University admits top academic class

Admissions Office received second-highest number of applications in history for class of 2013

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

From a pool of 14,352 applicants, Notre Dame accepted its most academically competitive class yet, said Bob Mundy, the director of admissions operations.

The average SAT score of admitted students for the class of 2013 is 1434 — seven points higher than that of students from the class of 2012. The average ACT score is 32.6, Mundy said.

On average, admitted students were in the top four percent of their high school classes, he said.

Mundy said the applicant pool for the class of 2013 was the second largest in history — following the class of 2011, when about 14,500 applications were submitted. The number of applications increased 3% over last year, bringing the applicant list below 15,000 for the first time in several years, he said.

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Dance Marathon raises $91,538

Annual Saint Mary’s event brings in money for Riley Hospital

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

After a night of standing up for a good cause, the Saint Mary’s Dance Marathon committee announced they had raised over $90,000 during the academic year for Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

“Our total was $91,538.24, which was a $6,000 increase over last year,” Dance Marathon president Sarah Labadie said.

The rally consisted of several speeches and a rosary prayer. White flowers were also passed out to be placed at the Grotto.

The flowers are meant to represent the innocent life of children, said outgoing Student Senate Social Concerns Committee chair Michelle Byrne.

“We had a lot of students doing service with members of the community,” Byrne said. “I think that was the biggest sign that the event was successful — the community members and Notre Dame students were there and working together.”

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Hundreds participate in CommUniversity Day

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

Approximately 700 Notre Dame students and 500 members of the South Bend community took part in the first annual CommUniversity Day Saturday, said outgoing Student Senate Social Concerns Committee chair Michelle Byrne.

“We had a lot of students doing service with members of the community,” Byrne said. “I think that was the biggest sign that the event was successful — the community members and Notre Dame students were there and working together.”

CommUniversity Day, organized by Notre Dame’s student government, was dedicated to bringing together members of the Notre Dame and South Bend communities to perform service together as a cohesive unit.

Projects began in the morning and some went on for the whole day, with Notre Dame students
INSIDE COLUMN

Headphone etiquette

The girl at the table next to me last week was listening to "Hip-Hop Love" by Shakira. The guy across the room from me was listening to rock and roll with a lot of drums. They both had their headphones on and were immersed in their home-work.

I don't know what their music taste is because I peer over their shoulders. I don't just imagine what they are listening to, either!

I know because I can hear it. The first time I heard music through someone's headphones was last year in the basement of the library. My friend and I thought it was hilarious to watch the girl sit in her booth and bounce her head to the beat. The humor faded, however, when we realized how hard it was to concentrate with a thumping bass in the background.

In the past few weeks, I have heard music through headphones in every silent room in which I attempt to study. I only wish this was an exaggeration.

Even my dorm room is not a safe haven. While I share my roommate's love for the Joshua Radin Pandora station, I suffer for her earbuds.

I can get over the distraction of the music. Well, most of the time. I am currently having trouble focusing on this column because I can hear not just one, but two people's music blasting through their headphones.

I can also laugh it off most of the time. I've exchanged some giggles with complete strangers over other people's odd music. The listeners are always oblivious though — there's no way to hear our laughter over their tunes. I am most concerned for the personal health of these music lovers. Our generation is the first to use headphones from a young age. I don't think that I need to do much medical research to figure out that we are going to go deaf if we continue blasting headphones at unnecessarily high volumes.

You think your grandparents are hard of hearing? I can't imagine how loudly our own grandchildren will have to shout at us.

I have a solution: just turn it down. Everyone wins — your ears and the people around you.

This solution is easier said than done. Most of the time I am sure that the studious listeners are oblivious to the fact that they are making noise. I am fairly certain that they would be embarrassed if they knew.

So here's a test. Adjust your music to the volume level of your choice. Then pull the headphones out of your ears and press them lightly against something else. Can you still hear the music? If so, it's too loud. Turn it down and try again.

I guarantee that it is possible to enjoy music at a lower volume. I know this because, when I'm not desperately seeking a silent study space, I occasionally listen to my iPod. I make sure that no one else can hear it, though. I would be mortified if anyone knew that sometimes I listen to Taylor Swift's "Love Story" on repeat.

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IN BRIEF

The Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies is hosting a lecture titled "Taliban and the War on Terror in Pakistan" today at 4 p.m. in C104-105 Hesburgh Center. Visiting scholar Mona K. Sheikh, from the Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara will talk about her experiences in Pakistan.

The Welsh Hall Tree Sit will take place Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on God Quad in front of Welsh Hall. The event will feature free food, music and fun. Donations will benefit the Arbor Day association.

A lecture titled "Modeling Human Cancer in the Mouse" will take place Tuesday from 4 p.m. in 101 Jordan Hall of Science. Dr. Marla Campero, 2007 Nobel Laureate in Physiology and Medicine will speak about his innovative "knockout mice" technology.

The Kroc Institute and the Notre Dame International Security Program will co-sponsor a lecture titled "Obama and Afghanistan: More Troops, but What Else?" Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in C103 Hesburgh Center. Thomas A. Schweich, who is an Ambassador-in-Residence and Visiting Professor at Washington University in St. Louis will deliver the lecture. He formerly served the Bush administration as ambassador for counter-narcotics and justice reform in Afghanistan.

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Gavin Do
freshman
Siegfried

"Charizard, because he is the predominant Pokemon of all time."

Ian Giles
freshman
Knot

"Kirby, because he's better than Pikachu at Super Smash Bros. on N64."

Kaitlyn Yeonstra
freshman
Lyon

"Ninetails, because I can breathe fire if I wish."

Kirsten Adam
freshman
Welsh Family

"Eevee, because I don't know what I want to do with my life."

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"Ditto, so I could be all of them."

OFFBEAT

Customs finds art framed with marijuana

DOUGLAS, Ariz. — It wasn't the beauty of the paintings that caught of the eye of Customs agents. It was their drug-sniffing dog turning up his nose at the art that stopped the show.

Federal officials in Arizona say a man was taken into custody after Customs and Border Protection officers found 90 pounds of marijuana hidden in the frames of six large paintings in his vehicle.

Officers selected the man's vehicle for a routine inspection Friday at the border crossing in Douglas, Ariz., and their dog showed an interest in the paintings.

An X-ray revealed the marijuana in the frames.

Man drops, daves ring in Brooklyn Bridge proposal

NEW YORK — He's lucky she said yes — and she also lucky the diamond engagement ring he dropped on the Brooklyn Bridge didn't end up in the river.

Don Walling fumbled the ring he planned to propose to his girlfriend on the pedestrian walkway of the New York City bridge. But he valiantly shimmied down to the lower span — where car traffic travels — and found the bauble. It was slightly bent, but the diamonds were still in place.

A police van that patrols the bridge stopped traffic to let him retrieve it.

The Coram resident and his girlfriend Gina Pellisanti plan to get married on April 24, 2010, the anniversary of the day they started dating four years ago.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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LOCAL WEATHER

Lecture addresses evolution, religion

Conference offers multidisciplinary approach to Darwin's theory

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Writer

Darwinism and religion can be compatible despite the perceived conflict between them, Notre Dame philosophy professor Alvin Plantinga said in a lecture Friday.

Many Americans see atheistic religion, which includes Christianity, Judaism and Islam, as incompatible with evolution, Plantinga said in his lecture, which was part of "Evolution of Age: Multidisciplinary Reflections on Darwin 150 Years Later," a conference held Friday and Saturday at Notre Dame.

"It has to do with the thought that God has created human beings in his image," he said.

People do not see how religion fits into evolution because they hear scientists argue that evolution is unplanned and therefore could not be guided by God, Plantinga said.

Yet Plantinga said it is possible that God guides the random genetic mutations in Darwinian evolution, which would make evolution compatible with religion.

"On the face of it, it appears as if God could cause that process," he said.

Opposing views of random mutations cause this superficial conflict between evolution and religion, Plantinga said.

The notion that evolution is unplanned depends on how scientists choose to define Darwin's concept of random mutations, Plantinga said. He said he disagrees with scientists who believe that random mutations require a complete lack of guidance.

"The point is that a mutation ... is random just if neither the organism nor its environment contains a mechanism or process or organ that causes adaptive mutations to occur," he said.

Plantinga said this clarified definition of random mutation would allow for God's guidance.

"It's perfectly compatible that these mutations can be random in this sense but also caused by God," he said. "All I'm asking is whether it's compatible with evolutionary theory as it stands."

It is not surprising that Americans are hesitant about teaching evolution in public schools when they are not aware that random mutations could be guided by God, Plantinga said.

"As polls reveal, many Americans have great doubt about evolution," he said. "I think it's because we're regularly told by the experts ... that the evolutionary process is unguided."

Plantinga also said that naturalism, which is an extreme form of atheism, is not necessarily compatible with evolutionary theory.

While it seems contradictory, naturalism is less compatible with evolution than theistic religion, Plantinga said.

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Philosophy professor Alvin Plantinga speaks at Darwin lecture Friday, explaining the role of random mutations in evolutionary theory.

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CEO to speak on Catholic health care

President of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center will speak about ministry in hospitals

Special to The Observer

Nancy R. Hellyer, president and chief executive officer of Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center (SJRMC), will speak on "Catholic Ministry in Health Care" on Wednesday at the University of Notre Dame.

The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. in Room 305 of the Jordan Hall of Science.

Hellyer will discuss the ministry of health care in light of Catholic teachings including the differences required under the Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services. She will share SJRMC's history and plans for future ministry to support this community including the latest information on the new SJRMC hospital.

"The medical and technological innovations at the new Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center will be unlike anything ever seen in healthcare throughout Michiana," Hellyer said.

