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Female ND student reports assault

Observer Staff Report

A female student reported a sexual assault that occurred about 2 a.m. Saturday morning, according to Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP) director Phil Johnson.

In an e-mail to the student body, NISP manager Phil Johnson said the victim said she was approached from behind while walking on the northwest side of campus. The suspect talked to the victim before assaulting her.

She struggled but was able to run away.

The victim described the suspect as a male white, college age with dark curly hair, blue eyes, muscular build and about 6’ to 6’2” tall.

Students appreciative of Jenkins’ presence

By MADELINE BUCKLEY and JOSEPH McMAHON
News Writers

WASHINGTON — Coming to Friday’s March for Life in Washington, D.C. in the shadow of last spring’s Commencement controversy, University President Fr. John Jenkins said there was a “certain energy” in the students who participated.

Jenkins participated in the March for the first time along with many students and faculty who protested his decision to invite President Barack Obama to deliver the Commencement address and receive an honorary degree because of his stance on abortion.

“This was all the controversy from last spring, we wanted to take steps to deepen the pro-life cause,” Jenkins said.

At the rally before the March, protesters greeted Jenkins with several large yellow signs demanding he drop charges against the “Notre Dame 88” — referencing the group of people arrested for trespassing on the University campus during Commencement last year. One sign was held directly in front of President Fr. John Jenkins.

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Thoughts on parenting

It’s been two weeks since we’ve gotten back to campus and I still find myself on autopilot—literally—run into pseudo-friends walking across the quad. You know, those people that you know but not well enough to actually care about their lives. So my de facto greeting is still “How was break?”

I normally get a “good,” or “It was nice,” or “Not long enough,” and then they follow up with “How was yours?”

I can tell everyone right now that if you ask me this question, pseudo-friend or not, my answer is not going to be a one-word reply. I will more than likely launch into the story of how my car got totaled on Christmas Eve and how I had to nanny three children for five days in order to get some money for a down payment on a new car.

The parents that I was working for decided they were going to run off to Costa Rica at the last minute because they were, and I quote, “bored,” which left me in charge of 7-year-old twin girls and their 6-year-old brother.

Let me put this family into perspective for you. The tuition to their elementary school is $20,000—each. They are paying more to send their three young children to second grade and kindergarten than I am to attend Notre Dame. And no matter what spoiled rich kid stereotype you have of me, I guarantee you that these children embody it in one way or another.

But it wasn’t so much their bad behavior (and believe me, I fear for the future of our country after living with these three) but it was the fact that I never realized just how difficult this mommy business was.

Getting the kids up, fed, going to school, picking them up from school, helping with homework, cooking dinner, taking them to sports practices and doing all of this while having to constantly listen to the same three Miley Cyrus songs in the minivan while hardly receiving happiness on the kids’ parts, let alone verbal gratitude.

I think I finally understood the immense task of parenting when I took the kids out to dinner and realized that everyone in the restaurant was giving me the look. You know, the look that people give parents of unTrustworthy children in public; the look that either says “Gosh, it must sure suck to be you,” or “Can you please put the baby in his/her own stroller?!”

My nanny gig is now titled “The Week From Hell” in the story of my life. The final night of the week and I found myself thinking that I was never so happy to get away from children and I believed myself to be personally scarred from the entire event. That was until I got the payment for my services; the check that I received gave me a new positive outlook about my brief encounter with parenthood.

While the original plan was to take the entire sum and put it towards the down payment on a new car, I set some money aside for something special. I took my mini-tech.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Molly Madden at mmadden3@nd.edu

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**IN BRIEF**
Tricia Struth, a professor at the University of Tennessee College of Architecture and Design, will give a lecture entitled “Contexts and Connections: A Guide to Architecture” today in 104 Bond Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

The Hammes Notre Dame bookstore will hold children’s storytime from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday. The book “Bee-Wigged” by CeCe Bell will be read.

Richard Dugas, the CEO of Pulte Homes, will give a “Managing Through The Financial Crisis” lecture Tuesday in 102 DeBartolo Hall from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Joshua Diehl, assistant professor of psychology, will discuss the latest autism research, including his own work on language and communication, in the lecture “The Science Café: Solving the Autism Puzzle” Wednesday at Notre Dame Downtown at 217 S. Michigan St. from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Actors from the London Stage will perform “Romeo and Juliet” Wednesday through Friday at Washington Hall at 7:30 p.m. Admission is $20 for the general public, $18 for senior citizens and $12 for students.

The 1986 film “Othello” will be shown at DeBartolo Performing Arts Center’s Browning Cinema Thursday at 7 p.m.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observemn@nd.edu
Students rejoice as unseasonably warm weather hits campus

By LILY HOUGH News Writer

Breaking news was revealed to Notre Dame students all around campus Sunday morning with unprecedented speed, but it wasn’t thanks to any technological advances on the medias’ behalf. Students simply had to look out their windows to witness it first-hand.

In South Bend, Ind., in the dead of winter, there was grass.

Weather officials reported temperatures in the high 40s Sunday afternoon, which proved just enough to melt a stubborn last layer of snow and prompt students to walk around campus in t-shirts, shorts and for a brave few like freshman Rachel Pilla, flip flops.

“I just wasn’t cold,” Pilla said.

“It felt like spring,” sophomore Amanda Garza said, “but this is really weird.”

Despite the end of the weekend, the mood around campus remained relatively raised Sunday afternoon, sophomore Tommy Chase said.

“I try not to let the weather affect my mood, but it’s hard not to be happy when it’s a nice day out,” Chase said.

Students are unsure whether Sunday’s warm weather is a positive indicator of milder weather to come. Still wary from last year’s record freezing temperatures, most students remain unconvinced.

“It’s a fake-out,” Snow said. “I think it’s going to get cold again, but hopefully not as cold as last year.”

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SMC students confused over closed tunnels

By ALICIA SMITH News Writer

As students make the slippery trek across Saint Mary’s College campus in the cold, snow-covered months of winter, many long for the days of the warm underground tunnels that combatted the wintry conditions. As they trudge through the snowy sidewalks, some wonder what happened to the passageways. Some speculate as to why they were closed. And some just dream about them opening once more.

“I do wish the tunnels were still open. It would make my life much easier during this winter weather,” Because I walk with crutches, snow and ice make my everyday life very difficult. I have to rely on security for a ride to and from my different classes and this really hinders my independence. The network of tunnels connects many of the older buildings on campus. There are also tunnels connecting the Cushing Library, the Student Center, Bill Hambling director of facilities, said. The tunnels, owned by the Sisters of the Holy Cross, were declared unsafe by the then-building commissioner Don Fofo.

Fofo has since retired. Hambling said the card readers were removed from the tunnels on Dec. 22, 2004.

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March

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a lot of sleep, but this is worth it,” junior Patrick Graff said. “It’s important for our leaders to see how passionate we are about this issue.”

Jenkins mingled with students and faculty before the March at a breakfast reception and joined them afterward for a dinner sponsored by the Alumni Association at the D.C. restaurant Smith and Wollensky. In addition to the students and faculty before the March, “Jenkins’ participation didn’t affect my decision to come but I’m glad he decided to step up,” Graff said.

Right to Life president John Gerardi, who said students were supportive of Fr. Jenkins’ decision to participate in the March. “Most didn’t agree with his decision to invite [President Barack] Obama to campus last spring, but he’s taking steps to support the movement and we appreciate that,” Gerardi said.

Former South Bend-Fort Wayne Bishop John D’Arcy and Bishop Kevin Rhoades, current bishops of the diocese, were introduced at the rally that preceded the March, drawing cheers from the Notre Dame contingent on the Mall.

For Junior Katie McNelis, last spring’s controversy over Jenkins’ invitation to Obama made this March particularly significant. “Going to the March is something I had always thought about, but this year was the time,” she said.

McNelis said Jenkins’ participation was an important display of solidarity with the students. “I think the pro-life movement is something so much a part of the identity at Notre Dame,” she said. But while many students came to Notre Dame with a clear understanding of the abortion debate, freshman Jiayi Lou, a native of China, had never debated the issue before. “I had never heard of this before. I never saw anything pro-life or pro-choice,” she said. “In China because of the one-child policy, it’s an almost common sense that abortion is legal.”

Yet Lou has always felt the one-child policy is inherently unfair, so she became involved in Right to Life activities on campus. The one-child policy and abortion are connected life issues for Lou. “The policy is so cruel. You lose the right to have a baby,” she said. “I’m an only child and my mom already had her tubes tied.”

At the rally before the March, Jenkins talked with students and other political figures in the crowd, such as Joe Donnelly, Connecticut senator and former representative from Indiana’s 2nd district. “I enjoyed being with them,” Donnelly said. “It was cool to see Fr. Jenkins intermixed with the students and faculty, and was proud of the way they came out themselves.”

Before the March, Jenkins continued from page 1

the Notre Dame Right to Life banner before club members decided to move.

Jenkins said he was not surprised to see these banners displayed throughout the March route.

“It felt it was important not to let those banners take away from the central goals of the day,” he said. “And I refuse to let them distract from advancing pro-life cause.”

Senior Mary Daly, co-vice president of the Right to Life Club and a leader of the student response condemning Jenkins’ invitation last spring, said this year’s March had record-breaking attendance from Notre Dame students.

“I thought that there was some interaction and communication between students and professors,” she said. “I think everyone really appreciated having the administrators there.”

