The Gender Relations Center is hosting events to increase awareness about sexual assault and spark discussion during this week’s Sexual Assault Awareness Week. Along with Laura Lauck, the student assistant at the Gender Relations Center, Lauck said the posters displayed around campus for Sexual Assault Awareness Week represent the goals of the week because the posters are of a face without eyes and an X in place of a mouth.

"The lack of eyes [means] we need to be aware and open our eyes to the problem that sexual assault causes," Lauck said. "The X is like we need to talk about it. And don't be afraid to talk about it just because it is Notre Dame."

A prayer service for sexual assault survivors will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at the Log Chapel. Following the prayer service will be a march around campus and a bonfire on Holy Cross III where students will have a "speak out," student assistant for the Gender Relations Center Patrick Tighe said.

"A speak out is about "break-ing the silence,"" Tighe said, who said it will be a time for sur-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Alternate options

Like many Notre Dame students, you may feel pressure to "succeed" in the conventional way by finding a high-paying job, a like-minded spouse and a suburban home within a 10-mile radius of either a country club or Catholic church. That road is well traveled, and it's no surprise given the state of the economy, so here are some alternative, recession-proof career options that you can't look up on Go Fish and won't be told from your parents' friends.

• MMA Fighter/FightNight Fighting Championship: This is a burgeoning field because of a rise in popularity of the sport. In addition, it's a good option for people looking to be a part of the culture of the world of fighting, and it offers the potential for a good income.

• Farmer: The Midwest: Land will be cheap in the Midwest if there is a mass exile due to a collapse in auto manufacturing. Also, if you are enamored with Catholic doctrine, no career is more accommodating than farming. Birth control is a hindrance when you are trying to produce a crop, and relying on the guilt is a good way to motivate workers.

• Teacher: Considering the quality of schools in most parts of the Midwest, your crew of child laborers will be around to support the family business long after they have graduated. Plus, you won't have to worry about the high cost of fuel, and there is a higher chance of winning the lottery.

CORRECTIONS

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: What song do you currently have stuck in your head?

Ryan Quillard  
freshman Dillon

"Matt Nathanson's 'Romeo and Juliet.'"

Megan Flaherty  
freshman Le Mans

"That Flo Rida song!"

Billy Belme  
freshman Seigfried

"New Math" by Bo Burnham (thanks to Grace for showering me him).

Stephen Shaver  
freshman Alumni

"I am on a boat," by Lonely Island.

Henry Shine  
freshman Stanford

"Wasting Time," by Dave Matthews.

IN BRIEF

The Bookstore Basketball Tipoff will be held today from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Ruff's Rec Sports Center to celebrate the opening of Bookstore registration. Notre Dame professor Carl Ackerman, former player Tom Timmermans and University President Emeritus Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy will make appearances.

Semifinals for Bengal Beasts will take place tomorrow starting at 6:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center Fieldhouse. Contact the Joyce Center office for tickets.

Mass for Ash Wednesday will be celebrated Wednesday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 11:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Wendy Falk MacGregor, the Chief Marketing Officer for Feeding America and Lisa Jaworski, the Chief Executive Officer for the Food Bank of Northern Indiana, will give a talk titled "Hunger in America and South Bend: Responding to Unprecedented Demand" at 3 p.m. in 116 DeLorto. All are welcome.

The 51st Annual Collegiate Jazz Festival will be held in Washington Hall from 7 to 11 p.m. Top college jazz bands will perform while being judged by five highly acclaimed jazz artists. Students at Notre Dame, St. Mary's and Holy Cross are admitted free of charge but must obtain tickets from the LaFortune Ticket Office.

Bengal Beasts will take place Saturday at 7 p.m. in the Joyce Center.

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

OFFBEAT

Woman receives invitation 22 years late

LA GRANDE, Ore. — An Oregon woman finally received an invitation to her nephew's high school graduation in New Jersey, but she may be a little late — it was in 1987.

Theresa Schlossarek, of La Grande, found the invitation last week in her mailbox. The envelope, which had been opened, was postmarked June 2, 1987, from Toms River, N.J., where her brother, Hermann Linseher, lives. Linseher said the lack of response from his sister was noticed but dismissed.

"We just thought that she lived so far away she couldn't come," Linseher said. "She usually would send money, though, so we did joke about that later on, that maybe she could send some and add interest for the ticket," he said.

Peter Hass, spokesman for the U.S. Postal Service's Portland district, called the delay "very unusual and very unfortunate.

Inmate accused of again impersonating officer

MADISON, Wis. — A Madison man already serving time for impersonating an officer apparently hasn't learned his lesson. Thirty-year-old Joshua D. Kay is charged with a new count of impersonating an officer. At an initial court appearance Friday he stood mute so the court entered a plea of not guilty. Prosecutors say Kay has been telling other inmates he's actually a sheriff's deputy, working undercover to investigate other deputies.

Online court records didn't list an attorney for Kay on Saturday. Information compiled from the Associated Press.
Choir plans tour of Midwest, Canada

By MEGAN LONEY
News Writer

The Saint Mary's College Women's Choir will tour March 9-15 in the Midwest and Canada, continuing the tradition that has continued every other year for the past 25 years. The choir will perform in Fort Wayne, Ind.; Toledo, Ohio; Ann Arbor, Detroit and Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; and Guelph and Toronto, Ontario in Canada.

In preparation for the tour, the Women's Choir members have been diligently practicing four hours per week, said Choir Director Nancy Menk. Their dedication to this tour is not just based on a desire to present an aesthetic experience for audiences; this tour has significant purposes, Menk said.

One purpose of this tour is to promote Saint Mary's College and, in particular, the Music Department and the Women's Choir to prospective students, alumnae, and the general public," Menk said.

The tour also benefits the choral program at Saint Mary's College through promotion of their music. "This tour will promote quality choral singing, especially music for women's voices, including the new pieces in our choral series," Menk said. "It will promote the quality of our choral program and make our CDs available to our audience."

During this tour, the Women's Choir will perform in conjunction with other university, high school, and community treble choirs. The choirs who will be performing with the Women's Choir are the Fort Wayne Children's Choir at First Wayne Street United Methodist Church, the Ann Arbor Youth Chorale and Huron High School Bel Canto at Bethlehem United Church of Christ, and the University of Guelph and the University of Toronto Women's Choirs at Harcourt Memorial United Church.

The choir will conclude the tour with a homecoming concert March 20 at 7:30 p.m. in the Church of Our Lady of Loreto on campus.

Ultimately, the tour is a developmental experience for the girls participating.

"This tour is meant to build musicality and rapport among the members of the Choir and to strengthen our performing abilities and to have fun while making great music together," Menk said. "The Choir always improves immensely by the end of the tour."

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ND biologist explores circadian clock gene

Scientists have long known that interrupting the 24-hour circadian rhythm plays havoc with the lives and health of medical, military and airline personnel, factory employees and travelers. A new paper by University of Notre Dame biologist Giles Duffield and a team of researchers that appears in this month's edition of the journal Current Biology sheds new light on circadian timing systems and focuses on a key gene that seems to regulate the response of the circadian clock to light signals.

"Circadian rhythms are important and exciting because they pervade many aspects of biology, chemistry, physiology and behavior, either subtly or overtly," Duffield said. "For example, the human sleep-wake cycle is a very obvious rhythm and tightly gated to the night, while perhaps less obvious is that virtually all hormones oscillate with a 24-hour rhythm and up to 10 percent of genes in each cell are rhythmically controlled.

An estimated 16 percent of the U.S. population is involved in rotational shift work, and a significant population is affected by jet lag and related sleep-wake disorders. The impact of the large shifts in the body's internal clock that these individuals experience can be profound, contributing to increased accident rates, medical errors and the development of particular illnesses. "Both the Three Mile Island disaster in 1979 and the Chernobyl disaster in 1986 occurred late at night or early in the morning," Duffield said.

"Most truck accidents occur around 2 a.m. Incidents of cancer and cardiovascular disease are elevated in trans-Atlantic airline staff and in shift workers.

The master circadian clock in the human resides within the suprachiasmatic nucleus of the hypothalamic brain and receives direct input from the retina (eyes) through which the clock can be reset or synchronized on a daily basis to the prevailing light-dark cycle. This provides both time of day and also time of year information to the brain and body. Things can go wrong with the internal clocks when either the clock system or its light input pathway is disrupted.

Using DNA microarray techniques, Duffield and the other researchers identified an important gene called the "inhibitor of DNA-binding 2" (Id2) and found that the gene is rhythmically expressed in various tissues including the suprachiasmatic nucleus.
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offered perspective on the past years at Notre Dame and the years to come, she said.

"We talked about how there are only two and a half semesters left, and carpe diem," she said. "We need to make the most of our last semesters." Junior Greg Wallifing said he enjoyed having a beer with his dad at Fiddler’s Hearth.

"It was hilarious," Wallifing said. "It was almost all kids and parents at Fiddler’s Hearth." Wallifing also said he welcomed the chance to give his parents a glimpse of his everyday life at Notre Dame.

"It was great showing them what you actually do here," he said. "You get used to things, but showing them to your parents seems newer."

Junior Rosemary Peterson said she most enjoyed Lou Holtz’s speech at the closing dinner and learned perspective on Lykoudis, the dean of the Architecture School. Peterson also said he felt important to give his parents at Fiddler’s Hearth.

"He's a really amazing speaker," Peterson said. "His advice was to go through life excited and find something to be passionate about.

JPW is generally thought of as an important weekend for juniors, but since the event is during the spring semester, many juniors studying abroad miss out, especially the entire junior class in the Architecture School. Senior architecture major Teresa Schaible said the school offers a program akin to JPW called Expo Roma for the seniors because they missed JPW, as every junior in the school studies abroad in Rome for the year. Expo Roma takes place on the same weekend as JPW every year, she said.

"Any senior who was abroad last spring was invited to JPW, including the archies, but we put on something called Expo Roma, which is like our own JPW since everyone was abroad in Rome," she said. "So we have our own thing just for archies."