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CAMPUS NEWS
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teen that are aborted,” said senior Corinne Podzrski, who was helping hand out flowers.
Sophomore Ashley Melksi said that although she found it “a little disturbing” that the University invited a pro-choice leader to speak at Commencement, that is not the primary reason she attended the rally.
Melksi said she attended the rally because “preserving the Catholic identity of this institution is important.”
Stephanie Martin, a staff member at the University, said she attended the rally to support the students and join other
in prayer.
“We don’t pay the University, the university pays us,” Martin said. “But we can ... respectful­ to their studies.”
Cassidy’s appearance comes as part of his larger campaign that aims to have one million Catholics sign an online banner
which calls for the dismissal of President Obama.
“President Obama has many fine qualities. ... We respect him as a devoted father and loving husband. Our majorun is to protect and preserve the belief that abortion is not a legal issue,” Cassidy said.
Harold Cassidy, attorney
“Instead of liberation for women, abortion has brought enslavement to women. I say a final goodbye to that issue,” Cassidy said.
Obama’s’s campaign is important.”
In response to the graduating seniors who say that Commencement is their day to day, Terry said “it’s bigger than them.”
“This is like the rape of Catholic theology, sociology, and justice. This will affect the Catholic world for at least a generation,” he said.
“It’s not just about the students, I’m sorry to say.”
Nationally recognized attorney Harold Cassidy was the primary speaker at the rally. Daly said his speech was meant to show that the issue at hand affects the secular section of the institution.
Cassidy said abortion is not just a Catholic issue, but “transcends any one religion that also, ‘transcends religion itself.’”
“A truly Catholic belief is a belief in the immaculate conception,” Cassidy said. “Secular expressions of the sanctity of life ... are everywhere.”
Many believe there is a consensus among Americans that abortion should be legal, but no such consensus exists, he said.
“The majority of our readers thought in 1973, and still think today, that Roe v. Wade was a political slime pot to pillage and pill,” Cassidy said.
“Roe vs. Wade did not stand in the way. The fact that the majority believes this would be immediately evident.”
Cassidy’s also said many think being anti-abortion means being anti-women. But abortion is not good for women, he said.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pope denounces migrant trafficking

VATICAN CITY — Pope Benedict has demanded urgent action by the European Union and African nations on Sunday to stop the tide of migrants, saying the economic crisis was driving more people to try to get to Europe by perilous means.

Benedict recalled the drowning last week of more than 200 Europe-bound migrants whose overcrowded boat sank in the waters off Libya.

"We cannot resign ourselves to such tragedies, which unfortunately have been repeating themselves for some time," Benedict said in his Sunday blessing.

"The scope of the problem requires urgent strategies coordinated by the European Union and African countries, as well as the adoption of adequate humanitarian measures, to prevent these tragedies from turning into unceasing tragedies," Benedict said.

EU, U.S. respond to missile launch

PRAGUE — The United States and the European Union say North Korea's missile launch is a threat to neighbors and demands a response from world nations.

A U.S. and EU leaders call on North Korea to abandon all nuclear weapons and "concrete created behavior." They said North Korea's development of a ballistic missile capability "is aimed at providing it with the ability to threaten countries near and far with weapons of mass destruction.

The leaders also said the missile launch "demands a response from the international community, including from the U.N. Security Council, to demonstrate that its resolutions cannot be defied with impunity.

NATIONAL NEWS

Fargo schools reopen after flooding

FARGO, N.D. — School bells are set to ring Monday for the first time in nearly two weeks for students who had joined the round-the-clock sandbagging efforts to protect the Fargo area from a record Red River flood.

"It's almost like the first day of school in many ways," said Morgan Forree, principal of Oak Grove Lutheran School, which lost two buildings on Monday night. "It was a great thing to see a part of a flooded floor wall buckled and let the river in. 'They're kind of excited to get back in action here.

Administrators hope the return to class will bring a sense of normalcy to classes that will now to. Normal classes that will now do in a month.

Wind strengthens Texas wildfires

GRAHAM, Texas — Strong winds on Sunday hampered fire crews' efforts to control several Texas wildfires that had destroyed eight homes and damaged more than 20 smaller structures.

The largest fire, an 11,000-acre blaze near the Texas-Oklahoma state line, was about 25 percent contained, but wind gusting to 35 mph made it difficult to maintain fire lines, Texas Forest Service spokeswoman Jeanne Eastham said Sunday.

"Anytime you have the wind, it makes it harder to control the fire," Eastham said.

LOCAL NEWS

Ekhardt organizations lose funding

ELKHART — Nine community organizations in Elkhart County that are losing their United Way funding are searching for ways to survive as the area struggles with nearly one-fifth of its workforce being jobless.

The United Way dropped groups such as the Elkhart Childhood Development Center and Mental Health America after its annual campaign raised 32 percent less than last year.

ISRAEL

Netanyahu will make new agenda

Prime Minister says government will develop diplomatic policies on peace talks

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Sunday that his government would immediately get to work on Mideast peace negotiations, promising to present a diplomatic agenda in the coming weeks.

Speaking at the first meeting of his Cabinet, Netanyahu said he planned to appoint himself and 11 other ministers to the Security Cabinet, a select body that deals with the nation's most pressing security and political issues.

"In the coming weeks, we shall complete our policy guidelines for progress on peace and security," he said.

Netanyahu has sent mixed signals about his diplomatic program in recent weeks. Earlier, a platform highly critical of his predecessor's talks with the Palestinians, he took a softer line when he was sworn into office last week, telling parliament he would pursue a "full peace" with the Arab and Muslim world.

However, Netanyahu has given few details about his program and has so far refused to endorse the idea of an independent Palestinian state, Palestinian independence is a cornerstone of U.S. policy in the Middle East, and the Palestinians have said that if Israel does not commit to a two-state solution, there is no point in negotiating.

Appearing on a late-night Israeli TV program, Netanyahu gave an indication of his stern policy as well. He accused Palestinian rocket attacks on Israel of "driving the Gaza Strip people to a state of war, not of peace," and threatened his government "will not accept the creation of a Palestinian state, stop construction in West Bank Israeli settlements and remove army roadblocks crippling life in the West Bank "so that we can resume dialogue in order to reach a political solution.

"Abbas was speaking during a visit to Baghdad. Netanyahu's hard-line foreign minister, Avigdor Lieberman, raised additional concerns on his first day in office when he dismissed as meaningless the past year of U.S.-led peace negotiations and said concessions to the Palestinians only invite war.

In peace talks over the past year, the U.S. has pushed the sides to resolve the issues at the core of their conflict, such as final borders between Israel and a future Palestinian state and the status of Jerusalem. No apparent progress has been made.

Also high on Netanyahu's agenda is Iran's nuclear program. Netanyahu believes Iran is pursuing nuclear weapons and has called on the international community to prevent this. Iran says its program is peaceful.

Upon taking office last week, Netanyahu stressed that Israelis "know how to protect" their country — a possible hint that Tehran's nuclear facilities could be struck if the international community fails to stop its nuclear activities.

Netanyahu's government also is dealing with a sudden surge in violence. Last week, a Palestinian attacker infiltrated a Jewish settlement in the West Bank and killed a 13-year-old boy with a pickax. The attacker is still at large.

Over the weekend, a 16-year-old girl from an Israeli Arab town opened fire at a police station in southern Israel before she was shot and killed.

Police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld said the girl was an 11th-grade student from the Bedouin township of Hura in southern Israel. He gave her name as Basmah Al-Nabari.

He said police were trying to determine whether the girl had acted on her own or coordinated the attack with an organized militant group.

Associated Press

GRAHAM — A father apparently shot to death five of his children, ages 7 to 16, at their mobile home and then killed himself near a casino miles away, police said Saturday.

Ed Flansburg, a security guard for the Pierce County Sheriff, called it a domestic violence situation and a murder-suicide.

"We believe they all died of gunshot wounds," saidcapture (c ingress (c ir (c s)

Police found the father's body early Saturday in his still-running car near the Muckleshoot Casino in Auburn, about 30 miles south of Seattle. He had apparently killed himself with a rifle, although no note was left in the car, Auburn Police Sgt. Scott Neal said.

Later in the day, a relative stopped the mobile home and called authorities after seeing a child lying motionless on a bed through a window. Pierce County deputies checked the mobile home, which is about 20 miles southeast of the casino, and found four of the children dead in their beds and the fifth in the bathroom.

Troyer said investigators believe the husband and the wife, who was not home, were not entangled.

The mother's aunt, Penny Flansburg, was at a loss to explain the crime.

"They were pleasant together," Flansburg said. "We can't even figure out why."

Flansburg identified the couple as Angela and James Harrison and the children as Maxine, Samantha, Heather, Jamie and James. The father worked as a diesel mechanic, and the mother works at Walmart, Flansburg said.

Ryan Peden, a classmate of the eldest daughter, said she told him Friday night that her parents had gotten into a fight and her mother had left. The father followed the mother and tried to get her to return, said Peden, 16.

Neighbors in the Deer Run mobile home park, a neat, well-kept community nestled among towering evergreens, were shocked and weeping at the news.
Service
and community members holding Easter egg hunts for local children and cleaning up area parks. I was a lot of engagement from the Notre Dame community.

There were so many organizations and clubs that had service projects that they had wanted to do and this day gave them the opportunity to engage in them," Byrne said.

"I was talking about CommUniversity Day and was asked if I wanted to do something with the St. Adalbert kids," Pennino said. "I know a lot of the kids pretty well and I thought that this would be a great opportunity to expose them to college.

"I asked FrancescaPennino to help and supervise so we came up with a scavenger hunt for students from St. Adalbert, a South Bend grade school where she has been tutoring kids for more than three years.

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"The kids were so excited that they got to help improve something that was a part of their lives," she said. "And we were actually working with the kids instead of doing a service for them.

