win over senior Gergana Ganeva was the night time Buck has won in her last nine completed matches.

Riley followed with a triumph over freshman Katie Minkler 6-3, 6-3. Since losing in straight sets at North Carolina, Riley is 8-3, including a win over Georgia Tech’s No. 76 Christine Stepp.

Krisik wrapped up the sweep with a three-set win over Corrads, 1-6, 6-3, 10-5.

Including the contest with DePaul, the Irish have dropped just 12 points in their last 11 matches. They are 10-1 over that stretch.

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Laxers notch first victory at G'town

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Writer

No. 8 Notre Dame bounced back from a 16-2 blowout loss at Northwestern last Wednesday to tally its first win at No. 4 Georgetown Saturday with a 10-8 road victory.

Freshman Shaylin Bianey scored three goals and junior goalie Erin Goodman recorded a career-high 15 saves to lead the Irish (10-0, 3-1 Big East) to their second win over a ranked opponent this season.

Notre Dame dominated the first half, scoring the first two goals before taking a 5-1 advantage into the break. After junior Jillian Byers and senior Caitlin McKinney scored to open the second half and give the Irish a 7-1 advantage, the Hoyas (9-4, 2-2) outscored Notre Dame 3-2 over the final 20 minutes.

Senior Heather Ferguson and junior Jane Stockker each scored twice for the Irish, while sophomore Gina Saccio, Byers and McKinney each put home single goals in the victory.

The Irish scored seven unassisted goals in the victory despite being out-shot 32-22, including 21-9 in the second half. They turned the ball over 17 times while managing 13 takeaways.

Notre Dame returns home Wednesday for a non-conference contest with Vanderbilt at 4:30 p.m. at the Loftus Center.

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Cross hired to coach Toledo

Irish assistant of two years takes first head coaching gig

Observer Staff Report

Former Notre Dame assistant coach Gene Cross was named Toledo’s new head coach Friday.

The last two seasons, Cross was an assistant under Irish head coach Mike Brey, who said Cross was an instrumen
tal part of the team’s success over that span. “He has done a fabulous job here for us at Notre Dame,” Brey said in a press release. “The Notre Dame basketball family is going to miss Gene and we wish him nothing but the best as he embarks on this exceptional opportunity.”

Cross came to Notre Dame after spending six seasons at Illinois-Chicago, three seasons at DePaul, and one season at Virginia.

“I’m excited about joining the tradition of Toledo basketball,” Cross told sportswebwork.com. “I look forward to building on that tradition and taking the program to the next step.”

WFU SOFTBALL

Team opens new field by going 1-1

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

The Irish earned a split to open up newly constructed Melissa Cook Stadium in this weekend’s double-header against Villanova. The Irish lost the first game 4-1 and winning the second 10-5.

The win was Notre Dame’s 200th all-time regular season victory in the Big East conference, bringing its record to 200-32 in Big East play.

Saturday’s intended stadium-opener double-header against Rutgers was can-
celled due to rain. Those games have been resched­
duled for 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today at Melissa Cook Stadium.

Opening ceremonies were conducted on Saturday despite the pouring rain and featured remarks from ath­
etic director Dr. Kevin White, coach Deanna Gumpf, senior captain Katie Laing, Lisa Hoffman, and Paul and Lisa Demo, the parents of Melissa Cook. The site was officially blessed and dedi­
cated by University president Fr. John Jenkins.

“The ceremonies were per­fect,” Gumpf said. “It was exciting and we truly appreci­ated it.”

However, the celebration ended quickly for the Irish (25-11, 6-2 Big East), who were out-played in all facets of the game Gumpf said in their 4-1 loss to the Wildcats (15-17, 4-4 Big East).

“They out-pitched us and the out-hit us,” Gumpf said. “When you get out-played like that, you cannot really expect to have a chance to win the game.”

The Wildcats jumped on the Irish early, putting three runs on the board in the sec­
ond inning against junior Britney Bargar (18-7). Bargar was charged with the loss, giving up four runs on eight hits and striking out seven.

The Irish bats were also cold in the first game, with their only run coming in the bottom of the first. Laing notched the first hit in the new stadium with her RBI single to knock in freshman Katie Fleury.

“[Villanova] pitcher [junior Laura Determan] did a great job for them today,” Gumpf said. “She was in a lot of pressure situations and she was able to work out of it.”

The second game saw a turnaround for the Irish, who finally saw their bats come alive after falling behind by two runs in the first inning.

With the bases loaded, jun­
or third baseman Linda Kohan knocked a ball to the fence, bringing in three runs.

That was our first really hard ground ball of the day,” Gumpf said. “Kohan came up with a big hit when we needed it and that lifted us up a little bit.”