The weekend included a reception with Michael Lykoudis, the dean of the Architecture school, a lecture from a professor the students had in Rome, a dinner at Teghacane Restaurant in South Bend and a Mass to close the weekend.

Schaible said the main objective of the weekend is to tell the parents about the students’ experience in Rome the previous year.

"We decorated the whole first floor of Bond Hall with our paintings and drawings from Rome and the pictures we took there," she said. "There’s also a lunch with our parents with a video yearbook along with a slide show with music, pictures and videos that covered our whole year in Rome."

Although Expo Roma occurs every year on JPW, Schaible said nothing is unique from JPW because the weekend was focused about remembering the experience in Rome.

"It was a great opportunity to show our parents how much we did last year and what our experience in Rome was. It really brought back so many memories for all of us," she said. "It was a really nostalgic weekend."

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along with student-written research pieces.

"Most Notre Dame students know another student who’s working in a lab, but you don’t know what it is they’re actually doing," Sui said. "Science will include a news section so students at Notre Dame can know what their peers are researching and see that they’re actively involved in research that’s significant."

Scientists will also discuss their work and be able to submit articles for publication as peer reviewers.

"We’re looking for people to submit articles, and we could always use more editors," Remacci said. "When we receive articles, a reviewer will work with the writer, sending the article back and forth to make sure it’s publication-worthy. We’re focusing on research that the student has done over a summer or over a semester."

College of Science students can look foradow to the exposure their work will get through Science. The journal will be an outlet for the research that most students already do.

"Most science majors do some sort of research," Sui said. "It seems a bit of a shame to put in all three hours and have nothing to show for it, and this gives closure to their research."

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visors to account their experiences with sexual assault or rape.

"Anyone is welcome to come. You don’t have to be a sexual assault survivor, it can be supportive, allies, friends ... anyone," he said.

Lauck said the Gender Relations Center will have a resource table set up Tuesday through Thursday in both dining halls and in LaFortune. The tables will provide information not only to survivors of sexual assault, but also their friends and family, or anyone looking for general education on the topic.

There will be a forum Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Reckers Hospitality Room to "address issues of sexual assault and rape here on campus," Tighe said. The forum is hosted by the Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention and will bring together students, members of the Notre Dame Security Police and the Counseling Center to discuss the issue of sexual assault, Tighe said.

Lauck said the forum is open to go there and you see the current policy and there will be a discussion on your thoughts on the policy, Tighe said. The discussion will also include what changes are neede...
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iraq to operate nuclear power plant

TEHRAN—Iraq's first nuclear power plant will begin long-delayed pilot operations on Wednesday, the state atomic energy agency said.

A nuclear official in Russia, which is helping build the plant, said no major milestone is expected on that day.

"The pilot stage operation of the power plant will start on Wednesday," Iranian atomic agency spokesman Mohsen Delaviz told the state news agency on Sunday.

He said the nuclear reactor will take place during a visit by Sergei Kiriyenko, the head of Russia's nuclear agency.

The long-awaited 1,000-megawatt light-water reactor, which was built in the southern Iranian port of Bushehr with the help of Russia under a $1 billion contract, was previously scheduled to become operational in fall 2008. Some 700 Iranian engineers were trained in Russia to operate the power plant.

Two escape from Greek prison

ATHENS—For the second time in four days, two robbers escaped from a high-security prison Sunday by scaling a rope ladder to a housing helicopter amid a gun battle with guards.

The men remained missing late Sunday night. They had been scheduled to appear before a magistrate Monday about their first escape—from a maximum-security prison.

The shaken government quickly dismissed three justice ministers, and the prime minister scheduled an emergency meeting of part of his cabinet Monday to discuss the country's prisons.

"This was an insult which I will not accept...I... will take measures as harsh as necessary," Justice Minister Nikos Dendias announced.

Fifth-grader accused of murder

HONOLULU—Fifth-grader Jordan Brown was charged this week with the murder of a convicted sex offender, and appointed a public defender to represent him. He remained free on $100,000 bail.

But Friday was no typical morning. Before he left his rainy home, authorities say, the 11-year-old fatally shot his father's pregnant fiancée in the back of the head as she lay on their bed. He then shot himself in the head with a 20-gauge shotgun back in his room and went out to catch his bus, police say.

Brown was brought into police custody as an adult in the death of 26-year-old Kenzie Marie Housk, who was eight months pregnant, Lawrence County District Attorney John Bongiovengo said. Housk's fetus died within minutes.

Swarthmore names new president

SWARTHMORE—Swarthmore College has named Rebecca Chopp as its new president, making her the first woman to hold the position in the elite liberal-arts school's 145-year history.

Chopp, president of Colgate University since 2002, was selected by Swarthmore's board of managers on Saturday.

She succeeds Alfred Bloom, Swarthmore's president since 1991, who announced in May that he would step down. He is becoming vice chancellor of New York University Abu Dhabi.

LOCAL NEWS

Man accused of hosting "sex parties"

LINTON—A convicted sex offender faces sexual-behavior charges after he hosted at least a dozen "sex parties" at his home during which he gave young drinkers alcohol and encouraged them to engage in sex.

Vincent Tyone Carter, 43, was charged this week with sexual misconduct with a minor, two counts of solicitation and furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors.

A Greene County judge set a $75,000 bond for Carter, a convicted sex offender, and appointed a public defender to represent him. He remained jail Saturday at the Greene County Jail.

Federal judge to go on trial for sex crime

HOUSTON—U.S. District Judge Samuel Kent will be making judicial history when he enters a courtroom Monday—but it won't be the kind he'll want to remember.

Kent will join the handful of federal judges who have served in a trial as a defendant, and he will be one of the few to face trial on a sex crime charge.

The 59-year-old judge is accused of raping a former court employee as he tried to force himself on the women and have them perform sex acts.

Jury selection in his trial was set to begin Monday. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison and a fine of up to $250,000.

Kent has pleaded innocent to five charges related to federal sex crimes and to one alleging obstruction of justice, in which he is accused of lying to an investigative committee.

His nearly 19 years on the bench might have him some credibility with the jury, said Barry Pollack, an attorney not connected to the case.

"What you might see happen is the jury take the presumption of innocence a little more seriously," said Pollack, with the Washington firm of Miller & Chevallier. "But if the allegations are proven, the jury would very well be a defeated federal judge engaged in that conduct."

A 49 order in the case has prevented prosecutors, defense attorneys and others connected to the case from commenting outside court.

Kent wants to testify, his attorney, Dick DeGuerin, said during a hearing last week in which he unsuccessfully tried to have the obstruction charge thrown out or suppressed.

"Judge Kent believes his conduct with both of the (women) was mutual and consensual," said DeGuerin, who has represented such high-profile clients as former U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and Branch Davidian sect leader David Koresh.
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ties to be extremely popular. "The reason I come up with events that vary across the board is to have a larger effect." She added that she would like to make the week more inclusive." Lau said any event on campus that has differences, a~ Projects and we hoped that being able to offer a variety of experiences would make them feel like they are invited to at least one event.

The week begins on Sunday to accommodate the 8 a.m. prayer. Their dormitories, located in the eastern portion of the city, are a distance from Khan el-Khalli, which is Cause for concern. "The students are very receptive to the situation and take any necessary actions."

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Vegas, Midwest seek funding for trains

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Associated Press. A government statement said a homemade bomb was placed near a bench in the main plaza, the AP reported.

The wounded included three Saudis, a German, a 13 French and a seven-year-old Egyptian child, the report said.

The explosion took place in the main plaza at the Khan el-Khalli, a nursery in the northeastern part of Cairo's most revered shrines.

According to the report, the bombing in Cairo Sunday may have been a response to Israel's offensive in Gaza, and the terror attack was the first on tourists in three years.

Judy Hutchins, assistant director of the Office of International Studies, told The Observer in an e-mail she contacted the students studying abroad in Egypt, who attend the American University in Cairo.

She said in the e-mail she was not sure if some of them were in the area of the blast.

The American University in Cairo program responded to Observer e-mails despite the seven-hour time difference between Egypt and Indiana.

Jim Genovese, Kassandra Barbee and Mark McGuire said the eighth Nightlife Seminar at American University in Cairo in New Cairo did not witness the attack. In Egypt, the weekend runs Friday and Saturday and the school week begins Monday to observe the Muslim day of prayer. Their dormitories, located in the northeast side of the city, are a distance from Khan el-Khalli, which is Cause for concern. "The students are more receptive to the situation and take any necessary actions."

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON The Republicans attacking President Barack Obama's economic stimulus package point to a project they dub the "sinfluenza" - a high-speed rail link between Atlanta, Calif., site of Disneyland, and Las Vegas.

Not so fast.

In fact, competition for the $8 billion in mass transit construction is just beginning. Backers of numerous other planned high-speed rail corridors around the country are making their case for the money.

They notably include a Midwestern initiative supported by someone with even more clout than Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., who strongly supports the Anaheim-Las Vegas line. That would be former Illinois Sen. Obama.

It was Obama's White House that, in the final hours of negotia-

tions over the $787 billion stimulus bill, sought and won the big sum for high-speed rail projects, far above what either of his former co- chairmen in the Senate had passed. Reid was happy to agree but there's no guarantee the Anaheim-Las Vegas line will win, to be determined by the Transportation Department.

Also in the running are the proposed high-speed corridors in the Northeast, the Northwest, Florida and the South. Howard Learner, president of the Chicago-based Environmental Law and Policy Center, a group promoting a Midwest high-speed rail network, said his area is in excellent position to capture a good chunk of that money. The Federal Railroad Administration, he said, has recognized the Midwest initiative connecting Chicago and 17 metropolitan areas within 400 miles as the system most ready for funding.

He and others brushed aside claims that the $8 billion was set aside for a project, Obama who expressed strong interest in high-speed rail investment during the campaign, and his chief of staff Rahm Emanuel, are both from Chicago. Obama's transportation secretary, Ray LaHood, also is from Illinois. So is the Senate's ranking Democrat, Richard Durbin.

