Kevin Healey, 20, dies after cancer battle

Sorin sophomore remembered by friends and rector as courageous and inspirational

By JENN METZ
News Writer

Notre Dame sophomore Kevin Healey died early Friday morning after a courageous two and a half-year battle with cancer, and according to his rector, "he made the most of every minute he was here." He was 20.

Healey, who was a resident of Sorin College, will be remembered by his roommates, friends and his rector Fr. Jim King as someone who has left a mark on Notre Dame.

"Kevin fought as valiantly against cancer as anyone I've known for nearly two and a half years," King said. "His lifelong dream was to be at Notre Dame."

Healey was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a type of malignant bone cancer, in December 2006. Over the past week, his health deteriorated and Healey died at home at 3:30 a.m. Friday.

The news was first posted on kevinhealey.com, a Web site run by his family as a place for updates on Healey's condition. It also serves as a place for the exchange of prayers and thoughts for the Healey family.

A small plaque reading "Reserved for Kevin Healey, 11" has been attached to the seat closest to the altar in the Sorin Chapel, where Healey sat when serving Mass, King said in an e-mail sent to Sorin residents.

Healey's roommates and friends from Sorin described his courage and perseverance in the face of his illness and said in a joint letter that he "fully embodied the Notre Dame spirit.

"He never surrendered in his fight against cancer and he firmly believed in the miraculous healing power of God," the letter, authored by nine of Healey's roommates and close friends, said.

"Kevin Healey was the most inspirational person I have ever had the privilege of knowing," sophomore John Kelley said. "He simply refused to be defeated by any challenge thrown his way. His spirit is something we can all look up to.

Kelley organized transportation to and from the Cleveland area so friends could attend the funeral services.

Sopranos Byung Jo Yoon and Nicholas Bouler said their friend was the definition of strength.

"If I was asked to define..." see HEALEY/page 4

Leprechaun announced for next year

Daniel Collins plans to take role back to "old school spirit" from Notre Dame's "glory days"

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

Junior Daniel Collins was named the Notre Dame leprechaun for the 2009-10 year after serving as the junior varsity leprechaun this year. As leprechaun, Collins said he plans on returning to the "old school spirit that everyone talks about in our glory days.

Collins would like to issue a "call to arms" to the student body to "really support the teams and just give it their all.

"I think The Shirt says it best when it says 'Defend our honor.'" Collins said. "I think that this is the perfect opportunity for us, the fans, to defend our honor of Notre Dame and really just capture that respect that we had in the past.

While 15 men tried out for the position of leprechaun, only six made it to the finals, where each contestant had three minutes to conduct his own pep rally.

The final tryout was used to simulate the pep rally for the season opener against Nevada, so Collins said he gave a speech and started to the student body.

"I hope they don’t win," Collins said. "I hope we win and we win big..."

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SMC junior wins world dance prize

Deirdre Robinett takes top spot at Irish dance contest in Philadelphia

By ASHLEY CHARNLEY
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary’s College junior Deirdre Robinett danced her way to the top prize at the 2009 World Irish Dancing Championships this month. The competition was brought to the United States.

"I have never gone into a competition expecting to win, but this year I tried to do everything I could to prepare myself," Robinett said.

The weakling competition, which is usually held in Ireland, kicked off in Ireland.

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Panel examines role of women at ND

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

Notre Dame has come a long way toward making its campus more welcoming for women, according to the participants at a panel discussion held Friday to help commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Gender Studies Program.

In the 1970s, as English professor Sonia Gernes set up class for a male student, she set aside her notes. "I said, 'Girl, you can't put your books there. That's where the professor sits.'"

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Faculty Senate supports Jenkins

By MADELINE BUCKLEY
News Editor

Faculty Senate approved a statement Wednesday supporting President Barack Obama to deliver the Notre Dame Commencement address and award him with an honorary degree.

"The Faculty Senate affirms that the invitation to deliver the Commencement address and to receive an honorary degree reflects the University's tradition of honoring our nation's leaders and encourages dialogue with them on issues important to the extended University community and to the nation," the statement said.

The statement noted that Obama holds views both consistent and inconsistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church and said the group respects both those who support and oppose Obama's visit.

But in the statement, Faculty Senate urged the campus community and outside groups to respect the Commencement ceremony on May 17.

"We urge Notre Dame community groups have suggested that they would use the Commencement ceremonies to advance their post-seen SENATE/page 6
Confessions of a nerd

Female. Age 18. Brown hair. Brown eyes. Likes long walks on the beach, candle-lit dinners and watching sunsets. I used to cheerlead, babysit, and want to grow up to be a princess. Megan Loney

Oh, and one more thing: I am a nerd. I have been a closet nerd for some time, but I have only recently decided to be open about my orientation. Not to own a pocket-protector, play chess, nor do my friends belong to a Dungeons and Dragons club. Truthfully, I am a lame nerd.

I am not one of those girls that watches "The Hills" or follows the plot lines of "Gossip Girl" ardently. These new shows just are not for me; give me fantasy and science fiction over reality television any day!

Instead of watching the dubbed "teen dramas," I spend my Monday nights anxiously watching the stories of individuals with special powers who are currently being hunted by the government as my roommates roll their eyes and leave the room. In fact, I directly witness my nerdiness.

I am all of my nerd tendencies, I was exposed to many of them by others. My dad has several science fiction and fantasy movies that I would watch with my brother and me since we were kids. And, I blame my best friend Kerry for my recent addiction to "Battlestar Galactica." Lee Adama is currently the background of my laptop.

I have not been able to pinpoint the exact reason why I am drawn to genre of television and film, nor can I explain my immense healthy attraction to grammar, but I don't need to understand the why. I just accept it. I am proud of who I am, and if that makes me a lame, closet nerd for the views expressed in the Inside Column. I was exposed to many of them as a professional publica—

Correction

The Observer regrets itself as a professional publica—

BRIAN WYSOCKI

"Watching my Mets win in Philadelphia on July 4."

IAN GILLES

"My cousin from England is getting out of his tour of duty in Afghanistan and is coming to visit me."

JEREMY LAMB

"Work. Oddly enough, I have been looking forward to caddying since it was -38 degrees outside."

KATY MURDZA

"Roadtripping to Canada with my besties!"

LEI LEI

"Going to San Francisco and helping the homeless!"

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

In Brief

A lecture titled "The Foreign Policy Challenges Facing the Obama Administration" will take place today from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

A lecture called "Abortion in the Early Church" and "Rational Debate on Life Issues" will take place today at 8 p.m. in the Sorin Room of LaFayette. Careers about your role as a student at our Lady's University in the upcoming months? About the role of a Catholic in America today? Join in discussions led by several of Notre Dame's distinguished faculty. This lecture will be presented by Gary Anderson, professor of theology and Joseph Powers, professor of aerospace and mechanical engineering.

Co-sponsored by the College of Science and the Center for Rare and Neglected Diseases, the "Running for a New Araf: S5 run/1 mile walk" will be held Wednesday. The race starts at the Hesburgh Library Quad. Help raise money and awareness for Niemann-Pick Type C Disease Research. Register at shop.nd.edu with a fee of $10.

The DeVaulto Performing Arts Center will show the film, "The Class." Thursday, 9:30 p.m. in Browning Cinemas. Purchase tickets online at performance.nd.edu, or call the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Campus joins South Bend to walk against cancer

**Relay for Life moves to Stepan Center**

**By SARAH MAYER**

More than 600 people walked in the sixth annual Relay for Life to raise money to fight cancer in the Stepan Center from Friday evening through Saturday morning, said student committee chair Adam Lamm.

"It is symbolic that the fight against cancer is a 24-hour battle, and not just something we fight by day," said Lamm.

Unlike previous years, this year's event was moved from South Quad to the Stepan Center to allow the event to be able to take place overnight.

People were allowed to set up tents in the Stepan Center as a place to store their belongings and take a nap throughout the night if they needed to.

Members from the Notre Dame basketball coach Digger Phelps kicked off the opening ceremony.

"The band is always an excellent way to start off any Notre Dame event," said Lamm. "It boosted the morale of the crowd."

Former Notre Dame basketball coach Digger Phelps handed the microphone to Payton, a 7-year-old boy who is battling childhood leukemia.

"Stories like Payton's are why we do Relay," said Lamm.

Before the opening ceremonies were complete, Dillon Hall Rector Father Paul Doyle gave a blessing to the crowd.

A comedy group, karaoke, the band Chicken Jackson and the PEMCo., singers made appearances to provide entertainment.

People had the opportunity to purchase luminaries in honor of friends and relatives who are currently struggling or have lost the battle against cancer to remember them in a "concrete and tangible way," said Lamm.

Cancer survivors were also present to inspire the people who walked throughout the night.

"We did have many cancer survivors in attendance, and we asked that survivors sign a special commemorative banner," Lamm said. "It is a goal of the planning committee to repeat this tradition every year, and bring back all of the past year's survivorship banners.

Donations are still being accepted for this year's Relay for Life.

"Around $44,000 was raised up to and including the event, but we expect to see the number approach and pass $50,000 as more donations come in," Lamm said. "A major goal of the event is raising both funds, but also cancer awareness, and I think that we achieved that in a major way."

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Stanford Benefit Bash fights poverty in Chile

**By KEVIN SARLO**

Food, blue skies and about 750 people came together for the Stanford Benefit Bash on Friday, with proceeds going to the Holy Cross Missions in Chile, said Stanford Hall president Stu Jansen.

