Romero Days to celebrate archbishop

By NORA KENNEY

"Romero Days 2009: In the Footsteps of the Bishop of the World" — an annual event that celebrates the life of Oscar Romero — will kick off on Monday with several panel discussions and lectures.

The event, a joint effort of the Latin American North America Church Concerns (LANACC), the Kollogg Institute for International Studies, the Latin American Studies Program, the Center for Social Concerns and the Shameleon Fund, will examine Romero’s influence on history and ongoing discussions and lectures.

The event was organized by Andrea Archer, director of the Latin American American Church Concerns (LANACC). The event is held annually to win the award.

Manion is one of 14 students nationwide to win the award. He said his passion for Romero’s cause stems from his work to further human rights. "Romero was clear in his commitment to people and human rights. So clear was he, in fact, that he was willing to die for his cause," Pelton said.

Manion was excited when he learned of the award. "I think it's a great opportunity," Manion said. "I've heard really good things about the program and I'm excited to be at Cambridge."

Besides the educational opportunity, Manion said he was drawn to the program because he was unable to participate in a study abroad program while attending Notre Dame. "It's a chance to live in another country since I didn't get to study abroad," he said. "Because of scheduling, it wasn't possible."
Great Expectations

From random hook ups to routine hook ups, students complain that the dating scene doesn't meet their expectations. As it goes, because of University policy and loads of homework, there is little interest in serious commitment. Assistant News Editor Robert Singer few are able or willing to put forth any effort beyond weekend text messages and Keystone-inspired rendezvous to Sharkey's.

From year to year, the Notre Dame community experiences frustration when the football talent doesn’t measure up to schools with lower academic standards. That is, all too often, if someone doesn't look like he or she could be on the cover of GQ magazine and talk like Pierce Brosnan or possess the sparkling personality of Tina Fey, he or she is written off as a dating prospect.

On the surface, these two phenomena of disappointment are connected, as they appear to be caused by the same outlook: high expectations that demand improvement without acknowledgment of inflexible circumstances. It's tough to admit that Notre Dame's uncompromising academic mission may preclude any serious run at a national championship. But what could be keeping serious relationships from developing is a condition more flexible than rules on partisanship or same-sex dating.

In the case of the dating scene, greatly inflated expectations — in addition to the oft-blamed causes of heavy workloads, the need for instant gratification, the jock culture, etc. — are a source of the problem. That is, all too often, if someone doesn’t look like he or she could be on the cover of GQ magazine and talk like Pierce Brosnan or possess the sparkling personality of Tina Fey, he or she is written off as a dating prospect.

A casual stroll through La Fortuna at a busy hour shows this attitude to be self-defeating. It should be examined closely — perhaps in a mirror. Maybe the inability of chaps on campus fosters the belief that prayer can bridge the gap between what we deserve and what we can reasonably summon the divine intervention needed for career advancement, the basis for choosing date prospects is much more subjective and complex, and a lot less rigid than the criteria for ranking graduate schools.

In fact, if you want to receive more than text messages and pizza-shaped greens with cheese on the weekends, it could be as easy, or as difficult, as an attitude adjustment. The fix is the same one the admissions office won't consider for the football program. Lower — or alter — your standards.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Robert Singer at rsinger06@nd.edu.

Offbeat

Man loses tooth while fighting over etiquette

ROCKLIN, Calif. — Police said a dispute over bowling etiquette led one man to assault another with a 16-pound ball, knocking out one of the man's teeth. They said a 24-year-old man hit a man in the face with the bowling ball during a melee involving six bowlers at the Rocklin AMF Lanes. Two groups got into a fist fight about 12:40 a.m. Thursday after two bowlers approached the lane at the same time. They didn't agree which should go first.

Man blames weight as reason for being fired

PONTIAC, Mich. — A 65-year-old man has sued his former employer, claiming he was fired from a $75,000-a-year salesman's job because of his weight. The employer says Patrick J. Ronayne was let go because of his performance, not his weight. The Detroit News reported Thursday that Ronayne's lawsuit seeks more than $25,000 from Windsor Golf and Winston Manor Mississauga. He claims weight and age discrimination.

Juries discuss urinal discrimination

FAULK, Va. — Juries in Norfolk are deliberating the discrimination case of a female dock worker who was punished by her union for urinating on the job when a male co-worker who also relieved himself wasn't. The U.S. District Court jury began deliberations Wednesday in the case of Sonya Tillet-Bond, who was told to go home after the Oct. 5, 2006, incident at the Portsmouth port.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com

Question of the Day: Who do you predict will win March Madness?

Drew Dave freshman
Sorin

Jean Namkung junior
Farley

Lauren Kalinosid freshman
Breen-Phillips

Meghan Pearl junior
Pangborn

Pat Duret junior
Pangborn

Sean Mitchell sophomore
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"Memphis"
"Megahn Pearl!"
"Definitely Akron, the Zips!"
"BANG BALLAZ, get some!"n
"The Half-Ton Hotties will dominate."

"I can tell you who's not going to win ..."

In Brief

Gaelic Storm will be performing a concert at 2 p.m. on Saturday in the DeBartalo Performing Arts Center. Purchase tickets online, visit or call the ticket office at 574-631-2800.

"The USA and the EU: Two Modern Forms of Empire?" will be held at 2:30 p.m., today in C-103 Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Speakers will include Vittorio Hoelle, Paul G. Kimkrae and Kroo Institute faculty fellow.

"NanoTechnology: The Legal and Ethical Issues" symposium will take place at 3:00 p.m. today in Room 100-104 McKeown Hall. The event will feature Dave Brenner, OFollowergy, Fordy, Crawford, Davis Baird, Ralph Hall, and Baker & Daniels. For ticketing information call the ticket office at 574-631-2800.

"Picturing History: Documenting Pre-Photographic History of Television" will be held in Browning Cinema, DeBartalo Performing Arts Center at 4:30 p.m. Catherine Allan will be speaking. For ticketing information call the ticket office at 574-631-2800.

Mass will be held at 5:15 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Chip Kid will be give a lecture in the Auditing Auditorium, Snite Museum of Art. The lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews@nd.edu.
Committees currently considering nominations for Joyce Award

selection committees are currently reviewing the 255 nominations made for the Joyce Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and the Dockweiler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising, according to Notre Dame Provost Dennis Jacobs.

The Provost's Office will announce the recipients of the awards in April. Winners of each award will receive a $1,500 cash prize and will be honored for "extraordinary contributions to undergraduate education at Notre Dame," Jacobs said.

Of the 161 nominations received for the Joyce Award, Jacobs said 152 of them came from students. "I am grateful to the students' lives were touched by faculty members who are deeply committed to offering an outstanding undergraduate education," Jacobs said.

Both students and faculty were invited to propose nominations for the Joyce Award, and students, faculty and staff made nominations for the Dockweiler Award, Jacobs said.

Jacobs sent several e-mails to students in the weeks before Spring Break requesting nominations for the awards.

The online nomination form asked students to submit an essay describing why the nominee deserves the award, including specific examples of the nominee's impact on the student's undergraduate experience.

The Joyce Award honors faculty from seven different subject areas: business, engineering, fine arts and architecture, humanities, language and literature, science and social science, Jacobs said.

He said the recipients of the award are faculty members who "create environments that stimulate significant student learning, elevate students to a new level of intellectual engagement and foster students' ability to express themselves effectively within the discipline."

Jacobs said the Dockweiler Award, created through a gift from the Julia Sterno Dockweiler Charitable Foundation, honors three faculty or staff members who advise undergraduate students.

The Dockweiler Award aims to demonstrate in a tangible way that mentoring, academic advising and career counseling activities are important and valued roles for faculty and staff at Notre Dame," he said.

The Deans of the relevant colleges appointed faculty selection committees for each of the seven subject areas of the Joyce Award. The committees will review the nominations and make recommendations to the Provost's Office, Jacobs said.

The Office of the Provost appointed faculty and staff to a selection committee for the Dockweiler Award. This committee will recommend the top candidates to the Provost's Office, Jacobs said.

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Institute launches new Facebook page

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at Notre Dame recently launched a Facebook page as a way to connect with prospective students and share information about academic programs, people and news, according to Joan Fallon, director of communications at the Kroc Institute.

"Peace Studies is not a standard major and the Institute's programs are really unique, so we are always looking for creative ways to reach out to students and expand interest," Fallon said.

She said the use of Facebook by college and university administrators to raise interest in programs seems to be a growing trend around the country.

"We are not the only one using Facebook at Notre Dame," Fallon said. "Notre Dame Magazine uses Facebook, and I am told other programs use it as well. It seems to be a national trend as other universities and programs are all now utilizing this important tool."

Fallon said the Kroc Institute attracts students from around the world, and Facebook is an ideal tool to reach out to international students.

Typically, around three-quarters of the students in the Master's Degree program are from abroad, and the program has included students from 90 countries," Fallon said. "With this high level of interest coming from abroad, and since students are increasingly learning about programs online, Facebook provides a very effective way to network and spread information to a diverse range of people. Facebook has a growing international presence, so this is a way to reach students right where they are."

The Kroc Institute's page features photos of the program's interns at field sites around the world. It also provides information for events, frequent updates to news about the program and links to pages on Kroc's Web site at http://kroc.nd.edu.

Fallon said Kroc staff will monitor the page and respond to comments and questions on the Facebook wall.

"After only two weeks since its launch, the page has already gained over 100 fans. This really attests to the effectiveness of using such a Web site," she said.

According to a recent news release, the Kroc Institute created the page after staff members counseled with undergraduate Peace Studies students to reflect matters of importance to them, such as learning about their professors. The page includes links to faculty profiles and a community of faculty and alumni.

Current Notre Dame undergraduates will also be able to use the Facebook page as they assess their choice of Peace Studies as a major or minor.