"Working with the community, and not just for them, was one of the aims of CommUniversity Day," Byrne said.

"We didn't want this to be a service day," Byrne said. "We really wanted to be in a relationship with the community.

"I feel like CommUniversity Day was a real milestone in the way that we relate to the community," Byrne said. "There are plenty of kids that need to be fed, but I feel like the overall groundwork has been laid out for a successful event in the future."

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percent from last year, he said. He said this year marks the first year the University used the Common Application, which could explain the increase in applications.

Mundy said the University also saw the largest minority applicant pool, and hopes that 22 to 24 percent of the incoming class will be non-white.

However, he said the final figures for the class of 2013 numbers are difficult to predict until the deadline for students to accept their offer of admission has passed.

Although the University reported the second-highest number of applicants this year, Mundy said the Admissions Office anticipates that the recession will affect the decision process for admitted students.

"There is...a feeling among our colleagues that students will take a bit longer to decide to enroll, meaning that more will reply right at the May 1 deadline," he said.

Mundy said the University admitted more students in Early Action than they have in the past because of the recession.

"The faltering economy was one of the reasons we admitted more students in Early Action than has been typical," he said. "We knew they were competitive and we felt it better to offer admission in December in order to give these students more time to consider Notre Dame as a college option."

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Dance
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Voss said. "The fact that we managed to increase our total during a recession is amazing."

Students and community members mingle together near the Robinson Community Learning Center Saturday for the first CommUniversity Day, an event sponsored by Notre Dame's student government.

Night, ending at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Participants donated $12 to register for the event.

The marathon was packed with different things for participants to do, special guests and tons of activities. During the marathon, dancers had the chance to play games, climb on a rock wall, do crafts, bounce in a bounce house and dance.

I think a large number of the participants just wanted to dance the night away, so that was really fun," Voss said.

Voss said around 400 people participated in this year's event.

"I think the event had about the same participation as last year, although I think that this year's dancers were even more committed than in previous years," Voss said.

Throughout the night, families with children at Riley Hospital shared stories about their experiences.

"Students seemed really excited to meet the families and join the big D a n c e M a r a t h o n family," Voss said. "My favorite moment was when Sheila Fraser, a 13-year-old student, shared her story about battling osteosarcoma at Riley Hospital. I don't think there was a dry eye in the gym."

To get involved with the club, email dinamarth@saintmarys.edu or visit their website at www.smcmd.org.

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Deton has joined forces with the United States Treasury to find the best way out of the economic downturn. The government is seeking additional deals with Washington to help the United States sector, which will cost taxpayers $16.7 billion more than originally anticipated, according to a Swiss bank. The Treasury's final cost estimate for the program, the CBO says in its March report, is $356 billion - $152 billion, but it is now $356 billion - $152 billion more for the program.

In addition, since the CBO issued its original cost estimate for the program, the Treasury announced additional deals with Bank of America and American International Group. These deals will be at rates higher than the averages in the CBO's original estimate. Also going up are the subsidy rates in the administration's $50 billion program to deal with home foreclosures.

In Brief

EU and U.S. discuss global economy

PRAGUE - The European Union says it has been pulling together as a bloc and joining forces with the United States to deal with the consequences of the global economic downturn.

European Commission chief Jose Manuel Barroso says "we are working together" with Washington to find the best way out of the crisis. Barroso says the 27-nation bloc has described the situation in the United States as "a certain sense, global unity" as it scrambles to rescue the world economy. Barroso described the EU's ties with the United States as "by far the most important economic relationship in the world," with $2 billion per day spent trading in goods and services. He spoke Sunday to reporters after President Barack Obama's summit with EU leaders in Prague.

Ballout to cost more than anticipated

WASHINGTON - Bailing out the financial sector will cost taxpayers $167 billion more than originally anticipated, according to a Congressional Budget Office estimate.

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Henderson also said he does not believe the administration should encourage Americans to buy U.S.-made cars. "I think the consumer should buy exactly what kind of car they think meets their needs and that excites them," he said on "Meet the Press." "And it's our job to make sure we provide that and as I look at it, not necessarily have them or otherwise encouraged." Also, Henderson said that unlike Wagoner, he will not work for $1 a year. He said $13 million, a salary which was cut 30 percent as part of what he called shared sacrifices at the auto maker. The Detroit automaker is aiming to minimize the amount of time GM's taxes on taxpayer money. Henderson said GM is open to idea of bankruptcy protection may be the company's best option.

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Schools make plans for stimulus money

Federal dollars to be used for more energy-efficient classroom buildings, windows, light bulbs

Associated Press

MENOMINEE, Mich. — Teachers across the state of Michigan are finding it easier to keep the lights on as the state's schools have received some of the federal stimulus money. The Michigan Department of Education has allocated $6.3 billion for energy-efficient projects in schools, and this money is being used to replace older buildings with newer, more energy-efficient ones.

The energy-efficient projects being funded by the federal stimulus money are expected to save schools money on energy costs and reduce their carbon footprint. Schools are eligible for up to $22 billion in zero-interest bonds to finance these projects.

According to the Michigan Department of Education, the projects funded by the federal stimulus money will include the replacement of old windows and light bulbs, the installation of energy-efficient lighting systems, and the replacement of old mechanical systems with more efficient ones.

The money allocated for these projects is expected to create jobs in the construction and energy sectors, and will help to reduce the state's dependence on fossil fuels.

The federal economic stimulus dollars are being used to fund a variety of projects in schools across the state, and are expected to have a significant impact on the state's economy.

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Metallica, Run-DMC Inducted into Hall of Fame

CLEVELAND — Metallica and Run-DMC were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on Sunday night. This was the first time that a rap and a rock band were inducted together.

Metallica is known for their heavy metal sound and their iconic music videos, while Run-DMC is known for their hip-hop sound and their unique style. Both bands have had a significant impact on the music industry and have influenced many other artists.

The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame is an annual ceremony that inducts new members into the hall of fame. The ceremony is broadcast live on television and is watched by millions of people around the world.
Dubai Police Chief Lt. Gen. Dahi Khalfan Tamim said Sunday, calls for international investigations into the human rights allegations. While president, Vladimir Putin awarded Yamadayev the Russian Federation's highest honor, the Order of Courage. "We would like to thank the Russian government for its concern about President Yamadayev," Abbas told reporters after a meeting with President Jalal Talabani. Abbas, who also met with Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, said the 2003 bombing in Baghdad was done by "the group that is responsible for killing Iraqis." Palestinian exiles who fled to Syria have been favored by his deposed regime. Though Iraq's security forces continue to be targets of insurgents, hundreds of Palestinians, overworked security forces, were displaced and stranded in refugee camps - during his first visit to the country since the U.S.-led invasion of 2003. The visit marked a major step in improving ties between the Shiite-led government of Iraq and the Palestinian leadership, which had been estranged for years. "We want to emphasize that I believe that they are in safe hands," Khalfan said. The visit comes as violence has drastically declined in Iraq, though Iraq's security forces continue to be targets of insurgents. Six gunmen in two cars blocked the vehicle of an Iraqi police officer when he entered to the situation in east Baghdad and shot him dead, police said. The gunmen escaped.

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Downsizing our food, our culture and ourselves

Jackie Mirandola-Mullen
Chlorofilled Cardboard

Downsizing in business terms usually carries negative connotations; it means losing jobs, losing space, losing revenue. Downsizing in houses means either your children moved out or you lost your job. It can be good — that you just don’t need the space — but it’s somehow still against our American bigger-is-better mentality. Downsizing in general tends to get a bad rap. But downsizing is exactly what we need right now.

Our country is huge; a massive coordination of interests, regions and ideas, but not everything about us needs to be as massive as our waistlines and our supermarkets.

A lot of movements picked up this idea long before the economic meltdown. One of the biggest actors in the downsizing movement has been the food industry. Small farms move, Slow Food, organic, composting and opposition groups to industrial agriculture have all propelled the ideas of reestablishing connections with the food you eat and where it comes from, downsizing from the big agribusiness to a more manageable, more personal way of getting your food.

This movement started in America as a social novelty for those who could afford it, but it’s not usually “organic” or buying the nature brand that downsizes the process. Rather, the idea that you go directly to the source: farmers markets, farms, stores buying local crops, eating in season. You don’t need the gigantic apple that looks like all the others. There’s no individuality there, no idea of a tree or the dirt or the farmer. How could any of us imagine the farm that can produce such homogeneous giants?

That’s not a fancy sticker or a class symbol. It’s knowing where your food comes from. It hasn’t been that long since we had more contact with the source of our food, which fosters a direct appreciation for the food itself. According to a 2007 study by the USDA, 48 percent of farm product sales are made by the less than two percent of American farms that have yearly sales of $1 million or more. Food from these farms has to be shipped to market, which is far away if the farm produces that much. That’s bad for the environment because of shipping, it’s bad for the food itself because it loses freshness in the transport and it’s bad for the price of the food down the line all the way to the individual consumer. But downsizing of these farms would mean more farms. Maybe that necessitates more farmers, but doesn’t that mean more jobs? Farms in the proximity of cities and within suburbs open space and greenery. It means the occasional manure smell, but it also means corn mazes (maize mazes?) and fresh pumpkins in the fall.

Downsizing of the economy itself means smaller businesses. It means less impersonality, less apathy toward work, less feeling lost in the crowd. It means more unstable businesses at first, but if we can localize those businesses it can ensure stability while also providing a much-needed sense of community that can get lost in the suburban labyrinths. Downsizing our food begins the downsizing of our lives. It means less business, less rush, less pollution, less hectic, less time in the car, more time with your family. Maybe incorporating this downsizing in how we get our food can initiate its spread to all areas of our life. We keep falling and falling down to the basics, wouldn’t we have an easier time picking ourselves back up when the bottom gives out?