Warm temperatures allowed for an afternoon that included live bands, a whiffle ball tournament and an "Iron Grill" competition.

"This event was a great opportunity for everyone at Norte Dame to come together, support this charity and celebrate the end of the year," Jansen said.

This is the 12th year Stanford Hall has hosted its signature event on North Quad to benefit Chilean orphans through the Holy Cross Missions, said Jansen.

The Chilean mission is of particular interest to Stanford rector Father Tom Gaughan, said Jansen.

The Holy Cross Mission Center Web site dates their involvement in Chile to 1943.

"Today, the 23 Holy Cross religious in Chile minister to schools, in parishes, and in two orphanages," according to the Web site.

According to the Web site, 21 percent of the Chilean population lives below the poverty line, but the Holy Cross Missions are working to improve the situation despite past opposition. The Missions' activities were challenged in 1973 by the government of General Pinochet, but Holy Cross was allowed to continue its educational efforts in Chile.

Donations were raised for Holy Cross by entrance fees to the whiffle ball tournament, the "Iron Grill" cook-off and the sale of event T-shirts and donation buckets.

"It was a great time," said Freshman Adam Crawford. "I've never seen that many people on North Quad before."

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Rebuilding Together event draws students, community
Two South Bend homes receive much-needed repair and renovation work Saturday during annual Saint Mary's project

By JESSICA ROBBINS

News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students helped local South Bend families in River Park during the annual Rebuilding Together project Saturday. Saint Mary's sponsored two homes for the project, one at 701 S. 36th St. and the other at 703 S. 36th St.

Randel taught for 32 years at the University of Chicago, where he was a true Fighting Irishman who never gave up, he never gave in about any issue, and though we rubbed off on him that his sense of humor is something he will remember most about his high school classmate.

Healey hosted Stefancin for a weekend on campus before he came to Notre Dame and helped Stefancin make his final decision. When it was time for Kevin to graduate education, also.

“Thanks, Kevin, for your example of faith, love and strength.”

Sophomore Jacques Dupuis said, “There are few people who I have come across in my life as worthy of respect as Kevin. His candor, intelligence, warmth and friendship defined him to me.”

“I know I could speak with him about any issue, and though we did not always agree, he would always always ask me, to speak up and share my thoughts, to speak for me.”

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Grad commencement to best Mellon speaker
Foundation president Randel will get degree

Special to The Observer

Don Michael Randel, president of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, will be the principal speaker May 16 at the Commencement ceremony for the University of Notre Dame Graduate School. He will receive an honorary degree the next day at Notre Dame's 164th Commencement exercises.

The Graduate School ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at the Joyce Center. An outdoor reception for graduates and their guests will immediately follow the ceremony in the area adjacent to the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Randel is a prolific and internationally renowned historian of music. He specializes in music of the Middle Ages and Renaissance but has written and lectured on topics ranging from Arabic music theory and Latin American popular music to medieval liturgical chant and 15th century French music and poetry. He also is editor of the Harvard Dictionary of Music and the Harvard Concise Dictionary of Music and Musicians.

Randel taught for 32 years at Cornell University, serving as dean of the university’s College of Arts and Letters and for five years as its provost before becoming president of the University of Chicago in 2000. At Chicago, he led a $2 billion fund-raising campaign, the largest in the university’s history.

Randel earned undergraduate, master’s and doctoral degrees in music from Princeton University. He has an honorary Woodrow Wilson fellow, a Danforth Award winner and a Fulbright award winner.

The Graduate School Commencement ceremony will include recognition of the distinguished graduates and recipients of the Sheahan Awards, the Graduate School’s highest student distinction, and the recipient of the Distinguished Graduate Alumni Award. The Rev. James A. Burns, C.S.C., Graduate School Alumni Council president, will present a faculty member for outstanding contributions to graduate education, also.

Submit questions for the panelists to Andrew Nesi at anesi@nd.edu.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Pakistan attacks Taliban militants
ISLAMABAD — Pakistan sent helicopter gunships Sunday to attack Taliban milit­nants in a district covered by a peace deal after strong U.S. pressure on the nuclear-armed nation to confront insurgents advancing in its northwest.

At least 31 people were killed in the offensive, which sent some residents of Lower Dir district fleeing carrying small children and few belongings.

The operation appeared to endanger a peace pact struck with Taliban militants in neighboring Swat Valley, although a top official denied it compromised the agreement.

"It’s not a time to panic," the White House said.

Three injured in campus shooting
MIDDLETOWN, Ohio — Four Kent State students were killed by police gunfire and six suspects arrested for a shooting early Sunday in a dormitory.

The police said the four Kent State students were killed in a pre-dawn raid.

In an open letter to the family of the woman killed, Obama expressed his regret for the loss of life and said it notified Iraqi authorities in advance - in accordance with the rules that took effect this year governing possible trial in Iraqi courts.

Iraq

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Washington — President Obama on Sunday declared a public health emergency for the swine flu, Monday, April 27, 2009, page 5

The pre-dawn raid in the southern Kirkuk, killing at least two Christians, was the third country to declare a public health emergency for the swine flu Sunday.

According to the director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, President Barack Obama’s administration sought to look both calm and in command, striking a balance between informing Americans without panic­ing them. Obama himself was playing golf while U.S. officials used a White House news conference to prepare the public for an approaching hurricane.

"Really, that’s what we’re doing right now. We’re preparing in an environment where we really don’t know what ultimately will happen, whether it’s the size or seriousness of this outbreak," Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano told reporters.

A New York City teenager leaves a hospital with his guardian Sunday to await test results for swine flu.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said the outbreak was serious, but that the public should know "it’s not a time to panic." He told NBC’s "Meet the Press" that Obama was getting updates "every few hours" on the situation.

In Mexico, soldiers hand­ed out 6 million surgical­style masks to deal with a deadly flu strain that offi­cials say may have sickened 1,400 people since April 13. Special laboratory tests to confirm how many died from it — 22 have been confirmed so far out of 86 suspected deaths — are taking time.

The World Bank said it would send Mexico $25 mil­lion in loans for immediate aid and $180 million in long­term assistance to address the outbreak along with advice on how other nations have dealt with similar crises.

The World Health Organization and the U.S. were following a playbook of precautions developed over the past five years to prepare for the next swine flu.

The WHO on Saturday asked all countries to step up detection of this strain of H1N1 swine flu and will reconsider on Tuesday whether to raise the pan­demic threat level, in turn triggering additional actions.

A potential pandemic virus is defined, among other things, as a novel strain that’s not easily treat­able. This new strain can be treated with Tamiflu and Relenza, but not two older flu drugs. Also, the WHO wants to know if it’s widely spread from one person to another who then spreads it again — something U.S. officials suspect and are investigating.

NATIONAL NEWS

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that even if he did not believe she could be a professor, Gernes said, "the panelists agreed with the Preacher's statement that "the name is a traditional institution that even now still has its prejudices" but praised the collaborative nature of the Gender Studies program, specifically for allowing students in and outside the classroom to exchange perspectives, develop critical thinking skills and intellectual as well as personal development.

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because her brother and cousins were able to attend. "They usually didn't get to come because he is over seas. He was there, my mom was there and the whole family got to be there," she said. "I had more family there than I ever had before." Robinett said this will probably be her last year participating in the worldwide competition, but she plans to enter a national competition next summer. When she is done playing, she said she plans to likely teach the sport and pass it along to her 11-year-old daughter, who just started dancing.

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answered about the opportunity connect with the fans. "I'm excited for all our sports to have great seasons and I'm most excited to be able to share with fans that we have," Collins said.

Collins, who is an Irish Studies minor and whose family comes from West Cork, Ireland, said he sees the opportunity to be the Notre Dame mascot as a "huge honor." "I just wanted to let the students know this is a huge honor to be able to represent them and represent a University that means so much to so many people," he said.

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**Companies change annual meetings**

New GM plan expected Monday

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. will announce details of its massive restructuring plan on Monday, including changes in its eight brands, potential factory closures and other restructuring moves as it fights to avoid bankruptcy protection.

The struggling automaker must make the announcement in advance of a planned offer to its bondholders to swap debt for stock company GM owes $28 billion to large and small bondholders, and under Securities and Exchange Commission rules, it must disclose its operational plans before making an exchange offer.

The announcement is likely to include the end of the storied Pontiac brand, and could provide further details of factory closings. The company said in February that it would shutter five additional factories and slowed the flow of cash sent home by their citizens working abroad. Finance ministers at the meeting said the poorer and impoverished nations need a hand up that doesn’t burden them with debt or add to the ranks of those earning just a few dollars a day.

The World Bank has promised to provide poor countries with more than $55 billion for public works projects left in limbo when the recession hit. The bank’s own $12 billion, to support health, education and other social programs in poor countries. The International Monetary Fund is doubling the borrowing limits for 78 of the poorest countries in an effort to speed up delivery of the aid.

World Bank asks donors to speed aid

Committee calls economic downturn in poor countries a ‘calamity’

WASHINGTON — The World Bank on Sunday urged donor nations to speed up delivery of the $1 trillion in aid they’ve already pledged and open their wallets wider — to help poor countries reeling from recessions rooted in rich nations.

The economic noose is tightening into a human and development “calamity,” which already has driven more than 50 million people into extreme poverty this year, the World Bank’s policy steering committee said in a communique issued at the close of its spring meeting.