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DeFord said another goal of the initiative is to allow researchers to communicate and eventually collaborate on specific projects. "A goal of the Institute is to bring together our basic researchers with clinical faculty," DeFord said. "It can also pair clinical faculty in our community with basic researchers here or at one of the other institutions."

The collaboration will allow members of the Notre Dame research community to expand their work. "These collaborations may lead to increased opportunities to obtain research funding and realization of their research as a potential patient therapy or device," DeFord said. "We also now have access to all the research cores and resources."

The membership in the ICTSI will not hinder Notre Dame researchers from partnering with institutions that are not members. "Our membership in the ICTSI is not exclusive and is certainly not intended to replace any other collaborations," DeFord said.

The ICTSI Web site provides extensive information on funding opportunities, clinical trial opportunities and research core resource offerings.

University faculty are encouraged to go to the site to explore opportunities. They have the ability to customize the site using their University net ID and password.

Initially, graduate students that have a faculty mentor that conducts research and that has the capability to become or partner with translational and/or clinical research will have the opportunity to participate in the initiative.

DeFord said, however, that they are in the process of creating opportunities for undergraduate students as well.

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House passes bill taxing AIG bonuses

Lawmakers approve legislation that will restrict company's employee benefits

Associated Press

WASHINGTON

Denouncing a "squandering of the people's money," lawmakers voted decisively Thursday to impose a new surtax on millions of dollars in employee bonuses paid by troubled financial firms and other bailed-out companies.

The House vote was 328-91. Similar legislation has been introduced in the Senate and President Barack Obama quickly signaled general support for the concept.

"I look forward to receiving a final product that will serve as a strong signal to the executives who run these firms that their compensation cannot be tolerated," the president said in a statement.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., told colleagues, "We want our money back now for the taxpayers. It isn't that complicated."

The outcome may not have been complicated. But the legislation voted to fail reflected the contentious political battle that preceded it.

Republicans took Democrats to task for rushing to tax AIG bonuses worth an estimated $165 million after the majority party stripped from last month's economic stimulus bill a provision that could have banned such payouts.

"This political circus that's gone on here today with this bill is not getting to the bottom of the questions of who knew what and when did they know it," said House Republican leader John Boehner of Ohio.

He voted "no," but 85 fellow Republicans joined Democrats in voting "yes." It was opposed by six Democrats and 87 Republicans.

The bill would impose a 90 percent tax on bonuses given to employees with family incomes above $250,000 at American International Group and other companies that have received at least $5 billion in government bailout money. It would apply to any such bonuses issued since Dec. 31.

The House vote, after just 40 minutes of debate, showed how quickly Congress can act when the political will is there. It was only one this past weekend that the bailed-out insurers paid bonuses totaling $165 million to employees, including traders in the Financial Products unit that nearly brought about AIG's collapse.

AIG has received $182.5 billion in federal bailout money and is now 80 percent government owned.

Disclosure of the bonuses touched off a national firestorm that both the Obama administration and Congress have succumbed to contain.

In a statement issued by the White House late Thursday, Obama said the House vote "rightly reflects the outrage that so many feel over the lavish bonuses that AIG provided its employees at the expense of the taxpayers who have kept this failed company afloat."

"In the end, this is a symptom of a larger problem — a bubble-and-bust economy that valued reckless speculation over responsibility and hard work," he said. "That is what we must ultimately repair to build a lasting and widespread prosperity."

Topic No. 1 raised by Republicans during the House debate was the last minute altering of a provision in Obama's $787 billion stimulus law to cap executive compensation for firms receiving government bailouts.

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IRAQ

Iraqis currently held by U.S. to go free

Associated Press

CAMP BUCA -- Thousands of Iraqis held without charge by the United States on suspicion of links to insurgents or militants are being freed by this summer, because there is little or no evidence against them.

Their release comes as the U.S. prepares to withdraw its troops from the flagging Iraqi government by early 2010. In the six years since the war began, the military ultimately detained some 100,000 suspects, many of whom were picked up in U.S-led raids during a raging, bloody insurgency that has since died down.

The effort to do justice for those wrongly held to begin with, some for years, also runs the risk of releasing extremists who could be a threat to fragile Iraqi security.

As part of an agreement between the two countries that took effect Jan. 1, Iraqi authorities have begun reviewing the cases of the detainees to decide whether to free them or press charges. About 13,300 remain behind bars in the U.S. as well as a generous fund for veterans' care.

But Iraqis judges have issued detention orders to prosecute only 129 of the 1,530 cases they have finished reviewing.

"God willing, God willing," said Layla Rasheed after learning that her son, a former government worker from Baghdad, was likely to be released. "He doesn't have anything to do with terrorists. I don't know why he was picked up."
SMC choir finishes spring break tour

By M.B. GIZINSKI  News Writer

The Saint Mary’s Women’s Choir will wrap up their spring break tour with a Homecoming Concert today.

Over spring break, 31 members of the Women’s Choir toured the Great Lakes region, including Detroit and Toronto. The group visited churches and schools to promote the Saint Mary’s music program.

“The daylight, we went to high schools with strong women’s a cappella programs,” Choral conductor and Professor of Music Nancy Menk said. “In the evenings, we went to churches with great acoustics to highlight the choir’s voice.”

Menk said female Catholic high schools are the main feeder for the program.

The group included freshman Elizabeth Carian’s first choir tour. She said the tour was a historical experience for everyone involved.

“(The tour) gets the school’s name out and gives us giving us a chance to learn,” Carian said. “We learned from the choirs we sing with and the schools we perform from for learn from their tours as well.”

Menk said she hopes students will come along on the trip as well as learn from it.

“I pick the end city first and go from there, I always try to pick fun cities because it is like their member’s spring break. I also try to choose places with active alumni clubs,” she said.

Menk said she enjoys the connection of work and fun helped to sync the choir. The choir becomes better musically when they form stronger bonds socially.

“The tour bonds them socially really well. It improves their better, more cohesive. We achieve one sound,” Menk said.

The concert today is the final one of the choir’s tour and the seniors’ last.

“I have been in Women’s Choir for all four years of college,” senior Lindsey Appelquist said. “At other schools you must be a music major to be in the top choir, and I really enjoyed the acceptance of this music choir separate from being a science major.”

During the homecoming concert, Menk said the choir will focus on religious songs from different faiths. Each member has a song that she prefers.

“My favorite song is ‘Ubi Caritas’ and her song because it is a beautiful piece that begins with a chant, brings in a three-part harmony in the middle and then finally ends with a chant again,” Appelquist said. “It is a good example of the development of music throughout history while holding on to tradition.”

The concert will begin tonight at 7:30 p.m. at the Church of the Eternal King.

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would have been difficult for me to do if I had to complete my major requirements on time.

While overseas, Manion said he plans to use his observations to experience the diverse travel opportunities that a year in England will provide.

“I want to go all over Europe,” he said.

Manion said his background will play a part in his travels.

“Being a music major, I am able to enjoy the music stuff,” he said. “Go see Salzburg and Vienna, where all the composers are buried.”

The program begins on Oct. 1, 2009. Manion said he plans to leave for Cambridge several weeks ahead of time to be able to get acclimated to life in England and do some traveling before his classes begin and he is burdened by the volume of work. The Churchill scholarship includes fully paid tuition to the University of Cambridge as well as a stipend.

The stipend can be used for housing, books, additional expenses and any other costs he may incur while in England. Despite his excitement, Manion said that there are aspects of life in the United States that he will be sad to leave behind.

“T’ll miss Notre Dame football games,” he said. “And I’ll definitely miss my family.”

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members of Halftime, he said.

“It’s really good thing to have for kind of a growing group like us,” he said of Halftime, which is in its fifth year. “The experience of being with another group, especially another group that’s so presti-

gious as they are is great.”

The SoCal VoCaLs boasts a win at the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella annual competition, where they took home top honors.

Halftime performs pop-rock arrangements — modern, popular stuff,” Kastenholz, who arranges the songs for the group, said.

“We like to bounce ideas off the - arrangement, it’s a good process,” he said of the group’s song selections.

“Ultimately we decide what would be the most fun to arrange and the most fun for the group to perform,” Kastenholz said.

Singing a cappella comes with some challenges.

“It’s our goal to emulate what you hear on the radio,” Kastenholz said. “You try to emulate in an instrumentally rich way you’re singing.”

A cappella an Italian phrase that, in musical terms, means without musical accompaniment.

“It’s definitely a challenge there — trying to embody what the song is with the instruments and then trying to take over the instruments with our voices,” Kastenholz said.

The 13-member group holds a wide range of voices and one member is able to imitate a “guitar-synth voice,” he said.

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dents and $5 for non-students and are available at the Notre Dame Book Olive or at the door.

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share insights and concerns,” Tardy said. “Finally, from their discussions, they realized that more campus awareness of disabilities issues was necessary.”

The students decided to take action, she said.

“The idea of forming a student club would help address issues and improve Notre Dame and adjacent campuses for current and future students with disabilities.” Tardy said.

This is the second year Perspectives has an official club at the University.

Sophomore Kalen Wilczek, president of Perspectives, said the club’s intent is "to provide awareness and discussion about different forms of disabilities on the Notre Dame campus." The club wants to provide an outlet to broaden people’s perspectives on disabilities, she said.

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**In Brief**

Auto parts suppliers receive aid

WASHINGTON — The Treasury Department will make available from the government’s Troubled Assets Relief Program, or TARP, a financial facility similar to a revolving credit. Large suppliers would be eligible for financing auto parts they have shipped to the Detroitcos, but must make payments on time. U.S. automakers — General Motors Corp., Chrysler LLC and Ford Motor Co. — will have the option of using the program and designate the companies that need financing, giving them a large role in determining which parts suppliers will survive.