After Jenkins’ announcement that Obama would deliver the Commencement address last year, Daly helped form a group ND Response, which held several prayer rallies and protests in the months that led up to the president’s speech on campus.

She also wrote an April 2009 letter on behalf of ND Response that asked Jenkins to formally support pro-life initiatives on campus through financial and personnel resources.

Daly told The Observer in May that the goal of ND Response was to “challenge people to really think about the issue or issues surrounding the invitation to President Obama.”

Right to Life has invited Jenkins to participate in the March every year, so the group was pleased he marched with the students this year, Daly said. “I think that what we had at the March is a good start by the administration, and I really hope we can expect to see more involvement down the road,” she said.

Despite past disagreements, Jenkins said his interaction with all the students has always been positive. “I completely commend the students for their hard work in the spring, and how they interacted with my office,” he said.

Before, during and after the March at a reception for students, faculty and alumni, Jenkins interacted with the students, talking and occasionally sharing a laugh. “I enjoyed being with them,” he said. “I admire their efforts and was proud of the way they came out themselves.”

Freshman Tori O’Malley said she was impressed with Jenkins’ participation again, he said he will participate again, he said he will participate again, he said he will participate again, he said he will participate again.

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Jenkins presided over a Mass for Notre Dame students and faculty at Saint Agnes Church in Arlington, Va.

“It’s a delight for me to be with you today,” he said in the greeting.

Jenkins said in the homily that abortion is “an act of despair.”

“We come today not to condemn or judge but to be a witness of the Gospel of life,” he said of the March. “I think what we’re called to do today through readings is to be witnesses to hope against despair.”

Participation in the March was one of several preliminary recommendations that were made to Jenkins by Notre Dame’s Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life, which was formed last September partly as a response to critics who said the University did not do enough to support the pro-life cause.

Jenkins said in addition to attending the March, he would most likely implement all of the recommendations in some form. “They are all reasonable suggestions and advance the goals we share,” he said.

Along with participation in the March, the task force also recommended that the University adopt a formal policy statement about the sanctity of life and offer better support for pro-life students.

Vice President for Student Affairs Fr. Mark Poorman, who was a member of the task force, said he was glad Jenkins accepted the recommendation to attend the March.

Poorman, who also was attending the March for the first time, said last year’s Commencement ceremony increased the visibility of the pro-life culture at Notre Dame. “Commencement really helped raise the pro-life issue so this is something we wanted to support,” he said.

Poorman also said he was “delighted” by the high turnout of both students and faculty members.

“I’ve always admired the faculty and staff who come on the March,” he said. “It’s great to have so many people here.”

Although Jenkins said next year’s March is too soon to determine if he would be able to participate again, he said he will “find some way to continue deepening commitment to the pro-life cause.”

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Castro questions U.S. troops in Haiti
Havana — Fidel Castro is questioning why the United States and other countries sent soldiers to quake-ravaged Haiti, saying military presence hindered international cooperation.

The former Cuban president writes that "without knowing anyone how or why," Washington "sent troops to occupy Haitian territory," and other nations followed suit.

In an opinion column Sunday in state-controlled media, Castro said neither the U.S. nor the U.S. "has offered an explanation to the people of the world."

Castro noted that several governments complained to the United Nations about sending landing craft and aid flights and called on the U.N. to investigate.

Anti-Chavez channel removed
CARACAS, Venezuela — A cable-television channel critical of President Hugo Chavez was yanked from the air early Sunday for defying new government regulations requiring it to televise some of the socialist leader's national addresses.

Venezuelan cable and satellite TV providers stopped transmitting Radio Caracas Television Internacional, an anti-Chavez channel known as RCTV, after it did not show the president's speech broadcast to a rally in Caracas.

While five other channels were also dropped from cable, some say the government took broader action to pusition its message to shut down a popular, critical media outlet ahead of congressional elections and amid rising discontent over inflation, crime and electricity shortages.

NATIONAL NEWS

Man released after opening plane door
DENVER — A man accused of attempting to open an airplane's exterior door while in flight has been released after investigators determined it wasn't a terrorism matter, authorities said Sunday.

The incident occurred Saturday on a United Airlines flight from Washington, D.C., to Las Vegas. The plane, which had more than 100 people aboard, was diverted to Denver International.

FBI spokesman Kathy Wright said a passenger tried opening the front door of the aircraft and may have tried to open the cockpit door before passengers restrained him. The man was taken into custody, questioned and released for a medical evaluation, she said.

Children swept away by river
SAN DIEGO — Two children swept away by the Tijuana River in the border corridor remained missing Sunday, after a search for a reported body near storm-swollen waters in San Diego Valley was called off, authorities said.

Migrants near Border Field State Park reported they may have seen a body in the water early Sunday, said Maurice Lage, a spokesman for the San Diego Fire-Rescue Department. Fire crews assisted by lifeguards and U.S. Customs and Border Protection searched the area for several hours but found nothing.

A 2-year-old girl and a 5-year-old boy were caught in the north-flowing river in Tijuana after a car crash Wednesday and have not been seen since, Lage said.

Mexican authorities said the family's car crashed into the water, killing their 9-year-old sister, according to Lage. The children's parents were also in the car but their conditions were unknown, Lage said.

LOCAL NEWS

Lake project closes wildlife area
North Judson, Ind. — A northern Indiana wildlife management area has been closed for about three months for a project aimed at raising its lake level.

The state Department of Natural Resources says it is closing the 140-acre Round Lake Wetland Management Area near North Judson to the public for the duration of the work.

The agency says the project includes building a permanent water control structure and a berm that will raise the water level in the lake and help restore the surrounding wetlands at the site about 40 miles southwest of South Bend.

HAIJII

150,000 quake victims buried
Towering death toll doesn't include bodies under water, government reports

Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE — The truckers filling Haiti's mass graves with bodies reported ever higher numbers. More than 150,000 quake victims have been buried by the government, an official said Sunday, from landings and air attacks.

That doesn't count those still under the debris, carried off by relatives or killed in the ongoing quake zone.

"Nobody knows how many bodies are buried in the rubble — 200,000? 300,000? Who knows the overall death toll," said the official, Communications Minister Marie-Laurence Jocelyn Lassegue.

Dealing with the living, meanwhile, a global army of aid workers was getting more food into people's hands, but acknowledged falling short. "We wish we could do more, quick- er," said U.N. World Food Program chief Josette Sheeran, visiting Port-au-Prince.

In the Cite Soleil slum, some U.S. sol- diers and Brazilian U.N. peace-keeping troops distributed food. Lunie Marcelin, 57, said the handouts will help her and six grown children "but it is not enough. We need more."

Yet another afternoon, one of more than 50 since the great quake Jan. 12, shook Port-au-Prince on Sunday, beating a 4.7 magnitude, the U.S. Geological Survey said. There were no immediate reports of further damage.

The Haitian government was urging many of the estimated 600,000 homeless huddled in open areas of Port-au-Prince to move to 2 million, to look for better shelter with relatives or others in the countryside. Some 200,000 were believed already to have done so, most taking advantage of free government transportation, and others formed a steady stream out of the city on Sunday.

International experts searched for sites to erect tents for quake refugees on the capital's outskirts, but such short-term solutions were still weeks away, said the International Organization for Migration, an intergovernmental agency.

"We also need tents. There is a shortage of tents," said Vincent Houver, the Geneva-based agency's chief of mission in Haiti. Their Port-au-Prince warehouse has 10,000 family-size tents, but some 100,000 are needed, he said. The organization has appealed for $80 million for that and other needs, and has received two-thirds of that so far.

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That list includes the 1970 Bangladesh cyclone, believed to have killed 300,000 people, the 1974 northeast China earthquake, which killed at least 242,000 people, and the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami, with 226,000 dead.

RUSSIA

U.S. arms treaty nearly complete

Associated Press

MOSCOW — A new nuclear arms reduc- tion treaty is "95 percent ready," Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said Sunday in the clearest indication to date that an end is near to wrangling over the seminal agreement may be close.

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One who wouldn't die in Port- au-Prince was Wimondon Exantus, who was extricated from the rubble Saturday. He spoke with the AP from his cot in a French field hospital on Sunday, saying the first thing he wanted to do was find a church to give thanks.

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The United States has scrapped a plan to position a missile defense system in Central Europe that had angered Moscow, which accused Washington of undermining its national defense.

Russia praised Obama for the decision, but Russian officials also have said they want to know more about the sea- and land-based systems the U.S. plans to put in place instead.

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Christian Unity Week

Monday, Jan 25: “Breathing with Both Lungs: Growth and Challenges in Orthodox-Catholic Relations since Vatican II” Fr. Brian Daley, S.J. (Theology Dept.) 7:00 PM, CoMo Lounge

Tuesday, Jan 26: Four:7 Catholic Fellowship on Ecumenism Kaitlyn Kiger, ISI VP, with Rebecca Sharbaugh 8:30 PM, Cavanaugh Chapel

Wednesday, Jan 27: Theology on Tap presents Dr. Peter Casarella “The Witness of Mary’s Faith: What Catholics Could Learn from Dialogue with Evangelicals” 7:00 PM, Oak Room (above SDH)

Thursday, Jan 28: Christian Unity Prayer Service Fr. John Jenkins, C.S.C., Presider Reflections by Sr. Ann Astell (Theology Dept.) and Mr. Alden Golab (Senior & President, ISI) Music provided by the Celebration Choir, Voices of Faith Gospel Choir, Totus Tuus, and ISI Musicians 7:15 PM, Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Friday, Jan 29: Taize Ecumenical Prayer Service 7:00 PM, Walsh Hall Chapel

ISI / Four:7 Praise & Worship Prayer Service 8:00 PM, Keenan-Stanford Chapel

People of all faiths are welcome
Fed leadership vote looms large

Wall Street, global markets could suffer if Bernanke is not confirmed this week

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A defeat of Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke’s quest for another four-year term could raise the risk of a double dip recession if political jousting over a successor were to drag on for months, economic observers warn.