Notre Dame added more in the fourth, with six runners crossing the plate for the Irish. The team batted around, with freshman Erin Marrone getting a clutch two-out hit.

“They walked [Kohan] to get to Marrone and she did exactly what we needed her to do,” Gumpf said. “That was the biggest hit of the day.”

The Irish added an insur­
ance run in the sixth on a Villanova error that scored sophomore utility player Christine Lux from third.

Freshman Jody Valdivia started the second game but was pulled after 1-1/3 innings after giving up six hits and four earned runs in favor of Bargar. Bargar stepped up and allowed only one more run for the remain­
der of the game.

“Bargar and Valdivia have been picking each other up all year,” Gumpf said. “They both know that the other will keep them going and rebound from bad outings.”

The Irish have a full docket of games this week, starting with the makeup double­
header against Rutgers today at 11 a.m. at Melissa Cook Stadium before traveling to Evanston, Illinois, to take on Northwestern Tuesday. The Irish will then come back home on Wednesday for a game against Wisconsin at 4 p.m.

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the puck," Irish defenseman Kyle Lawson said. "That's kind of a thing. And when you neutralize that and go on the power play, that's when their speed took over." Gerbe, a 5-foot-5 junior, proved an unstoppable force, generating four points on the night and 11 points in the Tournament (7 goals, 4 assists). Gerbe scored Boston College's first two goals of the night and assisted on his team's final, back-tying goal.

Boston College was the national runner-up on the last two seasons. Last year it lost 3-1 to Michigan State and fell 2-1 to Wisconsin in 2006. It was Notre Dame's first trip to the Frozen Four, let alone the title game. The Irish earned a shot at the title by defeating top-seeded puck slowly slid across the goal line as Lawson sought Gerbe sent a blind pass to Gerbe and the goal was reviewed with official Greg Shepherd.

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Inches said.

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The Frozen Four introduced Notre Dame fans that had rarely looked beyond the football stadium or basketball court to Irish hockey. Notre Dame clubs around the country organized game watches and the keyboards of national sports writers tapped out the names of Mark VanGuilder, Jordan Pearce, Ryan Thang and more, continuously.

Notre Dame football coach Charlie Weis took a day away during spring football practice to watch the title game in Denver, rooting on his friend Jeff Jackson.

Irish hockey had earned the respect of the world beyond college hockey.

Outside the locker room Saturday after the loss, University president Fr. John Jenkins stood quietly for a long time, his head down, eyes closed and fingers pinching the bridge of his nose. Members of the athletic department milled around, stunned, no one breaking the silence.

It was etched on everyone's face, Notre Dame couldn't have lost. The team had come too far, worked too hard, got ten people too excited to have lost when the NCAA trophy was right there, 100 yards down the arena corridor but now wearing an Eagles hat.

But in that sadness was the beauty of what Notre Dame hockey has become. It's a winner.

A loss is devastating, not the expected end to every season anymore; a national title now no longer the crazy dream of the Irish players and coaches who set about inventing three years ago what "The Gold Standard" of Notre Dame hockey meant.

One inch could have changed a lot Saturday night, but Notre Dame has already come so many thousands more.

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Irish right wing Evan Rankin battles along the boards with Eagles left wing Kyle Kucharski.

After a Ben Smith shot rebounded into the crease, Gerbe crashed the net and lugged供热 to push the puck past Pearce.

Lawson said Gerbe's second goal "epitomizes what he is — sprawling out, diving and putting it away."

When Gerbe wasn't scoring, he was doing the dirty work to set teammates up in position to get chances. On the Eagles' fourth goal, which all but sealed the victory, Gerbe fought to control the puck behind the net and sent a no-look, between-the-legs pass to Smith in the low slot. Smith lifted the puck over Pearce's stick-side shoulder to extend the lead to three goals.

Although he was named the Tournament's Most Outstanding Player, Gerbe lost out on the Hobey Baker award on Friday night, given annually to college hockey's best player. The Hobey went instead to Michigan's Kevin Porter, which was decided before Gerbe's five-goal Frozen Four performance.

"If they had named the Hobey Baker after this weekend they may have changed their mind," Notre Dame coach Jeff Jackson said.

Either way, Gerbe was unaffected, mugging for the camera next to captain Mike Brennan and the NCAA championship trophy during the post-game press conference.

"I'd way rather hold this than the Hobey," Gerbe said, pointing to the trophy.

Both Jackson and Boston College coach Jerry York said Gerbe reminds them of another pint-sized Eagle who lost the Hobey but took home the national championship — Brian Gionta.

Gionta, now playing in the National Hockey League for the New Jersey Devils, is listed at 5-foot-7 and led Boston College to the 2001 Frozen Four title.