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**THE OBSERVER**

**VIEWPOINT**

Monday, April 6, 2009

**The tyranny of the TSA**

I am writing in response to Brian Benjamin’s April 1 letter entitled “Unions May be the Problem.” He argues that non-union employees have more freedom than union employees. I believe that this is a misleading claim.

The reality is that non-union employees often have less freedom than union employees. Union employees are protected by contracts that limit their employer’s ability to make unilateral changes. This gives non-union employees little protection against changes that their employer may wish to implement.

I support the right of workers to join unions, and I believe that unions play an important role in protecting workers’ rights.

**Employer intimidation: EFCA dangerous**

The Employee Free Choice Act (EFCA) will allow non-union workers to immediately unionize if over 50 percent of the workforce signs union authorization cards. This is a dangerous bill that could lead to a loss of freedom for workers.

Under EFCA, workers would not have to go through a secret ballot election. Instead, they would be forced to sign cards and turn them in, with the hope that a majority of the workers would support unionization.

This bill is unnecessary and counterproductive. It would give employers an unfair advantage and force workers to make a decision that may not be in their best interests.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

I am fond of many traditions from my home state of Iowa. It seems, however, that the rest of the world is not very familiar with these traditions. The word "support," for instance, is no longer in use. Instead, it has been replaced with "supper." I have even heard "supper" used in conversation with friends.

Yes, despite the obfuscation of these traditions outside of my home state, I am proud of them. With the over-turn of a 2007 court ruling banning same-sex marriages, for instance, many of my friends have been impacted. In the idea of creek-stomping, mushroom hunting or what the bunter cow will look like this summer, yes.

The tradition of promoting equality in social issues, Iowa "was among the first states to legalize interracial marriage and to allow married women to vote, among other reforms," an article in the "New York Times" reports. "Iowa Supreme Court Justices keep a tradition of leadership in social issues. Only if one of Iowa's traditions is noticed outside of the state, I am glad that it is this tradition. Assuredly, the rest of the world will not care which team wins the traditional school desegregation" (Amy Lorentzen, "School desegregation," 2010).
Stewart). She also sleeping with Adventureland's married handyman Connell (Ryan Reynolds). The movie has plenty of laughs, particularly from Bill Hader and Kristen Wiig, but it's more of a nostalgic tale about finding yourself than a screwball comedy. The jokes, when they happen, are pretty laugh-until-you-cry.

"Adventureland" is rooted in an 80s soundtrack (count how many times you've heard Falco's "Rock Me Amadeus"), a movie with enough silly references to maybe you wish you had grown up in the 80s. Maybe. But it is this seemingly authentic portrayal of growing up way back that will appeal to the older generation now drawn in by Mottola's tie to "Superbad.

The characters, though, drive the story more than any 80s rock soundtrack could. They seem real, authentic and as current as ever. They prove that young adolescence wasn't really all that different 20 years ago.

Eisenberg plays James in the same awkward, Renaissance studies major that gets your attention right away. He is adorable but never seems infallible. Unlike so many protagonists of these types of movies, he makes the same mistakes that real people actually do, and those mistakes aren't just letting the perfect girl get away. Em, as said perfect girl, isn't really perfect herself.

Her idiosyncrasies just make her more sincere as a character than James, and the rare glimpses of vulnerability in her otherwise invincible character that the audience really needs to see. But "Adventureland" seems less bent on showing the 80s and more interested in showing how the 80s weren't really all that long ago, even though they sort of were. These kids are the same as now, trying to grow up too fast and thinking they know everything about life. "Adventureland" is close to nostalgia at its best. Where it fails in being a supremely moving film, it has a whole lot of heart. Mottola brings a fresh and fine-tuned eye to his movie and proves that he shouldn't be pigeonholed as a go-to come-up director just yet.

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Advenutredland

Starring: Jesse Eisenberg, Kristen Stewart, Bill Hader, Kristen Wiig

Are you one of the many people who loves "Little Miss Sunshine?" If so, then you may be wondering what "Sunshine Cleaning," which opened this weekend, has to do with it. The film's marketing campaign tried to attach itself as much as possible to "Little Miss Sunshine" (LMS), including a similar title with similar font and imagery, to imply that the grandfathers - although probably not in an Owe-arw way. The film's trailer made the film out to be a movie that, like LMS, would combine hilarity with serious drama. This is not the simplicities between the two movies ended. While LMS told a fairly upbeat and humorous story about a family's love for each other, "Sunshine Cleaning" tells a story about life's many messes, and the biggest one of all - death.

The film's central character is Rose Lorkowski (Amy Adams), a single mother working as a maid hoping to earn enough money to send her child to school and acquire a real estate license for herself. Rose also struggles with her affair with married man Mac (Steve Zahn). Rose's less successful sister Norah (Emilie Blunt) moves from job to job, and both were left emotionally traumatized by their mother's death when they were children. The two agree to run a crime scene cleanup business to earn more money.

The job of removing the physical damages caused by death in other people's lives causes the two sisters to take a deeper look at the emotional damage left behind by their mother's death in their own lives. Rose realizes how pathetic her attempts to one-up her high school friends really are. Norah's friend Lynn (Mary Lynn Rajskub) collapses. Instead she goes on a road trip, an idea which pops into her head during the final minutes of the film. The film's redeeming qualities come from the wealth of acting talent. Amy Adams delivers a convincing performance as the single mother dealing with both inner and outer turmoil. The film's moments of vulnerability are sure to evoke empathy from the viewers. However, the real talent in this film comes from Emily Blunt, an actress who has consistently delivered solid supporting actress performances, but this film has never had a definitive leading lady role.

Blum does an impressive job of balancing the inner and outer frustration of her character while getting the viewer to laugh both with and at her. If the film will be nominated for any Academy Awards, it will surely be for her performance.

The film's director and writer, Christine Jeffs and Megan Holley respectively, do not have many films on their resumes, and it shows. While the film delivers a few awkward laughs in a seemingly non-anthropic, its message is as morose and muddled as the many crime scenes Rose and Norah clean up.

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Sunshine Cleaning

Director: Christine Jeffs
Starring: Amy Adams, Emily Blunt, Steve Zahn

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GAME

is a trip back in time

By MAIJA GUSTIN
Scene Writer

"Adventureland," written and directed by Superbad's Greg Mottola, is the sort of coming-of-age, eccentric-boy-meets-cool-girl movie that people just seem to eat up these days. But don't let Mottola's "Superbad" credit mislead you — this definitely isn't "Superbad." Jesse Eisenberg plays the very real, very cool, Renaissance studies major that gets stuck working at a Pittsburgh amusement park over the summer in 1987. But Adventureland, the amusement park in question, turns out to be not so bad when he meets Em ("Twilight's" Kristen Stewart). She plays the prototypical "Teen-
Scene Writer

By JAMES DuBRAY

Justin Townes Earle has been through, well, a heck of a lot more than you have. The first son of the rebel troubadour himself, Steve Earle, and the namesake of a country God, Earle was born with colossal expectations. Between his father's escapades (seven marriages and a tough-to-kick drug habit) and his own penchant for getting high, Earle's post-adolescent years weren't a walk in the park either. Despite his somewhat recent problems, Earle was born with colossal expectations. Between his father's escapades and the namesake of a country God, Earle appears ready to acknowledge his mistakes and move forward.

On the album's best track, "Mama's Eyes," Earle reveals, "I went down the same road as my old man" almost whispering beneath his brilliantly simple strumming. Yet, the song continues, Earle gives a window into his recent optimism: "I've got my mama's eyes/A long thin frame and a smile."

"Midnight At The Movies" lasts 30 minutes. Yet, in this small stretch of time, Earle manages to provide a tour of raw blues and pre-rock country stylings, while proving himself wrong. Earle's second record could not be more different than fellow indie peer Animal Collective's recent electro-pop explosion, yet it stands with "Merriweather Post Pavilion" as one of the few very good albums of 2009.

In the middle of "MATM," Earle includes a half-minute finger picking demonstration as much to brag about his playing ability as to dictate a mood change. The instrumental separates the aforementioned "Mama's Eyes" from the album's only cover, the conspicuous proof that anything of worth will soon disappear, the three in the morning thought that we're all destined to become victim to our failings.

With his second record, Earle may be on the way to doing something his father has never done: proving himself wrong.

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Midnight at the Movies
Justin Townes Earle

Label: Bloodshot
Recommended Tracks: "Mama's Eyes," "Can't Hardly Wait," "Black Eyed Suzie"


Dining Hall Dish

By ELLIE HALL

Sometimes the best way to enjoy food is to mix it all together. From ice cream to salads to smoothies, everything tastes better blended. Mix it up and enjoy!

Mixed-up Oatmeal
Oatmeal is a morning staple, regardless of the dining hall. This delicious and nutritious breakfast dish can be made so much more enjoyable if you take advantage of your surroundings. Fill a bowl with oatmeal, but leave about an inch of room from the top. Go to the waffle station and add a ladeful of maple syrup. Add a layer of raisins from the fruit and salad bar. Make your way to the spice rack and add two or three shakes of cinnamon to the top of your oatmeal. Procure a glass of milk and add about three tablespoons of peanut butter. Mix it all together and enjoy your tasty breakfast!

Mexican Fiesta Bowl
A strange, yet delightful twist on KFC's Famous Bowls. The combination of mashed potatoes and seasoned beef gives a Mexican kick to this new take on Shepherd's Pie.

Get a large pasta bowl and add one large scoop of mashed potatoes. Take your bowl to the Mexican food line and add one scoop of seasoned beef, a small dollop of sour cream, and a sprinkling of cheese. Mix a large spoonful of cori from the steamed vegetables section. Mix the different food together. Cheesy Potatoes
Not the healthiest of snacks, but they're delicious! Get your cheese fry fix in the dining hall and avoid those late night cravings that send you cross-country.