But Bernanke’s prospects appeared to brighten Sunday, with three more senators, including Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, predicting he’ll be confirmed. A vote is expected later this week.

Still, the chance of Bernanke’s defeat has unsettled Wall Street, contributing to last week’s 4 percent loss by the Dow Jones industrial average, its worst performance in 10 months. If Bernanke were rejected, uncertainty over a successor would weigh on global markets, at least in the short run.

Anxiety, along with sagging investments, could cause consumers and businesses to cut spending. Jobs losses already at 10 percent, could worsen. And the recovery might fail.

Economists who fear a double-dip recession — in which the recovery would collapse into another recession — regard it as a worst-case scenario. But they do not expect it to unfold, either.

“In the club channel, demo sampling is a very important part of the experience,” said Sam’s Club CEO Brian Cornell in a phone interview with the Associated Press. “Shopper Events specifically allows us to improve sampling in areas such as electronics, personal wellness products and food items to entice shoppers to spend more.”

Sam’s Club has performed weaker than Wal-Mart Stores Inc.’s namesake stores in the U.S. and abroad. Cornell has been working to improve results since taking the helm in early 2009, introducing new store formats, price cuts and offering more variety and more brands of items from home meals to baked goods.

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Wal-Mart cuts Sam’s Club employees

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The move is an effort to improve sales at Sam’s Club, which has underperformed the company’s namesake stores in the U.S. and abroad.

The cuts represent about 10 percent of the warehouse club’s 110,000 workers, mostly part-timers, who offer food samples and merchandise like furniture and clothes.

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Crews work to protect wildlife from oil spill

DALLAS — Crews worked Sunday to protect two sensitive wildlife areas after a crude oil spill shut down parts of a major southeast Texas port, state Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said.

Plastic walls known as booms and oil-sucking skimmer boats were used to safeguard a lake that is a crucial breeding ground and a wildlife management area that lost its protective gates when Hurricane Ike roared ashore a year and a half ago, Patterson said.

The U.S. Coast Guard said about 462,000 gallons — or 11,000 barrels — of oil spilled into the water Saturday when an 800-foot tanker collided with a towing vessel pushing two barges near Port Arthur, about 90 miles east of Houston. It was the largest spill in Texas since 1994, but still well shy of one in 20 years ago involving Norwegian tanker Mega Borg that leaked 4.3 million gallons of crude oil about 60 miles off Galveston.

The tide lifted the two ships and they separated shortly after midnight Sunday without more oil being spilled, Coast Guard Petty Officer Richard Brahn said.

The crew of the damaged tanker, the Eagle Atome, said the remaining 69,000 of the 80,000 barrels of oil in the ship were pumped out, according to the Coast Guard.

Chief Warrant Officer Lionel Bryant of the Coast Guard said about 45,800 feet of booms were deployed to contain the spill.

“Because of where it happened, we were able to get teams out there quickly to at least contain it for now. But it’s still a tremendously large spill.”

Lionel Bryant
Chief Warrant Officer
United States Coast Guard

The Sabine Neches Waterway is the second-largest in Texas, according to the online Handbook of Texas. Bryant said refineries generally are prepared for a 72-hour shutdown, which would extend into Tuesday. He said it wasn’t known when the waterway would reopen.

A National Transportation Safety Board spokeswoman said the agency was supporting the Coast Guard investigation but had no further details Sunday.

The ship collided with a towing vessel pushing two barges, leaving a 15-foot-by-8-foot hole in the tanker. During the collision, the towing vessel also hit another tanker that was tied to a pier. Brahn said that tanker sustained some damage, but had no leaks.

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Oil splashes over a rock in the Sabine Neches Waterway in Port Arthur, Texas Sunday after an oil spill involving an 800-foot tanker and a towing vessel.

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New FEMA maps full of inaccuracies

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DESmOINES, Iowa — More than a year and a half after a major project that left a huge hole in the flood plain of eastern Iowa’s Cedar River, Oakville is clinging to survival.

Many of the town’s 400-or-so residents see the water in their basements as a harbinger of what’s to come. The flood in 2008 was just one of many over the years.

But critics, including civic leaders, developers and homeowners who’ve shelled out for flood insurance, have complained that the new maps are riddled with inaccuracies, seem arbitrarily drawn, and will stifle growth and hurt property values.

"Anyone building new construction, they are probably not going to build here," said Oakville City Manager Benita Grooms, who is critical of FEMA’s new flood plain map, a proposal map for her town. "I’m not sure how they would try if they have to build in a flood plain and pay 20,000 dollars for flood insurance?"

Doug Boyer, whose home would be in the floor plain if FEMA’s Oakville map gains final approval, said it’s inexplicable why FEMA estimated the town’s flood plain to be more than 100 acres smaller than it really is.

"They’ve got the flood plain and the west side is fine — it’s odd that the water will stop at Main Street," Boyer said.

Oakville Mayor Ken Kan, has said he won’t prevent FEMA’s proposed map for the city from taking effect if the local council doesn’t approve. The city council designates areas near the town’s 1970s old drainage ditch as the flood plain. FEMA, though the ditches have never been used, has said it’s a flood plain, according to a FEMA spokesman.

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FEMA holds community meetings following the final appeal process and issues a review of concerns raised during the process, said FEMA. "Once an appeal is filed, FEMA issues a letter of final determination and provides the final map to the community.

If a challenge fails, communities may be stuck changing land use and construction — a process that could take up to six months before a new map takes effect. Residents may have to pay thousands of dollars on surveys to prove they should be exempted from the maps, and in some cases could be forced to elevate their homes.

John Bishop, a project manager for FEMA who responded to the complaint, said the map was created to work on that site’s flood plain map, and was not for new engineering studies.

He said one problem was that FEMA started with maps up to 20 years old, then put them through digital improvements making improvements where possible. In some cases, where the development has changed water flow and runoff patterns since the map was made, FEMA was unable to know where the water originated.

In the January 10 column for The Michigan Daily, she recounted how she struggled to come up with an expan-
Covet Innsbruck decision
da disservice to German department

Last Monday, the University announced its decision to cancel its study abroad program in Innsbruck, Austria. The facts are few and repeated, the Innsbruck program was founded in 1964 and is Notre Dame’s oldest study abroad program, over these 45 years there have been more than 1,400 student participants, it was canceled due to lack of interest and Berlin is a cultural hot-spot of prestige to which the University would much rather send its students. As an alumnus of Innsbruck, I do not support the University’s decision to cancel its most tradition-seeped program. The city of Innsbruck itself has unique qualities that separate it from the Innsbruck program from nearly every other Notre Dame study abroad program. Innsbruck’s quirky population is approximately 120,000 – 22,000 of whom are students and active in the city, as it has been since the University’s founding by the Jesuits in 1669. Innsbruck’s theological history educated the minds of Karl Rahner and Raymond Schwimmer, and its continual Catholic character provides foreign students like me a community through Catholic organizations at the University. Beyond my obvious bias to the community’s spirituality, and beauty of the city, I believe the decision to cancel the Innsbruck Program could cause serious problems for Notre Dame’s German Department. Innsbruck is a welcoming, small city where students feel a part of the experience and can treat the province Tirol like home. Because of this, many students who return to America apply for Fulbrights, Fulbright Teaching Assistantships, internships, jobs and other research positions in Germany or Austria. The majority of the students in the past three years who have participated in these programs (to use a favorite word of the administration) undertakings have studied through the Innsbruck program before deciding to apply. Berlin’s program could perhaps provide the same drive to research and take higher-level projects, yes, but the minimal interest in the program suggests that the numbers of German students to go on in such pursuits would never meet current numbers without the Innsbruck program encouraging German language development. One fact that has been ostentatiously missing from all articles and press releases is the current interest in the Berlin program, enrollment has oscillated between three and five students per year for the past three years. During my time in Innsbruck, I experienced academic frustrations that arose from the limitations that the Office of International Studies (OIS) places on its students. Before going to Innsbruck, I had taken German for seven years and lived in northern Germany, setting my language at the CL level that the European Union requires one to attain before attempting university study in a language other than your own. However, the OIS allows students to take only Notre Dame-offered courses in the fall semester, which is still in German and taught by Innsbruck Professors, but are with only other Notre Dame students. Because my language was at a different level than other students, in my fall Notre Dame classes I was bored, unchallenged frustrated — all symptoms arising from what Mr. David Younger from OIS cited as the less “demanding” academic qualities of the Innsbruck program. He is certainly right, the academic portion was not quite as demanding as a Notre Dame education. But to fix this, all OIS needs to do is allow students with the language competency at the beginning of the year to enroll in normal University of Innsbruck courses (currently, students are allowed to enroll in one or two Innsbruck courses, but only in the spring semester). The economic challenge Teaching Assistants were in an era when most people no longer believe in an after-life. Arianna Stassinopoulos co-founder of The Huffington Post

Letter to the Editor

Not our place to judge

Sometimes it takes a viewpoint letter to bring about clarity. I would like to thank Patrick McHugh for his erudite letter about forgiveness (“Forgive and forget,” Jan. 22). For the past week, I have been more annoyed than anything else about the comic hoopla, but I am now writing my own letter of support for adding sexual orientation to the anti-discrimination clause. While I will never wear a shirt that says, “Gay? Fine by me,” I don’t believe it is my place, nor Notre Dame’s, to be judge of morality. And let us be honest, the only thing holding Notre Dame back is moral judgment. Adding sexual orientation to an anti-discrimination clause is not an endorsement of alternative lifestyles, but rather one of the most Christian acts we can do. If we are following the example of the Saints of the Catholic Church, then we should love each other, the gay or the straight. Each of us will one day have to give an account to God of our actions. This would rather be known as “love your neighbor as yourself,” “righteousness” person who casts moral judgments at others.