Bailed out firms owe $220 mn in taxes

WASHINGTON — At least 13 companies receiving billions of dollars in bailout money owe a total of more than $220 million in unpaid federal taxes, a key lawmaker said Thursday. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., chairman of a House subcommittee overseeing the federal bailout, said two companies owe more than $100 million apiece.

"This is shameful. It is a disgrace," said Lewis. "We are going to get to the bottom of what is going on here."

The House Ways and Means subcommittee on Oversight discovered the unpaid taxes in a review of tax returns from 23 companies receiving the money, Lewis said as he began the hearing on the issue.

The committee said it could not legally release the names of the companies owing taxes. It said one recipient of bailout money had almost $131 million in unpaid federal income taxes from 2005 and 2006. A second recipient, almost as big, was owing $65 million to $100 million dating to before 2004. Another was behind $1.1 million in federal income taxes and $223,000 in federal employment taxes. "If we looked at all 470 recipients, how much would they owe?" Lewis asked.

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — Investors had a change of heart about the Federal Reserve’s plans to buy Treasury bonds and doused Wall Street’s two-week-old rally.

Banking on other financial shares pushed the market lower Thursday as investors worried the Fed’s bond buying could lead to higher prices for commodities such as oil and grains. And, eventually, staples like gas and food.

"After the initial euphoria surrounding the surprise announcement yesterday, there’s a little more analysis of this going on and it’s leading to some questions," said Todd Salame, senior vice president of research at Schaeffer’s Investment Research.

Skepticism about how long it would take for the effects of the Fed’s program to take hold also weighed down shares, particularly those of banks. Investors have been hungry for any signs that confidence may finally return to battered U.S. banks, and the market has had a generally dim view of the government’s efforts to date to get lending moving again.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 85.78, or 1.2 percent, to 7,400.80. The broader Standard & Poor’s 500 index fell 10.31, or 1.3 percent, to 784.04, while the Nasdaq composite index fell 7.74, or 0.6 percent, to 1,483.48.

Declining issues narrowly outnumbered advancers on the New York Stock Exchange, where consolidated volume came to 8.8 billion shares compared with 9.1 billion shares Wednesday.

Wall Street’s move lower ended, at least for now, a buying spree that has driven stocks sharply higher since last week. Even with Thursday’s slide, the Dow is still up 13 percent and the S&P 500 index is up 15.9 percent over the past eight days. The gains are impressive considering that only a few weeks ago the market was trading at levels not seen in more than a decade.

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Edie McNeely, 40, looks over paperwork at an unemployment center in Washington on Monday.

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"There is no sign of even a temporary easing in the downward pressure on employment," said Ian Shepherdson, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics, who wrote in a client note. Initial claims have topped 600,000 for seven straight weeks, a level that many economists say is consistent with another huge drop in net payrolls when the Labor Department issues its monthly employment report next month.

Net job losses could top 700,000 in March, Shepherdson said, which would bring total losses to above 5 million jobs since the recession began in December 2007.

Meanwhile, the New York-based Conference Board’s monthly forecast of economic activity fell 0.4 percent last month, slightly better than the 0.6 percent decline economists expected. The index is designed to forecast economic activity in the next three to six months, based on 10 components that include stock prices, money supply, jobless claims and building permits.

Despite beating expectations, the index’s broad decline of the past 19 months persisted and is unlikely to end until next year, economists said.

Elsewhere, government-controlled mortgage finance company Freddie Mac said Thursday that average rates on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages dropped to 4.98 percent this week, down from 5.03 percent last week. It was the lowest since the week of Jan. 15, when it was at 4.96 percent, the record low for Freddie Mac’s survey that dates to 1971.

The rate quotes included in Freddie Mac’s survey were taken before the Fed said Wednesday it will pump $1.2 trillion into the economy in an effort to lower rates on mortgages and other and loosen credit. That could drive mortgage rates down even further, perhaps past record lows.
Accident burns boy scout

Associated Press

TOMS RIVER, N.J. — It was a hot July night when Eagle Scout Brian Lenz decided to show a group of younger boys at his camp a trick called "lighting a flame with fire," in which he would squirt rubbing alcohol in a pattern on a table and set it aflame. It looked cool, and it would quickly burn. With one hopes of reigniting what he thought was a dying flame, fire leapt from the pattern on a table, burning liquid, and a breeze blew the flames.

"Not bringing back the money, but it does make you feel like somebody paid attention and cared about us," said Selshon, 59.

Now Okun, who lived in a waterfront mansion, operated companies known as "qualified intermediaries," which held money to pay for the settlement with the family of a spraying flaming alcohol on a table and set it afame. The accident at the Joseph Whitley's twin brother and a 14-year-old Scout, were also burned but soon recovered. A Web site by Whitley's family and friends described him as a "cool and quiet kid with a dry sense of humor." It he and his twin brother Ken were inseparable and did nearly every-thing together.

"Not overly athletic or academically driven, I gave him the opportunity to shine and to display the maturity and responsible nature that seemed unusual for his age," says a statement from the attorney. 

"This is one of the things we are having trouble with. We think it was just and it was right," said Sandy Cogan, Okun's lawyer. "It doesn't bring back the money, but it does make you feel like somebody paid attention and cared about us," said Selmee.

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Dann fined for illegal funds

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — A divided Ohio Elections Commission found Thursday that former Attorney General Marc Dann twice violated state elections law by using campaign funds to pay for an expensive home security system and a cell phone often used for personal calls.

The panel sided with Dann and his campaign committee $1,000 each in the security system matter and $2,500 for the cell phone.

The panel did not find Dann in violation of any other campaign finance law.

The change of plea motion from Murphy, 51, is a self-taught dinosaur expert who spent much of the last two decades searching for rare or unusual specimens. He famously discovered a mummified, 77-million-year-old恐龙头骨, which can mean a person is a fearsome tyrannosaurus rex. In fact, it bears out that this did occur, clearly the allegations were not brought to the board’s attention earlier.

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Petition allows chance for dialogue

The Princeton Review, a company that publishes data on national colleges and universities, currently ranks Notre Dame No. 1 in the category, "Alternative Lifestyles not an Alternative". This is a fancy way of saying Notre Dame is perceived as having a lower tolerance for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning (GLBTQ) students compared to other universities. This is something that the Progressive Student Alliance's Campaign for Human Dignity has been working to address by submitting a petition and letter to the University of Notre Dame. The group believes that the sexual orientation be added to its nondiscrimination clause.

Over the past several months, the group has demonstrated that students are not actually as intolerant of "alternative lifestyles" as the Princeton Review ranking would lead one to believe. They collected over 2,300 signatures supporting the petition to alter the University's nondiscrimination clause to protect GLBTQ students and faculty. While student support for the change is considerable, the Campaign for Human Dignity is encouraging less support from the administration.

Last July, the Campaign for Human Dignity submitted a similar petition to University President Fr. John Jenkins, but the administration did not respond. Assistant Vice President for News and Information Dennis Brown told The Observer last month that the petition was submitted, "no new information was presented that would have caused us to change our position.

This failure to acknowledge the petition sent a message to students that the University is willing to ignore this important student concern.

But supporters of the cause changed this year. This year, the student group doubled their efforts, and this time around, it seems they are making more progress. Because Jenkins has agreed to a meeting with group leaders on March 30 to discuss the petition.

Along with the petition, the Campaign for Human Dignity submitted a letter asking the University to recognize the groups, National Organization of AIDS and Alliance ND, which provide support for GLBTQ students on campus. Currently, neither group has official club status.

Members of the Campaign for Human Dignity claim that by not including sexual orientation, the University reserves the right to discriminate.

The University's prior statements on the issue thus far are:

"We welcome all people, regardless of color, gender, religion, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social or economic class, and nationality for example, precisely because of Christ's calling to treat others as we deserve to be treated".

"Within society at large, the phrase 'sexual orientation' sometimes becomes a term that does not admit of distinction between sexual orientation and the manner in which people live out their sexual orientation - a distinction that is critical to us as a Catholic institution," Malloy wrote in a letter accompanying the document.

While the University has made its position clear, it is disappointing they have ignored the concerns of students over a year and a half since the petition was submitted. "No new information was presented that would have caused us to change our position."

A Church at war against rape and abortion

This is a response to James Spitalner's March 18 letter entitled "Rape vs. Abortion: Culture War."

While concern for adolescent maternal mortality does indeed draw attention to an important issue in the case of the Brazilian girl who underwent an abortion, I cannot accept the argument that the excommunication of the doctors and mother behind the abortion is proof that the Catholic Church seeks to uphold a "moral grandstanding" (read: facade) over the health and well-being of young girls. Rather, it is precisely the genuine concern for the dignity and worth of all human beings that has moved the Church to act as it has.

Rape is inhumanly an affront to human dignity, and it is never acceptable in any case. But, an evil deed is not a justifiable response to another evil deed. Forcing a response to another evil deed. Forcing a rape victim to hold any validity, they must never be reinterpreted to suit current societal or cultural trends. I support Pope Benedict's decision to uphold the excommunications.

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**Catholicism à la carte**

Mary Blessed Mother of God, why must so many in this country insist that the Church’s official style of religion be imposed on others? Three times during the past two decades, in 1990, 2001 and last year, researchers at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., conducted one of the nation’s largest major surveys on the rigidity of religion to Americans to the fringes of the religious spectrum.

The percentage of Americans who call themselves Christians has dropped dramatically during the past two decades. The American Religious Identification Survey, funded by the Lilly Endowment and the Pewen Foundation, most recently surveyed more than 54,000 people between February and November of last year. Americans identifying themselves as Christians has dropped to 76 percent of the population, down from 86 percent in 1990.