York said Gerbe and Gionta have a good relationship and talk regularly.

"I thought after (Gerbe's) freshman year, we had another Brian Gionta, and he's progressed just that way," York said. "(Gerbe's) going to be a terror, player, hopefully for us next year."

Gerbe was drafted by the Buffalo Sabres in the fifth round of the 2005 NHL entry draft, but said he hasn't decided yet if he'll jump to the professional ranks after this season.

"I haven't thought about it all," he said. "I try not to think about the future."

For now, Gerbe can celebrate the good times with a trip to the White House and a chance to throw the opening pitch at Fenway Park.

"It's definitely tough to take," Lawson said of the loss. "But it's good to see a kid who works so hard succeed in a moment like this."

Jackson echoed his defenseman in praising Gerbe.

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Irish coach on Nathan Gerbe

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The Irish again showed their witch-like penchant for the broomstick with a sweep of Villanova this weekend.

Notre Dame has now swept three of the four big Big East foes it has faced while running its conference record to 10-2. The Irish won after trailing Villanova on both Friday and Saturday before blowing the Wildcats out in the series’ finale Sunday.

“I thought our team played really, really well this weekend,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said. “We did a little bit of everything, coming from behind the first two games then playing really well again Sunday, it was a good weekend for us.”

Notre Dame 2, Villanova 1

The Irish scored a run in both the eighth and ninth innings and that was enough for ace David Phelps, who struck out eight batters and surrendered just five hits in 8 2/3 innings of work.

“Phelps had a lot more control on his fastball [than earlier in the season] and I think he just really dominated the game,” Schrage said.

Irish closer Kyle Weiland got the save after he relieved Phelps and recorded the last out in the ninth frame.

The Notre Dame offense threatened several times before finally breaking through in the eighth to tie the game. With one out, Irish first baseman Evan Sharphey smoked a one-out double into right field. Sophomore Ryne Intlekofer entered as a pinch-runner for Sharphey and the switch paid off as Intlekofer raced around to score on Irish second baseman Jeremy Barnes’ single.

Phelps held the Wildcats scoreless in their half of the eighth and the right-hander’s squad finally gave him a lead in the ninth frame. Irish right fielder Billy Bockford drew a lead-off walk then moved into scoring position on a sacrifice bunt by third baseman Greg Sherry. Designated hitter David Mills eventually pushed an RBI single through the infield that proved to be the difference in the game.

“I think we got back to playing a little bit of what we’re capable of,” Barnes said.

Notre Dame 2, Villanova 0

Senior outside hitter A.J. Pollock, the reigning Big East player of the week, went 3-for-5 with three runs scored and three runs scored and the offensive charge for Notre Dame.

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**The Listener**

Hey, where's your drink?

I don't drink.

Why not?

I can have fun without drinking.

No, you can't.

I know, lol.

Where's the beer?

Hey there.

I throw some party in my place.

Hey, do you know the guy who's your client's cousin?

**THE CROSSWORD**

**Across**

1. Antoinette

6. Tallies

10. Series of scenes

13. Actress Blake or owner 'Nas away

19. Actresses Blake or owner 'Nas away

25. Parts of an medal

31. Bear in constellation

36. Not having a 45 Hang

41. Golfer Aoki

47. Golfers (Marb and Scott)

53. Color specialists greenery

56. Like many a

61. High tennis shot

65. Golfer Aoki

**Down**

1. Crew member

2. Honor ___

3. Procons of Titus

4. Write ___ (some votes)

5. Manuscript realness

6. White, in Mexico

7. Cheg

8. Banned insecticide

9. Caribbean, e.g.

10. "This way" sign

11. Dishes for fancy meals

12. Golly

14. Native seal hunter

15. Godly

16. Braggadocios, brag-

18. Sirens: astroadvice.com for conjunct consultations

19. "Lookie there!"

20. "Pay attention!"

21. Wiseace's rock

22. "Yuck!

23. "If I" Speed

24. Banned assignment:

27. "Owing"

28. "Lame"

29. "(There's no doubt)

30. "Wimp"

31. "Golly!"

32. "If I"

33. "Yuck!"

34. "If I"

35. Middle

36. Letter carrier's meals

37. "Lame"

38. "(There's no doubt)

39. "Lame"

40. "Yuck!"

43. "If I"

45. Hang

48. Brawny cheerleader's

52. "Gimme!

55. "Yuck!