“Terrorism is being fueled in the developing world. The flow of cash sent home by embattled and conflicted nations has dried up investment in poverty reduction most from its crisis suffering most from its crisis,” said German development minister Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul. She said it would take more money to help stabilize poor nations “without plunging them into a spiral of debt.”

Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said multilateral development banks, led by the World Bank, are at the forefront of international efforts to lift more people out of poverty. “We meet at an unprecedented time when a severe global economic slowdown threatens to reverse major progress in poverty reduction,” Geithner said. He added that it was important that development banks conduct their aid business with transparency and accountability.

The World Bank meeting capped three days of talks in Washington about the economic crisis, but yielded no new pledges of money from governments.

Finance ministers from the Group of Seven wealthy nations met first on Friday, followed by a gathering of the Group of 20 nations, which adds major emerging powerhouses like China, India and Brazil to the mix. The talks ended with the World Bank and IMF flexing a more muscular role in addressing and overseeing the crisis. Both Zoellick and IMF managing director Dominique Strauss-Kahn expressed support for the emerging market economies to have a stronger voice at the twin financial institutions.

Earlier this month, in London, leaders from the G-20 pledged to boost support for the IMF, the World Bank and other international lending organizations by $1.1 trillion to combat the global recession — the biggest chunk being $500 billion for emergency lending by the IMF. More than $300 billion has been pledged by the U.S., the European Union, Japan, Canada, BRICs and Switzerland and Norway.

**In Brief**

Chrysler may avoid bankruptcy

DETROIT — Chrysler LLC is saving on government loans until Thursday as an out of court venture with Italian automaker Fiat Group SpA.

“We will certainly do our part to support a successful restructuring, but on the other hand, the president has made clear — and I think most Americans would share this view — that you’ve got to have responsibility, you’ve got to have accountability and you can’t have a situation where companies proceed on a permanent basis, which would mean that the president has made clear that there needed to be an accountability and you can’t have a situation where companies proceed on a permanent basis relying only on cash from the government,” Summers said.

“That’s why he made clear that there needed to be a new structure with which Chrysler could operate, which would make long-term viability possible.”

Financial leaders meet at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington, Sunday.

The Bank asked donor nations to speed the delivery of funds to poor countries in recessions.

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The United Kingdom

Holder close to decision on detainees

Associated Press

LONDON — The United Kingdom is "relatively close" to making decisions on what to do with an initial group of Guantanamo Bay detainees, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said Sunday.

Holder spoke to The Associated Press during a flight to London, the first of several stops where he will visit with European leaders to discuss terrorism, drugs, and cyber-crime.

The attorney general did not say how many, but he thought it would take to close the Guantanamo Bay detention facility in Cuba, before officials can meet President Barack Obama's Jan. 25 deadline, the U.S. must first decide which detainees to put on trial and which to release to the U.S. or other countries.

Holder said the first step is to decide how many total detainees will be set free.

"We're doing these all on a rolling basis," he said. "I think we're probably relatively close to making some calls."

The attorney general has called the Guantanamo work the toughest part of his job.

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After arriving in London on Sunday, the attorney general and his staffers took a tour of the Tower of London, home of The Bloody Tower, a historic torture site. The tour visit is standard fare for tourists, but one loaded with extra meaning for Holder, who listened quietly to tales of torture, execution and palace intrigue.

The Obama administration is edging toward taking some Guantanamo prisoners to the U.S., most likely to Virginia. They are Chinese Muslims known as Uighurs, and their supporters say they never should have been at Guantanamo in the first place.

Republicans in Congress say Guantanamo should remain in operation and are mobilizing to fight the release of detainees into the United States. Against that backdrop, Holder hoped to reassure skeptical Europeans without generating too much public opposition back home. After meetings in London and Prague, the attorney general is to give a speech Wednesday night in Berlin about U.S.-German relations.

Austria's interior minister, Maria Fekter, has insisted her country would not take any prisoners. "If the detainees are no longer dangerous, why don't they stay in the U.S.," she asked.

Simon Koschat, an associate fellow with the German Council on Foreign Relations in Berlin, spoke of the difficulty facing Holder in trying to find a consensus among European leaders.

"In Germany, many are asking why America isn't taking care of its own business. If you started it, you ought to finish it," he said.

There are about 240 Guantanamo detainees, as many as 60, if freed, cannot go back to their homelands because they could face abuse, imprisonment or death. They are from Afghanistan, Algeria, Djibouti, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia, Syria, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Yemen.

Several European nations, including Portugal and Lithuania, have said they will consider taking such detainees. Others are less interested and don't want their neighbors to accept any prisoners either, because of the ease of travel within the European Union.

In some nations are internal divisions. Germany's foreign minister, Frank-Walter Steinmeier, has raised the possibility his country could take detainees, arguing that the camp's closure should not fail because the prisoners have nowhere to go. But Interior Minister Wolfgang Schauble has said the detainees are primarily a U.S. responsibility.

Given that debate, that's all the more reason, say some, for the U.S. to release some Guantanamo prisoners in the U.S. as quickly as possible to generate good will.

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Associated Press

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**Ecuador**

***CORREA DECLARES RE-ELECTION VICTORY***

Associated Press

QUITO — President Rafael Correa, a leftist champion of the poor, declared re-election victory Sunday just moments after the polls closed — a win that breaks sharply with Ecuador's history of years without a runoff.

Ecuador has elected in the small Andean nation of its democratic government completely its term. Correa, who promised to rid the country of its political instability, made his victory clear in his home city of Guayaquil. Exit polls predicted a winner, with former president-elect Rafael Correa in 1996 and two independent channels reported no serious irregularities in the voting Sunday.

International observers reported no serious irregularities in the voting Sunday. Exit polls done for state TV and two independent channels gave Correa at least 54 percent of the vote, with former president and coup leader Lucio Gutierrez a distant second.

To win without forcing a runoff, a candidate needed either 50 percent of the vote plus one or at least 40 percent with a 10-point margin over his closest competitor.

The vote was mandated by the new constitution that voters approved in September by a 64 percent margin. It strengthens the president's hand and makes him eligible to run in 2013 for another consecutive four-year term.

A survey, 46-year-old economist who blames the global economic crisis on capitalisms "structural flaws," Correa has alarmed foreign investors by defaulting on debt payments in tough dealings with oil companies and other multinationals.

And he's imposed some of the world's strictest protectionist measures, including tariffs that have put imported goods out of reach for many consumers.

But the charismatic, sharp-tongued Correa has largely won over the lower classes. He tripled state spending on education and health care, doubled a welfare program for small farmers and people building their own homes.

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**South Korea**

***Kim's son set to succeed father***

Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's youngest son has reportedly been named to the powerful National Defense Commission, an appointment analyst said Sunday indicates the 26-year-old is being groomed to take power.

Kim Jong Un speaks English, likes basketball — and is said to look and act just like his father.

The reclusive, nuclear-armed communist nation's next leader has been the focus of intense media speculation since Kim, 62, reportedly suffered a stroke last summer.

Kim has ruled with absolute authority since his father, Kim Il Sung, died in 1994, leaving to the communist world's first hereditary power succession.

Kim Jong Il has allowed no opposition, raising concerns about a power struggle if he dies suddenly without naming a successor.

The eccentric leader has three known sons by two women. The oldest, Kim Jong Nam, was long considered his favorite — until he tried to sneak into Japan using a fake Dominican passport in 2001.

The middle son, Kim Jong Chol, apparently has never been a favorite as a possible leader. Kim Jong Il's former sushi chef, Kenji Fujimoto, says in a 2003 memoir that the leader considers his second son "obscene."

But talk about the youngest son has been growing. On Sunday, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported Kim Jong Un was assigned to a low-level post at the defense commission, the top government body, several days before his father was reappointed as the commission's chairman on April 9.

That reappointment marked the first major public appearance for the "Dear Leader" after his reported stroke in was gaunt, gray.

Yonhap, citing unidentified sources it says are privy to North Korea affairs, said Kim Jong Un's appointment means he has embarked on his training as successor and is expected to move step by step into the commission's highest-level posts.

South Korea's Unification Ministry and the National Intelligence Service said they cannot confirm the report.

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The proxy war

Randall Terry. He has proclaimed himself heir to Martin Luther King, Jr., a divinely-inspired mystic, and the leader of a capital-C Crusade to purge the church of its "treacherous elements." His unofficious inquisition is armed not only with pictures of lusts and sexual metaphors ("this is like the rap of Catholic orthodoxy, sociology and justice"), but also with an unerring ability to find its way into the pages of The Observer at least twice a week. If we believe the media — national or local, including this paper — we might get the impression that huge ideological battles are sweeping Notre Dame's political landscape. But on the ground, things seem far less historic.

True, the abortion debate has a much higher public profile than it did in January. But there is no circus at Notre Dame. During the Barack Obama era, abortion was not a national or local, including this newspaper columns like this one. After all, the furor over President Obama's upcoming speech is not entirely, or even mostly, about abortion. Instead, people are using it as an excuse to bring up myriad other debates. Does a Catholic university have to somehow reconcile its religious and instructional goals, or is there no dichotomy there at all? Is adherence to orthodoxy the ultimate standard to which Notre Dame should hold any or all its representatives? Should a Church, facing declining membership (down 2 million since 2006) and scandal, align itself with a minority that exists in the media and in the minds of a few vocal partisans. And Terry's message hasn't clicked with the vast majority of the Notre Dame community. The man who has literally said "hate is good" has, true to form, lashed out not only at expected targets (the president, the University administration) but also at Notre Dame Response for being "deluded and diluted," and at Bishop D'Arcy, whose statements have condemned both the University and Terry himself.