Those who call themselves Christian are increasingly identifying themselves with non-traditional denomination labels, describing themselves rather as “nondenominational,” “evangelical” or “born again.” Forty-four percent of America’s 77 million Christian adults now say that they identify themselves by a nondenominational label.

The percentage of people who use nondenominational terms has increased from 194,000 in 1990 to more than 8 million last year. On this end of the spectrum, the survey substantiated trends sociologists already identified. While the percentage of people who say they have no religion, an indicator of rigidity of religion, has slipped in America, a growing number of people are identifying themselves as agnostic.

Moreover, religious minorities has increased, most notably Muslims, Mormons and movements like Wicca and paganism.

One need but to read the recent rantings on this Viewpoint page to ask why in our world-class academic Notre Dame community must many also insist that their understanding of Catholicism is the only, correct and absolutely certain way to worship? If those expressions are any indication of this season’s post-holiday sentiment, then why can only response can be — shame, shame, shame.

The third stage of overcoming a random hook-up is Acceptance. One who has accepted what happened is no more than a random hook-up. In the depressive stage because they are also one of those people who call themselves Christian, they will say that this was just a onetime thing. Extreme victims are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

As has been discussed ad nauseam in this space, the course of the year, random hook-ups occur quite frequently at Notre Dame. While these hook-ups are almost always characterized simply as making out (thankfully different from school counter-parties), they can happen anywhere, in order to assist the student body in overcoming the emotional hardship it coincides with random hook-ups, the following guide isolates the five stages it takes to overcome them and what actions go along with them.

**1. Denial**

Denial is the first and possibly most prolonged stage of the post-hook-up timeline. Similar to my refusal to attend NAT basketball games, perpetrators of the random hook-up in the denial stage will pretend/evince themselves that said hook-up did not occur (just like I was never looking at NATA tournaments ever since winter break). If one sees their co-conspirator in the dining hall, he or she will turn the other way and be sure to keep at a distance from the other. Not talking to friends, the perpetrator will pretend that they were "hiking the blizzard trail" though they never got close to the station. They will say things like, "Man, I was so drunk, I don't even know what happened last night." This translates to: "I did something so stupid; I don't even want to know what happened." Students cannot begin to overcome their hook-up as long as they are in denial of it.

**2. Anger**

The second stage of overcoming a random hook-up involves anger amongst the perpetrators. They are angry at their friends, their parents, Taylor Swift, Excuse Police, and at themselves, but most importantly, they are just angry at themselves. They might say something like, "I got so drunk last night..." which translates to, "Hulk Smash!" The anger stage often consists of the late afternoon hangover of the next day. Perpetrators refuse to get up, to couch, and spend a lot of time musing about my post-midnight. After a particularly bad hook-up, a perpetrator might refuse to help him or her deal with their stupidity. This does not help, of course you have a time machine and can go back to punch yourself in the face (but I don't want to consider how many para­doxes you could avoid).

**3. Bargaining/Rationalization**

The third stage of overcoming a random hook-up is termed either bargaining or rationalization. The perpetrator will attempt to rationalize their actions by saying things like, "I really needed that or she was kinda hot." They will try to con­vince themselves that their co-conspirator does not hook up with a lot of people, and that this was just a one-time thing. Extreme rationalizers will convince themselves that there is "something there" when it really was no more than a random hook-up. One example of this is Melina Buddha, who seemed to believe that each of her hook-ups would result in the victory of a long-term relationship. Everybody knows that random hook-ups only result in long term relationships if they involve the two perpetrators who were friends before, like Judd Apatow (and last time I checked most of the cast). They can't even fathom how to be figments of Mr. Apatow's imagination. Therefore, all hook-ups need to move on to the next stage.

**4. Depression**

Once a perpetrator has found major difficulty rationalizing his or her random hook-up, the fourth stage (depression) ensues. This stage can often be confused with the second because it involves a lack of moving around and significant grounding. For some, this stage can last for days or even weeks and might cause the perpetrator to lose any and all desire to go out with their friends. A perpetrator might say things like, "But I'm gonna be alone. If they come back like this, they will be alone. They need to hurry up and get to the final stage.

One way to quickly move through the depression stage is to watch one of your favorite romantic comedies. What could possibly cheer you up more than Ryan Reynolds and Isla Fischer ending up together at the end of Definitely, Maybe? Homeless som­edies are the best way to get through the depressive stage because they are also one of the best ways to care the hangover that usu­ally accompanies a random hook-up. Action movies are too loud, Foreign films require too much effort to read the subtitles, Indie films demand too much thinking. Romantically comedies are the perfect blend of mindless entertainment that can make you feel better about life without hav­ing to think much at all.

**5. Acceptance**

Acceptance will finally come when a per­petrator returns to the way he was before the hook-up. Since hook-ups are trivial acts, there is no way that they can change a per­son. If the two perpetrators were friends before the hook-up, they will continue to be friends after the hook-up. If they didn't know each other before, they still do not know each other. A person who has accepted what happened might say things like, "You know what, it was fun. No harm, no foul" or "it was the best random hook-up of all time." This person is ready for what comes next.

Sometime after the perpetrator has accept­ed what has happened, either one of two things will happen: They will either move into a long-term relationship with somebody they are already friends with, or b) they will random­ly hook up with another person.

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Submit a Letter to the Editor.
By J.J. REES
Scene Writer

As many students come back from a spring break spent at much more temperate locales, those who went to the Mexican beach town Puerto Vallarta might be tempted to reminisce about their week in the sun by visiting a restaurant of the same name on Grape Road in Mishawaka. However, despite a few perks, Puerto Vallarta — the one a few miles from campus — proved to be mostly forgettable.

The restaurant itself, tucked into a plaza, fails to leave an impression. It seems to have been half-decorated. The walls have been left their dim burnt orange color "for now," and the few paintings and decorations are allowed to hang on the walls. Their more sensible replacements arrive.

It's possible that the restaurant offers too much variety, not permitting itself to focus on a few dishes. However, one looking for Mexican food would surely find whatever they are after.

Puerto Vallarta offers 26 combination platters priced $6-9 outside of their regular menu, which includes burritos, fajitas and other standard Mexican dishes. But with a kitchen that must be relatively small, considering the restaurant's staff, it might do well to hone their skills on dishes like the flautas (corn tortillas rolled around a chicken filling, then fried), the quesadillas or the burritos, which already have a good start.

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Senior goaltender Jordan Pearce's steady play and steadier demeanor have led the Irish to the CCHA semifinals
Junior missed six weeks, scored goal in first game back

By DAN MURPHY
Senior Staff Writer

The bit was ugly.
Midway through the third period of Notre Dame's Feb. 6 game about Ohio State, Irish junior for Ryan Thang went down. Thang was racing an Ohio State defender to a loose puck along the boards in his defensive zone, and when he got on top of it, he was caught and his knee bent. Because it had been over three-game series against Ferris State. The Irish were the lowest seed left heading into their semifinal game against Northeast-Omaha. There was a setting and a moment that made the Irish feel prepared for this year's trip to Joe Louis. Thang said that the break left him feeling fresh and ready to go. But Thang admitted the leg injury would have been playing through just a part of the ice.

Irish senior wing Ryan Thang flicks a shot toward the Nebraska-Omaha net during Notre Dame's 5-0 win over the Mavericks last Friday in the CCHA quarterfinals.

Back in the semis, but this isn't like last year

Technically, Notre Dame is in the same spot — the CCHA semifinals — as it was a year ago. But the Irish could hardly be more different that time around.
A year ago, Notre Dame was limping into Joe Louis Arena after a tough three-game series against Ferris State. The Irish were the lowest seed left heading into their semifinal game against Miami (Ohio), and their NCAA tournament lives were hanging by a thread. In its last 11 games last year, Notre Dame struggled to a 6-8-4 record.
"It was just kind of squeaked by Ferris State," Irish senior center Christian Hanson said. "We were in the underdog going in there."
Thang lost to the RedHawks in a heartbreaking overtime loss after giving up a goal with just under four seconds left in regulation. Now?

Notre Dame is the No. 1 team in the country, and the Irish have had the CCHA's top seed wrapped up for a month. It's safe to say that no one would be surprised to see Jeff Jackson and company lifting the Mason Cup on Saturday night.
"This year, we're coming in with all the momentum, and I think the target's really going to be on our back," Hanson said.
"Momentum" is an understatement. The Irish have lost only two games since November, and netminder Jordan Pearce has given up only one goal in the past five games.

The most important position for any playoff run is between the pipes, and Jordan Pearce said that he feels more prepared for this year's trip to Joe Louis.
"I would say having the experience of being there and knowing what the whole weekend is about, I think I'll be a little bit more prepared this time to not let the distractions get to me," he said. He also admitted, though, that it's easier to play the role of underdog, as the Irish did last year.
"It's kind of tough because the expectations are for you to win," Pearce said. "It's easier to play as underdogs because you've got nothing to lose."

The Irish won't be able to sneak up on anyone this year. Notre Dame played well against Miami last year, no doubt, but the Wildcats will have extra motivation tomorrow that Miami didn't have last year. If Northern Michigan can knock off the Irish, it would be the high-light of their season The RedHawks' win was just a stepping-stone on the way to lofter goals.
Notre Dame certainly has the right man at the helm to deal with the target on their backs. In his ten years coaching in the CCHA — six with Lake Superior State and four with Notre Dame — Jackson has only missed out on a trip to Detroit once, his first year with Notre Dame.

The reason the Irish will be able to overcome Northern Michigan's upset aspirations is Jackson's even keel.
"He approaches things the same is from week to week, which is good because if you don't, you get out of whack — you get too high. You get too low — he's been very consistent," assistant coach Tom Purcell said before the team's trip to Denver for last year's Frozen Four.