When I spoke to OIS last fall about my frustrations, I was told I could transfer to Berlin. However, I preferred the small mountain city of Innsbruck and the companionship of my host family — to liv- ing alone in a huge metropolis. Our pro- gram director, an Innsbruck Professor who has led the Notre Dame program for 20 years along with his wife, could not help me beyond contacting Notre Dame or comforting me, due to hand-tying by OIS. This same man was not informed of the decision to cancel the Innsbruck program until the day of Notre Dame’s press release to the world. Never have I been so ashamed of Notre Dame — that lack of respect is unacceptable to show anyone, much less someone who has devoted 20 years of his life to making Innsbruck excel beyond Notre Dame’s standards in ways that the by-the-chasing administration would not understand. I turned down ties to go here because I thought Notre Dame’s Catholic character fostered a sense of respect for fellow human beings that no other American University matched. Perhaps the administration feels decency is not important when nego- tiating with other first-world citizens. I respectfully disagree. I never thought I would so adumbrately argue for Innsbruck, but if the only option students have to study German is in a huge metropolis, the future German Department enrollment will suffer. Improving the Innsbruck program would have helped the German Department and Notre Dame students far more than shaft- ing it in a secretive and dishonest way. I and many other alumni of the Innsbruck program are ashamed of our University’s decision and we urge its rethink- ing while fully aware of the apparent futility of this request.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the student writer and of necessity those of The Observer.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“Experience is a good school, but the fees are high.”

Helene Heinicke
German literary critic

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“Our current obsession with creativity is the result of our shared striving for immortality in an era when most people no longer believe in an after-life.”

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A spectre is haunting Notre Dame — the specter of defeat. For decades, Notre Dame has been all the powers of old Notre Dame capable of exercising it have been turned out or turned out with no trace of the spirit of their once-contiguous commitment to excellence.

There once was a time when the concept of Notre Dame passing on a highly-ranked team evoked memories of Derails to Rockne or Hanratty to Seymour. Now the words regularly appear in news clips following efforts from the athletic directors of Alabama and Miami — or even Wisconsin and Minnesota. Just last week, Irish Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick confirmed in an interview with the South Bend Tribune’s Eric Hansen that Notre Dame, and more interestingly, is playing in Duke and Wake Forest than, say, Texas or Tennessee.

Although this recent philosophical shift is marketed as a symbolic effort to be a shining light atop the hill for college athletics by playing teams that “look like us,” ostensibly it is a retreat to a perceived position of greater convenience. After more than a decade of mismanagement of the football program, it rings of (this might sound familiar) an ordinate fear of the imagined cost of football excellence, a crisis of confidence that has made even more grave the covert pessimism of Notre Dame’s leaders. And more importantly, it cowers to the false choice that Notre Dame football has forever dedicated its existence to reject.

Notre Dame football was once a witness to the fullest measure of its university mission as an unashamedly religious community university committed to excellence in all its endeavors, both academic and athletic. Although it’s true that the Big XII and SEC powers have never fully embraced both missions, notably have Duke or Wake Forest football. And it’s worth noting that Duke already uprooted its religious origins. But the tradition of Notre Dame football — a tradition that arched the back from which a world-class academic institution later spread its wings — was built by a charismatic spirit that established and defended its excellence by challenging and defeating the best teams in the country.

The legacy began with its first game against regional power Michigan in 1888 and the historic trip to West Point in 1916. In addition to its traditional rivalry games, the indomitable spirit of Notre Dame was first celebrated in the first famed Game of the Century at Ohio State in 1935 and by ending the sport’s longest winning streak in 1957 at Oklahoma. It was that spirit Lou Holtz credited for ousting Miami in 1988 and that upended an irreverent Seminole squad in 1993.

To adapt a phrase from Fr. Hesburgh, there’s no academic virtue in beating teams that don’t make the same commitment to football as in academics, and there’s no academic vice in whipping a top-ranked team that eschews its educational responsibilities. In fact, there is no greater testament to the success of our university’s mission than to do just that, as Notre Dame has done throughout its existence. That is, unless the virtue of standing across from one’s opponents that was boasted about last May applies only to politics.

In between building straw men out of its critics’ passionate but reasoned objections, the Notre Dame athletic administration has preoccupied itself by pulling the wool over the eyes of its faithful by building splendid statues of the MAC like Moody’s prancing three as under a mortgage-backed security. In fact, it’s an inevitable public relations necessity of supporting a short-sighted 7-4-1 scheduling model that — apart from cowardly attempting to schedule success instead of earning it — leaves no room for the intuitively exciting national matchups that were and will still be necessary to maintain a thriving national product. What is the purpose of Notre Dame’s treasured independence when the only flexibility in its schedule lies in which also-run to fill its “buy” games? After such an abrupt retreat from the deep-rooted confidence in our institutional values that other Irish athletic administrations ensured were exemplified through the success of the football program, one can’t help but wonder if the entire goal of this endeavor or to make us ask that question.

While Notre Dame’s savvy sports marketers imagine themselves to be the next George Strickler or Roger Valdiserri, our financial leaders seem oblivious to the fact that as they slash and burn through their “college football landscape” in the effort to maximize revenue they are slowly destroying the game’s most valuable brand as they allow the virtues that formed its foundation to crumble from within. It won’t happen overnight, but sooner or later, they will run out of sicker willing hand over their hand for a cut-rate commitment to football excellence. They can just as easily find that at Duke or Wake Forest.

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One of the most fascinating concepts of the entertainment industry is the idea of an artist's early work. Art snobs infallibly love any popular artist's early work. There is often great merit to this love. Although they are stuck with a low budget and questionable surrounding talent, creative genius, incredible energy and an unjaded vision shine through in these B movies. Working through the back catalogues of visionary directors like Sam Rami or Christopher Nolan will undoubtedly reward the viewer. However, this is not always the case. Sometimes the early work of an artist is downright embarrassing. See Justin Timberlake's work with N'Sync or Dr. Dre as a member of World Class Wreckin' Cru. There is a third, much more rare possibility; the early work is just confusing. This is the case with the masterful Peter Jackson.

Jackson started his career scraping money together in New Zealand to create low-budget horror films. Among the best of these was the oddly-titled zombie flick “Dead Alive.” Treasured by horror buffs, this plot-light, blood-heavy film has carved its own niche in the already crowded cult movie scene. Like many cult classics, a small but disproportionately vocal group of fans champion the merits of this exercise in gore.

The narrative is a timeless story. Lionel, the unassuming protagonist, is a young man thoroughly devoted to his mother, reminiscent of “Psycho’s” Norman Bates. When a hybrid rat monkey bites his controlling and manipulative mother, Lionel is forced to continue caring for her with heavy tranquilizers, sedating her to keep her from eating both him and others. As will happen, a single zombie quickly grows into a horde including a local hoodlum, a kung-fu fighting priest and an infant. Lionel’s zombie zoo is discovered by his uncle, who turns the situation to his advantage through blackmail. As more zombies are created, violence soon becomes the only feasible solution.

Jackson shows a deep appreciation for the slasher films of the 80s, liberally applying gore in every scene possible. What is missing in character development and a coherent plot and a special effects budget is replaced by copious amounts of fake blood. While multiple films have claimed to be the goriest film ever made, “Dead Alive” makes a strong claim to that title, utilizing more fake blood than any movie to date.

The film itself contains many remarkable moments that sit on the line between horror and comedy: scenes of zombie digestive systems, slap stick violence, a prominently featured garden gnome and a climax heavily dependent on a helpfully placed lawnmower. Embodied in these moments is the B movie majesty so loved by horror fans. For the unfamiliar, horror movies share a commonality with country music. Both are rich in history and deeply loved, but lack critical recognition and are near inaccessible to a wide stream audience. In the realm of horror movies, “Dead Alive” is George Jones. Unapologetic and unappealing, but loved for exactly what it is.

“Dead Alive” is exactly what one would expect of a movie that was sold in many places in a combo pack with vomit bags. While it gives no indication of the man who would direct the most epic trilogy in film 15 years later, it occupies its own special place in the horror cannon. Never widely popular, influential or important, it aspires to be nothing more than a cinematic feast in gore; a blood-filled experiment of film making. For those fans with an affection for methodical mutilation, mindless violence and unceremonious zombie death, a viewing of “Dead Alive” is akin to catching a glimpse of the Holy Grail.

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From passive political patron to passionate justice torchbearer, Robert F. Kennedy’s life of transformation and maturation showed how powerful dedication to greatness could affect the lives of millions and alter the course of a nation. L.A. Theatre Works’ original production, “RFK: The Journey to Justice” took a unique approach to depicting the life of one of America’s heroes and successfully showed the importance of the man by playing out in the attainment of civil rights.