Find the form of fried potatoes that the dining hall is offering (the fried seasoned potato cubes are the best, but any fries work well too). Get one of the small bowls used for Jell-O and pudding and fill it with the Nacho cheese sauce from the Mexican food section. A little sour cream is good too. Dip and enjoy!

Have your own dining hall recipe? We would love to feature it! E-mail chail4@nd.edu

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Knicks knock Raptors out of playoff hunt

Brewer leads the way for dominant Jazz with 23 points as Utah sweeps season series with New Orleans

Associated Press
TORONTO — The New York Knicks and Toronto Raptors ensured there won't be playoff basketball in either city this year.

Wilson Chandler scored 17 points, David Lee added 16 and 10 rebounds and the Knicks beat the Raptors 112-103 on Sunday night, eliminating Toronto from the playoffs.

It came one day after the Knicks saw their postseason hopes end with a 102-95 home loss to the Raptors.

"They were just as long a shot as we were," Knicks guard Chris Duhon said. "They needed a miracle, we needed a miracle and we just ended those miracles for each other.

New York's victory snapped a nine-game losing streak in Toronto. The Knicks had not won north of the border since March 5, 2004.

"We just came out to play, it wasn't revenge," Chandler said. "They couldn't guard us 1-on-1. It's the best basketball in the world. This year we're going to have to watch. I'll just have to be a student of the game and see how I can get better by watching other teams."

The Knicks had lost 10 of 11 coming in and briefly looked to be in danger of throwing another one away. Leading by 16, New York missed seven straight shots to begin the fourth, allowing the Knicks to cut it to 92-95 with a 9-0 run. Richardson ended the drought with a 3-pointer with 8.47 left and Robinson followed with a jumper, putting New York up by 12. Toronto rallied again when Marion made a rare 3-pointer, then followed it with a steal and was fouled making a jumper, cutting it to 103-96. But Marion failed to convert the three-point play and Al Harrington replied with New York's 13th 3-pointer.

"Guys hit key shots for us down the stretch, kind of keeping the distance and keeping the pressure on them," Duhon said. "That's something we've struggled with all year is finishing games. I know we only have a few games left but we want to do as good a job as we can of fixing the areas we struggled with throughout the year."

Toronto led 24-25 after the first quarter but fell behind in the second, shooting just 9-for-30. The Knicks made four of five 3-pointers in the second to take a 56-54 lead at the half.

"We gave them a lot of open looks early," Bosh said. "Once they got their confidence, Q-Rich came in and really lit it up and Chandler hit a lot of tough shots too. When you give guys open looks, especially early in the game, they get that confidence and they're a little bit tougher to stop."

Richardson scored 10 points in the third, including a pair of 3-pointers, as the Knicks took a 92-76 lead into the fourth.

Utah 108, New Orleans 94

Ronnie Brewer scored 23 points and the Utah Jazz completed a convincing season sweep of the New Orleans Hornets with their victory on Sunday night.

Deron Williams had 21 points and 11 assists for Utah, which led by 30 in the second quarter and snapped a three-game skid with its first road victory against a winning team in the Western Conference this season. David West had 23 points and 12 rebounds for New Orleans, which could have clinched a playoff spot with a victory, but instead lost its second straight game. Chris Paul had 19 points and 12 assists for the Hornets, who lost all three games against Utah this season by double-digit margins.

Utah, currently seventh in the Western Conference, used a well-rounded effort to pull within a half-game of New Orleans for the sixth spot. Andrei Kirilenko, starting because C.J. Miles was out with a dislocated left index finger, scored 16 points. Carlos Boozer had 10 points and 10 rebounds, and Mehmet Okur scored 18 points.

For a team that had yet to beat a Western Conference playoff contender on the road this season, Utah came out brimming with confidence, perhaps seeking redemption for an unlikely loss at home to struggling Minnesota on Friday night.

Utah outscored New Orleans 41-19 in the first quarter, marking the most points allowed by the Hornets in a quarter this season. Okur had 13 points during those first 12 minutes and Brewer had 12, each hitting an array of shots from inside and the perimeter. Williams, meanwhile, had eight assists and seven points in the period.

The Jazz shot 76 percent (19-of-25) in the quarter. Utah also ignited its transition offense with good defense, forcing six early turnovers. Boozer twice swatted the ball from West. Williams took up Paul near half-court. Paul showed his frustration by cursing at officials, who called a technical foul on him.

When Kirilenko sank a 3-pointer to close out scoring in the quarter, the home fans were howling, and the Hornets didn't do much to change that in the second period. Matt Harpring's free throws, followed by his short hook over Morris Peterson, capped an 8-0 run that put Utah ahead by 30 with 4:24 still remaining in the half.

Soon after, Paul was called for his third foul and came out. Unable to respond with any sustained runs of their own, the Hornets trailed 66-39 at halftime.

New Orleans made a bid to climb back into the game in the third quarter, outscoring Utah 37-21 during the period to pull to 87-76 heading into the fourth.

West had 10 points in the period, mostly on midrange jump shots while Paul scored eight points and set up eight other scores, including an alley-oop to Rasual Butler, who finished with 21 points. Peja Stojakovic, playing as a reserve in his second game since returning from an ailing back, added a pair of 3-pointers.
Paul Casey of England watches his tee shot on the eleventh hole during the second round of the Houston Open on Friday. The 32-year-old Casey won his first PGA Tour victory after beating J.B. Holmes in sudden death.

Casey tops Holmes in first playoff

Associated Press

HUMBLE, Texas — Paul Casey finally considers himself one of the world's top golfers, just in time for the Masters. Casey won the Shell Houston Open on Sunday for his first PGA Tour victory, beating J.B. Holmes with a bogey on the first playoff hole.

The 31-year-old Englishman has nine international victories since 2001, but had never won in the United States. The victory boosted Casey from No. 12 to No. 6 in the world rankings, a career high.

"It's time to start believing I can be a top 10 player in the world and maybe I can be in the top five," Casey said. "We'll see when we get there. Clearly, I just took a little while to sort of get used to things and feel comfortable. Now, I feel comfortable out here."

Holmes needed a win to qualify for next week's Masters and is the only player from last year's Ryder Cup who failed to qualify.

Casey bogeyed the 18th hole in regulation to complete a 72 and tie Holmes at 11 under par. Holmes wrapped up a 69 almost three hours before Casey finished.

The players met on the tee of the 488-yard 18th hole, the most difficult of the tournament with an average score of 4.336. Holmes hooked his tee shot into the pond that lines the hole, admitting that the long wait threw him off.

"It was rough," Holmes said. "I posted that three hours before they were done. That was an advantage I thought I had, but when you get into a playoff after waiting three hours, it turns out to be a bit of a disadvantage. I hit a bad shot and didn't deserve to win."

Casey then drove into the fairway bunker on the right side and hit a safe layup to the front of the green. Holmes reached the green with his fourth shot, then missed a long bogey putt. Casey two-putted from 27 feet to secure the win.

Casey made a last-minute commitment to play in Houston and would now be flying to Augusta with a helpful dose of confidence.

"The self-belief, this is a very difficult thing to explain and to work on, because you don't want to be arrogant," he said. "But yet you have to believe in yourself. For me, it's just been a lot of hard work, playing a lot of golf, and a bit of time."

In Brief

Joha retires 16 straight in final warmup

TAMPA, Fla. — New York Yankees right-hander Joba Chamberlain allowed two runs and two hits over 5 1/3 innings in his final spring training start on Sunday.

Chamberlain, pitching for Double-A Trenton in a camp game against Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre, retired 16 in a row — including five strikeouts — after allowing two hits and a walk to start the game.

The Yankees' No. 2 starter faced additional batters after three outs were recorded — two in the third and three during the fifth — to reach his scheduled pitch count of 75.

"It took me just a little bit to get going," Chamberlain said. "I wanted to work on fastball command and my changeup, and I think I did a great job with those two. I think it was one of my most productive days so far as consistency. It was good."

Patrick, Matos have heated discussion

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Danica Patrick's season got off to a tough start after she crashed out early in the season-opening Honda Grand Prix.

She was running ninth in the 22-car field on Sunday when rookie Raphael Matos tried to pass as the two went into one of the tightest turns on the 1.8-mile, 14-turn temporary street circuit.

Both cars crashed, with Patrick's Andretti Green Racing entry slamming hard, rear end first into a tire barrier.

As theটুলিঙ্গকারীs drivers walked away, Patrick patted Matos on the helmet as if to say, "Use your head." The two then waited for a ride back to the pits, with a lively discussion taking place as Matos sat on a wall and Patrick stood in front of him.

Gordon snaps skid at elusive Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas — Jeff Gordon had gone so long without winning a race that he picked up a new trick or two watching other drivers celebrate.

No, not a backflip a la Carl Edwards.

After the obligatory burnout on the frontstretch for his first victory ever at Texas, one that ended his career-high 47-race winless drought in the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, Gordon pulled up to the start-finish line and got the checkered flag to take on a long-awaited victory lap.