That steadiness paid dividends during last year's run to the National Championship game, and it will again in Detroit this weekend in an event that Jackson said was just as hard to win as the CCHA championship.
"In hockey, it's a big deal to go to Detroit and play at the CCHA championships," he said. "Our conference championships have a lot of meaning."
"It's that approach, as well as a heavy dose of consisten-cy, that are the reason Notre Dame is favored to claim the CCHA Championship this weekend."

Irish senior captain Erik Condra splits the Nebraska-Omaha defense during Notre Dame's 5-0 home win last Friday.

A big difference from one year ago.
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Mr. Consistent

Goaltender Jordan Pearce enjoys record-setting career after spending two seasons on the bench

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Ask Jordan Pearce about rewriting the Irish hockey record books, and he'll smile, brush it off, and say the next goal-tender in line will top his eye-popping career numbers. He's heard it before.

But when he talks about his academic grade-point average and otherwise impressive accomplishments off the ice, and he'll sound the same, saying academics have always been as important to him as his hockey career.

You can ask him about his obvious snubbing by the Canadian coaches, who only chose him as an honorable mention to the national tournament. He'll laugh again, sinting up perhaps the praises of the first- and second-team Canadian coaches, who included him in their national grade-point average, and he'll sound the same. He'll smile, and he'll sound the same.

"Sometimes it has to do with consistency," Jeff Jackson said. "There's some controversy there. It's a fact of life and you can't always get what you want. You just have to be happy to play in Detroit tonight."

"It always stays at an even keel, and it really helps him," Kyle Lawson said. "Humble and quiet — great goalies are generally that way."

From backing up All-American David Brown for two years to leading the Irish in the CCHA semifinals last season, Pearce has done it all with the same levelheaded demeanor that has helped him achieve such success. "He doesn't have to talk or harp on him, he just does it with his numbers and the wins," junior defenseman Kyle Lawson said. "He lets his play speak for itself."

"He shows that level of humility and mental toughness that any team leader in the locker room needs," Jackson said. "But as Lawson said, Pearce isn't his primary focus. To me, it's more important to be there to play on Friday night than it is to receive your first-, second- or third-place trophy on Thursday."

"Academics and pre-med double major as a doctor. And as it turns out, it works for a goalie as well," Pearce said. "I've never had a lot of time or energy for the academic world. You don't have to sacrifice that."

"He (Pearce) works hard in the weight room, works hard on the ice and is a good leader in the locker room," Jackson said. "He's a good goalie to follow after and look up to."

"He (Pearce) has become heir to the Irish throne," Jeff Jackson said.

"He's the goalie to follow after and look up to. He's going to compete or how hard he works, he's a kid who competes as hard as David Brown's, as far as his ability to react to adversity, his competitiveness, his demeanor is probably better than David Brown's, as far as his ability to react to adversity. He does everything to be able to respond better."

"I had him wrong. I didn't know how bad he really wanted it, and I watch him now and he competes as hard as any goalie I've ever coached," Jackson said.

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Irish to take on Northern Michigan in Detroit

Notre Dame swept red-hot Wildcats in four-game season series

By DAN MURPHY
Senior Staff Writer

Irish coach Jeff Jackson compared winning the CCHA championship to his version of a Stanley Cup.

"It's a big event for our conference," he said. "I'm always surprised in basketball the conference championships don't mean much. Our conference championship has a lot of meaning." No. 1 Notre Dame (29-5-3, 21-4-3-3 CCHA) will take on Northern Michigan, which finished in sixth place in the standings, in a semifinal matchup at 4:35 p.m. on Friday to try to move one step closer to that treasured CCHA tournament title.

Northern Michigan, which finished in sixth place in the regular season standings, upset Miami (Ohio) in dramatic fashion last weekend to make the semifinals for the second straight year. After dropping the first game in the best of three series, the Wildcats (16-16-5, 11-12-5-3) needed overtime to keep their postseason alive Saturday night and force a Game 3. On Sunday they completed the upset on the road with an impressive 3-1 victory.

"Let's face facts, we're playing maybe the hottest team in the country right now," Jeff Jackson
Irish coach

Northern Michigan is 14-4 in the second half of the season. Two of their four losses came in the Joyce Center last month. The Irish offense exploded to finish a four-game season sweep over the Wildcats by hanging 14 goals on them in two games - eight of them on the power play. Notre Dame poured in nine goals the first night and five more in the Saturday contest.

"That weekend was probably a little bit of a fluke for them or for us. It was Friday the 13th and that game was just wacky," Jackson said.

In his nine games since then, Northern Michigan junior goalie Brian Stewart has only given up 19 goals. Stewart caught fire against Miami last weekend leading his team to victory with a 1-1 save performance in the third game.

"At this time of the year everyone we are going to face will have a good goaltender, but Stewart has been a big reason why they have done so well," Jackson said.

Notre Dame was able to put up four quick goals on Stewart in its 9-5 win last month and will take a similar strategy this weekend.

"Stewart is a really big guy and when he's hot, he's hot. If we get to him early I think that can be our best bet to try and frustrate him," Senior wing Ryan Thang said. "Usually in these games whoever has the better goalie ends up winning the game."

If that's the case, the Irish can have plenty of confidence heading into the weekend. Senior netminder Jordan Pearce has held opponents to one goal in his past five games.

"I would like to play Michigan because it's always a heated battle against them, but both teams are playing really well right now so it should be an interesting tournament," Ryan Thang
Irish junior

"I feel pretty confident out there and I'm seeing the puck pretty well," Pearce said. "It's very much a team effort, though."

Pearce is one of the nominees for the CCHA Player of the Year award which will be given out this weekend. It's said that he expected Friday's contest to be much lower scoring than the last times the two teams met.

"We kind of took it to them here. We were 4-0 against them this year but I think the fifth is going to be a little harder to get," he said.

Notre Dame will have a little extra motivation in Detroit this weekend after losing in the semifinals last season and then falling to Northern Michigan in the consolation match the following day.

"We kind of embarrassed ourselves up there last year," Thang said. "I told a couple of guys at the end of practice not to forget about that."

If Notre Dame does get past the Wildcats they will take on the winner of the Michigan-Alaska game at 7:35 p.m. Saturday. No. 3 Michigan (28-10-0, 20-8-0-0) is the second seed in the tournament and has handed Notre Dame one of its two losses in the second half of the season. Alaska (12-14-0, 3-10-5-3) has also been playing well, led by first-team all-conference goaltender Chad Johnson. Johnson is also up for the CCHA Player of the Year award.

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Irish sophomore center Ben Ryan tries to squeeze past Northern Michigan defenseman Derek May during Notre Dame's 5-2 home win over the Wildcats on Feb. 14.

Irish senior center Christian Hanson sends a shot toward the Nebraska-Omaha net during last Friday's 5-0 Notre Dame win.

Can't make it to Detroit for the games? Check out The Casual Observer at observersportsblog.wordpress.com for live updates throughout the weekend as Matt Gamber, Dan Murphy and Sam Werner cover all the action from Joe Louis Arena.
Memphis, Sallie evades Matadors’ upset bid
Hummel rebounds Purdue’s way to victory over Northern Iowa; Thornton leads LSU to victory over Butler

Associated Press
KANSAS CITY. Mo. — The greatest game any Memphis player ever saw probably never materialized. But the Tigers’ recent history finally presented an obsti­ nate nightmare the only way to beat it — by building a wall.

Four consecutive rounds, 11 overtimes, 13-14 seizures at six points a minute with a lead more than 18 minutes to play, bringing the game back from a 35-point deficit only because of the Tigers’ long-range shooting. It had nothing to do with the Matadors, Mark Hill had 15 and 11 assists.

Evans, the Memphis freshman who replaced Derrick Rose, the nation’s top scorer who was drafted, finished with 15 points and Anderson rounded up 13. The Tigers launched a decisive 13-2 over­take early in the first half that earned last year’s national runners-up a halftime tangle—

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ment for the second time in

The Matadors, who lost one of their top players in a game last season in a season and another to a burglary charge, never seemed intimidated and led most of the second half. The crowd went crazy when Vincent Cordeill’s bucket gave the Matadors a 62-56 lead.

"We were never scared," Sallie said. "We moved and it led to atar­

ment for the second time in

the tournament. A loose ball was on the floor and Memphis’ forward Chandler Jones had a chance to win the game for the Tigers. But Jones missed the shot and the Matadors were back in it.

"I know Rob had it in him all along," Anderson said. "When I got to know him, I knew he could get it on point. But at this point, we’re just trying to march on," Cordeill said.

Anderson’s bad pass turned the ball to Norridge and Rodrigo Melh saak a 2-pointer, then following another turnover, Sallie’s alley-oop pass gave the Matadors a 62-56 lead.

As Sallie’s long-range shot was on target, his more famous shooter was in a state of identity crisis.

"I’ve been shooting under pressure all year when I didn’t score at all. And then Sallie jumped off the bench and buried them. It’s a physical thing, a state of mind. But Sallie never hesitated."

Then the 6-6 senior hit a 6-10 three-point shot for a 3-1 all­

against Washington, but the previous meeting was in 1967.

Jeff Johnson had 14 points for Purdue, which led by 14 at the Rose Garden Arena before the Panthers came back and won the tournament.

Purdue has held off a

40 percent shooting (20 of 54) from the field. The Panthers sank 32 of 56 shots in the game, ranked 11th nationally in field games.

Butler threatened to end things.