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Darryl Campbell

Speak Up. Please

"The golden opportunity you are seeking is in yourself. It is not in your environment; it is not in luck or chance, or the help of others; it is in yourself alone."

Orison Swett Marden

American writer

Submit a Letter to the Editor

"It is no longer good enough to cry "peace." We must act peace, we must act peace, we must act peace, we must act peace."

American Indian proverb
What karaoke really is

Dear Organizers of Badin Breakdown,

The phrase "true karaokeist" implies someone who, plain and simple, is able to sing karaoke with such skill and talent that even the songs that were mastered and are performed on karaoke machines are no match for the person's talent. This kind of talent is extremely rare and hard to come by, and those who possess it are true karaokeists. I, and many others, have dreamed of being a true karaokeist. I hope one day to achieve that goal.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Liberal Catholicism

"We believe in one holy, Catholic and apostolic Church" (Nicene Creed). What does "Catholic" mean? And what does it mean when we say "Catholic Church"?

The Greek word "katholikos" means "universal" (thus making the term "Roman Catholic" a misnomer, a mix of Latin and Greek). The term was first used after the Christian Church got used to being called "Catholic" not only an oxymoron but also a mix of Latin and Greek. The term was first used after the Christian Church got used to being called "Catholic".

The Church acquires the distinction of being "universal." Fast forward a few centuries. The Church gets the distinction of being "universal". It becomes a matter of Rome versus Constantinople. Hence, we end up with Greek Orthodox and Roman Catholic.

Within the last few centuries, the Catholic Church has distinguished itself as a conservative as possible. Trent and Vatican I established the Church in a reactionary light. Then, in the 20th century, figures such as Pope Paul VI, Pope John XXIII, and now John Paul II preach their doctrine of solidarity and human rights. The Church's actions in this century have been a source of hope and inspiration to many people around the world. The Church's stance on abortion, contraception, and same-sex marriage has been a source of controversy and division within the Church.

The Catholic Church has been a force for good in the world, promoting education, social justice, and peace. It has played a significant role in the fight against slavery, racism, and discrimination. The Church has also been a leader in the fight against poverty and inequality.

However, the Church has also been criticized for its stance on certain issues, such as abortion, same-sex marriage, and contraception. These issues have caused divisions within the Church and have led to conflicts with other religious and secular groups.

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Respect for Obama

I received Randall Terry's letter to alumni. It reminded me of the day before the election when the NRB called. You can guess what they thought was the most serious issue facing the nation. Yes, with everything that was going on, they were worried that President Obama might restrict their access to semi-automatic weapons. I know, I know. But, truth be told, it seems as though not only were they against the president, but they were against the state of karaoke.

As a true karaokeist, I would still be happy to let him speak at Notre Dame. Academic freedom and the First Amendment are not just words to me. Mr. Terry and his friends are misguided, and I am confident that Notre Dame will treat the president with the respect and kindness that he certainly deserves.

Fred Fortini

Welcome Obama

I am an alumnus of Notre Dame. I am adamantly pro-life, independent as a voter — and greatly pleased that Obama has agreed to speak at my alma mater. He joins six other sitting presidents going back to Dwight D. Eisenhower, who also addressed the University.

His speech will address issues that affect all Americans and the world. He will focus on the importance of education, the economy, and the environment. The University is proud to have hosted such a distinguished speaker.

The speech will be broadcast live on the University's website. It will be available to all members of the University community. The University's website will also provide a live video feed for those who cannot attend in person.

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Mark Easley
This Week's Mix - Getting Ready for the Dog Days

by Stephanie DePrez

1. “Bend and Not Break” - Dashboard Confessional
2. “American Baby” - Dave Matthews
3. “Better Than” - John Butler Trio
4. “Looking At the World From the Bottom of a Well” - Mike Doughty
5. “Silver Lining” - Rilo Kiley
6. “Lay Me Down” - Crosby & Nash
7. “The Captain” - Gomez
8. “See the World” - Gomez
9. “Spinning” - Jack’s Mannequin
10. “Summertime” - Maes
11. “Swing Life Away” - Rise Against

Here’s to summer. Here’s to cold drinks, tank tops, shorts, loud music, getting wet, falling asleep on the grass, warm nights, fast cars and aviator sunglasses.

11 songs, 1 Chill Session

Photo courtesy of http://www.flickr.com/photos/slightlystoopid

Slightly Stoopid brings color to the stage of The Music Farm in Charleston, S.C., on March 31.

“As long as the music goes on... slightly stoo pid a hit at legends”

by SARA FELSENSTEIN

Scene Writer

On Friday night students gathered outside of Legends, forming a line that ran down the sidewalk, to see the much anticipated reggae/punk band Slightly Stoopid. This performance at Legends kicked off a short tour for the band including Notre Dame, the University of Rhode Island, Boston College, Burlington in Vermont and West Palm Beach in Florida.

Currently, Slightly Stoopid is composed of Miles Doughty, guitar; Kyle McDonald, guitar, bass and vocals; Ryan Moran, drums; Greg Pux, congas, percussion, harp and vocals; DeLa, saxophone; and C-money, trumpet and keyboard. Co-frontmen Miles Doughty and Kyle McDonald are lifelong friends and have been playing together since they were in high school. The current band has been more or less together for the past five years.

After meeting and shaking hands with each of the band members, Scene sat down on the couches at Legends and spoke with saxophonist DeLa and drummer Ryan Moran (ByMo). They were both laid-back and easy to talk to, which was not surprising, as the band prides itself on being “ultra-chill.”

Slightly Stoopid describes their music as “a fusion of acoustic rock and blues with reggae, hip-hop, and punk.” But the band does not try to squeeze into a single musical category — instead, they just play how they feel. Said DeLa, “We play everything from tons and tons of reggae to jazz... everyone has their own thing they really like... for example, Miles likes classic rock.” When the band jams, each member brings in a different style that is reflective of the music he likes or has been listening to recently.

When asked if there is one word or phrase that is representative of their sound, DeLa immediately said, “I think it’s ‘So-Cal’. It’s really just that.”

Slightly Stoopid is known to have an exceptionally diverse fan base known as “Stoopidheads.” In general, the fan base has a fairly young demographic, but fans range from high school students to people in their late 50s. Explained DeLa, “It has to do with our collective group of music [tastes] — it brings in all kinds of people.” In addition to the wide age range, the fan base of Slightly Stoopid transcends cultural divides. They have a high number of Latino and Islander fans. The group often tours with Jamaican reggae musicians, and then fans of those artists will hop on the “Stoopidhead” bandwagon as well.

ByMo and DeLa explained how the band strives to present a unique concert each time they perform. Sometimes one band member changes things up a bit and the rest of the band will just keep their ears open to make the necessary adjustments. It makes for a more exciting experience. ByMo said, “We don’t ever play the same thing twice. Things vary every night — it’s part of the way we do things.”

Slightly Stoopid opened with a few improv-type numbers, highlighting the saxophone. During “Ocean,” the audience simulated the movement of waves with their hands and swayed to the lengthy sax solos. The band also played “This Joint” and “Fill It Guy’s Wet.” When the intro began for “Bandelero,” California-born students exploded in excitement for the song, a tribute to their home state.

Said freshman Dan McQuarrie, “They have a very unique sound which is relaxing yet danceable, and it made for a great concert experience. I had only started listening to Slightly Stoopid a few weeks ago, so I was very excited to hear that they were coming to play at Legends.”

At one point in the night it seemed that people were getting a little too stupid for Stoopid because Legends staff members had to walk across the front of the stage to make sure excited fans did not get too close. Finally, a member of Slightly Stoopid grabbed the microphone and politely asked everyone to take “one step back... so as not to crush these guys in the front.”

At about 11:30 the band exited the stage and the crowd shouted for an “Encore!” After a short wait with scattered, nervous whispers of “They’re not doing an encore!” the band resumed their places and asked the crowd what they wanted to hear. Rodgers, the group’s lead singer, asked if the audience wanted a “big, fat and angry” number, and the crowd shouted for an encore. It was intense. Excitedly, the audience began to sway, sing along, dance with their friends and yell. “It doesn’t really matter as long as the music goes on!” A few songs later, Stoopid played “Closer to the Sun,” another one of their better known songs. People rose from their seats to sing along to the noter-known numbers the band performed throughout the night, “Collie Man” and “Closer to the Sun” were the songs that most of Slightly Stoopid’s fans had eagerly been waiting for.

When asked if the band’s different performing in their home state and elsewhere, both ByMo and DeLa agreed that it is generally “more fun out of Cali.” Outside of their home state, they said, people don’t know their family or their entire background and history. The audience can just accept the performance for what it is. Slightly Stoopid tours about seven months of the year. They will kick off their “Blazed and Confused” summer tour on July 10 with Snoop Dogg and Stephen Marley, and they are planning on going abroad to Europe in the fall of 2009.

The pair explained that they approach performances at colleges and universities the same way they approach any other concert. “We go into every room with the same energy. We come in to the space and have a good time. We want to get the kids going and pumped up. We do the same thing if there are five or 500 people in the audience.”