59. Cartoonist

62. "(There's no doubt)

63. Be a

64. "Lame"

66. "Lame"

67. "Lame"

68. "Lame"

69. "Lame"

70. "Lame"

71. "Lame"

**JUMBLE**

**Horoscope**

**Sunday:**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:**

Kyle Howard, 30; Rick Schroder, 34; Gary Kangas, 45; Sonja Krause, 38

**Happy Birthday:** You have love and resource heading your way. Let everyone do his or her own thing so you are free and clear to do the same. This year isn't about doing it all rather about flexing your own way. There is so much to go of if you are open and receptive. Your needs are 8, 19, 26, 30, 43, 49.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): Socializing with friends or enjoying the children in your life will work well as long as you don't go overboard. A little love and resource scheduled in for the evening hours will round out your day pleasantly.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Keep busy doing things that will improve your personal finances but don't be conventional about doing so. Use your visions or read the way you are to your advantage.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): You should attend a seminar or surf the Internet for more information about a project you want to pursue or a job you think you'd enjoy. It's possible you can help a cause but your job is to keep the matter of what's in your position regarding future prospects.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): It may not be of your regular work days but you mustn't let that drop you down when it comes to professional game. Work on whatever will help you get ahead. Here is the perfect time to utilize your skills to gain ground. 3 stars

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Your love life should bring you lots of opportunities and passionate encounters today if you are affectionate and forthcoming about your true feelings. Travel will lead to interesting options but may end up costing too much, so be careful.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Working within a personal partnership to try to build success will be in your zone. Playing a role in creative and business projects can make a difference. Make sure your plans are as far-reaching as you want them to be.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Work dialogues, not against, others. If you are difficult or the people you have to deal with are, nothing will work out. Compromise and receive discussion that will lead to the best. 3 stars

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The truth of the matter is that don't advocate, trying to make you understand what you are up against. Don't let this fool you. Remember that the friends you are shown to out of love and respect, not partnership. 2 stars

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): It's just not the right time to go against the individual. Surroundings but don't let emotional issues cloud your vision or stand in the way of true feelings. Travel will lead to interesting options but may end up costing too much, so be careful.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take things slow and for a change and let everyone else show his or her position before divulging yours. An unscrupulous line-down will surprise you but, if you have kept your thoughts to yourself, you will not have to worry about anything. Remember to not let yourself be swayed by getting to what everyone else says. There is no you are side and, if you are mature and unselfish, you will come out on top. If you are dealing with past work that you are ready. 3 stars

**PISCES** (Jan. 20-Mar. 20): Focus on love, capacity and the youngest people in your life. There is so much to do for a goodly and do things that make you happy for a change. Let the world bend to you, 3 stars

**Birthday Baby:** You are entertaining, outgoing, sensitive and passionate about the change and the people you love. You are realistic, an amusing conversational and wonderful to visitate into new territory.

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Gerbe's wheels power BC's offense

By SAM WERNER
Sports Writer

DENVER - Boston College forward Nathan Gerbe danced on the ice while Kool and the Gang's "Celebration" played over the speakers after the Eagles' 4-1 national championship victory over Notre Dame.

Gerbe had good reason to dance at the Pepsi Center on Saturday night — he had almost single-handedly powered Boston College to its third national championship.

The junior tied the record for goals in an NCAA Tournament with seven and tallied 11 total points in the Eagles' four Tournament games. In Boston College's two Frozen Four games against North Dakota and Notre Dame, Gerbe scored a combined five goals — two of which were game-winners — and three assists.

Gerbe's grit was on full display Saturday night against the Irish. He scored two of Boston College's goals and set up the other two.

"I don't know if there's a kid in the country that works harder than him, and he was finally rewarded tonight," Notre Dame defenseman Kyle Lawson said. "He stepped up in the big moments."

The Irish had no answer for Gerbe. The Oxford, Mich., native never stopped skating and looking for open space to create offense. His effort paid off on the
date any player in NCAA history.

The Irish aren't the 2008 national champions and that will never change. What has changed is Notre Dame's standing among the college hockey powers. The Irish are now one of them.

Notre Dame's profile has rocketed from the doldrums to the marquee faster than the Roadrunner-like wheels of Boston College's Nathan Gerbe, who torched the Irish for two goals and two assists on Saturday.

During the 2004-05 season, Notre Dame limped to five wins; three years later they played in front of nearly 19,000 people in an NHL arena for a national title.

Two years ago, the Irish won 13 games under first-year coach Jeff Jackson but lost in the first round of the CCHA tournament to Alaska; the past two seasons the Irish earned byes past the first round.

Last season, Notre Dame set a program record for wins, won its first league title and was the No. 1 team in the country for the second half of the season, but it lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament to eventual-champion Michigan State.

This year, well, the Irish upset top-ranked Michigan in overtime in the national semifinals, then romped over New Hampshire and the Spartans in the regional.

That caught the attention of the ears of the college game, if nothing else did. Among those recent believers was Boston College coach Jerry York, who has now won three national championships with two teams (Howling Green