"We’re an extremely competent team, we can stay poised and stay together as a team, it’s going to help us out," said Thad Matta, a grin

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and dropped 49-34 on Alabeghe’s jumper from 12-3 out for play. After Johnson hit a long jumper for Purdue, Jordan

Northern Iowa, which failed to

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Role Models DVD on Best Behavior

By CAITLIN FERRARO
Scene Writer

"Role Models" showcases the comedic talents of relative newcomers Christopher Mintz-Plasse (also known as McLovin') as Augie and the outrageous Bobb'e J. Thompson as Ronnie, while simultaneously reminding us that their characters would have. The abun­dance of improvisation in the film is discussed in the segment called "On The Unrated DVD," in which the actors and crew discuss creating their own role-playing game. It is absolutely hilarious witnessing how they adapted Live Action Role Playing, a real thing, into the film's ver­sion LAIRE. The clips show King Agtron being trained by a profession­al choreographer even though the char­acters use fake, almost cardboard like swords. Rudd comments how hysterical it is that the choreographer used to work on "The Bourne Ultimatum," suggesting the transition "is like going from Harvard to Kindergarten." This film is absolutely hysterical and Rudd, Scott, Mintz-Plasse and Thompson are great. One particularly funny scene involves Danny exploding in anger in a coffee shop. He bitterly yells at the barista over the names of the cup sizes: "No, venti is twen­ty. Large is large. In fact, tall is large and grande is Spanish for large. Ventii is the only one that doesn't mean large. It's also the only one that's Italian. Congratulations, you're stupid in three languages." Classic.

The unrated DVD of "Role Models" is a worthwhile buy. Not only does it include both the theatrical and unrated versions of the film, it also contains tons of hilarious extra features.

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Role Models DVD

DIRECTOR: David Wain
STARRING: Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Bobb'e J. Thompson, Sean William Scott, Paul Rudd, Elizabeth Banks


Stirring Wings mentoring program for children. After the two energy drink representatives crash their Minotaur truck into a statue, they are forced into the program, rather than go to jail. Danny is paired with Augie, a teenager obsessed with LAIRE (a live action role playing game), while Wheeler's "little" is a young four-mouth, over-sexed Ronnie. Good might just be the worst mentors ever, and madness ensues. The characters begin to learn to put aside their selfish, sarcastic ways to help the two oddball kids.

The supporting cast includes the very funny Elizabeth Banks as Danny's ex-girlfriend Beth and the wacky recovering drug addict program director Gayle Sweeny portrayed by Jane Lynch. Also hilarious is Ken Jeong as the arrogant King Agtron, King of Macedonnia in the LAIRE world. One might recognize Jeong, a real life doctor, from his portrayal of the strange Dr. Kuni in "Knocked Up."

"Role Models" is a great comedy, and the recently released unrated DVD did not disap­point. There are a plethora of great DVD extras. While the countless deleted scenes and alter­native takes were left off the theatrical movie's release, the other bonus features are great. The bloopers are hilarious, and it seems the cast genuinely had a great time making the comedy. In a segment called "In Character & Off Script," three different characters are featured in hysterical improvised moments present­ing a Stirring Wings salute to Martin Cary, the everloving five-minute mentor, and Kizzick and Davith of Glencracken, two hilar­i­ous LAIRE players. The actors were merely allowed to improvisate and that their characters would have. The abun­dance of improvisation in the film is discussed in the segment called "On The Unrated DVD," in which the actors and crew discuss creating their own role-playing game. It is absolutely hilarious witnessing how they adapted Live Action Role Playing, a real thing, into the film's ver­sion LAIRE. The clips show King Agtron being trained by a profession­al choreographer even though the char­acters use fake, almost cardboard like swords. Rudd comments how hysterical it is that the choreographer used to work on "The Bourne Ultimatum," suggesting the transition "is like going from Harvard to Kindergarten." This film is absolutely hysterical and Rudd, Scott, Mintz-Plasse and Thompson are great. One particularly funny scene involves Danny exploding in anger in a coffee shop. He bitterly yells at the barista over the names of the cup sizes: "No, venti is twen­ty. Large is large. In fact, tall is large and grande is Spanish for large. Ventii is the only one that doesn't mean large. It's also the only one that's Italian. Congratulations, you're stupid in three languages." Classic.

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Dining Hall Dish

By MICHELLE FORDICE
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St. Patrick's Day has come and gone, but I'm sure much of the Notre Dame student body is still recovering. What do you need after a long day and night of celebrating our Irish heritage? Some good food. Hopefully these recipes might help settle your stom­ach and made it sing. You can try:

1. Pick up a chicken breast and cut it up. You can also use the chicken from the Mexican bar if you want to skip the cutting; the sauce that is going to be added later is likely strong enough to overwhelm any marinade or seasoning.
2. Fill a bowl with a dab of ranch dressing, a good amount of hot sauce and blue cheese. (If you aren't a blue cheese fan, cheddar is a good substitute.)
3. Heat the bowl in the microwave until the cheese melts and you can mix it into a sauce.
4. Simply mix into pitas.

Chicken and Blue Cheese Pita

This recipe has plenty of good strong flavors to it. Don't be afraid to layer on that blue cheese; it's what makes it sing. You can try:

1. Pick up celery sticks, peanut butter and raisins.

2. Spread peanut butter onto the celery.

Quick Tip
Remember to mix up not only your meal, but your drink too. Alice Ciclora sub­mitted this drink mixture, which she named Grapealada: Sipiny mix lemonade with a little bit of grape juice and Sprite.

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail mfordice@nd.edu.

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**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

Tennessee coach Pat Summit talks to Briana Brewer (1) and Alex Fuller (2) during an NCAA basketball game against Mississippi State on Feb. 22 in Knoxville, Tenn. The Lady Vols won 82-68.

Young Lady Vols begin to mature

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Pat Summit says her freshmen-laden squad has finally started to get it. You can’t win just because Tennessee is on the front of your jersey.

And the light may come on just in time as the young Lady Volunteers begin the trek to keep the program’s unblemished streak of reaching the regional semifinals alive.

Now all Summit has to do is keep the light on.

"I think it finally, hopefully, might have sunk in for them, in terms of what they have to do to be successful," Summit said. "You just don’t show up and play." Things seemed to click for the Lady Vols (22-10) when they watched their first NCAA selection show on Monday night, drawing a No. 5 seed and No. 12 Ball State as the first round opponent.

They were treated to a broadcast that included clips of other teams’ success against them and talk of Tennessee’s "off season.

Since then Summit has been fairly pleased with her players’ attitudes and focus in practice. But with seven freshmen, two sophomores and only one senior, she knows there’s still plenty that could go wrong.

"I could sit here and drive myself nuts about how are we going to respond and who’s going to show up. I think the thing for our coaches right now that is so important is that we bring a calmness and direct approach to how we want to do things," she said. The Hall of Fame coach with eight national titles on her resume — including the last two — has been reminding the Lady Vols to take everything one session at a time, one opponent at a time.

Because of its inconsistencies, Tennessee has not been able to handle the best effort it always gets from every team it plays. "It’s even magnified when you go into the tournament because it’s a one and done, you win or go home," Summit said.

The coach also doesn’t want her players thinking a Final Four bid is impossible. Tennessee took 10 losses into the 1997 NCAA tournament and ended up winning the whole thing. Summit said she plans on showing a highlight video called "Cinderella" produced for fans after that season was over to the Lady Vols on their bus ride to the first and second round site in Bowling Green, Ky.

**IN BRIEF**

Stallworth hits and kills pedestrian with car

TRENTON, N.J. — Days after breaking the NHL victory record, Devils goalie Martin Brodeur was dealt an alimony setback by a New Jersey appeals court.

The ruling Thursday came after the year his youngest child will graduate from high school.

The court ruled that Brodeur must pay his former wife $500,000 a year until 2020, the year his youngest child will graduate from high school.

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**BRODEUR TO PAY ALIMONY UNTIL 2020**

WASHINGTON — A federal prosecutor on Thursday recommended that All-Star shortstop Miguel Tejada get probation and no prison time for misleading Congress about the use of performance-enhancing drugs.

U.S. attorney Jeffrey Taylor said in a memo to Federal Magistrate Judge Alan Kay that Tejada deserves that reduced sentence because he has admitted wrongdoing, accepted responsibility and has no criminal record. Tejada is to be sentenced March 26.

Tejada is the 2002 American League MVP with the Oakland Athletics and a five-time All-Star who played for the Houston Astros.

Taylor also cited Tejada’s disadvantaged childhood in the Dominican Republic and his dedication to become a distinguished major league player who gives back to the community where he was raised.

**MIGUEL TEJADA MAY AVOID PRISON TIME**

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ND Women's Golf
Irish face tough teams in Texas
By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

The Irish return to the Betsy Rawls Longhorn Invitational in Austin, Texas, for the third consecutive year, ready to compete against several top opponents. According to their coach, however, their toughest competition will come from themselves. The field of 17 teams will match the Irish up against some of the top competition in the country. The competing teams include Duke, ranked No. 9, and top-ranked Arizona.

After last week's disappointing 12th place finish at the LSU Cleveland Classic, the Irish hope to improve their performance in the three-day tournament this weekend.

Coach Susan Holt thinks that last week's tournament was, to some extent, a wake-up call.

"We didn't get beat last week, we just beat ourselves," Holt said. "We look great [at practice]. We need to continue to play loose when it matters."

Senior captain Lisa Maunu, along with junior Artflie Brophy, sophomores So-Hyun Park and Katie Conway and freshman Becca Huffer have the confidence of their coach to put last week's disappointing performance behind them.

"I just want them to play well and put up the numbers they're capable of shooting," Holt said. Last year, the Irish finished fifth out of 18 teams at the Rawls Invitational.

Huffer led the team at last week's LSU Classic, finishing tied for 16th at one over par. The University of Texas Golf Club will be a tougher challenge than last week's course at the LSU Cleveland Classic. The course is a par-72 and teams will play from 6,324 yards in the three-day event.

Historically, the Irish have not fared well at University of Texas Golf Club, where the Rawls Invitational is held.

"The course has gotten the best of us in the past," Holt said. "We haven't put three rounds of solid golf together the last three times."