According to freshman Mike Flynn, a So-Cal native, the Stoopid concert was the “best show at Legends this year.” He said, “I’ve been listening to Slightly for a few years now, and they definitely know how to put on a show. I came from Southern California, I’ve been to a few ska/punk shows and Slightly Stoopid is definitely my favorite.”

ByMo explained that before each performance, “We say, let’s come together and deliver this.” And deliver it they did. Eagles wings sighed disappointingly as the lights in Legends were turned on around 11:50, crushing their hopes for one last encore.

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Half-Pint Jones wants YOU to be a movie star

By JOEY KUHN

Local band Half-Pint Jones will be recording a music video at Legends Thursday at 8 p.m. The band has extended an invitation to anyone in the Notre Dame community to come and be an extra in the video shoot. Afterwards, the band will also play a set for those in attendance.

Half-Pint Jones is hard to categorize, but their sound falls closest to jazz-rock fusion with heavy funk and R&B influences.

Formed in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the group tries to preserve New Orleans' cultural heritage and soul-flavored sound in their music. Their songs blend jazz-style improvisation on trumpet, saxophone and guitar with traditional rock structures and singing.

The band just released their second album "Single File," for which they tried to focus their sound into three- to four-minute compositions. Their first album, "Triology of Patches and Flats," mostly consisted of long, linear jams, whereas the second album features mostly shorter songs. Still, the band manages to preserve the essence of their sultry New Orleans style on these shorter songs, and the album contains a few longer jams towards the end as well.

"Single File" opens up with "Moist Air," on which Justin Ross flexes his pipes with a smooth, bluesy melody, singing, "I don't like you but now here's one thing that you should do / Don't just fall in love even though a man may look at you.

The band also displays a softer side in ballads such as "Pain" and "Ryn," a sweet love song with an R&B groove.

Half-Pint Jones shows its diversity of musical tastes throughout the album. "Marks Ballgame" would be perfect for a conga line with its Latin-infused sound and simple, feel-good lyrics: "Please feel free to shake your booty all night long!"

"Jam Sandwich for Jonas," a Cuban percussion rhythm paired with peppery horn licks reminiscent of ska or reggae, has a more upbeat tone. According to the band's Web site, the song is a tribute to the saxophone player's son.

It's hard to even think of Half-Pint Jones as a "rock band," because most of their songs sound more like sophisticated jazz with a little bit of rock and funk thrown in for good measure. "A Mixture of Things" starts off with a bebop feel, the tenor sax, trumpet, guitar and bass going at it with zany speed. Line-up changes happen though, the song quickly shifts gears into a more mellow groove.

The last few songs on the album are completely instrumental, giving the members of Half-Pint Jones a chance to show off their true improvisational skill. Loosening their self-imposed length restriction, the aptly named "Indulgence" lasts almost 10 minutes but it's well worth a listen to hear saxophonist Chris Olivier, a New Orleans native, channel John Coltrane through his horn.

"Love 'Dem Changes" is an upbeat, funky post-modern jazz piece featuring both Olivier and trumpeter Mark McGee.

This is clearly a group that loves music and has as much fun playing as fans do listening. They don't show a refreshingly light sense of humor on several songs, especially "Bachelor," a song about the single life containing lyrics such as "Stroked to the kitchen for breakfast / At the time when most are eating lunch / My biggest decision of the day / Is scrambled eggs on Captain Crunch!"

Drummer Steve "Kropo" Krójtewski also played a song with Umphrey's McGee at the Morris Performing Art Center on April 18, but the performers thought it would be funny to pretend that he was U2's guitarist The Edge, to whom he bears a striking resemblance.

Half-Pint Jones is probably not for everyone; a listener who does not have at least a minimal appreciation for improvisational jazz, roots rock and world music might not enjoy their unique blend of musical genres. But if you like trying new things and you want to know just what the South Bend music scene has to offer, don't hesitate to go to Legends to see this band and be in their music video. Who knows? It might be famous someday.

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Single File
Half-Pint Jones

Label: Unsigned
Recommended Tracks: "Moist Air," "My Name," "Bachelor," "Indulgence," "Love 'Dem Changes"

This Week's Mix – Mixing It Up With Mash-Ups

by Jordan Gamble

1. "Single Ladies (In Mayberry)" – Party Ben
   "Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)" by Beyonce with The Andy Griffith Show theme song
   This wins for the award for most seemingly incongruous combination. But somehow the whistling and Beyonce's sassy tune, both catchy in their own right, fit together in this eerily appropriate pairing. partyben.com

2. "United State of Pop 2008" – DJ Earworm Band
   The top songs of 2008 wove together and settled on top of the strings-section hook of Coldplay's "Vida La Vida."
   Were you abroad in 2008, without access to MTV or American Top 40 radio? Still not caught up five months later? Then just listen to this masterful mash-up a couple of times. It incorporates 25 of last year's most popular songs in a fluid, four-minute recap of hooks and catchy lyrics.

3. "How Six Songs Collide" – Norwegian Recycling
   "Tm Yours" by Jason Mraz, "Superman" by Five For Fighting, "Collide" by Howie Day, "Here Without You" by Three Doors Down, "Always Getting Over You" by Angela Ammons, and "All That I Need" by Boyzone
   A modern mash-up classic, this song has been floating around for a couple of years now — it incorporated "Tm Yours" before it even hit radio waves last spring. While many mash-ups are dance mixes, this one is more a sing-along-in-the-car ballad. norwegianrecycling.multiply.com

4. "Dance Dreams" – Divide & Create
   "Just Dance" by Lady Gaga with "Sweet Dreams" by The Eurythmics
   As if Lady Gaga's music wasn't addictive enough, Divide & Create laid the lyrics over Eurythmics' iconic synthesizer bass line. It works surprisingly well — the new version of "Just Dance" sounds so organic you'd think the song was written with the "Sweet Dreams" sampling in mind. divideandcreate.com

5. Feed the Animals – Girl Talk
   322 different songs in one album-length mash-up
   With his feverish, ingenious mixing, Girl Talk routinely sells out his sweaty and raucous concerts. Calling the album a mash-up doesn't really do it justice. Girl Talk doesn't just stick a couple of songs together — the DJ and producer picks out snippets of beats and vocals, weaving them together into entirely different music. With Feed the Animals on hand, dorm parties should never need an iPod playlist. illegal-art.net

5 songs, 1 Chill Session

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NBA

Bulls take down Celtics after 2 OTs in Game 4

LeBron puts up impressive numbers to lead Cavs, 99-78, over Pistons and sweep conference first round

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Another playoff thriller was being played in Chicago on Tuesday, and this one went to triple overtime.

If the Celtics want to advance, they’re going to have to find better ways to challenge the Chicago Bulls.

Ben Gordon scored 22 points, hitting the tying 3-pointer with 9.9 seconds left and the Bulls beat the defending NBA champions after two double overtime Sunday to tie their first-round series at two games apiece.

The teams split two tight games in Boston, before the Celtics blew out the Bulls in Game 3. This time, they spent the extra drama into a second overtime.

"I’m really talking to say this is the most exciting series that they’re watching right now," Gordon said.

It’s tough to argue.

Derrick Rose added 23 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists. John Salmons scored 20 points after a slow start, hitting four free throws in the final 26 seconds of the game and being fouled while trying 3-pointer.

The Bulls fell behind 12-3 to begin the first overtime, hitting a 3-pointer by Bobby Brown with 1:17 left, but the Bulls never trailed in the second OT.

Salmons hit two free throws with 26 seconds left and, after a timeout, Pierce got the ball on the left side of the court and passed to Salmons, who deflected his 3-pointer.

"It’s a dramatic end to another dramatic game," Pierce said. "We couldn’t have Back to Boston," the Celtics had Game 1 in overtime and the Celtics won 112-110 with Pierce’s right hand sinking the tying triple and making it a 1-0 series.

He got the ball near the top of the key and dribbled to his right, hitting the tying triple with 1.3 seconds left.

Pierce, Rondo then missed a jumper, sending it up, that fell into a second OT.

"We always foul, but even when you screw it up, they’ve still got to hit the shot and Ben Gordon made a big one for us," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said.

In the second OT, Noah dunked over Glenn Robinson to make it a 4-point game with 1:26 left. Pierce missed a 3-pointer with the crowd chanting his name, Noah sank a free throw and the Bulls were at 117-112 with 35 seconds remaining.

Pierce converted a three-point play to pull Boston with one again but two free throws by Salmons were big at the line before making the big block to preserve the win.

"This team has a lot of heart, has a lot of character," Salmons said.

Cavaliers 99, Pistons 78

LeBron James made 3-pointers from every angle, drove into the lane for dunks and helped put the Pistons away for good with a 16-6 run down the stretch and was 18 of 20 from the line, and helped to a victory over the Detroit Pistons, 99-78, in Game 4 of the Eastern Conference first-round series.

"That’s what happens when you’re a care of business," James said.

Detroit, meanwhile, will face its looming offseason after 2009-10 and about $20 million in salary-cap space to build a one-on-one team that fell apart after trading Chauncey Billups in November.

"It’s sort of the changing of the guard," Pistons coach Michael Curry said. "If we traded Chauncey, we were going to be a different team.

Even with Billups, the Pistons would’ve probably had a tough time getting past James and his dramatically improved surrounding cast.

Cavs coach Mike Brown said James is a "workaholic," and relayed an anecdote about his son being in awe of a basketball career that has surpassed unprecedented hype.