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Governors usually don’t raise taxes when the stimulus money should get there, Jindal said. Financially strapped states, all we’re really doing is delaying the inevitable. Moreover, some chief executives are divided over whether they should take money to the states, all we’re really doing is delaying the concern about strings attached to stimulus money.

"If you have a small town of Libby to the fibrous mineral asbestos, their homes and schools with asbestos.igrared lobbyist Jack Abramoff's office near a North London fish-and-chips shop to certificates of deposit promising outsized returns sold by a bank in Antigua, and it was going on for years the suggested Stanford's business wasn’t what it seemed.

Among them:— A 2001 lawsuit of a former employee alleging that Stanford's company ran a Ponzi scheme. Two other ex-employees asserted in a suit in January 2008 that Stanford's business was inspected and investigated by the SEC several times, starting in 2006 by the SEC and in 2004 by the NASD, the brokerage industry's self policing group, now called the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA. NASD's scrutiny has followed Stanford by several decades. According to regulatory actions: the regulator fined his brokerage company $1.9 million, with penalties totaling $70,000, for violations that led investors to misleading investors in sales materials about the risks of the bank's funds.

A 2006 lawsuit by a former employee alleging that Stanford's bank ran a Ponzi scheme. Two other ex-employees asserted in a suit in January 2008 that Stanford's Antigua bank, Stanford International Bank Ltd., sold CDs on inflated returns and had destroyed documents.

A board of directors that included Stanford's father, his college roommate and a family friend who remained on the board for years after suffering a debilitating stroke.

The Antigua-based bank was tiny and little known. — A 1999 Treasury Department advisory that warned U.S. banks to scrutinize transactions involving Antigua. It said a new regulator in Antigua was essentially a captive of offshore banks it was meant to supervise. (The advisory was lifted in 2001.) Last week, the SEC accused Stanford of a civil lawsuit of a "massive" fraud. It said he peddled sham promises and funneled investors' money into real estate and other assets not easily turned into cash.

FBI agents in Houston are running a parallel investigation.

Stanford, who was served legal papers by FBI agents last week, hasn't been charged with any crime. The SEC began investigating Stanford's business in October 2006 but was asked by another, unidentified federal agency to suspend its inquiry. An SEC official in Texas told news organizations last week.

"This was an active investigation throughout and it was going on for some time," John Nester, an SEC spokesman in Washington, said Sunday. He wouldn't confirm that the investigation began in October 2006 or identify the other agency. But he said there were complexities in the probe, such as issues of foreign jurisdiction and the SEC's cooperation with other federal agencies, including some with criminal authority.

**Devaney named overseer of stimulus plan**

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama plans to name Monday the former Secretary Service agent who helped expose lobbyists' corruption at the Interior Department as his pick to oversee the $787 billion economic stimulus plan.

Obama is set to name Earl Devaney as chairman of the new Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board, an administration official said Sunday. Vice President Joe Biden also will be picking a role overseeing oversight of stimulus spending.

The White House spoke of no condition of anonymity because the White House had not made public the announcement.

Devaney, the inspector general of the Interior Department, helped turn up disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff's dealings at the department. The department's No. 2 official, Steven Griles, pleaded guilty to charges filed during congressional testimony based in part on Devaney's investigation.

Iuliette Federici, co-founder of the Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy, and former Interior Department official Roger Stiffnell also pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the Interior investigation.

Obama has pledged the Recovery Act Transparency and Accountability Board to be an at-large body to oversee how the government spends billions allocated to help the faltering U.S. economy. But with dozens of agencies and departments involved, Obama wanted a central group to independently monitor where those funds are going.

Obama also planned to tap Biden to meet regularly with Cabinet members, governors and mayors to make sure their efforts were quick and effective. His reports to Obama are expected to be posted at the administration Web site devoted to the bill, Recovery.gov.

Obama was set to announce Devaney during a Monday meeting with governors, who have largely supported the economic stimulus package because it will direct billions to their states for schools, roads and technology.

In addition to the Abramoff investigation, Devaney led a separate investigation into workers at the Minerals Management Service, part of the Interior Department. His review found a "culture of substance abuse and promiscuity" at the Denver and Washington offices of the service.

**Red flags present in Stanford scandal**

SEC overlooked warning signs in fraud case involving billionaire R. Allen Stanford

*Aunt**

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In the past, animals with very serious injuries may have simply suffered from lifelong pain and because surgical techniques on some injuries had yet to be developed. But advancements in medicine coupled with pets becoming more a part of families have increased the demand for serious animal surgeries.

"If it wasn’t for him, my cat wouldn’t be alive," said Kristin Gagnon, of Hanson.

Four years ago, Gagnon’s Siamese kitten, Max, burned his palate to the bone after chewing an electrical cord. Pavletic reconstructed Max’s palate by taking a graft from inside the cat’s lip. “What a fantastic job he did,” Gagnon said. “He’s the only surgeon who could have done this.”

For Pavletic, his love for animals started with sick birds and a terrier mutt named Tiger. As a 6-year-old in Illinois, Pavletic tried to save injured wild birds by giving them water, food and a little attention. He returned to Angell in 1988 as head of surgery. That’s when Pavletic would perform reconstructive surgery on a finger. He’s removed bullets from a dog’s stomach and form an MRI to determine why a fish and asked the team to remove it.

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Pavletic dis­closed that the dog bad swallowed a pair of red panties. They didn’t belong to the dog’s female owner.

“I don’t know what happened to that marriage,” said Pavletic.

Another case was a Labrador retriever who suddenly stopped urinating one day. After various tests, Pavletic dis­closed that the dog had a pel­let stuck in its penis. The dog had somehow moved down from its testicles. The dog was shot by an unknown assailant. Pavletic surgically removed it—delicately.

associated Press

BOSTON — Michael Pavletic has removed a butcher knife from a dog’s stomach and tumors from tiny mice. He’s performed plastic surgery on injured hawks.

But he draws the line at giving canines body piercings or fat cell liposuction. "That’s just not what I do," said the longtime head of surgery at Boston’s Angell Animal Medical Center.

The 58-year-old surgeon is known as a pioneer in reconstructive animal surgery and is sought out by worried pet owners from around the world. Pavletic has cared for thousands of animals, including a dog that swallowed an engagement ring and injured a gorilla that required reconstructive surgery after finishing a 24-year sentence.

Associated Press

CAMDEN, N.J. — The majestic Ben Franklin Bridge slices this city’s waterfront into two worlds.

On the south side of the bridge, there’s a spiffy red brick minor-league baseball stadium where statues of the Campbell Soup Co.’s Campbell Kids stand sentry and suburban families spend summer evenings. On the north side, chain link fences topped by razor wire surround a cluster of grimly functional buildings that make up Riverfront State Prison.

After years of requests, the state is preparing to close the prison.

"The prison needs to be out of there for anything to happen on this waterfront," said communi­ty activist Rodney Sadler, a former correction worker and president of the advocacy group Save Our Waterfront.

The prison could close by summer, over the objection of the correction workers’ union. Already, the state Corrections Department has started roaming inmates among other New Jersey prisons with plans to transfer the staff as well. Fewer than 650 inmates remain at Riverton, which can accommodate 1,000.

What will happen to the prison property is not set.

Rutgers University, whose Camden campus sits near­by land on the south side of the bridge, is interested in using some of the space.

The prison was never a popu­lar addition to the waterfront. In the early 1980s, the city was in the midst of a long decline and hurting for revenue, and then-Mayor Randy Primas took a deal from the state: $3.4 mil­lion for the land. The state built its prison and Primas tried to persuade residents that it would provide jobs.

The prison was opened in 1985.

From current Mayor Wanda Faison to neighbor­hood activists, almost no one believes it brought much lasting benefit.

What’s more, other sections of the waterfront began chang­ing — making the prison an increasingly incongruous sight in one section of the city that has prospered.

Within a few years of the prison opening, the south waterfront began to change. RCA and Campbell Soup Co. shuttered their last factories and an aquarium opened. It was the first of several attractions, including the baseball park and an aquarium and piers that have turned the area into an enter­tainment destination. Luxury apartments and upscale taverns followed.

While those developments might help the city’s image, many residents don’t see how they helped in the neighbor­hoods where most of the people live.

Over the decades, the city as a whole has continued its long decline. Things got so bad that in 2002 the state put up $175 million to jump-start redevelopment and took control of some aspects of the local government.

Educational institutions such as Rutgers and Camden County College have used a mixture of state money and their own to expand, as have hospitals. While there’s been some private investment, some of the splashiest private proposals in the residential neighborhoods away from the waterfront have not been realized.

Prison closing offers hope to Camden

New Jersey prepares to close jail to cut down on crime, violence in one of nation’s poorest cities

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The secret lives of graduate students

Spring is technically just around the corner, and everywhere people’s minds are turning to love — which those cynics among us might put in the category of a mere passing fancy. But it’s not realistic at all,” her mother, meanwhile, had some unofficial advice for everyone: “Hey, don’t get pregnant. Well, get beyond that when it happens, and then you deal with it.” And here at Notre Dame, debates over dating, hooking up and the contravention of paretials have broken out in panels, Letters to the Editor and dining halls. Even the “4 Info Life” posters in the library bathrooms take time out of their story about E-Reserves to wax romantic.

But lost among the tales of leprechaun love and freshman lust is the graduate student population. After all, we graduate students are just as entitled to think about how we are or aren’t spending our extracurricular time. So it’s time to take a good look at the dating life of graduate students — an examination that, by the way, will remain thoroughly academic (i.e., hands-off) for all you non-graduate students out there (see Duree, p. 126).

Eight-hour-a-week jobs tend to affect your personality after a while, and graduate school is no exception. Whereas doing finance or ir banking in Manhattan turns even the most stalid professional into the frazzled type (though recently, manic-depressive would apply just as well), the long, lonely hours spent in front of a book or a Rosen banner can sap the extracurricular version from anyone. Instead of cursing about corporate law or Natty Light, though, scholars-in-training direct their energy toward their own areas of research; their social side, so badly underused, fuses with their professional side until they start to exist exclusively as extensions of their topics.