Though not as famous as his presidential brother John, Robert Kennedy’s involvement in the cause for racial equality was crucial to bringing the issue to America’s political and public polities. The L.A. Theatre Works’ presentation showed how Kennedy’s behind-the-scenes involvement began solely for the purpose of winning John and Robert’s votes and ended as the primary focus of his own political career.

The play’s raw approach to the story of “Bobby” was unusually interesting. Instead of putting on a performance full of set changes and elaborate costumes, “RFK: The Journey to Justice” was presented as a radio docudrama, the style of theatre L.A. Theatre Works is known for. The sound effects were created by a man who sat on stage, both he and his equipment visible to the audience. The actors carried their scripts to the string of spot lit microphones and flipped the pages as they recited their parts. The overall result was that one could close his eyes and feel the story come to life without relying on visual images for reinforcement.

At first, the approach seemed a little unprofessional because it did not require the actors to memorize their lines (though most did) and also took away the magic of behind-the-scenes effects. Once audience members moved past those details, however, they quickly and easily became enveloped in the scenes of 60s politics and inter racial interactions.

The writers of the play, Murray Horwitz and Jonathan Estrin, produced a script that highlighted Kennedy’s initial naiveté, humility, perseverance and humor and brought to life each major character that played a part in the development and perfection of the unstoppable forces that played a part in the development and perfection of the unmitigable tones of Lyndon B. Johnson and Martin Luther King, Jr. It made it easy to forget that they were solely imitating real men and women. Henry Clarke (RFK) mastered the expressions and inflections of Bobby and even had the hair to match. Kevin Daniels (MLK) powerfully bellowed the words of King, exciting both his fellow actors and the audience. Some actors played multiple personas, but their talent and slight diction kept audiences from being confused.

The best part of the performance was the historical value. Because of its intimate style, the audience felt like they were getting the inside scoop on the true persona of Bobby Kennedy and seeing first-hand his challenging interactions with national figures on both sides of the civil rights’ spectrum. It was easy to see how he began as a crusader for John’s political career, pulling strings and appealing leaders for votes, then bloomed into a champion for an even more challenging cause. Once he visited the downtown of a city and saw life in their shoes, there was no turning back.

“RFK: The Journey to Justice” reminds audiences that it is never too late to sympathize with and show compassion for humanity. Taking a step back from distracting, goal-oriented details that prevent us from seeing the big picture will ultimately allow us to realize the purpose of our existence. For Bobby, his way was to change the world.

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NHL

Ward: Jokinen lead Hurricanes’ victory over Bruins

Nabokov has 38 saves during Sharks’ defeat of Sabres; early goals from Sedin, Bernier help Canucks beat Hawks

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Cam Ward broke the franchise victory record, and Jussi Jokinen had a goal and two assists in the Carolina Hurricanes’ 5-1 victory over the Boston Bruins on Sunday night.

Ward, who entered tied with Arturs Irbe atop the Hartford/Carolina’s victory list, made 27 saves for his 131st victory in the NHL and helped them snap a six-game regular-season losing streak against the Bruins.

Ray Whitney and Brandon Sutter each had a goal and an assist, Eric Staal and Chad LaRose also scored and Joni Pitkanen had two assists for the Hurricanes. They scored three goals in 5:36 span and led 5-0 in the opening minute of the third period.

David Krejci scored for the Bruins, who have their first five-game losing streak in more than two years.

The Hurricanes also escaped the NHL’s cellar. They have 39 points and are one more than Edmonton.

Tim Thomas stopped 11 shots and was replaced by Tuukka Rask with 5:58 left in the second period after allowing four goals. Sutter beat Thomas from close range to make it 4-0 after he took a feed from Whitney, who had used a highlight-reel rule to get past Norris Trophy-winn- ing defenseman Zdeno Chara.

By then, the Hurricanes were well on their way to their first regular-season victory against Boston since Feb. 12, 2008. Carolina didn’t claim any points against the Bruins last season, but did eliminate them in over-time in Game 7 in the second round of the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Rask finished with four saves and allowed LaRose’s goal in the opening minute of the third for Boston, which has its longest losing streak since dropping six straight from Dec. 19-29, 2007.

This one was all Carolina, with Jokinen playing a part in the first three goals.

He did most of the hard work on Carolina’s second goal, split- ting two Bruins to chase down Pitkanen’s long pass down the center of the ice and then drew Thomas’ attention before backing away with the puck at the last instant to Staal. Carolina’s new captain then buried the puck into an open net to make it 3-0.

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The Sharks had killed all 33 power plays over the past 19 games before allowing that goal.

It didn’t end up costing them much when Pavelski delivered the game-winner 6:41 into the third period. Pavelski had the save on Devin Setoguchi’s shot, but Pavelski got to the loose puck in time to knock it away and set up for his third goal of the season.

Jokinen added his second goal 32 seconds after Niemi gave up a third period, but Henrik Sedin added his second goal 32 sec- onds later. Vancouver won its fourth straight to move into a tie with Colorado atop the Northwest Division.

Daniel Sedin, who also had two assists, rounded out the scoring on a 2-on-1 pass from twin brother Henrik with 1:26 left as the No. 1 line combined for nine points. Alex Burrows had three assists to extend his point streak to 11 games (13 goals, 5 assists). Henrik has an NHL-leading point total to 74.

Chicago back-up Antti Niemi got congratulations instead of No. 1 goalie Cristobal Huet for the first time all season, but didn’t last long. Huet started the second period after Niemi gave up 6-4-2 goals early on 12 shots.

The Canucks were missing top-4 defencemen Sami Salo (groin), Willie Mitchell (upper body) and Kevin Bieksa (lacer- ated ankle tendons), and was outshot 44-28 by the NHL’s third highest scoring team. Still, Vancouver led 3-0 after 20 minutes.

Samuelsson opened the scor- ing 7:19 in after a great play by Ryan Kesler, who hit the post off the rush and chased down the loose puck at the side of the net. He batted it through the crease to leave Samuelsson with an open net.

Henrik Sedin doubled the 3-0 lead later after his sharp- angled shot from the red line was stopped. He continued behind the net as the puck trickled off the goalie and through the crease, emerging at the other side to knock it in.

After Patrick Kane rang a shot off the post behind Luongo a minute later, Bernier scored his first goal in 11 games to make it 3-0 with 1:38 left in the first.

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Nolan Ryan group to buy Rangers

Associated Press

Tom Hicks has agreed to sell the Texas Rangers to a group that includes Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan.

The sides announced Saturday night that they had finally reached an agreement, eight days after a 30-day exclusive negotiating window expired. The group is headed by Pittsburgh sports attorney Chuck Greenberg.

“Together, we have worked exhaustively since last month to attain this agreement,” Hicks said in a statement. “It’s a complex business deal that positions the franchise positively for the future.”

The purchase price is expected to be more than $500 million.

The next step is the deal has to be reviewed by baseball’s executive and owners’ committees. Then at least 75 percent of baseball owners would have to approve the transfer of ownership from Hicks to Greenberg’s group. A group of 40 lenders holding debt from Hicks Sports Group also has to approve.

There is a chance the deal could be approved before the April 5 opener, though the process could continue into the season.

Hicks Sports Group default-ed early last year on $525 million in loans tied to the Rangers and the NHL’s Dallas Stars, which Hicks has owned since 1996. Hicks has said that was a deliberate move to force lenders to renegotiate terms of the deals.

Hicks put the team up for sale to help pay off or reduce that debt. He has said he plans to keep his NHL team.

Greenberg has asked Hicks to continue his association with the Rangers as chair-man emeritus.

“Nolan and I greatly appreciate Tom Hicks’ willingness to work beyond the deadline to complete the deal and his support for passing the torch from the Hicks family to our group,” Greenberg said. “His actions speak eloquently to his commitment to serve the best interests of Rangers fans and the community.”

In a separate transaction, Ballpark Real Estate, L.P., an independent investment vehicle controlled by Hicks, will sell or transfer to the Greenberg-Ryan group approximately 153 of 195 acres around Rangers Ballpark and Cowboys Stadium that is owned or controlled by Hicks. In return, Hicks will receive cash, notes and an ownership position in the team.

Hicks announced Dec. 15 that he was entering into exclusive negotiations with Greenberg, choosing that proposal over bids submitted by former sports agent Dennis Gilbert and Houston businessman Jim Crane, who at the end of the 2006 season attempted to buy the Houston Astros from Drayton McLane.

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**IN BRIEF**

**Golfer wins award for scorecard confession**

MOUNT GILEAD, Ohio — A scorecard confession that cost an Ohio high school golfer the state championship five years ago has earned him a national sportsmanship of the decade award.

Adam Van Houten (HOW-ten) of Mount Gilead High School in north-central Ohio had finished the 2005 state high school golf championship with a seven-stroke lead when he noticed a mistake on his card.

A playing partner had written down a 5 for the 10th hole instead of 6. Van Houten pointed out the mistake to officials and was disqualified because he’d already signed the card.

Five years later, Van Houten’s act has won him a spot on Sports Illustrated’s sportsmanship of the decade list.

Van Houten is now a sophomore on the golf team at George Mason University near Washington.

Watson, Prugh tied after four rounds

LA QUINTA, Calif. — Bubba Watson double-bogeyed the final hole in the fourth round at the Bob Hope Classic, dropping him back into a tie with PGA Tour rookie Alex Prugh at 23-under 265 heading into the finale in the five-round event.