"You’re only born with a certain amount of gifts," he said. "You have to take advantage of them, and put in the work. My work ethic has helped me to be the player I am today."
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**AROUND THE NATION**

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**NFL**

Michael Crabtree, center right, the San Francisco 49ers' first-round pick in the NFL draft, holds up his new jersey number as he stands during a news conference in Santa Clara, Calif, on Sunday.

49ers seize opportunity, draft Crabtree

Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — When Michael Crabtree unexpectedly slipped to the 10th pick in Saturday's NFL draft, the San Francisco 49ers eagerly sought their highest-profile receiver since Terrell Owens left town.

Crabtree claimed he was delighted to join the 49ers after his record-setting career at Texas Tech, where he won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's best college receiver after each of his two seasons. He was widely considered the best pass-catcher in the draft, and San Francisco was thrilled to address its long-time depth of star talent at the position where Jerry Rice, Dwight Clark, John Taylor and Owens once excelled.

"We had no idea he would be there at 10," coach Mike Singletary said. "It was one of the last scenarios we thought we would end up with. He's been one of the best guys, the past couple of years in college football.

"Crabtree is among the college game's most dynamic playmakers of recent years, catching 231 passes for 1,127 yards and 41 touchdowns in the Red Raiders' spread offense. Yet he clearly slipped in several teams' estimation when a stress fracture was discovered in his left foot at the combine.

He underwent surgery that scuttled much of his pre-draft workout schedule while he rested his foot in a protective boot, never running a 40-yard dash. He's not expected to participate fully in next week's minicamp while continuing his recovery, but should be ready for training camp.

Nine teams passed on him — including the cross-Bay rival Oakland Raiders, who went with Maryland receiver Darius Heyward-Bey with the seventh pick. While Crabtree's statistics dwarf Heyward-Bey's accomplishments with the Terrapins, the Raiders apparently thought Crabtree wasn't fast enough to fit their needs.

"My whole thing was patience," Crabtree said. "I was just trying to be patient. I like the 49ers. I grew up watching the 49ers and Cowboys. It's a great history behind the 49ers. A lot of people have played there, and I have big shoes to fill."

The developments delighted the 49ers' draft room, where the club's selection process suddenly became easy when Jacksonville didn't choose Crabtree with the eighth pick.

**IN BRIEF**

Kings fire interim coach Natt and assistants

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The Sacramento Kings fired interim coach Kenny Natt and his four assistants Thursday, a week after the club formally announced it wouldn't pick up his contract option for next year.

The Kings, once a model of stability during eight consecutive winning seasons and playoff appearances under coach Rick Adelman, will be looking for their fourth coach since Adelman was fired in 2006 by owners Joe and Gavin Maloof.

Natt, a longtime NBA assistant for Jerry Sloan and Mike Brown, was promoted after Sacramento fired Reggie Theus on Dec. 15. Natt went 13-37 in charge of the Kings, who finished 17-45.

Natt wasn't thought to be in the Kings' long-term plans, which was confirmed when the club formally announced it wouldn't pick up his contract option for next year.

Brewers' closer Hoffman back from DL

HOUSTON — The Milwaukee Brewers will finally get to use closer Trevor Hoffman.

The Brewers activated baseball's all-time saves leader from the disabled list prior to Sunday's game against the Houston Astros.

Hoffman had been on the DL since March 30 with a strain on his right side. Milwaukee signed him in the offseason.

The Brewers entered Sunday's game leading the major leagues with six blown saves. Milwaukee used six pitchers Saturday night in a 9-8 win in 11 innings.

"I asked Trevor if he's got three or four innings in him," manager Ken Macha joked.

Hoffman has 554 career saves. To make room for him, the Brewers optioned lefty B.J. Swindle to Triple-A Nashville.

Terry rewarded for role off Dallas bench

DALLAS — Mavericks guard Jason Terry is the best off the bench.

Terry, mostly a full-time starter before taking on a different role the past two seasons, was presented Friday with the NBA sixth man award that goes to the league's top reserve.

"The ability to do it, but also the willingness to embrace it, is something that's got to be a part of it," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said.

Terry is a coach's dream.
Cubs end losing streak with win over Cards

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Kosuke Fukudome didn't want a birthday celebration from his teammates. He had no trouble giv- ing them a present, though.

Fukudome hit a three-run homer and drove in a career-high five runs on his 32nd birthday, helping the Cubs end a four-game skid with a 10-3 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday.

Fukudome went 3-for-4 to hike his average to .371 after hitting .257 last season. He hit his fourth homer in the eighth off lefty reliever Trever Miller to finish the scoring.

"More than hitting, winning is the most important thing," Fukudome said through a translator. "I'm too old for a cake and I don't want to get fat."

However, hitting the homer off a southpaw was something to relish, Fukudome said.

"I think it is important to let manager Lou (Piniella) to know that I'm comfortable to hit a left-handed pitcher," Fukudome said.

Rich Harden (12-1) struck out nine in six innings for Chicago, which ended a four-game skid.

"It was definitely an impor- tant game because we had lost four in a row," Harden said. "You want to treat every start the same but you want to go out there and stop a slide like that."

Harden allowed four hits, including two solo homers.

"He was very good," St. Louis second baseman Skip Schumaker said about Harden. "He had that split working for him and it was really difficult to hit."

St. Louis' nine-game home winning streak ended. The Cardinals have won 10 of their 13 home games this season and are 13-6 overall, good for first in the NL Central. St. Louis finished its six-game homestand with a 5-1 record.

"We got really good results," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "The way we look at it is what we did wasn't great. Now we've got Atlanta and Washington and just keep doing what we're doing as far as the effort and keep getting better."

Chicago had 14 hits after scoring just five runs in its previous four games. Aaron Miles went 3-for-5 and scored twice.

"It was a good game for us," Pinelli said. "Let's see if we can build on it.

Derrek Lee hit an RBI double in Chicago's three-run first but left the game before the Cubs took the field in the bottom half because of neck spasms. Micah Hoffpaur replaced him at first base. Pinelli said Lee likely would not go on the disabled list.

"Yeah, it was nice to put some runs on the board in the first inning," Pinelli said. "We've had trouble with men in scoring position. Today, we did a heck of a lot better. We gave our pitcher some runs to work with.

Hoffpaur led off the seventh with a home run to give the Cubs a 7-2 lead. The homer snapped a four-game team homerless drought.

Todd Wellemeyer (1-2) was tagged for six runs, five earned, and eight hits in five innings. He walked Hoffpaur with the bases loaded in the second to make it 4-0.

"It didn't go too well," Wellemeyer said. "They got some guys on base in the first and they capitalized on it and got them in and that's all there is to it."

La Russa said he believes Wellemeyer will improve.

"He's not as sharp as we can be. That's one of the beauties of playing 6 months and getting 30 starts," La Russa said. "He's not going to give in.

Yadier Molina and Rick Ankiel hit solo drives for St. Louis, which ended a homered drought.

"It was nice to put some runs on the board in the second," Pinelli said. "We gave our pitcher some runs to work with in the second homer of the sea- son."

Cardinals slugger Albert Pujols reached base four times before hitting into a game-ending double play. He walked three times and was hit on the hip by Harden in the fifth.

Indians 4, Twins 2

Aaron Laffey and Tony Sipp used to talk about pitching for the Cleveland Indians when they were roommates at Triple-A Columbus this year. The sce- nario was Laffey would start and Sipp would close out a vict- ory.

Sunday didn't play out exact- ly how they planned, but it was still very satisfying.

Laffey pitched into the sev- enth inning and Sipp came up with two big strikeouts, helping Cleveland beat the Minnesota Twins and avoid a three-game sweep.

"It was great to have that moment and be able to tell him 'Welcome to the big leagues,'" Laffey said.

Laffey (2-0) allowed two runs and five hits in 6 1-3 innings. Laffey, who began the year at Columbus, has been the Indians' most consistent starter. He has a 2.41 ERA in three starts since being recalled on April 15.

The Twins were held to one hit in each of their first two games of the series, but Ryan Garko's two-run single off Glen Perkins (1-2) in the third gave them a 4-0 lead.

"I like being in those spots," Garko said. "Those are spots where games are won or lost."

It was the shortest outing of the year for Perkins, who allowed four runs in five innings. Perkins had lasted eight innings in each of his first three starts, never allowing more than two runs.

"He had a little bit of a rough time early," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "He had the one bad inning. He got us through five and I thought our bullpen did a very good job."

Laffey left after Minnesota loaded the bases with one out in the seventh. Jensen Lewis surrendered pinch-hitter Brandon Spain's two-run triple and walked Brendan Harris before manager Eric Wedge brought in Sipp to face lefty sluggers Justin Morneau and Jason Kubel.

Morneau entered the day hit- ting .364 over his last 10 games at Progressive Field, and Kubel homered twice Saturday night. But Sipp, making just his sec- ond career appearance, struck out both to preserve Cleveland's 4-2 lead.

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**SPORTS**

**MLB**

Bruce homers twice in Reds’ defeat of Braves

Bruce has gotten at least one hit in all six starts since missing three consecutive starts with a bruised right hand. The Reds broke the game open with their six-run fifth. Votto hit a three-run double just out of the reach of loping first baseman Ross. Brandon Phillips followed with a run-scoring single and Bruce capped the inning with his sec­ond homer of the game and fifth of the season. It was his third multihomer game and first this season.