Parties turn hopelessly academic after a few hours — I once witnessed a group of theologians take turns trying to recite the Newer Creed as a parlor game of sorts. And, for the sake of full disclosure, I’ve been known to change a Charlemagne joke or two.

Are you trying to have any meaningful interaction with one? What you might not realize is that when you get beyond small talk with a graduate student, you’re not only talking to them, you’re talking to their library or their campus. And, if you do, you can go on a date with a psychologist, you’re really also dating Jung and Freud and Pinker, with a historian, let’s hope you like Foucault, Hegel and/or Marx. I understand that students of literature are contractually obliged to utter the words "post-modern" and "Sylvia Plath" at least six times an hour. Of course, many of these people are also training to become lecturers and discussion leaders, which means that they will someday advise their students forth as a supreme authority for about an hour at a time on a grand topic. Some manage to conceal this side of themselves successfully, others see any social interaction as a chance to practice.

But, the lack of a dental plan notwithstanding, graduate students actually have a pretty good life. They get a steady paycheck, they get sum­more off and they get to pursue something that, hopefully, they really like. They also get to share their passion with students and with their scholarly peers — and occasionally, such interactions (the latter ones) lead to real romance. After all, who else is suited to understanding all of the personal and professional sacrifices and demands of graduate school and the academic life but another scholar? In fact, graduate students like this so much, they signed up for it. So in case you feel like it, graduate students are so pitiable that they need a hug, well, first of all, they aren’t, and second, see Duree, p. 126.

Darryl Campbell would like to remind everyone that, in the words of Mary Cherry, "It’s a satire!" He can be contacted at dcampbell@nd.edu.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The conversational overachiever is someone whose grasp exceeds their reach. This is possible but not attractive."

Fran Lebowitz
author
Basketball cheer in poor taste

I had the opportunity to attend the men's basketball game against USF a week ago with my 14-year-old son. We had seats in the section adjacent to the student section, the "Leprechaun Legion." I was shocked to hear the students' about "acks" after each player from the opposing team was introduced. As students of the University of Notre Dame, you are held to higher standards, whether you like it or not. It does not go well with the finest Catholic University in the land. I enjoy most if not all of your other cheers, (left, right, left, sit down for instance). So I ask, please for your own sake and the sake of a proud alum, clean it up!

Superpower debate ended

There are certain unanswerable questions in this life, but now one can be checked off the list. The answer to "What superpower would you have?" is now known. Wait, what about super strength or flying? Invisibility has to be up there, doesn't it? All of these powers are encompassed by telekinesis. Super strength is easy, if a need ever arises where heavy things have to be moved, think it and it's done. Superman can't even do that—"Which superpower would you have?"

Okay, now what about flying? If you don't believe you can apply telekinesis to yourself, then lift your shoe off get on a bike and make it fly (super speed, get on a bike and make it fly (super speed, superpowers making telekinesis the ultimate superpower)."

Jonathan Miller
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Feb. 18

U-Wire

Landing an internship comes with a price tag

Parents, student and others gladly pay thousands of dollars in college tuition to earn a financially sound existence after graduation. This can be ensured if funds are found on the ideal that if a person works hard enough, he or she can achieve anything. A student must spend countless hours studying, network like mad, land a few internships, become a degree and then maybe with some luck a job offer will appear. Persevere, we're told, and it'll happen. But if no matter how much effort you put into your aspirations, there were people out there without the grades, and skills who will snatch up opportunities you deserve? Turns out there's a fast track where some students get to skip over all the aches and pains, but still achieve the goals of their more dedicated peers.

Richelle Buser
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Feb. 18

The week of Feb. 22 to March 1, the Gender Relations Center on campus will be hosting Sexual Assault Awareness week. Along with other events, today, people on campus will be marching to Take Back the Night. Take Back the Night is thought to have begun in the late 1980s when women citizens in London protested the fear and violence they experienced at night. "Reclaim the night" took place in Belgium in 1976 by women who were attending the International Transvestites' Union Against Women. This included a march with candles to spread the word and honor those who have been sexually abused. This came statewide in 1978 in San Francisco by Women Against Violence in Pornography and Media. The term "Take Back the Night" originated from a memorial read by Anne Prude a year before. The women were marching to protest rape, pornography and to protest all types of sexual violence. Take Back the Night is now done in many cities and locales, and the Gender Relations Center is proud that the march will be taking place at Our Lady's Bottles. It will be followed by a special event SpeakOut, for all those interested.

Although Take Back the Night originated with women it is expected that the whole community will be attending. We hope that the march is attended by both women and men, for while some situations do not affect women, many sexual assaults are committed with the combination of sexual violence, men of all ages are affected by the outcomes of sexual violence. The University of Notre Dame prides itself on being a safe haven for all students interested in supporting students and faculty. We hope that this manifestation is supported by both men and women, toward the end of sexual violence.

Laura Lauck
junior
Welsh Family Hall
Feb. 18

Thanks for Bouts

This letter is intended for all of those involved in my 2009 Bout. I speak only for myself, I speak for the University of Kansas, for the student Senate, and for the special events programs. I speak for the University of Kansas, for the student Senate, and for the special events programs. I speak for the University of Kansas, for the student Senate, and for the special events programs.

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Brian Salvi
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A Night at the Oscars: Play by Play

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Amelius Scene Editor

7:55. TV, check. Papa John’s breadsticks, check. Diet Pepsi, check. Oscars... almost.
8:01. We’re live from the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, California!
8:11. Mikey Rourke mourns the passing of his dog, lamenting the fact that she won’t be wearing the tux he had made for her.
8:30. Big hand much swells, lights come up on stage framed in Swarovski crystal. Hugh Jackman enters, makes a New Zealand joke.
8:34. Major dance sequence in a comedy show tames parodying the best pic nominees. Anne Hathaway is pulled up on stage and sings a duet from “Slumdog.”
8:41. Hugh is convinced that after 15 nominations, Meryl Streep is using steroids.
8:45. Tina Fey arrives. Wanderlust jokes about religion, just like we expected. Winzer makes a cringe deserving joke about her hand and balances the Oscar upside-down on his chin.

9:39. Jessica Biel’s hair looks like a certain Cruise writer’s style from JPMW, only the JPMW style wasn’t so intentional. Is that style points to the JPMW fashionista, or does Jessica Biel love them?
9:52. Hugh announces the return of the musical. Oh, sweet Jesus, please tap dance. Can the ensemble-tap-hat-cabaret-style dance number starring Beyonce. It’s the greatest bits of all the musicals year high school ever put on. Relevance? Not much. Beyonce starts singing Moulin Rouge, and is it any secret Baz Latherman choreographed? Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens have just appeared, along with the Mama Mia chick from Mean Girls. Oh, okay, it’s all the couples from musicals this year. Hugh yells, “The musical is back!” And you just jinxed it.
10:03. The cast of former Best Supporting Actors arrives. Alert the sub parade. Ledger’s coming up. Kevin Kline introduces Heath. Close pants of Ledger’s family. He’s won it. The crowd rises in an ovation. Mom, dad and sister take the stage. Sean Penn looks like he’s going to cry, again.
10:14. Bill Maher introduces Documentary Feature and makes some tasteless jokes about religion, just like we expected. Winzer makes a cringe deserving joke about her hand and balances the Oscar upside-down on his chin.
10:33. Will Smith admits, “Yes, I’m still here. Hugh is napping.” Film Editing goes to “Slumdog.”
10:41. Eddie Murphy arrives holding an Oscar to give the Humanitarian Award to Jerry Lewis for his work helping children with multiple sclerosis. Cue another obligatory standing ovation.
10:55. “Slumdog” wins for Best Original Score. Winning composer says he hasn’t felt this nervous since getting married.
10:56. A large Indian dance ensemble appears to present the two songs from Slumdog nominated for Best Song. They are separated by the song from “Wall-e,” complete with South African gospel choir. “Jai Ho” from “Slumdog” wins. The same guy from the last award comes out to accept and is just as stumped for what to say as last time.
11:10. People In the Movies Who Died This Year montage. Wait, Michael Crickton died?
11:18. President of the Academy thankfully opts not to make a speech. Please!
11:18. Reese Witherspoon presents the Oscar for Directing to Danny Boyle for “Slumdog Millionaire.” His opening joke gets censored. He thanks the poor chump he forgot to put in the credits.
11:27. The Former Best Actress Winners arrive to present the award for Best Actress. The crowd jumps to their feet. Anne Hathaway tears up. Halle Berry’s hair is in her face. Older-than-dirt Sophia Loren introduces Meryl Streep. KATE WINS!! Finally, it only took six nominations. “Dad, while there I’ll know where you are.” He does.
11:47. Aaron Spelling up to present Best Picture.
11:53. SLUMDOG MILLIONAIRE! They are dancing in the streets of Mumbai tonight. So this is what you get when you merge awkward looking Englishmen with really cute Indian kids.
11:55. “Stay with us and glimpse the movies coming up this year! Goodnight!”

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The Red Carpet Runways

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Scene Writer

Intimate beading, much like the Swarovski crystal curtains that fell around the Kodak Theatre's stage, and wrapping creations of tightly cinched material that highlighted only the most perfect of features, bedecked the stars as they took their place on the 81st Academy Award's Red Carpet. From the million-dollar Charriol earrings planted on Anne Hathaway's lovely ears to the multicolored jeweled necklace fastened around Amy Adams' fragile neck, the gowns came out of hiding for the Oscars. Unlike this year's Golden Globes where noticeable jewels were a rare find, the biggest awards show of the year dabbled in a mixture of class, elegance, and originality on Sunday evening.