Watson finished with 3-under 69 on Sunday to match Prugh (70) at 23-under 265. Bill Haas and Tim Clark were a stroke back after 66s, Joe Ogilvie (68) followed at 21 under, and Mike Weir (67) was in a group at 20 under.

Watson was in position to take a solid lead into his chase for his first PGA Tour victory Monday in the event that was pushed back a day after rain washed out play Thursday. Instead, Watson dropped back with his disappointing finish on the Nicklaus Private course, allowing Prugh to sneak back atop the board.

Raiders say Cable’s return not official

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders denied a report by ESPN on Saturday that they have made a decision to bring Tom Cable back as coach next season, saying the evaluation process is still ongoing.

“We’ve never made any statement that the head coach would not be back, that has been media speculation from the beginning,” senior executive John Herrera said in a statement to The Associated Press on Saturday night. “We’ve consistently stated that we’re going through an evaluation process to determine the direction that the organization needs to go. The process is ongoing and has not reached a conclusion.”

ESPN reported earlier Saturday that Davis had decided to retain Cable for the final year of his contract in 2010, citing a source close to the situation.
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — They sure ain’t the Aints anymore.

The New Orleans Saints are heading to their first Super Bowl after beating the Indianapolis Colts 31-28 in overtime on Sunday un-backed quarterback Peyton Har-lay’s 40- yard field goal.

Favre threw away Minnesota’s best chance to win, losing an interception deep in New Orleans territory in the closing seconds of regulation. Then the Saints won the coin toss and went on to score.

The team that had no home field for five years ago after Hurricane Kat-rina, who hobbled its city and the Superdome overcame a slew of mistakes in the biggest game the Big Easy has ever seen.

“This is for everybody in this city,” said coach Sean Payton, the architect of the Saints’ turn- around. “This stadium used to have holes in it and used to be wet. It’s not wet anymore. This is for the city of New Orleans.”

Forget the paper bag masks and that long history of losing that started in 1967. Moments after Payton’s kick, they were toasting their hometown win- ners on Bourbon Street.

And in the Superdome, a once squalid refugee after Katrina, they boogied in the aisles as con- versons on Bourbon Street.

The Saints (15-3) will meet Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts (16-2) in the Super Bowl in two weeks in Miami. The Colts opened as four- point favorites. It’s the first time the top seeds in each conference made the big game since the 1993 season.

“Brett theoretically did us, but now we’ve got another challenge in Peyton,” safety Darren Sharper said.

There were nine fumbles and two interceptions, and the biggest mistake belonged to Favre. Flushed from the pocket in the final minute, he seemed to have room to run to set up a field goal. But hampered by a left leg injury in the third quar- ter, he threw cross-field and was intercepted by Tracy Porter at the 22.

That finished off Minnesota’s chance for its first Super Bowl trip in 33 years — and opportu- nity to win it for the first time after four defeats. The Vikings have lost five straight NFC title games.

“I’ve felt better,” said Favre, who looked every bit his 40 years. “It was a physical game. A lot of hits. You win that and you sure feel a lot better.”

New Orleans won the coin- toss, Brees guided it to the Minnesota 22 after converting a fourth-and-3, and Favre leaped over the line, and Hartley — suspended at the start of the season for using a banned stim- ulant — split the uprights 44 inches.

“Just helping my team get to Miami,” Har- lay said. “Just doing whatever was necessary to win the game.”

“It was as loud as I have ever heard it in the dome,” Brees added. “It feels so good to know we have given our fans an NFC championship. We have another shot at a Super Bowl.”

Players savored every previous moment. Receiver Pierre Garcon, who had 14 catches for 153 yards, both career-highs, and the go-ahead score raised a Haitian flag, hugged family and friends who still live there. Garcon and others remained on the field long after the official celebration, mingling family, friends and fans as the Saints redeemed themselves for this season’s first loss.

“We’ve been here before, we had seven comeback wins this year. I think the guys were a little rattled at first, I think we took their best shot, but we survived,” linebacker Gary Brackett said. “I think we did a great job of being the hunters and imposing our will tonight.”

Manning finished 26 of 39 for 377 yards. He became the first player in league history with seven 300-yard postseason games. That broke a tie with Kurt Warner for the record.

The Jets’ magical run ended with their first road loss in six games. New York (11-8) built a 17-6 lead and took advantage of trick plays. But the Jets lost running back Shonn Greene with a rib injury in the second half, and rookie quarterback Mark Sanchez was shut out over the final two quarters.

“The next time he got the ball, he took the Colts 57 yards in eight plays, connecting with Garcon in the back corner of the end zone to make it 20-17 with 8:03 left in the third quarter.
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Andy Roddick outlasted Fernando Gonzalez of Chile to survive a Sunday of upsets at the Australian Open that resulted in fourth-round exits for U.S. Open champion Juan Martin del Potro and two of the top three women.

The seventh-seeded Roddick rallied to beat Gonzalez 6-3, 3-6, 6-6, 7-5, 6-2 and advance to the quarterfinals at the season’s first major for the sixth time in eight years.

He’ll next meet No. 14 Marin Cilic, who ousted del Potro in five sets and four hours, 36-minutes earlier in the evening.

“I got a little lucky tonight, but sometimes it’s better to be lucky than good,” said Roddick, who is hoping to end a Grand Slam title drought that dates back to the 2003 U.S. Open.

Two of Russia’s top hopes were ousted, but replaced by other Russians in the women’s draw.

Second-ranked Dinara Safina retired due to a back problem while she was down 4-5, serving at 6-1, 5-4 in the first set against Maria Sharapova in the first Grand Slam title match and fellow Russian Svetlana Kuznetsova lost 6-4, 6-3, 6-4 to Nadia Petrova, who went into the match after a stunning 3-60 and 6-1, 6-3, 6-0 win over Belinda Bencic of Switzerland.

The 2007 Australian Open finalist and the 2009 finalist, both 22-year-old Scot hasn’t dropped a set in four matches.

He clinched it with a forehand down the line, which a line umpire initially ruled out.

Roddick asked for a video replay, which showed the ball hit the line.

The set was awarded to the Chilean double-faulted to end the match.

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Rodick continued her run in her first Grand Slam tournament in two years with a 7-6 (3), 1-6, 6-3 win over fellow Belgian Yanina Wickmayer, keeping her on track for a quarterfinal meeting with Petrova.

Del Potro had an upset win over tennis’ tallest Roger Federer in the U.S. Open final last September, ending the Swiss star’s streak of five straight titles in New York.

The 21-year-old Argentine was the first man since Novak Djokovic won the 2008 Australian Open to interrupt the Federer-Rafael Nadal domination of men’s Grand Slam titles, and started the season’s first major seeded fourth.

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But the American won five straight points to level the sets at 1-all and broke early in the fifth to dictate the ending.

“He thought the thing that helped me was that he was down 4-deuce and I’m 1-0 up. He must have thought, ‘I’ve got to do something.’ But it wasn’t the key of the match,” he said. “The key of the match was before I have like a break, love-30, miss two balls. I think that was most important than that point.”

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NEW YORK — Redkinks linebacker London Fletcher, Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards and Chargers safety Ed Donatell are finalists for the NFL’s Man of the Year Award.

The award, named for the late Hall of Fame running back Walter Payton, goes annually to the player who combines on-field excellence with off-the-field community service.

This season Fletcher started a curriculum, mentoring program for 25 Washington, D.C., middle school students. The students visited Capitol Hill, talked with congressmen, explored museums, distributed food to local residents, participated in a forum about peer pressure, health and education.

“I’m extremely humbled to be a part of this,” Fletcher said. “Each team submits their top three players, so out of 32 players I’m one of three who’s been selected to go up to the Walter Payton Man of the Year, so that’s exciting.”

The 2006 award winner was announced live on CBS during the Super Bowl on Feb. 7.

NFL

Three players up for NFL Man of the Year

Associated Press

Furrey created a foundation and spends time supporting charitable causes. The foundation has created relationships with local organizations and as well as with more than a dozen charitable organizations.

Furrey provides inspiration for children in hospitals, serves as a mentor for kids in children’s homes, tackles hunger and nutrition issues, supports neighborhood development and organizes holiday initiatives.

Waters’ foundation has awarded scholarships to low-income students. Children have benefited from his back-to-school program that provides backpacks with school supplies, as well as haircuts, uniforms, shoes, immunizations and dental care.


Waters’ 2010 winner will be announced live on CBS during the Super Bowl on Feb. 7.

NBA

Turkoglu’s free throws lead Raptors to victory

Associated Press

TORONTO — Hedo Turkoglu made two free throws with 1.2 seconds left as the Toronto Raptors beat the Los Angeles Lakers 106-105 on Sunday night.

Andrea Bargnani scored 22 points, Chris Bosh and Jarrett Jack each had 18 and Marco Belinelli added 15 for the Lakers, who are 6-0 at home this season against Western Conference opponents.

Kobe Bryant missed a last-second jump shot and fell one assist shy of his first triple-double of the season, scoring 27 points and grabbing 14 rebounds. Bryant, who shot 11 for 24, has 16 career triple-doubles.

Yannick Noah and溏 Farmar combined for 64 points but Bynum and Farmar countered for Los Angeles, making it 105-100 with 2:24 to go.