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ND Women's Tennis
Notre Dame ready to face pair of SEC foes
By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

After a break in its schedule with six days off for the first time since the Indoor National Championships, Notre Dame will make up for the period of rest with two games this weekend, including a trip to Tennessee, The Irish host Vanderbilt Friday at 2 p.m. at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, and travel to Knoxville to face Tennessee on Sunday.

The Irish have moved up to the No. 2 ranking in the ITA Top 25, only behind indoor national champion Northwestern.

"We are really excited about our number two ranking," said senior Kelcy Tefft. "But we know we have a lot of season left and still a lot to prove. Beyond the accolades of the ranking, a tangible benefit does come with the number two slot.

"It allows us to host NCAA regionals, which is very beneficial," Tefft said. "But we want much more than that."

The Irish got this ambition largely from following Tefft, who along with with freshmen Kristy Frilling, is ranked No. 3 in the doubles rankings.

"We have learned a lot about each other's games over the last few months," Tefft said of the duo. "Hopefully we can continue to win matches the rest of the season for our team."

The Irish first put these rankings on the line Friday against Vanderbilt.

"Vanderbilt is always solid," Tefft said. "They beat us last year so we are looking for revenge." On Sunday, the Irish face No. 12 Tennessee.

"We will probably face the Volunteers outside, which will present a little more of a challenge for us," Tefft said.

Fortunately for the Irish, rising rankings and outdoor experience will aid the team when the Big East tournament comes along, and even more so upon the beginning of the NCAA Tournament.

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Georgia tourney boasts elite field

South Bend, IN - April 16, 2009 - Senior Doug Fortner tees off in the Irish Invitational last April. Fortner leads the Irish into the Annual Schenkel E-Z-Go Invite.

Golfers return from spring break only to leave again

By MICHAEL BLASCO
Sports Writer

After a grueling, 4,000 mile spring break road-trip, Notre Dame returns to the links today at the 10th Annual Schenkel E-Z-Go Invitational in Statesboro, Ga., one of the premier collegiate tournaments of the season.

The elite field features six teams ranked in the top 25 among the 18 squads sparring at the 6,910-yard, par 72 Forest Heights Country Club.

The Irish are coming off consecutive top-five finishes at the Border Olympics in Laredo, Texas, and the Palmas del Mar Intercollegiate in Humacao, Puerto Rico, both last week. Junior Doug Fortner's fourth place finish in Puerto Rico propelled the team to a second-place finish, the best of the season for Notre Dame.

Despite 4,000 miles of travel and three plane changes, the Irish put together a solid team effort to claw out a fourth-place finish in Texas.

Notre Dame head coach Jim Kubinski, whose team features two seniors and only four juniors, points to the maturation of the younger members of the team as the key factor in the spring season's early success.

"We started to gain momentum at the end of the fall season," Kubinski said. "Our results may not have seemed a clear indicator, but I started seeing things from our players, individually, that I hadn't seen from them as college players. Our first two events over spring break are just a continuation. We're improving with each event, regardless of scores."

This year's Schenkel Invitational marks the Irish's second trip to Statesboro for the venerable tournament, and Kubinski stated that it's one of the events he will look forward to every year. "The Schenkel Invitational is one of the oldest tournaments in college golf. It's just a great event in so many ways," Kubinski said. "The hospitality and warm, friendly nature of all those involved in it is pretty special."

The tournament field will not be so welcoming. The Schenkel Invitational annually draws one of the toughest pools in collegiate golf, and this year is no different.

No. 9 Florida, No. 14 North Carolina State, No. 15 Tennessee, No. 16 South Carolina and No. 18 LSU will all compete for a shot at the tournament title, with the Gamecocks looking to defend last year's win.

The event begins Friday morning, with 36 holes played over the three days of the tournament.

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ND SOFTBALL

ND will play two with Saint John's

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will play their first conference games of the season Sunday, playing a doubleheader against St. John's at Melissa Cook Stadium. The Irish are coming off two strong wins against the University of Toledo, which has a record of 8-9, with quality wins against the Red Storm.

The Red Storm is coming off a strong victory of the day defeating Saint John's in three sets at third singles, and sophomore Dan Stump was able to defeat Saint John's at No. 5 singles.

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"St. John's is a good team, and they have a strong pitching staff who keeps them in the game," Gump said. "They try to keep the focus on what we can do to win the ball game."

By switching up their practice routine, the girls are staying relaxed and focused in preparation for Sunday's games.

"Today we are hitting to stay loose and in a rhythm," Gump said. "The next few days we will work on more game-like situations."

In all areas of the game, Gump believes her team is very prepared. "Our pitchers have the ability to keep us in any and all ball games, our defense has the ability to play clean, errorless ball, and our hitters have the ability to hit for power and manufacture runs," Gump said.

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MF SOFTBALL

Irish move on in Classic doubles tournament with senior Santiago Montoya.

"Because of a couple of minor injuries we were not able to play all of our regular combinations, but Santiago Montoya and Casey Watt reached the consolation finals and looked pretty good together," Bayliss said. "They brought interesting chemistry to the table - Sant's touch and feel at the net coupled with Casey's ability to dominate on serve return and from the back of the court."

Sophomore Matt Johnson and freshman Niall Fitzgerald fell to sophomore Anthony Lastre and senior Ryan Farlow at No. 3 doubles.

However, the Irish were able to turn things around and earn the victory with those singles. Senior Ben Doerr and sophomore Tanner Stump lost a hard-fought battle against freshmen Louis Cant and Arim Ilyushin with a score of 9-8.

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The Irish open the conference season this weekend.

Women's Lacrosse

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"As a team we are trying, as the season moves forward, to shake up a few things in our doubles," Bayliss said. "As play moves out there, things like first serve percentage, depth on the first volley and holding serve consistently become more important. Easy points are harder to get and consistency becomes imperative. We have to work harder to win points and be able to use the elements to assist you tactically and strategically. We are in very good shape and have won the majority of our long matches, but we need to keep pushing to maintain that edge."

The Irish will face Boise State today with first serve at 2:30 p.m.

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Sports Writer

The No. 25 Irish were able to advance Thursday at the Blue Grey Classic, defeating Mississippi State by a score of 4-2 in Montgomery, Ala. Notre Dame will now face Boise State today at 3:30 p.m.

"The field is very diverse geographically," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "We opened with Mississippi State who beat No. 20 Auburn last week. There are no easy matches and we will be challenged every match we play."

The No. 21 ranked doubles team of senior Brett Helgeson and sophomore Tyler Davis were able to defeat junior Christopher Decker and sophomore Tanner Stump by a score of 8-5 to earn the Irish's only doubles win against the Bulldogs in the first match Thursday.

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Maryland upsets Cal to face Memphis next

The problem for Cal was Maryland's pressure. The Terps like to run a full-court press off made shots and Cal was shaky against it early. But turnovers weren't what hurt the Bears — they had just 14. Cal just couldn't get comfortable. Randle misfired on the first 3-pointer of the game and the Bears kept missing, finishing 3-for-13 in the first half. Christopher and Robertson hit consecutive 3s early in the second half to keep Cal close, but the misses started again and Maryland pulled away. "If we're not shooting the ball well, we struggle, which was clearly the case tonight," Montgomery said.

The game's marquee matchup was supposed to be between Vasquez and Randle. They lived up to the billing — at least in the first half. Vasquez was his usual crafty self, tossing in off-balanced jumpers against good defense and flipping up quick shots over taller defenders inside. The "Venezuelan Sensation" had 11 points at halftime, helping Maryland to a three-point lead despite hitting 12-of-32 from the floor.

Randle, the smallest player on the court at 5-foot-10, was the third-best 3-point shooter in the country during the regular season. The Terps extended their defense to stop him, so Randle went around them, using a lightning-quick crossover to get to the lane for a variety of scoop shots and layups.

Maryland paid more attention to Randle in the second half, keeping Cal's leading scorer from darting inside while staying with him on the perimeter. Randle took one shot in the first 12 minutes and finished 2-for-3 from the floor in the second half.

Vasquez never let up, slobbering his way through Maryland's defense. He took the ball from Randle and scored on a layup to cap a 12-2 spurt that put the Terps up 63-53, then scored on a three-point play after Adrian Bowie tracked down his own missed free throw and flipped a pass over his shoulder — while on top of a Cal defender.

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Maryland didn't force a lot of turnovers, didn't block a bunch of shots, didn't even create a lot of offensive rebound opportunities. The Terps did to Cal what Cal likes to do to teams. They disrupted the Bears' rhythm.

It wasn't sound like much, but against a streak-shooting team like Cal it can make all the difference. Grievis Vasquez provided the offense with 27 points and Maryland used its press to shut down the nation's best 3-point shooting team, rolling to an 84-71 victory over Cal in the first round of the West Regional on Thursday.

"I don't truthfully know if Maryland did anything different than other teams did, but they got us out of our rhythm a little bit," Cal coach Mike Montgomery said. "Maybe that's a consequence of their press, but we never seemed to get in any sort of rhythm. It's very difficult for us to compete against a good team without shooting the ball well.

Tenth-seeded Maryland (21-13) knew what it was up against. Cal was the nation's best-shooting team from 3-point range during the regular season, hitting 43 percent. When the Bears won, it was because they shot well from the perimeter. When they lost, it was because the opponent had kept their shooters from getting hot.

Using its press to disrupt Cal's offensive flow, the Terps rarely gave the Bears a good look from the perimeter and shored up some early interior defensive breakdowns to win a battle of guard-oriented teams. Vasquez controlled the offense. Dave Neal added 15 points and Eric Hayes had 14 to help Maryland advance past the first round in its ninth straight NCAA appearance.

The Terps will face No. 2 seed Memphis Saturday.

"We came into the game knowing we were going to pressure them the whole game," Neal said. "We knew they would have a tough time with it."