"It was the coolest. It was like winning for the very first time," Gordon said. "Things have changed since I won a race ... That's the first time I've ever carried a checkered flag in NASCAR. I used to do that in quarter-midgets when I was 8."
NCAA Men's Basketball

Michigan State itching for rematch with UNC

Associated Press

DETROIT - Michigan State has been itching for this do-over since December.
Not only is the NCAA title at stake when the Spartans play North Carolina on Monday night, Michigan State will try to avenge that 35-point beatdown the Tar Heels laid on them four months ago. It was the most lopsided loss for Michigan State since 1996, Tom Izzo's first year as coach.
"We got embarrassed," Kalin Lucas said after the 98-63 loss in the ACC/Big Ten Challenge, also played at Ford Field.
Oh, how things have changed. The Spartans (31-6) are an inspired bunch these days, playing for their second national title and the pride of their downtrodden state.
The whole country is going through an extremely difficult time period right now... Perhaps it's even a little more difficult for those people here. I appreciate that and understand what they're grabbing onto," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "I'm happy for them. I will not be as happy for them on Monday night.
Few places have been hit harder by the economic crisis than Michigan, Detroit in particular, and folks are desperate for something to rally around, even if only for a few hours. The Spartans have been happy to oblige, knocking off no one, but two No. 1 seeds to get to the NCAA title game.
Now comes another in North Carolina (33-4). It will be the fifth meeting between the Tar Heels and Spartans in the NCAA tournament, and North Carolina has won the first four. The Tar Heels are an early 7-point favorite.
"I hope we have a ray of sunshine, a distraction for them, a diversion, anything else we can be," Izzo said after the Spartans ran over Hasheem Thabeet and the pride of their downtrodden state.
How's this for some karma? Magic Johnson, Spartan-in-chief since leading Michigan State to its first title in 1979, will present the game ball before Monday's title game along with Larry Bird.
"We definitely know they've gotten better," Deon Thompson said. "They didn't have Suton last time, and he's a big-time player. I really think it's a different team from when we played them back here."
North Carolina, however, is just as daunting.
With Tyler Hansbrough, Ty Lawson and Wayne Ellington back from last year's Final Four team, the Tar Heels were the unanimous preseason No. 1 and a fifth national championship seemed a given. But they looked vulnerable after losing to Florida State in the ACC tournament, especially with Ty Lawson missing that game and two others with a bum big toe.
So much for that. They've won every tournament game by 12 points or more. They took a lead three minutes into the game Saturday night and never trailed again. They had four players in double figures, led by Lawson's 22 points and eight assists. Ellington chipped in with another 20, and Hansbrough had a double-double with 18 points and 11 boards.
They limited the Spartans to 33 percent shooting, including just 5-of-37 from 3-point range.
"We are a confident team, but we will not be overconfident Monday night. That's just not going to happen," Williams said. "We've coached in those situations before where we beat a team easily or got killed and turned around and beat them the second time. My team knows that they'll have the battle of the state of Michigan."
NCAA Football

Purdue opens QB battle

Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Justin Siller’s dismissal from Purdue opens the competition for starting quarterback that could stretch beyond spring practice into the fall between fifth-year senior Joey Elliott and redshirt freshman Caleb TerBush.

Siller, a sophomore who started three games last season, was kicked out of school through the 2009-10 year for an undisciplined violation of the university’s academic policy. Coach Danny Hope wouldn’t elaborate on the violation, but he said it changes the Boilermakers’ plans at that crucial position for next season.

“Changes because Justin is a heck of a player and figured to be a starter,” Hope said. “We’ve played next year whether he was a starter or not.

Siller led Purdue to a win over Michigan last season, and Elliott was effective before he was sidelined with a shoulder injury.

TerBush was introduced to Purdue as a football camp in the summer of 2007 and impressed the coaches with his intelligence, arm strength and athletic ability. In his final year of high school, he passed for 1,275 yards and 16 touchdowns and ran for 859 yards with 16 scores while leading Metamora Township to the Illinois 5A championship. He was redshirted last season at Purdue.

“Caleb has done a great job this spring,” Hope said. “He’s been very accurate with his passes. He’s the best natural passer we have on our football team. He has a great upside. He’ll be forced into more reps, which will be good for his development.

Whoever gets the job will replace four-year starter Curtis Painter.

Hope said he was made aware of Siller’s situation a couple of weeks ago but allowed Siller to continue to practice while going through a university appeal process.

“He received a three-semos- sion suspension and that appeal was denied,” Hope said. “We have to press on and focus on our football team.”

The 6-foot-4 TerBush played in six other games besides his three starts. The Detroit native completed 39 of 106 passes for 649 yards, five touchdowns and two interceptions. He also rushed 60 times for 167 yards and two touchdowns.

Hope called the dismissal from school “very disappointing.”

“Our heart goes out to Justin and his family. He made one poor decision and received a severe penalty and one that terminates his immediate future at Purdue as a student and as an athlete,” Hope said.

But, Hope, who replaced the retired Joe Tiller at the end of last season, said he would welcome Siller back to the team if he fulfills all of his academic requirements. If not, he said Siller still has other options.

“He can transfer to a 1-A school and be immediately elig- ible as long as he makes up the hours that he’ll lose this semester,” he said. “He could go to a 1-A school and sit out for a year and establish resi- dency . . . That’s something he and his family have to sit down and discuss. I’m sure that will be a decision for them.”

LPGA

Lincicome wins first major with late eagle

Associated Press

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Her heart racing and her hands shaking, Brittany Lincicome did whatever she could to keep it together on the final hole of the Kraft Nabisco Championship.

She stepped deep. She and her caddie sang country songs, mostly Sugarland and Kenny Chesney. It worked.

She crouched to putter home two brilliant shots on 18 to set up a 106-yard eagle that put her in win her first major on Sunday.

“I can’t even describe it,” Lincicome said moments after taking the traditional plunge into the lake that surrounds the 18th green. “It’s surreal, real- ly.

“Never worse than three strokes behind in the final round, Lincicome stayed close to Cristie Kerr’s lead and Kristy McPherson and Cristie Kerr trudged the lead back forth on the perfectly fit day at Mission Hills.

Trailing McPherson by one stroke, the 18-year-old Lincicome broke through with an amazing sequence of shots on the par-4, 485-yard 18th. McPherson calls Lincicome “Bam-Bam” because of the length of her drives, and Lincicome lived up to that by booming a 275-yard drive down the middle of the fairway.

It came down to 18, and luckily my length is a strong point and I bombed it out there and had a really good green,” said Lincicome.

She hit a hybrid from 210 yards that cleared the water and landed on the upper part of the green, with the ball curling down just above the hole.

“Right when I hit it, it came off the clubface and it was exactly where I was trying to hit it and it took the slope just as it was going to, and it was really close, thank God,” Lincicome said. “If I had made anything further than that . . . my hands were shaking so bad it almost was crying. The fans were so great and cheering for me and just walking up there was a great feeling.”

Kerr rolled in a birdie putt from the fringe to tie McPherson, but Lincicome made the most of her second chance as she marched up the hill to hole out from her first shot.

It was the third career victo- ry for Lincicome, whose previ- ous best finish in a major was a tie for second at the 2007 Women’s Open.

After receiving her trophy, Lincicome joined hands with her father, Tom, and caddie, Tara Bateman, and jumped into the lake.

“She was telling me at the turn, ‘Dude, I’m going to have a heart attack. My heart is beat- ing out of my chest,’” McPherson said about her opponent. “Any time she was nervous she came over to me and held my hand down. She was pretty funny out there. Yeah, we talked a good bit, and yeah, it was good to have a good friend in the last group with you.”

Lincicome, who took the first- round lead Thursday with a 66, was leading by one stroke heading to No. 18, was trying to hold on for her first LPGA Tour victory when McPherson broke through.

Lincicome opened the final round with seven straight pars before two straight birdies gave her a chance.

McPherson had a seasem day. She lost her overnight lead to Kerr on the second hole, pulled two shots behind with a birdie and three birdies in four holes spanning the turn, dropped back when Kerr birdied six of the next seven holes, then jumped back into the lead on the 13th when Kerr took a double-bogey after losing her ball out of bounds, hitting it through some trees and appar- ently clearing a wall onto Gerald Ford Drive.

“That hole-definitely owes me in the future,” Kerr said.

Kerr, who has won four, is the only other general, but majors in specific, it’s such a fine line you have to walk to be able to earn winning. You have to have everything go your way. Maybe it hits the tree instead of going out of bounds,”

Lindsey Wright (70) was fourth at 6 under, while Suzann Pettersen (66) and Meaghan Francella (69) tied for fifth at 5 under.

Defending champion Lorena Ochoa shot a 66 for her best round of the tournament and finished in a tie for 12th at 1 under.

Kerr started the round one behind McPherson, but had a three-shot lead after five holes despite some Hayward driving.

Kerr jumped into the lead on the par-5 15th, despite driving into the rough and fail- ing to extricate herself with her second shot. She had a nice approach shot and sank an 18- foot birdie putt while McPherson bogeyed a bogey after her sand shot was short of the green.

Kerr saved par on No. 3 despite driving into the left rough, getting a break when her lie was in grass that had been mowed.

Kerr birdied No. 4 with a tricky 18-foot downhill putt, took a three-throw lead when McPherson bogeyed the par-3 fifth hole by hitting her tee shot into the water.

“I felt like I was out of it early,” McPherson said. “Brittany started off slow, as well, and made a couple of good par saves. Cristie, she was springing up on both of us at midweek.”

“But finally on the back nine we got it to where it was a good match between all three of us. Cristie and I made a few mistakes, and Brittany with a couple of great par saves to stay in there and bring it down to the 18th hole.”

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Ichiro placed on 15-day DL

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Mariners star Ichiro Suzuki is being treated for a bleeding ulcer and was placed on the 15-day disabled list Friday, sendingSeattle into Opening Day minus one of baseball’s best players.

The Mariners said the ulcer is no longer bleeding. Doctors have restricted the 35-year-old outfielder’s activity but are optimistic he’ll be ready to play when he’s eligible to return.

Suzuki played for Japan in the World Baseball Classic. He complained of severe fatigue earlier this week and missed Seattle’s final three spring training games in Arizona, and was diagnosed with the ulcer—a relatively rare condition for an athlete—after seeing doctors Thursday.