In a sleek midnight black Elle Saab gown that wrapped tightly around her flawlessly toned body, Angelina Jolie owned the red carpet making Brad Pitt look like a dispensable accessory at her side. Balancing her vixen-esque allure in a never-ending array of comparisons was the glowing Jennifer Aniston whose silver gown complimented her radiant smile as she presented awards alongside Jack Black. Amy Adams' red Carolina Herrera gown brought a modern twist to the goddess look with black lining that highlighted her narrow waist and material that flowed from the center of her bust. Best Actress Winner Kate Winslet made a stunning statement in an embroidered one-shoulder charcoal-gray and black Versace Saint Laurent design that left viewers intrigued by the mix of multiple styles and themes classily combined into one shimmering piece.

The night's failures were Jessica Biel who looked like she might fall over in her strapless tattered ivory satin Prada gown that fell short of accentuating her fantastically shaped, and Heidi Klum whose origami creation by Roland Mouret and awkwardly slicked back hair made her look like a tacky Malibu Barbie doll. Impressive beading and crystal details bedecked the stars as they sauntered into the Academy Awards, a trend capitalized on by Anne Hathaway who wore a strapless champagne Armani Prive dress. Following this trend was Miley Cyrus who finally dressed her age in a Zuhair Murad V-neck gown that cinched at the waist and tiered out like frosted petals near the bottom. Though the gown wasn't the most beautiful one on the red carpet, it was a nice change of pace for the star who constantly seems to be trying to act older than she is.

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Twins and trends, like the exciting performances that kept the night's awards show entertaining throughout, were the other noticeable trend for the evening. Repeated in some of the most important stars of the night's gowns, no one embodied this look better than the young Evan Rachel Wood whose pale ivory Freida Pinto Murad V-neck gown that cinched at the waist and tiered out like frosted petals near the bottom. Though the gown wasn't the most beautiful one on the red carpet, it was a nice change of pace for the star who constantly seems to be trying to act older than she is.

From the million-dollar designer gowns to the more budget-friendly looks, the best dressed of the night undoubtedly went to the young Evan Rachel Wood and Marisa Tomei.

The Oscars provided a fantastically adequate escape from the recession-ridden world many face every day. The magic of the performances, the people, and most importantly, the fashion were certainly intriguing enough to keep this writer from getting her Politics homework done Sunday night. Sorry profs! But for all who were too busy being good students and didn't get to see the glamour of the evening's events, be sure to catch up with the fashion section of the papers so you too can dive into the fabulous world of the Academy Awards.

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Reactions & Results from the Academy Awards

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Scene Writer

Best Picture Winner: "Slumdog Millionaire" Who Should Have Won: "Slumdog Millionaire"

It comes as no surprise that this year's critical darling, "Slumdog Millionaire" took home the big prize last night. It dominated the awards circuit all year and capped off its magical run by dominating the Oscars. Best Director Winner: Danny Boyle "Slumdog Millionaire" Who Should Have Won: Danny Boyle "Slumdog Millionaire"

Best director and Best Picture are usually one and the same thing when it comes to the Oscars. That being said, the innovation that went into directing "Slumdog Millionaire" was immense and worked from top to bottom with such calculation that it would have been a downright shame to not have awarded this honor to Danny Boyle.

Best Actor Winner: Sean Penn "Milk" Who Should Have Won: Mickey Rourke "The Wrestler"

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Talk about owning somebody. Having nominated her six times, the Academy was literally looking for a reason to give Kate Winslet a Best Actress Award. They skipped her performance in " Revolutionary Road," only to bump her up from supporting actress to lead actress for her role in "The Reader," which was the better of her two performances. This is only the beginning of a growing collection of golden statues for Winslet, who is quickly establishing herself as the best actress of this generation. Best Supporting Actor Winner: Heath Ledger "The Dark Knight" Who Should Have Won: Heath Ledger "The Dark Knight"

In perhaps the year's most predictable category, Heath Ledger deservedly became the second consecutive actor to take home an acting award. Ledger's downright frightening presence dominated the screen and propelled "The Dark Knight" from being a great action movie to being something truly special. Best Supporting Actress Winner: Penelope Cruz "Vicky Cristina Barcelona" Who Deserved To Win: Marissa Tomei "The Wrestler"

Penelope Cruz had been gaining steam in the late stages of the film awards circuit and emerged as an almost clear favorite heading into the Oscars. It also helped that the Academy has been looking for a reason to award the Spanish actress after passing up on her in 2006's "Volver." However, it was Marissa Tomei's stunning turn as an over-the-hill stripper in "The Wrestler" that commanded the screen like no other supporting actress nominated this year. Best Supporting Actor Winner: Heath Ledger "The Dark Knight"

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Belles finish fifth
at conference meet

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's in fifth place at the UPI Media Coaches poll meeting, placing
fourth place Olivet, by only two points.

The two-point margin was
decided in the final event of the
cross-country meet, the 400-yard
freestyle relay, in which the Belles
placed third, losing to BYU by two
and a half seconds.

Despite finishing fifth,
the Belles were able to break 15
school records at the meet,
including five by freshman Audrey Dalrymple, four by
ewnman Eva Cavadini and
three by sophomore Mary
Williams.

"Due to the closeness of the
loss to Olivet, I believe that it
was harder to accomplish goals as
we went into the final event,
"Dalrymple said. "Although, as a whole
everyone swam very well, at conference and we broke a lot of school
records."

Dalrymple, Cavadini and
Williams have performed con-
sistently for the Belles throughout the season, and
provide a good outlook on the
Belles' future due to their
youth. Dalrymple cites her ded-
ication to her sport as the rea-
son for her team's and her own
success.

"I find that at a champi-
nship swim meet it is a great
opportunity to showcase one's
hard work over the entire season
and show that it is not just those
disco races," she said. "I am able to
perform at my best of the year.
Many of my coaches have been
training so intensely I can stand
my own at the blocks knowing that
I have done everything in my
power to prepare for the swim ahead and all that is left is the
race itself, which is the fun part."

Another Belle who had a
career day in the tournament
was freshman Barbara Reider.
She broke three personal
carrier records in the 100-yard,
the 100-yard and the 200-yard
freestyle events, along with four other relay events.

This was the final meet for the
Belles, but Dalrymple will continue to compete. Her times in the 100-yard and 200-yard
butterfly stroke qualify her for "B"
cuts in the Division III Championships, which will be held March 16-19 at the
University of Minnesota in
Minneapolis.

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Squad completes two-game sweep over BYU, Utah

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

The Irish completed a sweep of their two-game road trip with a 7-0 victory over the Brigham Young and Utah this weekend.

In its first test since rising to
No. 5 in the national rankings,
Notre Dame easily handled BYU 6-1 on Saturday afternoon behind solid doubles play and a dominating singles performance.

"The team is just beginning
to gel," freshman Shannon Mathews said. "While the team is extremely pleased with our success this season, we recognize that we need to work even harder to reach the summit."

The No. 2-ranked doubles squad of senior Keely Tefft and junior Kali Kriski clinched the doubles point for the Irish with an 8-3 victory in the No. 1 single
match after Mathews and junior Colleen Bisley had struck first with their 8-3 victory in the No. 3 match.

In singles play, the Irish got more of the same outstanding play that they first earned in their top-
five ranking.

Freshman Kristen Rafael put Notre Dame up 3-0 with a close 7-5, 6-4 victory, Kriski delivered the final blow with a 3-6, 6-7 (6), 7-6 (7) victory to give the Irish the decisive fourth point.

Both Mathews and junior
Cosmina Ciobanu picked up victories in the matches No. 6 and No. 5
single spots, respectively.

A great deal of the Irish's success thus far can be attributed to their coaches' ability to allow the team to dwell on its previous achievements.

"Every team member has made
contribution towards our success," Mathews said.

The win moves the Irish to 9-0 overall and the only loss coming against top-ranked Northwestern.

"We are very honored and privilege to represent the team and continue the Notre Dame legacy of excellence in
athletics," Mathews said. "I am fortunate to be named alongside a group of young women who are all focused on improving and giving our best every time we step on the court."

The Irish will host North Carolina in the first match of a three-game home stand Friday night at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

The Irish volleyball team
promising results at the Big East Indoor Track and Field Championship in New York. The men's team finished second in conference and the women placed fifth, as Notre Dame
vultures led the way for both squads.

After recording
two runs to up finishes in the pole vault within the past
two games, the women led the way for both squads.

But the S c h i p e r r Irish
comeback victory to give the
Irish a 6-1, 6-1 victory in the No. 3
doubles match.

Freshman Miklos Sebestyen
crossed the line third in the
200-meter dash. Freshman
Krisik delivered the final
blow with a 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (7)
in the No. 2 doubles match.

"Rincon ran exceptionally
well," Piane said. "If things had broken just a little dif-
cently, he could have won it.
"

In the mile, senior Dan
Clark used a perfectly timed
break at the finish line to
prevail over his doubles partner, while freshmen Jordan Carlson also
won points for the Irish with a
sixth-place finish.

Senior Patrick Smyth
performed well in his final
Big East Indoor Championships,
placing second in the 2,000-
meter run and finishing third in the
3,000-meter steeplechase.

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Wade’s career high not enough

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dwight Howard had 32 points and 17 rebounds, and the Orlando Magic withstood a career-high 50 points by Dwyane Wade to rout the Miami Heat 122-99 on Sunday.

Hedo Turkoglu had 20 points and Rafer Alston added 12 points and nine assists for the Magic, who have won 12 of the past 15 games against their Sunshine State rival.

Wade was potent from inside and out, scoring with high-flying dunks and soaring jumpers that had even some Magic fans chanting “M-V-P!” Miami’s do-it-all guard had previously scored 48 twice in his career, and had 43 points two times earlier this season.

Wade hit a pair of 3-pointers in an 11-4 Heat run to start the third quarter, closing the gap to 68-57. But the Magic would come back with a series of 3s to go ahead 91-72 at the end of the period to offset Wade’s performance.

The Heat never got close in the fourth, and Miami coach Erik Spoelstra cleared most of the bench midway through the period — except for Wade, who was left in until his shot over Courtney Lee gave him 50 points.

But it was the Magic’s newest player that made the biggest difference.