Toronto didn’t wake, said Bargnani making the free throw after he was fouled on a reverse layup to make it 105-104 with 1:16 remaining.

Bryant and Bargnani both missed jumpers before Belinelli knocked a loose ball out of play with 17 seconds remaining and 3 seconds on the shot clock. Bryant’s quick jumper bounced off the rim and Bosh grabbed the rebound, giving Toronto the ball with 11 seconds to play.

The Lakers didn’t make a free throw after the game ball to Turkoglu, who fouled by Bargnani with 1.2 seconds remaining and made both of his free throws setting up the dramatic finish.

Bargnani, who returned to Toronto after missing the week after sitting out Friday’s win over Milwaukee with a sore lower back, brought the crowd to its feet with a reverse dunk in the first.
NEW YORK — The Dallas Mavericks rolled to the biggest win in franchise history, ignoring the absence of two starters to crush the New York Knicks 128-78 on Sunday night.

Drew Gooden stepped into the lineup with 15 points and 18 rebounds. Jose Nowitzki and Jason Terry each scored 20 points, and Barea put on a shooting clinic in beating the Knicks for the eighth straight time. Dallas shot 58 percent from the field, was 12 of 22 from behind the arc and 16 of 17 from the foul line.

The Mavericks led by as much as 53 and outscored the Knicks 70-31 over the middle two quarters on the way to bettering their 149-104 victory over Golden State on Jan. 15, 1985.

Jose Barea replaced point guard Jason Kidd in the lineup and scored 11 points, and rookie Rodrigue Beaubois backed him up with 13.

The Knicks owned the previous largest lead in the NBA this season when they led Indiana by 48 points three weeks ago, but they offered no resistance to the Mavs on Sunday in the second-worst loss in franchise history.

Already leading by 16 at halftime, the Mavs made 15 of 19 shots (79 percent) in the third quarter. Nowitzki was one of six for seven points at the half, then scored 13 in the third on 5-of-6 shooting before the starters took a seat for good.

Kidd left the team following Friday’s 92-81 loss in Philadelphia to return to Dallas, with owner Mark Cuban saying it was for a family reason. Erick Dampier was inactive with a left knee injury but was easily replaced by Gooden, who badly outplayed Knicks All-Star hopeful David Lee in the middle.

Lee finished with 12 points on 5-of-16 shooting and grabbed 14 rebounds as the Knicks lost for the sixth time in eight games.

Dallas led 27-25 after one, with the Knicks staying close behind 12 points from Jared Jeffries, the best quarter of his career. It was a six-point game midway through the fourth before Beaubois made two 3-pointers and Nowitzki knocked down a jumper for his only field goal of the half to make it 50-36 with 3:15 left.

Dallas made eight of its first 11 attempts — the Knicks started 1 of 11 — from behind the arc, including Terry’s that increased the lead to 53 with 1:20 remaining in the half. The Mavs led 39-43 at the break.

Barea drove into the lane unimpeded for layups at least twice in the third quarter before the Knicks appeared to simply stop trying. It was an embarrassing effort lighted when Jeffries botched a layup and Nowitzki the ball was batted off his head out of bounds on the rebound.

Kaman and Camby combine for 32 points to help Clippers break eight-game road losing streak

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NFL

Indy favored as bets open for Super Bowl

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Peyton Manning and the Indianapolis Colts opened as a four-point favorite to beat New Orleans in the Super Bowl.

Oddsmaker Sean Van Patten of Las Vegas Sports Consultants said the firm gave that line after watching New Orleans struggle to beat the Minnesota Vikings in the NFC championship game Sunday night. Las Vegas Sports Consultants provides betting lines for roughly 90 percent of sports books in Nevada.

“The big factor here is that Indy has been there,” Van Patten said. “The experience factor is such a huge thing when it comes to the Super Bowl.”

Manning and the Colts won the Super Bowl in 2007 over the Chicago Bears.

Patten said oddsmakers like that Indianapolis has succeed ed against two top NFL defenses in consecutive games. The top-seeded Colts beat the New York Jets 30-17 Sunday in the AFC championship.

Indianapolis was a 4 1/2-point favorite in the Glendale, Calif., Coliseum with the over-under at 55 1/2 points.

Sports books gave Indianapolis 8-1 odds to win the Super Bowl at the start of the season, compared with 18-1 for New Orleans.

“I think the Saints are very fortunate to be in there,” said Jay Kornegay, executive director of the race and sports book at the Las Vegas Hilton.

“To get five turnovers at home and having to go to overtime to win it, I don’t think they were playing that well.”

New Orleans outlasted Minnesota 31-25 in overtime, even though the Vikings gained 218 more yards and had nearly twice as many first downs as the Saints.

Jay Rood, race and sports book director for casino operator MGM Mirage, said bettors who lost Sunday because New Orleans didn’t cover the Saints didn’t have nearly twice as many first downs as the Saints.

Rood said that was because the Colts have been consistent all year, while Saints bettors who lost Sunday because New Orleans didn’t cover the spread didn’t want to take the team again so soon.

The Lady Volunteers, who played poorly for the entire game, then used a 14-0 run to take the lead. LSU took its only lead of the game with 12:18 remaining in the second half, going up 35-32 before the Vols answered with an 18-2 run to put the Lady Tigers away.

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“Anytime you get a chance to honor a player like Seimone Augustus,” Summitt said. “We didn’t allow them to get in the paint. We were aggressive, we got after it. I think during those plays we had a lot of break downs,” said Hightower.

“We fouled the shooter and put them on the line. They got a few easy looks in the post. I guess we had a lot of break downs at key moments in the game — blocking out and rebounding.”

Tennessee, playing its second straight road game, led by as much as seven in the first half and took a 24-22 lead at the break.

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Virginia 57, Georgia Tech 55

Monique Wright scored 15 of her game-high 23 points in the second half to lift No. 25 Virginia to a 57-55 win over No. 22 Georgi Tech on Sunday.

Lexie Gerson added 10 points for the Cavaliers (14-5, 3-2 ACC), who survived a wild final 10 seconds.

Brigitte Ardossi missed a potential tying 3-pointer, and after a missed foul shot by Virginia, Tech guard Sharena Taylor was fouled with 1.2 seconds.

Taylor made the first free throw but had to miss the second intentionally, and the Yellow Jackets (16-5, 2-3) could not gather in the loose ball.

Ardossi paced Georgia Tech with 18 points and Deja Foster added 11. Sasha Goodlett and Alex Montgomery finished with 10 points each.

Virginia trailed 20-7 early in the game, then used a 14-0 run to take the lead. The Cavaliers held on thanks to their foul shooting (16 of 17) and their bench play, where they outscored Georgia Tech 21-2.
**ND TRACK & FIELD**

**Women finish first, men second at Invite**

By KAITLYN MURPHY
Sports Writer

The Irish women came out on top Saturday at the first scored meet of the season, the Notre Dame Invitational. Notre Dame’s women won the meet with a score of 126.5 points, followed by Louisville with 108 and Michigan State in third with 102.5 points.

The men’s squad finished second with 113.5 points behind Michigan State, who scored 126. Louisvile followed the Irish in third place with 100.5 points.

A major highlight of the meet for the women was senior Joanna Schultz’s NCAA provisional time of 2:11.86, coming in the 400-meter race with a time of 5:33.82. This was the second provisional NCAA mark set by Notre Dame this season.

Other highlights included the continuing dominance of Irish sprinters, Sophomore Kevin Schipper and his senior brother Matt finished first and second, respectively. The brothers put forth Big East qualifying marks at last week’s meet and continue to dominate the competition. The Irish took top honors in a number of other events. Junior Dones Veres finished first in the shot put with a throw of 17 meters and senior Samantha Williams out-sprinted the competition in the 500-meter race with a time of 1:14.94. Freshman standout Nevada Sorenson produced a first-place finish, accompanied by a Big East qualifying time of 8.56, in the 100-meter hurdles.

Irish coach Joe Plane had previously identified winning the Big East as an immediate goal for the team, and both the men and women’s squads outlasted their sole Big East opponent, Louisville, in this weekend’s meet.

The Irish will travel to Bloomington, Ind., this weekend for the Indiana Invitational.

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**SMC SWIMMING**

**Belles end season with tie**

By MEGAN FINNERAN
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This weekend brought improvements for the Belles on many fronts. In its last home meet of the season, against Albion Friday. Saint Mary’s first place finish in eight of the night’s 13 events and tied the Britons 115-115.

The night began with relays, in which the Belles won second and third place. From there the rest of the meet only got better. Coming in, the swimmers said they were confident in their abilities as a whole. “I believe our team is a group of girls who are motivated and hardworking both in and out of the pool, and are always supportive of our teammates in every aspect,” freshman Calla Poythress said.

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Sophomore forward Kelley Murphy made a free throw and cut the lead to one point with just 11 seconds left, but the Thunder hit all of their free throws at the end to seal the win.

Murphy led the Belles with 22 points and 10 rebounds and senior forward Anna Kammrath followed with 14 points. Junior guard Liz Wade’s six steals moved her to third in school history. The Belles, however, hit only 28.2 percent from the floor compared to Trine’s 42.6 percent. The Thunder also spread around the scoring with three players in the double digits and a fourth with nine points.

Immediately after this, sophomore Barbara Heidler edged in only nine hundredths of a second before the other swimmers to take first at 1:57.72 seconds in the 200-yard freestyle.