Bruce’s homer knocked Kawakami (1-3) out, having given up eight hits and eight runs with a walk and a strike­out. The 33-year-old rookie right-hander from Japan has lost his last three starts after starting his big league career with a win over Washington on April 11.

He pitched good for the first three innings,” Atlanta man­ager Bobby Cox said. “His (first) homer was a little flyball. He started getting his offspeed pitches up, then he started getting hit.”

Owings held Atlanta to two hits and five baserunners through the first five innings.

“He did it with the bat, too,” Bruce said. “He was fun to watch.”

Orioles 8, Rangers 5

Adam Jones enjoyed beating the high-powered Texas Rangers at their own game. Jones hit a three-run homer in the sixth inning and the Baltimore Orioles rallied for a victory Sunday.

“We can mash,” too,” Jones said. “We’re different ball­hitters, different style teams. They hack. I love watching them — not against us, but I love watch­ing them.”

With one out, Cesar Izturis was hit on his left foot and Brian Roberts singled to left before Jones hit an 0-1 slider from reliever Jason Jennings (0-1) into the seats in left-center to give Baltimore a 7-0 lead. Jones’ third homer completed the Orioles’ comeback from a 5-1 deficit.

“Things were jumping out of here today. Jones hit it in the right spot,” Jennings said.

Texas’ bullpen has a 6.75 ERA, though manager Ron Washington isn’t worried about his relievers’ ineffectiveness. Washington is more concerned with his starters coughing up leads.

“My bullpen isn’t giving me as many breaks,” he said. “I think my bullpen has been doing a good job,” he said. “It got us today. No concern here.”

Chris Davis, Dave Murphy and Hank Blalock connected for the Rangers, who lead the major leagues with 38 home runs and have hit two or more in a game 14 times this season, also most in the majors. Roberts joined four others and also homered for the Orioles, and baseman Casey Kotchman and Markakis had RBIs. Markakis singled in the fifth, extending his hitting streak to 13 games and reaching base safely for the 27th consecutive game, the active streak in the majors.

Danyo Ibaz (1-0) got the victory with three hitless innings. George Sherrill worked the ninth for his fourth save.
NEW YORK -- The New York Jets can expect beefed-up security during a return trip to Washington they never wanted to make. One else will help protect them on the ice against the suddenly surging Capitals.

"This team has a suite in the bowels of the building," a source said. "It's a bit more high end, you might say."

On Sunday, Trottier sat high above the ice and rested his chin in his palm as the game turned from bad to worse under the Capitals' effective onslaught.

Jim Schoenfeld, Trottier's lone assistant coach, ran the club in his absence and said later before Trottier was taken to the hospital, that his presence was no accident.

"If your players aren't playing for you after Brett Favre came out," he said, "we're in trouble."
**SMC TENNIS**

**Belles defeat Adrian 7-2**

By KATELYN GRABAREK

*Sports Writer*

The Belles picked up a 7-2 victory over MIAA foe Adrian Saturday and will wrap up their regular season today when they host Olivet.

Saint Mary’s (8-9, 3-4 MIAA) got off to a slow start against the host Bulldogs Saturday, losing two out of three doubles matches before heading into singles.

"It went really well," Belles coach Dale Campbell said. "We had a slow start in doubles but came back strong in singles for the 7-2 victory." Sophomore Jillian Hurley and junior Camille Gebert fell at No. 1 doubles to Adrian sophomore Robyn Denney and freshman Sarah Brooks.

Sophomores Jessica Kosiinski and Mary Therese Lee were not able to pull out their doubles match either, falling to freshmen Adrienne Haase and Shannon Woods.

The Belles earned their only doubles victory from sophomores Franca Peluso and Betsy Reed at No. 2 doubles when they beat freshman Shelby Kruzowski and Sarah Kean by a score of 6-3.

"Any win is going to help," Campbell said. "We weren’t down, but a victory is nice especially heading into conference next weekend." Hurley took down Gebert at No. 1 singles by a score of 6-1, 6-0, while Gebert maintained her undefeated streak in the conference winning by 6-0, 6-1.

"We are still trying to be more aggressive." Dale Campbell Belles coach

Kosiinski was able to maintain her dominance this season at No. 3 singles, beating sophomore Siminca by a score of 6-1, 6-0.

Reed was able to pull out a tough match at No. 4 singles, winning 6-4, 7-5, 6-1.

"(Reed) was down in her first set and was able to battle back," Campbell said.

Peluso had another tight match against Kean, winning 7-5, 7-6 (3) at No. 5 singles.

"We are working on being more aggressive and attack- ing," Campbell said.

Sophomore Jessica Camp won in straight sets, dropping only four games.

The Belles will wrap up their regular season schedule today when they host Olivet (9-7, 2-5).

"They are similar to Adrian," Campbell said. "They had a close match with Adrian. We are expecting the same types of themes from what we saw against Adrian." Olivet is currently behind the Belles in the conference standings with only two wins this season in the conference to the Belles’ three.

Saint Mary’s was able to defeat Olivet easily last year without dropping a match. The Belles have maintained their lineup changes that Campbell experimented with against Trine last week. "It has definitely changed the style of play," Campbell said. "We are still trying to build on the momentum of last week." Also with the changes in doubles teams you have to build on the momentum of last week.

The Belles will face off against Olivet at 4 p.m. today.

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**SMC GOLF**

**Team qualifies for Div. III NCAAs**

By BOBBY GRAHAM

*News Writer*

Despite the fact that South Bend is finally warming up, the weather took a head down to Port St. Lucie, Fla., after qualifying for the 2009 NCAA Women’s Division III Golf Championship, which will begin on May 13.

Saint Mary’s qualified for the championships with a win in the MIAA tournament this weekend.

Going into the third and final round of the MIAA qualifier, Saint Mary’s held a 14-stroke lead over conference rival Olivet. Despite the fact that Olivia shot the lowest score of the day, 231, Saint Mary’s held on after shooting a 334 to finish 11 strokes ahead and clinch the qualifying bid.

"We’ve never really played well there," Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. "It was our best round in seven years, and it happened at that course."

**Sophomore Emily Gore led the Belles with a score of 82, the lowest score of the day, 222, Saint Mary’s shot a 314 to win over Olivet, 8-3.**

The final four golfers for Saint Mary’s all shot within three strokes of one another, with scores ranging from 83 to 85.

Senior Perri Hamma’s 85 was the best of all golfers playing as individuals.

The Belles can sit back and relax for the next couple of days as the rest of the field at this year’s championship has yet to be determined.

The remaining teams will be announced later this week.

Hamilton said the next few weeks would be business as usual for his team, but that it is also a time for the Belles to enjoy.

"We’re going to enjoy our time down there," he said. "We’re peaking at the right time."

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**ND TRACK & FIELD**

More NCAA qualifiers emerge from relays

By MICHAEL BLASCO

*Sports Writer*

Notre Dame picked up six individual titles between the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa and the Hillsdale Relays in Hillsdale, Mich. this weekend.

The Irish were looking to collect a few more qualifications for the upcoming Big East and NCAA Tournaments and are currently the leaders in the way to the Big East and Hillsdale Relays as most of the team rested.

"We are trying to get some more kids qualified for the Big East and NCAA," Irish coach Joe Plaine said. "That’s our goal. For some it’s a tune-up [for next week’s Big East championships] and for some it’s an opportunity to get something going, with the changes in doubles teams you have to build on the momentum of last week.

"The Belles will face off against Olivet at 4 p.m. today.

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**SMC SOFTBALL**

Disappointing season ends with two losses

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As the saying goes, it’s not how you start but how you finish.

For the Belles, the season was impressive but neglecting anything but. After starting out 22-4, the Belles dropped eight straight to end the season at 22-12.

Saint Mary’s concluded its season in the bottom half, bringing the score to 8-3.

In game two, the Thunder were up 2-1 after the first half before the Belles came back in the third and one in the sixth to complete the sweep.

The Irish continued in both games for the Belles, going a combined 3-6 with one run and six hits. The Irish picked up all four of their team’s runs.

Freshman pitcher Monica Palicki suffered her seventh loss of the season in game one and freshman pitcher Angela Gillis suffered her fifth in game two.

The games marked the end of the road for the team’s three seniors, catcher glamwere Funo, shortstop Cathy Kurczak and first baseman Katie Rishad.

Sullivan had only good things to say about them.

"I hate to see them leave," she said. "They were the last great leaders, very positive, loved the game, loved the team, really positive kids.

The wins Saturday meant an outright conference championship for the Thunder, while Saint Mary’s had already been eliminated from contention entering the double-header.

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seventh inning. Sophomore catcher Cameron McConnell drew an opening walk and sophomore second baseman Greg Sherry followed with a single. Junior center fielder A.J. Pollock was then hit by a pitch, loading the bases for the Irish. Two batters later, senior shortstop Jeremy Barnes drew a walk to score McConnell.

New down 12-8, the Irish were about turn the game around for good. Sophomore David Casey stepped up to the plate and hit his second home run of the weekend to tie the game.

After two more innings of scoreless play, Tate took the plate in the top of ninth inning and knocked a 2-2 fast ball over the left-field wall to give the Irish the one-run lead. Freshman Will Hudgins

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"It was an amazing game for our team," senior co-captain Shannon Burke said. "We played a full 60-minute game, and never let up. From end to end, our connections were unbreakable."

Notre Dame continued to be relentless as they stepped onto the field Sunday in their first-ever appearance in the final round of the tournament. They fell to Georgetown in the first round in 2007 and 2008. But the Irish, especially the team's four seniors, were determined to not let history repeat itself again this weekend.