Alston, acquired from Houston last Friday, has taken the ballhandling responsibilities off Orlando’s free-shooting perimeter players. The speedy guard has allowed the Magic to return to their usual rotation and play the up-tempo, pick-and-roll style game that had them looking like real title contenders before All-Star point guard Jameer Nelson tore the labrum in his right shoulder Feb. 2.

Nelson has since had season-ending surgery, and the Magic are counting on Alston to fill the void. He had them rolling from the start against Miami.

Driving and dishing from all angles, Alston had seven assists and a pair of 3-pointers in the opening quarter. Howard converted a 3-point play after a powerful dunk over Wade and Udonis Haslem, the last of 13 straight points by the Magic to open up a 27-12 lead early. Howard’s 15 points in the quarter just about canceled out all the acrobatic shots Wade had en route to 16 points in the period.

IN BRIEF

Crabtree to delay surgery until after NFL combine

INDIANAPOLIS — Michael Crabtree was quick on his feet Sunday, and if he does the same thing for NFL scouts next month the stress fracture in his left foot might soon be forgotten.

In an odd scene at the league’s annual scouting combine, Crabtree strolled quickly across the media room moments after Patriots coach Bill Belichick finished speaking. He walked up a couple of steps, smiled at reporters and then gave a 20-second statement confirming the decision to delay surgery so he could run in front of scouts during next month’s personal workout.

“It’s an old injury that I’ve been having, but I never had any pain in it,” he said. “I will run my 40, and after that I will have surgery.”

With that, Crabtree exited stage left, taking no questions.

Clearly, it was an effort to stem the fallout that began Saturday when it was revealed he needed surgery.

Sooner’s Griffin status uncertain after concussion

NORMAN, Okla. — Preseason All-America Blake Griffin’s status was uncertain for No. 2 Oklahoma’s game against Kansas on Monday night after he sustained a concussion in a loss to Texas.

Sooners coach Jeff Capel said Griffin would be held out of practice Sunday, but he won’t know until game day whether his star player will be able to go against the 15th-ranked Jayhawks in a game that will give one team the lead in the Big 12 title race.

“The most important thing is him and his future. You don’t want to do anything to risk any further damage, so that’s the most important thing,” Capel said before practice Sunday. “We’re going to proceed with caution with this and make sure he’s OK.

“And we’ll move on whichever way we have to, with him or without.”

Mickelson nearly blows biggest lead of career

LOS ANGELES — Phil Mickelson nearly blew the biggest lead of his career, then had to scramble for par to avoid a playoff.

When his roller-coaster week at Riviera ended Sunday, the Northern Trust Open turned out to be one of his more satisfying victories.

After watching tee shots sail in every direction, turning a four-shot lead into a two-shot deficit with three holes to play, Mickelson recovered with back-to-back birdies and stopped at the 18th tee with a one-shot lead.

Then, he had to burry some demons.

Two years ago, Mickelson had a one-shot lead until making a sloppy bogey on the historic finishing hole and losing in a playoff. This time, he poured his tee shot down the middle of the fairway and two-putted for par from 60 feet, making a tough 6-footer for the win.

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**Bucks end team’s win streak at five**

By CHRIS MICHALSKI
Sport Writer

No. 25 Notre Dame snapped its five-match winning streak in a big way on Saturday. The Irish (6-5) fell to No. 9 Ohio State 7-0 in Columbus. The Irish were forced to take on the high-powered Buckeyes without the help of their usual first singles player, senior Brett Heilgeson. Heilgeson suffered an injury against Northwestern on Thursday and stayed in South Bend for treatment. He is currently day-to-day, but coach Bobby Bayliss said he hopes to have him available for Monday’s match against Kentucky.

With Heilgeson, the team’s only upperclassman, out, the Irish played with an especially young lineup. Four sophomores and two freshmen filled the six singles spots. Sophomore Stephen Havens won up to first singles, and lost second singles to No. 4 Bryan Koniecko.

Sophomore Daniel Stahl was the only Irish player to force a third set, losing 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 to No. 22 Steven Monecke. Ohio State also swept doubles, although second and third doubles were kept close, losing 8-6.

The young team will continue to gain valuable experience against top-notch competition, as its upcoming schedule will feature No. 31 Kentucky, No. 13 Texas A&M and No. 19 Michigan. Bayliss said he is aware of the unyielding stretch of matches, but that he feels that it is for the best.

“I knew this schedule would be a challenge, but I hoped that our guys would be forced to meet this level,” Bayliss said. “Our guys came to Notre Dame so that they could play against teams like these.”

**Irish decide to overcome Huskies**

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sport Writer

Notre Dame was hanging in top-ranked, undefeated Connecticut, right until that 22-1 run in the second half. An Ashley Barlow layup with 16:11 to go in the second half put the Irish on top 43-41, but the Huskies wouldn’t make another field goal until forward Becca Brzezinski nailed a jumper with 9:12 left.

By the end of the game, the Irish became the Huskies’ latest victim, losing 76-66. Connecticut had the best margin of victory all season.

“I thought defensively we had a number of breakdowns during that stretch. We were unable to find [Huskies guard Renee] Montgomery and [Huskies forward Mayal Moyer] and that allowed them to get four threes in that stretch, and that’s a lot of points,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “We had a couple of bad shots, a couple of turnovers, and that was obviously the game.”

Notre Dame’s two-year Big East Player of the Year, had 18 points and eight rebounds in the win. Montgomery had a game-high 20 points and eight assists, compared to only two turnovers.

“Montgomery is up for player of the year in the country,” she said. “She runs her team very intently. We usually have two turnovers, which is just a phenomenal assist-to-turnover ratio,” McGraw said. “She shot the ball well, she had a lot of points, she played great defensively. She’s a terrific player.”

Despite being down 19 points with less than 10 minutes to play, the Irish refused to give up and quickly fought back to a more manageable deficit. A Lindsay Schrader jumper with 3:42 remaining in the game Irish the only points behind.

“I thought it was a really battled – Schrader and Barlow in particular, and Becca Brzezinski, I thought they played really well,” McGraw said. “They just battled.”

McGraw said that she was glad to see her team fight back in the second half, and that it just missed its opportunities to win the game.

“We stayed within our game plan, outside of that run. It’s a nine point game with four minutes left,” she said. “I think we could have gone out – we had plenty of chances, we just missed a lot of shots – lots of shots. Ashley Barlow led the Irish in scoring with 18 points, while Megan Skiff and guard Hannah Strebeicher had straight doubles-with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

“A team, that Irish hung tough on the glass against Connecticut, and unbreakable it was the Huskies’47-46. Notre Dame started the game out well, with Barlow nailing a three-pointer as part of a 9 Irish run to start the game. The six-point deficit was Connecticut’s largest of the season.

“I thought Ashley got us off to a great start. She hit her first three, and thought that really helped us gain a little confidence. And she hit a couple more shots and I thought, in the first half at least, she was showing the ball well,” McGraw said.

The one lesson McGraw said she can take out of the loss was that her team definitely has the tenacious attitude necessary for postseason success.

“I think it’s like we’ve been all year. We’re fighting, we’re doing the best we can right now, we’re fighters and they’re going to work hard and finish strong coming into Tuesday night against Syracuse.”

Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said in his postgame news conference that it will be harder to draw coaching points out of the narrow victory for his squad.

“Tie I told you the team, you’re at somewhat of a disadvantage when you play at Connecticut, because the lessons you learn to really help you become a better team are when you lose … you can you’re really learn a lot when you lose, but it’s a disadvantage because we almost never lose.”

“I told the team, you’re that you learn to learn from wins? That’s hard to do.”

Note: The crowd of 14,533 at Sunday’s game was the largest crowd for a Connecticut home game this season. The game was played at the XL Center in Hartford. Notre Dame won 2009 Big East tournament – and not the Huskies’ usual first and second rounds. Connecticut ended the season.

NOTES

**Belles win last game of season**

Squad heads to conference tournament after record-breaking season

By ALEX WEST
Sport Writer

Saint Mary’s 115-91 finished a record-setting regular season Saturday afternoon with a 77-47 victory over Marywood (20-23) at the Angela Athletic Facility.

The Belles dominated Kalamazoo from start to finish, opening up a 12-2 lead in the first half. Kalamazoo could not cut the Belles’ lead to more than nine for the rest of the game, and the Belles led 39-23 at halftime.

In the second half, the Belles widened their lead further, led by freshman Kelly Murphy’s 14 points off the bench.

Freshman Jessica Centa added 12 points of her own while senior Jayna Keshwandh and junior Anna Kammrath contributed 10 points each. Marywood also finished with nine rebounds.

The Belles defense held Kalamazoo to just 25 percent shooting.

Nyeama Cooper had a game-high 15 points for the Belles.

Up next for the Belles is the first round of the MIAA playoffs against Adrian. The Belles defeated Adrian twice during the regular season.

This season, the Belles broke the school records of 11 conference victories and 25 overall victories. The Belles also were in control of the MIAA for most of the season after a victory on Jan. 3 over then No. 1 Hope College.

The Belles finished 22-1 after a loss to Albion that brought them back into a tie with Hope. A loss to Hope on Jan. 31 dropped the Belles out of first place in the MIAA, where they have remained.

Another notable accomplishment for the Belles this season came when seniors Nicole Beier and Laura Wright’s senior game of the week on consecutive games during the first and fourth weeks of the season.

The Belles take on Adrian at the Angela Athletic Facility at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

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The Observer
Team splits games at Nike Invitational

Notre Dame wins two over Sacramento State, loses two to No. 5 Stanford in California

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame went 2-2 over the weekend spent at Stanford University’s Nike Invitational, its second tournament of the young season. The Irish (3-4) had two wins against Sacramento State University, two losses against the No. 5 Stanford Cardinal and a rain-out cancellation against Western Kentucky.

Friday proved to be the best day of the tournament for the Irish, as neither of the day’s pitchers, senior Britney Bargar and sophomore Jody Valdivia, yielded an earned run.