After finishing ninth in the Pac-10 last year, Cal (22-11) put together an impressive run in its first season under Montgomery — a former coach at rival Stanford — to get into the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2006. Montgomery took advantage of an athletic, undersized team by spreading the floor to set up his perimeter shooters, who knocked them down more often than not.

Against Maryland, they didn't. Off the mark from the start, Cal never found a rhythm and shot 7-for-24 from 3-point range, its fourth-lowest percentage from beyond the arc this season. Theo Robertson led the Bears with 22 points and Jerome Randle 14, but took just three shots in the second half.

"They did a good job of mixing it up," said Cal guard Patrick Christopher, who was 0-for-7 from 3-point range. "They had a couple of different presses. It was kind of messed us up offensively."

Maryland figured to be a good matchup for the Bears. The Terps, like Cal, are undersized and like to get out in the open floor when they can.
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series now is going to be a big series, and you always want to get off to a good start." On paper, this weekend's match-up appears even. Both squads score 6.5 runs per game and have a team ERA right near 4.3 runs per game. The difference could lie in the teams' ability to play consistent defense. The Pirates have made 32 errors through just 14 games, compared to 17 errors in 17 games for the Irish. Both teams have gotten on a nice roll early in the season.

Notre Dame, picked by the Big East's coaches to finish third in the conference's preseason poll, has won eight of its last nine games. Seton Hall, picked ninth, has won six of its last seven.

The Irish swept a pair of non-conference games this week, beating Ball State 5-4 Tuesday and Valparaiso 10-4 Wednesday in front of the home crowd. "It gave us some good momentum going into this weekend," Schrage said. "Tuesday was a big day, and with the home opener, we had a great crowd. Any nerves we had, I think we got those out of the way." Schrage continued to fiddle with his lineup, and has used 14 different batting orders in 17 games. Sophomore left fielder Golden Tate has established himself as a fixture at the top of the lineup, however, and has a .388 batting average to show for it thus far. Tate is the key component in getting the offense going early — and when the Irish score first, they are 9-1 the season. The Pirates are more of a station-to-station team than the Irish, but when Seton Hall runs, it does so effectively. The Pirates have been successful in a 15 of their 21 stolen base attempts this year. But Irish sophomore catcher Brian Connell has thrown out eight would-be base stealers this year, after he and former fellow backstop Sean Gaston combined to throw out just six a year ago.

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**NBA**

Pierce drives to the rim against Heat forward Michael Beasley in Boston's 112-108 win Thursday.

BOSTON — The only All-Star healthy enough to play made the difference. Paul Pierce scored 36 points without Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen to share the load, Dwyane Wade missed his first game of the season, and the Boston Celtics clinched the Atlantic Division title with a 112-108 overtime victory over the Miami Heat on Wednesday night.

"Almost came down to that we had Paul and they didn't have Wade," Boston coach Doc Rivers said.

Wade missed the game with a right hip flexor, and the Heat missed his NBA-best 29.9-point scoring average.

"We're a team, the Miami Heat, with or without D-Wade," said Michael Beasley, who led Miami with 21 points and 12 rebounds. "We played our game. If we were playing our game, we'd be a little more competitive than we were tonight.""We still made too many mistakes on defense," Beasley said after the Heat missed his NBA-best 29.9-point scoring average.

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In the epee division senior Karol Koska and sophomore Greg Schofield each turned in five victories, but the strongest performance of the day came from freshman Olympian and San Francisco native Gerek Meinhardt, who posted a 13-1 mark in the foil. Meinhardt topped teammate Enzo Castellani and last year's foil champion Andreas Horanyi of Ohio State to finish in first place on the foil leader board.

"He's leading the group at this moment, and I do hope that he will be in the final tomorrow if everything will go according to our plan," Bednarski said.

"But at this moment his first duty is to get to the final. He's the leader, but everybody is attacking."

With the women's team facing off on Saturday, the men still have one more day to overtake their rivals on the strip when round five gets underway at 9:30 a.m.

"Simply, the fencers have to just be calm and not overreact in the boutting," Bednarski said. "I believe it will be good experience for them in the future, and let's hope this good future starts tomorrow."

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ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Stitt, Maxwell and Miller go to NCAA's

By NATHANIEL LEE
Sports Writer

Junior diver Natalie Stitt and sophomore Samantha Maxwell began competing Thursday at the NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships at Texas A&M, which runs through Sunday.

Stitt, Big East Diver of the Year, placed sixth at her NCAA Zone diving championship last week to earn a berth at the NCAA championshio finals, joining sophomore teammates Amywren Miller, who will compete in the 50 free, and Maxwell, who earned a spot in the 200 breast.

Miller swam the 500 free Thursday in the preliminaries in 2:47.47, placing her at 36th overall. She was unable to advance to the finals, and ended her sophomore season with a strong performance in a tough field.

"Twenty-sixth in the country is good; this meet is so selective and elite that just making it is an enormous honor," head coach Brian Barnes said. "We had higher goals, but the 50 is such a tight event that the slightest things can throw a time or position off."

Miller expressed similar sentiments on her performance.

"Based on my performance in the Big East, it was a huge honor just to make it to NCAA's again, so I just wanted to have fun while trying my best," Miller said. "Today there were things I thought I could have done better, but my time was faster than at this meet last year, so I can't complain."

Stitt also performed for the Irish Thursday, earning a score of 245.30 in her 1-meter dive, enough to place 32nd in the nation, but also short of the victory.

Today she will compete in the 3-meter event.

"I was a little intimidated since there are a ton of amazing divers here, even Olympians," Stitt said. "Today I got some nerves out, and tomorrow I just need to have confidence in my dives. Seeing all these great girls makes you want to be like them, so I will have to keep working hard to build on my momentum from this season to the next."

Barres also seemed impressed with Stitt's first dive at the national collegiate level.

"Natalie is a very good diver, and she is experiencing this level for the first time," Barres said. "She will gain experience from today and I think perform better on the third."

Maxwell will take to the pool for the 200 breast on Saturday as the last Irish swimmer at the competition.

"Coming out for a second time should really help me to have a good feel for the competition," stated Maxwell. "We have been building up to this all season, so my goal is just to set a good time to build upon and come back here again next season."

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guards that can shoot the 3 and play defense. We've got our junior guard Katie Ohm leads the team in 3-point percentage, hitting 39.3 percent of her 3s. Irish sophomore forward Scottie Darby has never heard of the play. "I just think they might cruise to victory. After halftime, when they took a 34-24 edge into the locker room. Very close game. We just hope to put some pressure defense and do it to win."…

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"We've got to get a good shot, just anybody that was open," Jackson said. "I think we've got some good shooters who can step up and go all the way. We're not playing that much at the moment."

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Everything you enjoy instead of taking on what others expect you to do. You will meet people who interest you and who make better friends and companions. Physical activity may not be the first choice but it will get you moving and stimulate your senses. 2 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): It's time to reevaluate your situation and do something about it. If your relationships are dragging you down, discuss the problems you are experiencing and, if you do not get a cooperation, it is probably time to move on. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't die if the sun is too warm. A change at work or a job will bring you a benefit in the end, so that it makes a future. Getting involved with another person will aid you to a new area life. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of responsibilities and you will be proud for your ability to get things done. Once you put your duties behind you, you can create a positive that will bring you to feel free and enjoy some your life and your future. 7 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 22): A personal message can be sent if you are prompt and honest in getting what you want. Honesty and sincerity will be what is needed to the end. Love is in the picture and a social evening will pay off considerably. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you have business with phones or your thoughts, you may be taken advantage of or it can someone else's benefit. Focus quickly on your work until you are in a position to take a piece of the action. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Be very sensitive about your plans. If someone gets wind of what you are doing, he or she will ruin your plans and don't with them. Protect your interests and your future. 2 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You have to face the issue between self-seeking and expand your little a bad. Don't take a side of you may end up in a very important position. yourself can be interesting but is not necessary this time around. 8 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't rely on what you are told. Dishonesty is prevailing. Do your own research and you will avoid a great disappointment situation. It's best not to take on a partner if you can get a job done on your own. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It's a good idea to lay low. You should be permitted to correct misunderstanding and mistake at the same time. Be cautious before you let your confidence get the best of you. 5 stars

PIECES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't get dragged into something you aren't ready to deal with. You don't want to be put in a position where you have to make a decision you are not prepared to make. Someone can selfishly be honest with you 3 stars

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Familiar setting for Irish in first round against Minnesota

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Struggles on defense have been a malaise that afflicted Notre Dame all season. But Irish coach Muffet McGraw may have a solution.

"Something new, we're going to actually try to guard them this time," she said glibly. "We've been working on that for a couple days." She jests, but according to her players, who are preparing for No. 7-seed Notre Dame's matchup against No. 10-seed Minnesota in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at the Joyce Center Sunday, she's not joking about defensive improvements.

"Every little thing, if we don't box out, if we don't do the approach right, or contain the ball, then we have to run for it," freshman guard Natalie Novosel said.

The Irish (22-8) and the Gophers (19-11) have met once before in the NCAA Tournament, in 1994. As a seventh seed, the Gophers were the No. 10 seed. At the Joyce Center. In the first round. Erin. But Minnesota won, 81-76.

The Gophers lost four of their last five games, but that doesn't alleviate McGraw's worries. Minnesota's dual-threat offense will present a challenge to Notre Dame's defense, McGraw said.

"You play zone, maybe they get some threes," McGraw said. "You play man-to-man and they get isolation on the block." Senior guard Emily Fox leads the Gophers in scoring, averaging 17.8 points per game. Junior forward Ashley Ellis-Milan averages 11.9 points and 7.3 rebounds per game.

"They have a great inside-outside game," McGraw said.

"They have a post player who's very hard to guard and they've got three or four..."