"The seniors really wanted it," Coyne said. "Individually, they each had outstanding games. Their desire and experience really helped and showed itself today. Especially Erin Goodman, who made some really big saves." Goodman totaled nine saves against the Hoyas and was named to the All-Tournament team along with teammates Byers, Burke, Scioscia, Abt and junior defender Rachel Guerra.

"It's been so surreal to admit that these remaining few games are my last, but it has definitely brought a new fire to our level of play as seniors," Burke said. "The Irish came out strong from the start, scoring the first four goals of the game, and led 9-2 at the half. We ran the fast break really well, worked the ball down the field, and were able to capitalize the opportunity when it presented itself," Coyne said.

Capitalizing, they did as six Irish players scored, which helped them to hold off the Hoyas. Leading the scoring was sophomore attack Kaillin Keena with three goals. "It's difficult to stop a team with so many people contributing," Coyne said. "It was a crazy second half. We knew they had it in them to come back, but we managed to hold them." The Irish have few days off before starting the NCAA Tournament, in which they've been given an automatic bid in for the first time. Notre Dame will travel to Lithaca, N.Y., to take on No. 20 Cornell on May 2 in the first round. "It was a big win for us, but we still have to face another ranked team," Coyne said. "Hopefully we can win at Cornell and get a home field advantage for the second round."

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Senior Evan Sharples, Pollock and Doyle all contributed long balls and sophomore Brian Dupra (5-4) went seven solid innings in the win. Dupra was by no means dominating, but got the job done. He allowed five runs on 12 hits. Hudgins went two innings to earn his first career save.

The Irish find themselves back in the thick of the Big East race after this weekend's victory. They are tied for fifth place with Cincinnati, just two games behind the second-place Cardinals.

Notre Dame will face non-conference opponents Illinois-Chicago and Bowling Green this week before continuing conference play at home against Connecticut next weekend. Tuesday's matchup with Illinois-Chicago is scheduled to begin at 6:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

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Weekend Recap
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fans at Melissa Cook Stadium. Solid defense and exceptional pitching by senior Brittany Bargar (20-9) highlighted Notre Dame’s shutout in game one. Bargar surrendered only four hits across seven innings.

The Irish benefited early from the offense, jumping out to a lead with a three-run home run by senior baseman David Faustino in the bottom of the second inning, extending the lead to 5-0 by the sixth.

Bargar pitched a complete game, allowing four hits and two walks, striking out 11 batters to earn the 9-0 victory.

**BY CHRIS MICHALSKI**

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The Notre Dame women’s rowing team extended their streak of Big East Championships to six this weekend, topping Syracuse in Cherry Hill, N.J.

The women did so in dominating fashion, winning gold medals in four races and placing second in the other two. Their total of 112 points was followed by Syracuse with 97 points and Louisville with 92 points. West Virginia rounded out the group of eight with 38 points.

“This is what we’ve been working for all year, and I’m glad we were able to compete so well,” freshman novice eight rower Tess Fitzpatrick said. The Irish started off the day well, posting the fastest times in all four prelims. In the grand finals of the first race, the novice four, led by freshman coxswain Jacqueline Gilhooley, the novice four team crossed the finish line in 8:02.644, 10 seconds better than the second-place Georgetown.

One step up from that, junior coxswain Rachael Louie led her second varsity four to a 12-second victory over Syracuse.

In the novice eight grand final, Syracuse was able to pull out a gold medal, despite the fact that the Irish had the best time in the preliminaries and even improved their time by 16 seconds for the finals. The Irish bounced back, however, taking the gold in the varsity four and their fourth and final gold in the varsity eight.

In the final race of the day, the Louisville’s No. 19 varsity eight boat was able to defeat the Irish, despite the Irish’s 17-second improvement from pre-eliminaries.

The Irish had to deal with the weather, which was hot and humid all weekend, but the team found ways to cope.

“I think we did really well with the heat. We were probably able to overcome it because we were all so pumped up for the races,” Fitzpatrick said.

Notre Dame will move on to compete in the South/Central Sprints in Oak Ridge, Tenn., where the Irish will attempt to improve on their seventh overall finish last year.

“The competition gets even better at South/Centrals so at this point we just have to work on getting our boats faster,” Fitzpatrick said. “We are really going to focus on fitness and power drills this upcoming week.”

The races are scheduled to begin May 16.

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"We started off a little slowly," Corrigan said. "We just had to get used to the environment." In front of the opening crowd, Ohio State jumped to a 3-0 lead, but sophomore midfielder Zach Brenneman finally put the Irish on the scoreboard with his first goal after more than 10 minutes of the game had passed.

Brenneman led the Irish with four goals. "Zach played very well," Corrigan said. "He had excellent shot selection, and he grabbed his opportunities."

Once they had adjusted, the Irish took control of the game. The Buckeyes held a 4-3 lead as the first half wound down, but Brenneman tied the score with seven unanswered goals to play. "We played one of our most complete games of the year," Corrigan said. "The first 10 minutes and the last 10 minutes we were not at our best, but in the middle 40 minutes we played very well.

Finally putting together a dominating performance for the vast majority of a game bodes well for Notre Dame as the team enters the postseason. "That is where you want to be heading into the playoffs," Corrigan said. "Hopefully we can continue that against Quinnipiac."

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Broncos choose Bruton in fourth round of NFL draft

Five other former Irish players go undrafted but sign free-agent contracts; Brown, Crum yet to finalize plans

By BILL BRINK
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David Bruton, the playmaker of the Notre Dame secondary, is heading west. The Denver Broncos took Bruton, a former safety for the Irish, in the fourth round of the 2009 NFL Draft Sunday. Bruton was the 14th pick in the fourth round and the 114th overall selection.

"I'm very excited to be a part of the Broncos, it's a good organization," Bruton said. "The coaching staff, when I was in Denver, was great. The whole atmosphere of Denver was a great time being out there, even though it was a quick turnaround."

Bruton started 24 of 25 games in the 2007 and 2008 seasons. His 97 tackles were good for second on the team in 2008. Bruton had seven career interceptions and three fumble recoveries and was a captain his senior season.

Bruton also played a large role as a gunner on special teams, a role he will see often early in his NFL career.

"I always try to put my best foot forward. I enjoy playing special teams," he said. "I enjoy always coming out ready to work, and I feel Notre Dame continued to prepare me throughout my four years to overcome a lot of adversity." Bruton ran a 4.42 40-yard dash at the 2009 NFL Combine, sixth-best among defensive backs.

"He's got great speed. I think he's one of the fastest guys in the draft," Broncos coach Josh McDaniels said in a press conference. "He could really impact us on three or four

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Laxers defeat Buckeyes to finish undefeated in regular-season play

By DOUGLAS FARMER
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For the first time in Notre Dame men's lacrosse history, the team ended the regular season undefeated.

No. 3 Notre Dame (13-0, 5-0) beat Ohio State (7-7, 3-2) 14-8 Saturday in front of over 30,000 fans at the "Showdown at the Shoe," in Columbus. When the game began, a regular-season NCAA record crowd of 30,192 fans was present. By the end of the game, according to Irish coach Kevin Corrigan, more than 70,000 fans were in the stands.

The crowd and the atmosphere it created defined the "Showdown."

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Irish rally past Cardinals

Tate hits first career homer to cap six-run late game comeback

By ALEX BARKER
Sports Writer

Sophomore Golden Tate's first career home run helped the Irish overcome a five-run deficit to defeat Louisville 13-10 on Sunday in the rubber match of their weekend series in Louisville.

The series victory gives the Irish (25-16, 10-6 Big East) their second straight in Big East play and hands the Cardinals (29-13, 12-6) their first conference series loss at home this season.

In the decisive third game, the Irish found themselves down 12-7 heading into the...

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Squad defeats Hoyas for first Big East title

By MEAGHAN VESELIK
Sports Writer

The No. 10 Irish finally have their first Big East title after a 12-10 victory over No. 7 Georgetown Sunday in the final round of the Big East championship at Georgetown's Multi-Sport Facility.

"It was such an awesome weekend," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "I'm so proud of our team. We've wanted this for so long, and we're finally held to the same high standard as the other Notre Dame teams with our success."

And the Irish (14-4, 5-2 Big East) should be proud of themselves, winning 16-10 over No. 8 Syracuse (12-4, 6-1) Friday afternoon, and coming back to take down the Hoyas (12-5, 6-1) not even two days later.

Sophomore goalie Erin Goodman earned the tournament's Most Outstanding Player honor.

Against the Orange, senior attack Jillian Byers, junior attack Gina Scioscia and sophomore midfielder Kailene Abt made up for Notre Dame's April 11 loss at the Carrier Dome in which the Irish surrendered the Orange 15-2 in the second half but fell 14-13.

Friday, Byers had four goals and three assists to lead the Irish with seven points, followed close behind by Scioscia with two goals and three assists and Abt with four goals and an assist.

Goodman led the defense, which allowed only 20 shots in the game and only two goals in the second half. Notre Dame also had 21 ground balls, 12 draw controls and 13 of 17 free-throw victories.

The Irish led 9-8 at the half after a goal from Byers with 21:49 left gave them the lead they never gave up.

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Still perfect

Sophomore midfielder Zach Brenneman carries the ball around a St. John's defender during Notre Dame's 12-2 win over the Red Storm on April 12.

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