“It felt good, and it was nice to get out there, having everything working and good pitchers,” Bargar said. “It made the game more in control, in my hands.”

The first game of the invitational was a 4-1 win over Sacramento State. A strong offensive third inning, containing crucial hits from senior Linda Kohan, freshman Alexa Maldonado and junior Christine Lux.

The second game on Friday was a 2-0 defeat from Stanford University. Notre Dame almost had a cancellation against Cardinal Invitational, its second tournament of the young season. The Irish (3-4) had two wins against Cardinal, two losses to No. 5 Stanford, four innings. Offensively, Maldonado, freshman Sadie Fitzenberger and sophomores Erin Marrone and Katie Fleury each had hits, leading to the two Irish runs of the game, both scored by Maldonado.

“We gave up some big hits in big situations,” Bargar said. “In both games, we just came up a little short.”

Team morale turned around later in the day, as the Irish defeated the Hornets once again, this time an 11-0 rout. Marrone hit her first home run of the season, and junior infielder Heather Johnson had four RBIs.

Every single girl down the line was making solid contact,” Bargar said. “Due to excessive rain, the scheduled Sunday game against Western Kentucky was terminated just short of three scoreless innings.

“We need all the little pieces of our game to get together more,” Marrone said of the coming week’s practices. “This week it’s a matter of getting everything to click in all the different areas.

The next stop for the team is the Wolfpack Challenge in Raleigh, North Carolina, where they will take on Cansius, Buffalo and the home team, North Carolina State.

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Abt scores four goals in Irish win

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

Coming off a tough home loss to No. 1 Northwestern, No. 11 Notre Dame defeated Ohio State 14-11 Sunday at the Loftis Sports Center to improve to 2-0 on the season.

“We always expect a good game from Ohio State, and they were as tough as we expected,” Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. “It’s early in the season, but we want to earn a spot in the NCAA tournament, so a win over a good regional opponent is important.”

Sophomore Kaitlene Abt paced the Irish with four goals. Sophomore Tynn Blaney netted three, as did senior Jill Byers.

Jayme Beard led the Buckeyes to an early 3-1 lead, but the Irish responded at 20:33 with an Abt goal off of an assist from junior Gina Scioscia. She tied it up with a score of her own at 16:56 with an assist from sophomore Kaitlin Keena.

Ohio State staged a comeback and tied the game up at 5-5 with an unassisted goal at 6:53. Blaney tallied a goal for a 7-5 lead, but the Buckeyes earned two of their own to tie the game up at the end of the period.

Notre Dame opened up the second period with a 3-0 run with goals from Abt, Byers, Scioscia and Blaney in the first five minutes. Ohio State attempted to mount a comeback, bringing the score to 12-9 at 16:42, but sophomore Ansley Byers followed seconds later to secure the win.

“Blaney really sparked our offense in the second half,” Coyne said. “The run we went on earned a good close game for us.”

Senior Erin Goodman earned the win in goal with six saves.

This showed that we can shake off a tough loss, and come out playing tough soon after,” Coyne said. “That kind of back to back competition will be key when we get to tournament time.”

The Irish will host the Stanford Cardinal at the Loftis Sports Center Saturday at 2 p.m.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Hicks has seven points as No. 8 Irish defeat Penn State

Junior attackman scores four goals and has three assists to help Notre Dame to 13-8 win over Nittany Lions

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

No. 8 Notre Dame improved to 2-0 on the season with its 13-8 win over Penn State on Sunday in University Park, largely in part to junior attackman Neal Hicks' seven point performance.

Hicks followed up a career day Feb. 14, in which he scored three goals against Loyola, with another scoring barrage against the Nittany Lions. He finished the game with four goals and three assists.

The Irish jumped out to an early lead over Penn State, scoring two man-up goals by senior Ryan Hoff and junior scoring two man-up goals by senior Dan Gibson with 5:24 remaining in the second half.

The second half started with a scoring frenzy as the two teams combined for five goals in just under three minutes toplay. However, the Irish defense held the Nittany Lions scoreless for the remainder of the game. Hicks scored his final goal of the game with 1:46 left in the game and then assisted senior Davey Molvera with 19 seconds left to arrive at the final score.

Senior goalie Scott Rodgers was outstanding in the goal with a career-high 20 saves to collect his second win of the season.

The Irish will kick off their home season when they host Dartmouth Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center.

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Mick Doyle added an RBI to tie the score at three. 

Irish junior starter Eric Mauz retired 11 of the next 12 batters before the first inning, walking three straight batters in the fifth inning. Illinois took advantage of Mauz’s struggles with the first hitter, capitalizing on a three-run triple from third baseman Dominik Alhelfer. 

The Irish cut the lead to 7-5 heading into the bottom of the seventh. Junior designated hitter Matt Grosso then belted a two-run homer to tie the game. 

Doyle, Intelkofer, and Barnes — McConnell took advantage of Maust’s two-run homer to tie the game. 

Jeremy Barnes one-out triple from third baseman Matt Grosso then belted a two-run homer to tie the game. Thus, breaking the game open with two runs in the bottom of the inning for the win.

Mike Brey Irish coach on the play of 

Sophomore catcher Ayers said.

"Awesome. You could feel it coming. He was flat-out fabulous." 

Mike Brey Irish coach on the play of 

Barnes’ five RBI, both of which were career highs. Tate and Doyle each contributed three hits, with Tate scoring three runs.

The Irish rallied from a 4-1 deficit to force extra innings on Sunday, then scored five runs in the top of the 11th inning for the win over rival Purdue.

Notre Dame struck first in the top of the third after a Jeremy Barnes one-out triple and a wild pitch. The Boilermakers then answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning off sophomore starter Evan Danieli. Purdue then increased their lead to 4-1 in the sixth inning against Irish reliever Todd Miller.

The Irish then showed off their clutch hitting ability in the eighth inning. After two outs to open the inning, McConnell singled and junior Casey Martin walked. Junior Brayden Ashdown then laced a huge pinch-hit single to score both McConnell and Martin to bring Notre Dame within a run. Ashdown then advanced to second on a wild pitch, and came around to score the tying run on a Doyle single.

The game remained tied until the 10th frame, when Ashdown gave the Irish another clutch RBI single and a 5-4 lead. Tate followed with a two-run double, and junior Ryan Intelkofer and Pollock each drove in a run to stretch the lead to four runs.

Junior reliever Steven Mazur picked up the win for Notre Dame, striking out two over three scoreless innings. The Irish bullpen held the Boilermakers scoreless over the last four innings.

Four Irish players — Tate, Doyle, Intelkofer, and Barnes — all led the offense with two hits each.

Notre Dame will head south again next weekend, traveling to the Phoenix Classic to take on Gonzaga, Dayton, and Creighton.

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Champs

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based on the entire season. It's kind of a reward for consistency."

Friday night, freshman Billy Maday's goal with 1:21 left in overtime gave the Irish the win in a game they once led 3-1.

Christian Minella got Notre Dame on the board just 3:03 into the game, redirecting a Christian Hanson shot from the top of the left circle past Maverick goalie Jeremy DuPont. After Jeric Agosto tied the game at one 39 seconds into the second period, Hanson added a goal of his own.

At 4:32 in the second period, the senior center, playing in his first game back after suffering a concussion against Ohio State on Feb. 13, fired a low wrist shot through R a u l h. DuPont's legs for his team-high 15th goal of the season.

Despite the two points on Friday, Jackson said he thought Hanson played better in the second game of the series.

"I thought he was actually better Saturday night. This time of year you can't just take 10 days off and get back into the heat of battle just like that," Jackson said. "I thought he was not as solid in his own end with the defensive pace Omaha threw at us, and he wasn't quite as good as he normally is on faceoffs either."

Maday added a goal to make the score 3-1, but the Mavericks stormed right back. Just over a minute after Maday's goal, Matt Ambroz swatted a rebound past Irish netminder Jordan Pearce to cut the lead in half at 16:38 of the second stanza. Then, 8:10 in the third period, Nick Fanto tied the game up for Nebraska-Omaha, redirecting a shot past Pearce for the only goal of the period.

The game seemed like a carbon copy of the Feb. 13 game against Northern Michigan, when Notre Dame took a 4-2 lead before the Wildcats tied the game. Jackson said he was concerned with his team's developing habit of letting opponents back into games.

"We're allowing teams to get back into games because of the way we're playing with the puck, in my estimation," he said. "And I am concerned with that."

The game went into overtime and almost seemed destined for a shootout until Maday took a feed from Kevin Deeth at the bottom of the right circle and fired the puck past DuPont for the win.

The Irish victory, combined with a Miami (OH) loss to Northern Michigan, meant that Notre Dame needed only a tie Saturday night to wrap up the CCHA top seed.

The Irish got even more Saturday, thanks to stellar defensive play and stalwart goal-tending from Pearce.

The senior made 17 saves in his fifth shutout of the season, including two key stops in the first and third periods on Maverick odd-man rushes.

"I thought he played a really good game for us," Jackson said. "He looked like he had that confidence where nothing was going in." The Irish needed every one of Pearce's saves, as the game went through two periods deadlock at zero. Junior Dan Kissel provided the offense for the game 6:31 into the final period. Skating down the left side of the ice, Kissel took a feed from Erik Condra and pushed the puck into the net for the game-winner.

With three minutes left, the Mavericks appeared to have tied the score, but a penalty called on John Kemp negated the goal and maintained the Irish lead.

Jackson said the experience in close games would be invaluable to his team come playoff time.

"We've played in a lot of games like that this year," he said. "We've played in quite a few one-goal games this year and our kids have handled it pretty well. All these games are important for getting ready for the playoffs."

After next weekend's home-and-home series against Michigan State, the Irish have a first-round bye before hosting a second-round CCHA playoff series. Jackson said that for now, his team is focusing only on that series.

"We have to worry about getting to the finals first," he said. "Our objective right now is to get to Detroit (for the CCHA Championship), nothing more."