Griffin then took first in the 200-yard backstroke, racking up her second first-place finish for the day. Watson took first in the 500-yard freestyle at 5:30.81, closely followed by Niemann, who took second, at 5:33.94.

When Albion took first, second and third in the 200-yard breast-stroke, the Belles lost their large lead, and led by five, 109-104. They needed a first place finish in the final event of the day, the 200-yard freestyle relay, to clinch the win, but lost to Albion by 0.27 of a second.

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No. 2 with Talmadge and Tan's 8-3 win and again in No. 3 as sen- iors Patrick Callaghan and Takashi Yoshii won 9-4. The sweep continued without much of a chal- lenge in the singles division for the Irish. Havens, Moros, freshman Michael Moore, Davis, Anderson and Keeton all won in two sets. The Irish travel to Columbus, Ohio, next week- end to compete in the Ohio State regional of the National Indoor Team qual- ifiers. Notre Dame will face Tulsia at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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Sunday morning saw Notre Dame and the Cavaliers on the courts using an alternative scoring method agreed upon by both teams. The match con- sisted of 10 single matches, each worth one point, and five doubles matches, each for one double point, for a total of 11 points.

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No. 6 Duke survives scare against Maryland

Associated Press COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Playing for the third time in seven days, No. 6 Duke could have really used a breather against struggling, rebuilding Maryland.

Instead, the weary Blue Devils were forced to expend every bit of their remaining energy to squeeze out a 56-53 victory Sunday night. Jasmine Thomas scored 20 points and Bridgett Mitchell made the go-ahead basket with 1:29 left for Duke, the lone remaining unbeaten team in Atlantic Coast Conference play.

The victory capped a week in which the Blue Devils were soundly defeated by Connecticut before defeating Virginia Tech.

“I’m extremely proud of our team’s character,” coach Joanne McCallie said. “A lot of things were working against us throughout. I thought Jasmine showed incredible poise in terms of what she did defen- sively and, of course, offensive- ly.”

Thomas accounted for more than a third of the Blue Devils’ points, grabbed three rebounds and had three steals.

Duke (15-3, 5-0) struggled away an 11-point lead and trailed 54-53 before Mitchell hit a runner in the lane as the shot clock expired.

After a missed shot by Maryland, Duke’s Jay Ckerr made two free throws with 20 seconds remaining for a three- point cushion. Anjale Barrett then missed a 3-point attempt for the Terrapins, and Thomas made one of two free throws before Barrett connected on a 3 at the buzzer.

“We did more than survive,” McCallie insisted. “I thought we really handled adversity well. A lot of teams don’t play

Connecticut. We did. Then we had a great game against Virginia Tech and you’ve got to travel, I think we really played as a team in the sense of our toughness. Not everything was going our way — all.”

Lori Bjork scored 11 points for Maryland (14-6, 2-4), which committed 19 turnovers. The Terrapins, who had their 48- game home winning streak broken by Miami on Thursday, have lost three straight overall — matching their longest skid since February 2004.

It’s also the first time since February 2006 that Maryland has lost two in a row at home. Obviously, there are no moral victories. But I am proud of this team,” coach Brenda Frese said.

Maryland trailed 30-25 early in the second half before Lynetta Kizer made a layup to ignite a 9-0 run that gave the Terrapins their first lead since 2-0.

Mitchell then scored on a put- back, and Thomas scored the Blue Devils’ next 13 points to make it 45-38.

“I really was just taking the shots that were there,” Thomas said. “In the first half, I forced a lot of things, over-penetrated and passed up a few shots I should have taken. They were still there in the second half, and I just hit them.”

After Thomas’ scoring spree, the lead expanded to 51-40. Bjork then hit consecutive 3- pointers to begin a 14-2 surge that put Maryland back in front.

Following a series of missed shots and turnovers, Mitchell hit her pivotal shot.

Although the Blue Devils hat- tled fatigue, they had more fight left at the end than the Terrapins.
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lead into halftime, leading 37-27. Senior forward Luke Harangody said a strong start helped Notre Dame coming off two straight losses.
“We just had to get out of the gates, and we did that today with the balance and efficiency of this team,” Harangody said.
The Irish maintained their lead throughout the second half after every time DePaul made a move. Notre Dame responded. A 3-pointer pulled the Blue Demons within 77-71, but it was too little too late as Notre Dame sealed the win with free throws down the stretch.

Ahromaitis led the Irish in scoring with 30 points, and three of his teammates ended the game with double-doubles. Harangody, junior Ben Hansbrough and Nash each accomplished the feat with points and rebounds, and for Nash it was the first of his career.

“My teammates really concentrated on getting me the ball early,” Nash said. “(Harangody) and I went down there and got to work early.”
Nash finished with 13 points and 10 rebounds.
Ball control, a strength for the Irish all season, was key for Notre Dame in the game, as the Irish had 22 assists and just six turnovers. The Irish lead the nation in assist-to-turnover ratio.
“If we are going to be able to compete with the best teams we really have to play together,” Hansbrough said. “We don’t necessarily have the superior athletes like Syracuse or UConn, but we can make up for that by playing together.”
Hansbrough came just three assists short of a triple-double, filling up the box score with 15 points, 10 rebounds and seven assists.

Guard Will Miller led the Blue Demons and all players with 35 points, shooting 15 of 30 from the field. Forward Devin Hill also tallied 15 points and eight rebounds for DePaul.

“We’ll take any Big East victory we can get,” Tyrone Nash Irish forward

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West Virginia went on a 13-0 run near the end of the first half and seemed to have the game well in hand heading into halftime with a 42-31 lead. According to McGraw, that is when her senior leadership step up.
“I knew that the seniors would just get it done,” McGraw said. “They would step up. They knew what they had to do, they didn’t need me to do that very often. I thought they took care of business pretty much on their own.”
The Irish used a 16-3 run in the second half. 10 points of which came from Schrader, to take the lead from West Virginia for good and to cruise to their second straight victory.
“In the first half, I didn’t think we got inside as much,” Schrader said. “We have to go back to what we are really good at, which is the inside-out game.”
Schrader posted her second consecutive double-double and her third in the past four games.
Senior guard Ashley Barlow also posted a career-high mark with seven assists.
The game marked the Irish’s second sell-out of the year, eighth all-time. McGraw attributes much of the victory to the atmosphere the crowd brought to the game.
“We really, really got the crowd involved,” Nash said. “We were feeding off of them today.”

The Irish will next tip off against Providence Wednesday in the Purcell Pavilion at 7 p.m.

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and the Hawkeyes, but Frilling’s ability to stand the pressure of competing against the best paid off.
“Sonja Molnar is a really intense player and she fought really hard during the match,” Frilling said.
“But in the end, I was able to close out the match.”

Sisbiomore Shannan Mutchmore GHzMCHS, freshmen Christian McGaffigan and seniors Kali Krisik and Giobiana Ciobanu each defeated Hawkeye players to earn five of six possible points.
The Observer also swept all three of the doubles matches to top the final score off at 6-1.
“This was the first time that the doubles teams have played together,” Louderback said. “They were able to win each of the doubles matches this weekend.”

Next, the Irish traveled to Madison, Wis. to take on the Badgers, a battle where the Irish won each of the six singles matches and all of the three doubles competitions.

Victories from Frilling, Mathews, McGaffigan, Krisik, Ciobanu and junior Kristen Rafael each contributed to the six points the Irish received as they swept the singles competition at Wisconsin.

Despite the success that the Irish experienced this weekend, the challenges of the ensuing season are motivating the women to keep working on different aspects of their game.
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**HOCKEY**

Ridderwall records hat trick in victory over Lakers

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Writer

Facing its fourth top-20 team in a row, Notre Dame earned four points in the conference standings over the weekend with a win and a shootout loss against No. 18 Lake Superior.

“Anytime you go on the road and win and tie it’s a good weekend,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “Especially against a team who is 9-1 in its last 10 games.”

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By MOLLY SAMMON
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In their first two tests of the spring season, Notre Dame kicked off its dual-meet season with a 6-1 win over Iowa and a 7-0 win over Wisconsin.

“Since we had so many players out in the fall, it was good for the kids to start playing together again,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

During Saturday’s match at the University of Iowa, sophomore Kristy Frilling, currently ranked No. 30 by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association, defeated Iowa’s No. 65 Sonja Molnar in the first singles-competition in only two games. Last season, the Irish lost in the top singles position against Molnar.

**ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Winning streak begins again

By JARED JEDICK
Sports Writer

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

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The Irish had a successful start to their 2010 season, going 2-1 this weekend. No. 30 Notre Dame defeated William & Mary 4-3 Friday, suffered a 7-4 loss Sunday morning to No. 2 Virginia but came back to take down IUPUI 7-0 Sunday evening.

The Irish opened Friday’s match with a 3-0 lead, but the Tribe fought their way back to tie the match at 3-3. Sophomore Niall Fitzgerald clinched the victory with a 2-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory at No. 3 singles over the Tribe’s Jamie Whiteford.

Notre Dame earned the doubles point in the match with victories at the No. 1 and No. 2 positions. At No. 1 Indian River’s sophomore Casey Watt and junior Tyler Davis defeated Keziah Juneau and Julia Orr 8-6, while Fitzgerald and junior Stephen Havens took down Sebastian Vidal and Adrian Vodislav 8-5 at the No. 2 spot.

Juneau defeated Watt in the No.1 singles competition, 6-4, 7-5, but the Irish came back with wins in the No. 2 and No. 5 positions.

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