“I know how much [Ichiro] cares. This is the first time in eight years he’s been on the DL,” Mariners manager Don Wakamatsu said Friday night in Las Vegas before the team opened a two-game weekend set against Colorado. “Every indication is that it will be 15 days. We’ll see how he is after that.”

The All-Star right fielder didn’t accompany the team to Las Vegas, instead staying in Arizona and having a light workout at their spring training complex in Peoria on Friday. Seattle opens the season Monday at Minnesota.

“It was a very difficult decision to place Ichiro on the disabled list, especially since we know what a fierce competitor he is and how important it is to him to help the team,” Mariners general manager Jack Zduriencik said. “However, we determined it was in both his best interest, and the best interest of the club, to place him on the DL at this time.”

It’s the first time in his major league career Suzuki has been on the disabled list. He’s been remarkably healthy since arriving in Seattle in 2001, missing just 16 games in his eight-year career and only three games in the last five seasons. Suzuki had played in 197 consecutive games.

The move was retroactive to March 31, meaning Suzuki won’t be eligible to come off the disabled list until the second week of the season when Seattle is at home. Wakamatsu said Friday night that either Franklin Gutierrez or Endy Chavez will take over the leadoff spot in the batting order and that a variety of players could be used in right, including Kees Griffey Jr.

“It’s unfortunate, but conversely, it is important for him to get healthy,” Griffey said Friday night. “We’d rather see him as healthy as possible.”

Suzuki didn’t arrive at Mariners spring training until March 26, after leading Japan to a second consecutive World Baseball Classic title. The high pressure of playing in the WBC combined with the expectations from his home country made the championship hugely satisfying.

Suzuki hit .273 for Japan in the WBC, playing in nine games, including his game-winning two-run single in the 10th inning of the championship game to give Japan a 5-3 win over Korea.

Attention Seniors!

Notre Dame’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

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ND Women’s Golf

Irish finish tied for 14th off the tees in NC

By MEAGHAN VESELIK

Sports Writer

Notre Dame finished a disappointing 14th this weekend, tied with Georgia, in the Bryan National Collegiate tournament as the team ended with a final round of +135 (+27 over par).

“We didn’t play very well, but we’re hoping to rebound and win Big East,” senior captain Liz Maunu said.

Maunu and junior Annie Brophy led the way for Notre Dame on the third and final day with marks of 78 (6 over). Freshman Becca Huffer finished round three at 79 (7 over) with 11 pars, while sophomores So-Hyun Park and Kate Conway shot 80 and 81, eight and nine over par.

For the three-day tournament, Notre Dame’s top overall finisher was Huffer, who tied for 43rd overall with her total of 231. Behind her, Maunu and Brophy tied for 52nd with their 17-over scores of 233. In the final round, Maunu had birdies on the first, fourth, and 13th holes. Brophy birdied on the third and 13th holes in the final round. Overall, Brophy’s play included a par-five mark on the 12 par-five to tie for the second best combined score at the event for par-five play.

Park finished tied for 69th with a 21-over mark for a total 237 overall, including a birdie on the 15th and 10 pars on the day.

Conway posted a total of 240, placing her tied for 76th. In the third round, she birdied the ninth and added eight pars. LSU won the tournament with a 23-over par total of 891, four strokes ahead of second-place Virginia. LSU’s Megan McDowell placed first for the tournament with a minus-1 total of 215.

Next up for the Irish is the Big East Tournament on April 19 where they’re looking to capture their second consecutive Big East title.

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ROWING

Irish place third, fifth in San Diego

By BRENDAN CORSONES
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The first and second Irish varsity boats finished third and fifth, respectively, in the San Diego Crew Classic this weekend.

The first varsity eight, coxed by Stephanie Seppey, finished with a time of 7:02.39 in the Women’s Collegiate Varsity Invitational Petite Final, behind UCLA (6:52.20) and Iowa (6:53.71). The Irish beat out Miami (7:04.3) and UC-Davis (7:12.60).

The first boat got to that point by qualifying Saturday with a time of 6:51.97 in the Group A heat. The Irish were competitive in a group featuring 4 Washington, No. 6 Michigan and No. 18 Oregon State.

The second eight, coxed by Kelsey Otero, put in a time of 7:09.47 in their final, just getting edged by Washington (7:00.00), Michigan (7:02.08), Wisconsin (7:04.71), and USC (7:04.73) in the Women’s Collegiate JV Grand Final. The Irish did manage to beat Oregon State, who clocked a 7:11.92 in the final.

Otero’s boat finished an impressive second in their qualifying heat Saturday, clocking a 7:09.47, bested only by Washington (6:36.90). Irish coach Martin Stone said he was proud of his second boat’s results.

“It’s the first time they’ve reached the grand final in the five years we’ve been coming to the (San Diego) Classic,” he said.

Stone did say, however, that his first varsity boat had room for improvement, and that the crew would train even harder during this week in preparation for next weekend’s regatta against Ohio State, Brown and Minnesota in Columbus, Ohio.

“I hope we’ll run faster,” he said. “But we have a chance to prove ourselves next weekend against Ohio State.”

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SMC GOLF

SMC in second after first day of Irvine tournament

By BOBBY GRAHAM
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s was in second after the first round of play Saturday at the Trine Invitational.

The Belles shot a combined score of 339 on the day, just three strokes behind conference leader Olivet, who paced the field with a score of 336.

Leading Saint Mary’s was sophomore Mary Kate Boyd, who shot an 82 on the day. Close behind Boyd were sophomore Rosie O’Connor with an 83 and senior Meredith Fantom with an 84.

Sophomore Emily Gore and freshman Natalie Matuszak rounded out the Belles scorecard with rounds of 90 and 92, respectively.

The Saint Mary’s athletic department Web site reported that the second day of play was postponed Sunday. Play will resume today after a one-day delay.

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NCAA WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

UConn cruises to title game

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Geno Auriemma has coached perfect teams and national champions before. He’s also worked with some of the best players in the history of women’s basketball.

On the doorstep of another unbeaten season, the Connecticut coach wants to add senior guard Renee Montgomery and the rest of those Huskies to those lists.

“I told them today that we were going to come up short,” Auriemma said.

“I don’t want them to stop playing. I want them to be in the championship game. You love when your best players, the ones who have given their heart and soul to the program and have accomplished so many things have a chance to win the last college game of the year.”

Montgomery scored 26 points, Maya Moore added 24, and unheralded Reserve Kelly Faris scored 17. It was UConn’s 11th victory in 11 games, and the third time the Huskies beat a top-ranked team.

The Cardinals were the last team to beat UConn in regulation, 71-61 on Jan. 9.

For the second time this season, the Huskies are No. 1 in the polls, and they face the unranked Irish (20-0) tonight in the national semifinals.

If the Huskies win tonight, it will be their 50th straight victory, and they will meet the winner of the Stanford-Auburn game in the title game on Sunday.

“I can’t think of another time when we haven’t been favored to win,” Auriemma said. “There’s just no reason we shouldn’t win.”

Iowa, Stanford and Tennessee have all won this spring, but only UConn has beaten the top three teams in the AP poll.

“I think we can be the best team in the country,” said Auriemma, whose team is 12-0 in Big Ten play.

“You have to always have a short memory,” Auriemma said. “You have to have a different mindset for every game.”

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BATTTLING THE BEND

Irish place two of three

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

The Irish won two out of three matches over the weekend to stay undefeated in Big East play.

Friday, No. 3 Notre Dame (19-4, 3-0) topped DePaul 5-2 and Sunday it swept Marquette 7-0. In between the two Big East victories, Notre Dame dropped a closely contested dual to No. 14 Northwestern 4-3 Saturday.

As is usually indicative of the team’s success, Notre Dame won the doubles point in both victorious matches this weekend, and lost it against Northwestern. In fact, against the Big East competition, Notre Dame swept all three doubles matches.

Against Northwestern, Kelcy Tefft, Jeff Kerney and senior Kelcy Otero, put in a time of 7:02.08, bested only by Washington (7:00.00), Michigan (7:02.08) and Wisconsin (7:04.71), and USC (7:04.73).

“Next time we play [Northwestern] we really could beat them.”

Kelcy Tefft
Irish senior

“We have three very strong double teams,” Tefft said. “Although we have won most of our doubles points, we are not yet playing to our potential. We should win all of our doubles points. If we have gotten the doubles point on Saturday, it would have been a much different story for us.”

Against DePaul, the Irish earned four singles victories.

Kelcy Tefft, juniors Kali Krisik and Giobanu and freshmen Shannon Mathews all were victorious in their matches. Against Northwestern, Krisik and Mathews maintained their perfect weekend by winning singles matches as well.

The Irish were competitive in the Marquette match, not only did the Irish sweep the doubles point, but the team dominated in the singles matches as well. Notre Dame won all six matches, as Notre Dame player gave up more than one point in route to the victory. The closest matches were those of Frilling and sophomore Kristen Rafael, each ending in 7-0 victories.

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Valdivia

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out 15 Panthers on Saturday, matching a career high.

"Valdivia has really come into her own," Irish coach Deann Gumpf said. "She has always been a very good pitcher. She has a lot of confidence right now. She is focused in on every single pitch and that's a big difference.

"In Saturday's first game, Pittsburgh (15-18, 3-9) scored three runs in the second inning and two in the fourth off of senior pitcher Brittany Bargar (113-7), who took the loss despite only two of the runs being earned. The Irish were unable to muster any significant offensive challenges in the game, scoring one in the third inning with a two-out single by junior first baseman Christine Lux and another in the sixth when Lux scored on a wild pitch.