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In competition on Friday, the Irish set the tone for the day behind the performances of juniors Ashlee Edgell and Megan Farrell in the 400-yard individual medley. The pair tagged up in 4:15.17 and 4:16.42 for the top two spots. Next, in the 100-yard butterfly, sophomore Kelyn Kuhlke ran away from the field in 53.46 for first place, breaking the school record set in the preliminaries by fellow sophomore Amywren Miller.

Sophomore Samantha Maxwell was the next swimmer to steal the show, obliterating both school and conference records to win the 100-yard breaststroke in 1:00.38. Maxwell was soon followed by junior Maggie Behrens, who set a school record of her own in the 100-yard backstroke in 54.11 to grab second place. Behrens, Kuhlke, Maxwell and Miller combined in the last event of the day, the 400-yard medley relay. The four star performers once again crushed the school and conference records with a time of 3:36.20 for the win.

On the last day of competition, the Irish continued to bring in the hammer on the rest of the field. To start the day, sophomore distance specialist Lauren Sylvestre grabbed third place in the 1,650 freestyle in 16:40.89. Next, Miller added to her already impressive performance with a time of 1:45.10. Sullivan set a school record in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:45.06. The Irish will travel next to the Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind. to prepare for the NCAA Zone Diving Championships March 13-14 and NCAA Swimming Championships March 19-21.

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**ACCROSS**
1. Prodigal attack
6. Pack
11. Used a stool at all
14. Counting everything
40. —— we there
41. Pigeon's patch
18. In favor of
17. "Splendor in the Grass" across
19. Always, in verse
20. Like raw film
21. Fresh from the shower
23. One of 100 in D.C.
24. "Hold on to a..."
25. Beatoo
27. Telecommitter's noun
31. Remove a fastener from
34. Enamels
36. Tampa Bay baseballer
38. Six years, for a 23-Across

**DOWN**
1. Lord ___ the food (grace word)
3. Kind of car
5. Happen as a surprise
6. Critic Elbert
2. Freud aduj.
14. 43 Deck with a marshmallow
13. Train's place
16. Billboard announcement, for short
21. Deck a... marshmallow
4. Love is sweet
5. Ralp who wrote "invisible Man"
6. Sheep's coat
7. Akbar view
8. Freuds subject
9. Telecommuter's home
10. Stool
11. Telephone book
12. Consumer
13. Of two minds
15. Kill wearers
18. Money
19. Everything
20. To (refer to)
22. Homerian humor
23. Everything that goes wrong
24. False parts of motors
26. A space
27. Acre
28. Seeds
29. Writer of the 2002 Winter Olympics
30. Adopted son of Claudius
32. Candidate for male modeling
33. Clue word
34. 36 Combination
35. The Fall of the House of Usher writer
36. Telecommuter's home
37. "Fall" writer
38. What was your 1993 Aerosmith
39. Visited
40. 42 Fixed
41. Letters
42. Word in theends of
43. Long-distance number starter
44. "Damen" (German fashion)
45. Didty old men
46. Perched on
47. 53 What wagon wheels may make
48. 50 Parceled (out)
49. 52 42 Fixed
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51. "Sundays" sound asleep
52. 54 Defined
53. 59 Exhausted, with "..."
54. 59 Long-distance number starter
55. 59 Walk away
56. 63 Looks like a...!
57. 64 Looks like
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**Puzzle by Tracy Snyder**

**WILL SHORTZ**

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

**THE DOME PIECE**

**EUGENIA LAST**

**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY**

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**Happy Birthday:** Nothing can be settled without change. Address emotional issues, things you are avoiding, that may be holding you in place in motion. Evaluate your friendships to determine if they are good for you. Your number are 5, 12, 17, 26, 32, 41.

**ARIS (March 21-April 19):** So much can be accomplished if you resolve to let emotional issues stand in your way. Don't let other people get involved in what you are doing. Go it alone and do things your way. 2 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Check your reasoning and love for a relative or friend. Dealing with children will be easy if you set boundaries and keep a tight reign on them. If someone leaves you some important facts 4 stars.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Don't feel bad because you want to make more alterations to your life. Consider making some new friends, trying a new activity or hobby or even changing your professional direction. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Tell people in your experience and you will pick up reliable information. Make an adjustment at home. Someone you work with or who has jurisdiction over you may cause your emotions to swell. 5 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug, 22):** Networking or doing something to help your community or an organization you believe in will pay off. Lose in the one that are a good time to let everyone like you be your best. Paj alone to situation. 4 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You may find yourself getting too serious about what's giving on around you. Keep things clean, separate and as you perceive it you may avoid an argument or a shouting that can't be recorded. 2 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** With a little effort you can pull off some remarkable feats that will impress and challenge and put you in a leading position today. You may need to travel to get things done properly. You will be successful in the end. 2 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You're got your moves and you are on your way to having your dreams come true. This is the time to accentuate yourself but go for it and you will change at the same time. 4 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't worry about serving these signs toward and hurt ways back. In the end you will accomplish what you are trying to do. Someone is likely to come in cause a little frustration but the less you learn you will be the one to remember. 2 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Broke, collect old debts or close deals but don't act foolishly. Don't get caught up in something that can't be turned around. You may let your heart get the better of you but that is no reason to lose money. Keep business-minded personal relations separate. 4 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19):** You have a good mind when it comes to cash and closing deals. You able to talk your way in or out of things will be a marvel, so don't hold back. On what other you want with credentials. 5 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Nothing can stand in your way today. Action will be rewarded by the way you get to the top to the process or the way you get your amazing you will go off on you. 5 stars

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**ND Swimming**

**The Champs are here**

*Women win Big East record 13th straight*

By NATHANIEL LEE

Sports Writer

There was no stopping Notre Dame this weekend, as the Irish set 11 school records on their way to extending the longest Big East Conference Championship winning streak for any sport with their 13th straight crown.

The squad controlled the meet from start to finish, wrapping up with a total of 828 points, a runaway victory over second place Louisville, who finished with 581.

"We really had a good performance, and it came from everybody," Irish coach Ryan Barnes said. "A lot of girls stepped up across the board, and our depth and team commitment was the deciding factor. That's what championship teams do."

**Baseball**

**Irish wake up bats after opening game shutout, win two**

By MICHAEL BRYAN

Sports Writer

Notre Dame opened its season by winning two of three games in the inaugural Big East/Big Ten Challenge in Clearwater, Fla. The Irish needed a day to get their bats warmed up, losing in a shutout to Ohio State on Friday before exploding offensively in wins over Illinois and Purdue on Saturday and Sunday.

Ohio State 2, Notre Dame 0

Despite a strong pitching performance from sophomore pitcher Brian Dupra, the Irish fell to the Buckeyes Friday. Notre Dame stranded five runners in scoring position and failed to get on the scoreboard against Ohio State pitchers Alex Wimmers and Drew Rucinski.

Both starters dominated the game until the fourth inning, when the Buckeyes struck first on an RBI single from cleanup hitter Justin Miller. Ohio State then scored a key insurance run in the seventh off Dupra, capitalizing on catcher Dan Berkhart’s misplay.

Dupra finished 6.1 innings, giving up only two earned runs and six hits, but picked up the loss. Dupra struck out two and walked one, and sophomore Todd Miller pitched the final 1.2 scoreless innings in relief.

While the Irish offense struggled, sophomore left fielder Golden Taze and junior right fielder Billy Bauckford each went 2-for-4 to lead the Notre Dame offense. Junior center fielder A.J. Pollock and junior designated hitter David Mills each had a hit apiece.

Notre Dame 14, Illinois 7

The Notre Dame offense exploded Saturday after being stymied Friday against Ohio State, scoring 11 runs in the final five innings against the Illini.

The game did not begin well for the Irish, with two first inning errors leading to three unearned runs and an early deficit. Notre Dame quickly righted the ship, answering with three runs of its own in the bottom of the inning. Senior shortstop Jeremy Barnes singled home two runs, and sophomore Billy Boockford followed with a home run for a 5-3 Irish lead.

Notre Dame passed the ball around the Irish offense only made three errors for the game, none in the infield. The Irish hit nine three-pointers in the third, followed by another three in transition. McAlarney pulled up for another three in transition. The Irish relied on what they do best to begin that climb.

**Hockey**

**Sweep secures CCHA title**

*ND wins pair of close games over Nebraska*

By SAM WERNER

Sports Writer

One championship down, two more to go.

Notre Dame clinched the CCHA regular season title this weekend in a sweep of Nebraska-Omaha, winning 4-3 in overtime Friday night and 1-0 Saturday night. The Irish still hope to earn CCHA tournament championship and NCAA championship banners to fly alongside their regular season crown.

"It’s probably the championship that gets the least amount of attention," Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. "But in some ways it’s got the most depth to it just because it’s the most..."}

**Men's Basketball**

**Ayers leads squad to victory over the Friars**

Senior guard heats up for 28 points in win

By GREG ARBOGAST

Sports Writer

Facing the closest thing to a must-win game this season, Notre Dame found an identity that has seemed to elude them for much of the season.

Led by senior sharpshooters Kyle McAlarney and Ryan Ayers, the Irish rallied three-pointers down on Providence to the tune of a 103-84 win Saturday. With the victory, Notre Dame ended a seven-game road losing streak and began their climb back towards an NCAA tournament berth.

The Irish relied on what they know best to begin that climb.

**Sweat meets precision for 28 points in win**

By MIKE GOTIMER

Sports Writer

Notre Dame’s run to a second consecutive Big East title came on the heels of one of the most dramatic finishes in the program’s history.

In a meet that came down to the final race, the third-seeded 400-yard freestyle relay team entered the race as a seven-second underdog to top-seeded Louisville. However, the Irish squad of junior John Lyle, senior Danny Lutkus, sophomore Joshua Nosal and junior Andrew Hoffman were not deterred by the challenge, as Lyle took the lead in the first leg and the Irish never looked back. The win gave the Irish a 9.5-point lead and the Big East title.

"I hardly know what to say... congratulations to everyone that swam in the championship..."