"It wasn't a bad weekend in that we did take three out of four," Gumpf said. "Every team that comes into Notre Dame is out to play their best game and beat us and that's what Pittsburgh did.

"Lack of offense wasn't a problem for the rest of the weekend."

"My whole goal every year is to have the best hitters hitting and the best hitters playing," Gumpf said. "They're making it tough on me because I have not only nine hitters doing well, I have 10 or 11. I like that they're competing with each other for playing time."

The Irish scored seven runs on eight hits in game two against Pittsburgh, departing from the home-run driven offense they have used for the past couple weeks.

Sophomore right fielder Erin Marrone and senior second baseman Linda Kohan each had two hits for the Irish in that game. Marrone singled out again Sunday when she came to bat with the bases loaded in the fourth inning of the first game against Seton Hall and hit it over the fence for her first career grand slam.

"Marrone has put herself in the starting lineup with some really great at bats," Gumpf said.

Lux also homered in game one, a two-run shot that put the Irish up 3-0 after the first inning.

It was more of the same in the second game, as the Irish scored five times in the first inning and four times in both the second and third frames. After the offensive explosion of the first game, Gumpf said the team was not expecting to do so well in the next.

"You hope they don't get comfortable, and they didn't," Gumpf said. "They came out and attacked Seton Hall offense early, and I was really impressed. I thought they did a great job."

Notre Dame now sits in third place in the Big East, behind Louisville and DePaul, who will come to South Bend on Wednesday for a doubleheader that will begin at 5 p.m.

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Scots

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big inning in the first game, the Belles came out ready to play in the back end of the doubleheader. In a display of fundamental softball, Saint Mary's scored three runs on three hits in the bottom of the third to take the early lead.

Senior Cathy Kurczak and freshman Lauren Enayati got the ball rolling by leading off the frame with a pair of back-to-back singles. MIAC player of the week Maureen Healy moved the runners into scoring position after executing a sacrifice bunt, and junior Ashley Peterson walked to load the bases.

Senior Ashley Fusaro, batting .492 coming into the weekend, drove in Kurczak on a single to left field. Two batters later, freshman Hayley Bojorquez hit a two-out double to right-center field to bring home Peterson and Fusaro. Nevertheless, the Scots came back to steal a win from the Belles, scoring four runs over the last three frames to secure a 4-3 win and the sweep.

"I really hope we play them again," Sullivan said. "I know we'll win the next game. We know exactly what they're going to do."

Freshman Angela Gillis went the distance, striking out three along the way only to pick up her first loss of the season. Despite the heart-breaking loss, Sullivan was fully confident that her pitching staff will be ready to go this week.

"She Gillis is just one of the most composed pitchers I think I've ever seen."

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from the get-go, as the visitors didn't manage a hit until the fourth and a run until the ninth in a 3-1 Notre Dame victory that lasted less than two hours. "It's been Villanova-4-0, sea­ son for us," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "Changing speeds, his cutter was probably the best he's ever had. Overall, just a great per­ formance to set the tone on a Friday." The defense did its part in Friday's victory, as the Irish turned three inning-ending double plays and made several diving catches despite winds that neared 30 miles per hour and played tricks with every ball that was hit in the air.

Notre Dame scored three of its runs in the first inning, receiv­ ing a two-run double from sopho­ more David Casey and a run-scoring double from senior Jeremy Barnes to grab an early lead the Irish wouldn't relinquish. "The best thing in the world is to go out there, put up a zero and then have your offense put up a crooked number for you," Johnson said. "That's exactly what happened today." Notre Dame used a spectacular pitching performance from Dupra (3-3, 5.01) and three solo home runs to open the second game of Saturday's double­ header. Dupra dominated the Wildcats throughout the game, allowing just three hits while going the dis­ tance. The right-hander struck out six and walked none.

The Irish were first on the scoreboard, getting an early run off Villanova starter Kevin Gribbin in the bottom of the first. Notre Dame notched another run in the second, when Villanova pitcher Cameron McConnell, with two out, hit pinch hitter Brian Crimmel fastball, easily clearing the left field fence for a solo home­ run. Outfielder David Mills added a solo shot of his own in the fifth inning, taking advantage of a breaking ball that Crimmel left up in the zone. Mills deposited the curve out of the ballpark and gave Notre Dame a 3-0 lead. The Irish got their third solo home run of the day the next inning, as Barnes got in on the action. Barnes took a fastball to the opposite field and put it just outside the park in right.

In the second game of Saturday's doubleheader, the Irish used a five-run spurt in the eighth inning to break the game open on their way to a 9-3 victory and a series sweep over the Wildcats. Barnes and McConnell each had triples in the monster inning, as the pair combined to drive in all five runs in the frame.

Casey had a strong game at the plate going 2-for-2 with a run scored and reaching base in all four of his at-bats.

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Notre Dame stranded early, and was 1-for-3 with runners in scoring position, and was unable to escape the inning while limiting the Wildcats to just one run. Villanova took the lead in the second inning, when Villanova catcher Casey Caggiano connected on a two-run shot off Irish starting pitcher Brian Crimmel in the bottom of the first.

Notre Dame will play an exhibi­ tion game against the South Bend Silverhawks on Tuesday before continuing Big East play with a three-game road series against Cincinnati.

The victory over Cincinnati marked the 10th on the sea­ son for Notre Dame, which has now won at least that many for the fourth consecu­ tive year, a first in the pro­ gramm's history.

The Irish then defeated Louisville the respect the that they deserve and played a great game.

The two victories were boosted by strong defensive performances, and Casey was specific in pointing out senior Shannon Burke and junior Rachel Guererra.

"Burke[ ]played great on Friday," Coyne said. "And Guerre­ rala[ ]played awesome. She was kind of on a mission [Sunday]."

Notre Dame returns to action Saturday when they will travel to Syracuse, N.Y. to take on the No. 8 Orange.

"We have three big games in a row, so I think that's going to be a key test for us," Coyne said. "We have things that we can look back on, experiences that we've had over the sea­ son that have prepared us for some of those tough stretches down the road."

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Finishing the job

Johnson, Dupra pitch complete games en route to sweep of 'Cats

By MATT GAMBER, ALEX BARKER and MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writers

Notre Dame needed its bullpen to record just two outs over the weekend, as the Irish shut out Villanova three times for their first Big East series sweep since last April's sweep of DePaul.

Notre Dame (19-10, 5-4 Big East) gutted out complete game victories from sophomores Cole Johnson and Brian Dupra in the first two games, and junior Eric Maust threw 8 1/3 innings in the tail end of Saturday's doubleheader to earn the win.

Johnson (4-0, 2.40 ERA) tied the Wildcats (14-15, 1-8) 1-0 through the opening five frames, as the Irish bats were silenced from the start.

The first period was quiet offensively. Senior attack Ryan Hoff scored off an assist from junior attack Neal Hicks with 3:51 left in the opening period to put the Irish up 1-0 at the end of the first quarter.

Despite the slow start, the Irish offense came to life in the second quarter. Sophomore David Earl scored the first of his three goals on the day to give Notre Dame a 2-0 lead early in the period, and junior long-stick midfielder Mike Corrigan followed with his first goal of the year to increase the Irish lead to three. Earl then scored back-to-back goals to seal his hat trick and give Notre Dame a 5-0 lead with 4:52 remaining in the first half.

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"Defensively we played really well," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We really limited their opportunities. From early in the game, we made it obvious that they were gonna have to work to create quality chances."

"We didn't let them get going in the transition game where they're really good and forced them into a half-field game," Corrigan said.

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Air Force got on the board with 54 seconds left in the first.

ND SOFTBALL

Team wins three over weekend

By LAURA MYERS
Sports Writer

The Irish took three of four games in Big East competition this weekend, splitting a doubleheader with Pittsburgh Saturday and routing Seton Hall twice Sunday.

Notre Dame (21-12, 7-2 Big East) lost the first game 5-2 Saturday, ending its eight-game win streak, before coming back for a 7-1 win in the second. Sunday, the Irish won the first game 9-0 and the second 13-0. Both contests were shortened to five innings.

In her two starts, freshman pitcher Jody Valdivia (9-5) gave up only one run in 12 innings of work. She struck out 10 over the weekend.

The Irish earn two Big East wins

By MATT GAMBER, ALEX BARKER and MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writers

Byers, Scioscia lead squad to easy wins over Cincy, L’ville

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The No. 9 Irish rolled through their weekend, earning two Big East conference wins by defeating Cincinnati 16-5 and Louisville 20-8.

The Irish move to 11-2 on the season overall, with a 4-1 Big East record, good enough for sole possession of third place in the conference.

In Friday’s matchup against the Bearcats, the Irish were led by their top scorers, senior Jillian Byers, who scored five times for the Irish, and junior Gina Sciscia, who chipped in two more goals and three assists, and by sophomore

The Belles’ seven-game winning streak came to an abrupt end this weekend as the team dropped a pair of games to Alma.

Saint Mary’s 118-4, 4-2 MIAA and dropped to fourth in the MIAA rankings.

The Scots’ 116-9, 6-2 MIAA bats were silenced for the better part of the opening match, as Belles freshman Monica Palicki kept them guessing her first time through the lineup.

But Alma, who finished first in the MIAA regular season standings last year, wouldn’t be shut out for long. The Scots erupted for three runs in the bottom of the fourth and six in the bottom of the sixth to cruise to a 9-1 win in five innings.

"We came out real flat in the first four innings," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "We were just a little intimidated, weren’t really playing our game, so it kind of took us out of it right away."

Palicki, who entered the game with an ERA of 1.18 and 20 strikeouts on the year, suffered the loss. Freshman Kristin Nelson was responsible for the Belles’ lone run, smashing her second big fly of the season over the center field wall in the top of the fifth.

"I couldn’t prevent the Scots’