Poet Dana Gioia awarded Laetare Medal
Mary Ann Glendon rejected highest honor for an American Catholic last year; award was last bestowed in 2008

By SARAH MERVOYH
News Editor

Dana Gioia, poet and former chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), will receive the Laetare Medal, during the 2010 Commencement ceremony May 16, the University announced Sunday.

The Medal is the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics and is awarded annually to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideals of the Church and enriched the heritage of humanity."
The Medal has not been awarded since 2008, when actor Martin Sheen accepted the honor. Former U.S. Ambassador to the Holy See Mary Ann Glendon initially accepted the Laetare Medal last year, but declined the honor after hearing the University would award an honorary degree to President Barack Obama.

University President Fr. John Jenkins commended Gioia’s commitment to both faith and culture. "In his vocation as poet and avocation as arts administrator, Dana has given witness to the mutual flourishing of faith and culture," Jenkins said in the press release. "By awarding him our University's highest honor we hope both to celebrate and participate in that witness."

Gioia is the second poet to receive the Laetare Medal. The University presented poet Phyllis McGinley with the medal in 1964.

Gioia has published three collections of poetry, including "Interrogations at Noon," which won the 2002 American Book Award. He also published eight smaller collections of poems, two opera libretti and many translations of Latin, Italian and German poetry.

He also has edited over 20 literary anthologies and has written essays and reviews in magazines, such as The New Yorker, The Washington Post Book World, The New York Times Book Review and Slate.

Gioia served as chairman of the NEA from 2003 to 2009. During his tenure, he sought to strengthen bipartisan support for public funding of arts and art education, to champion jazz as a uniquely American art form, to promote Shakespeare readings and performances nationwide and to distribute NEA grants more widely.

In a lecture he delivered in 2000, Gioia said art and Catholicism work together because "the Catholic, literally from birth, when he or she is baptized, is raised in a culture that understands symbols and signs."

"[Catholicism] also trains you in understanding the relation- ship between the visible and the invisible," he said. "Consequently, allegory finds its greatest realization in Catholic artists like Dante."

A native of Hawthorne, Calif., Gioia graduated from Stanford University in 1973. He earned a master's degree in comparative literature at the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree in comparative literature at the University of Virginia.

Gioia has taught at Stanford, the University of California, Princeton, Kenyon College and Pomona College. He served as chairman of the NEA from 2003 to 2009.

In 1997, Gioia was appointed to the senior advisory board of the International Society for Mind, Brain and Behavior.

In 1997, the Dana Foundation established the Gioia Chair in Literature at the University of Missouri.

He is the founder and first chairman of the Poetry Foundation, the nation’s new national poetry endowment, and chairman of Poetry Magazine, the nation’s oldest literary magazine. He is also the national poet laureate of the United States.

Mendoza takes top spot in rankings

By JOSEPH McMATHON
Associate News Editor

The Mendoza College of Business was named the top undergraduate business school in the nation for the first time in Bloomberg BusinessWeek’s fifth annual rankings, which were released March 4.

Notre Dame, which was ranked second in 2009, finished ahead of the business schools of University of Virginia, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and University of Pennsylvania. The criteria include students’ response to teachers, SAT scores, recruiters’ responses to students and student-faculty ratio.

“Students boasting about the school’s commitment to ethics, Catholic beliefs and passionate professors helped land Mendoza in first place,” the BusinessWeek article said. “During an economic crisis that has left many young people unemployed, Mendoza also managed a strong showing in career placement, with 95 percent of grads landing a job offer within three months of graduation.”

Carolyn Woo, dean of the Mendoza College of Business, said the University’s top spot was a sign of the University’s commitment to provide a high-quality education.

Brain Awareness Week to stimulate dialogue

By KRISTEN DURBIN
News Writer

After the much-needed mental relaxation of Spring Break, the Psychology Club is sponsoring the first annual Brain Awareness Week to get students more interested and involved in the field of neuroscience and how it applies to daily life.

Fifth-year student and Brain Awareness Week coordinator Bryce Chang said a growing number of students on campus are interested in neuroscience.

In response to this growing interest in the subject, junior Kevin Mickey and Annette Ruth are founding Notre Dame’s first neuroscience club, the Society for Mind, Brain and Behavior.

The idea for Brain Awareness Week came from the Dana Foundation, an international organization that spreads knowledge and awareness of the arts, the brain and immunology research, Chang said. The group seeks to promote the Dana Foundation’s mission nationwide and to distribute its information to a wider audience.

Organizers hope that week will increase awareness of neuroscience at Notre Dame.

By AMANDA GRAY
Assistant News Editor

While many students were vacationing or relaxing at home, some Notre Dame students saved lives along the U.S. and Mexico border this Spring Break, senior Joan Swiontoniowski said.

Swiontoniowski helped lead a group of 15 students who traveled to Arizona to work with No More Deaths, a national organization providing humanitarian aid to migrants along the U.S.-Mexico border.

“No More Deaths provides basic humanitarian assistance [in the form of food, water, and medical aid] to those migrants who cross the desert in search of a better life,” Swiontoniowski said. “To me, this humanitarian aid is something we can all stand behind — in spite of what our political and other beliefs may be — as it simply serves to keep people alive.”

No More Deaths began in 2004 at the Multi-Faith Border Conference, according to the organization’s Web site. The group seeks to monitor U.S. border practices and lower the number of migrant deaths by providing water, food and medical assistance to migrants.”

Students Volunteer on Mexico border
INSIDE COLUMN

What the heck is a Hoosier?

I suspect that for many transplanted Domers, the state of Indiana is a weird place in which to spend four years. The weather is impossible to predict, it has no topography to speak of and the state nickname—“Hoosiers”—makes almost as much sense as the mission of the Indiana Excise Police.

A demonym is the name given to the inhabitants of a certain region. For many locales, the demonym is a straightforward transmutation of a place's name. Europeans call the continent of Europe their own, Canadians are from Canada, Floridians live in Florida, Chicagoans come from Chicago. It’s all quite commonsense, until you get to places like Indiana. What the heck is a “Hoosier,” anyway? Is it a term? Gene Hackman? A redneck kick? Indiana University doesn’t even know—they just settle for an amorphous mascot and the colors cream and crimson. So does that mean a “Hoosier” is a pitchfork-shy monogram? Not really. While we were studying Indiana history, my fourth grade class actually had to make up our own stories because no one else had much of an idea anyway. As inspiration, Mrs. Goodrich told us about other people’s theories. The most colorful explanation came from James Whitcomb Riley, Indiana’s most famous poet. He said the term came out of frontier barnrooms, where there was enough brawling and broth to hear “hoo-oo!” on a regular basis. Another story has less inspiration and strives for the highest standards of journalism; it’s simply accepted as the state nickname. The Anglo-Saxon root “hoo” means “by hill or high ground). Into the 1850s, poor Appalachia, where “hoosher” and “hoosier” meant hillbilly or backwoods (literally), Indiana residents appropriated “Hoosier” and “crackers.” Yet in the state’s infancy, the people settling in the Indiana wilderness gave the old slang new connotations. As many of these people set down roots in the Indiana wilderness and made the land their own, “Hoosier” took on a meaning of respect, not ridicule. Towards the end of the nineteenth century, the word lost its negative connotation in Indiana, and by 1900 was accepted as the state demonym.

But for me, “Hoosier” doesn’t really entail any of this history. I think of the Oscar-winning movie with Gene Hackman and Harrison Ford. The entire basketball culture summed up simply in the image of a makeshift hoop and court in a barnlot. Or, you know, it’s my hometown college, Purdue University, being the sworn nemesis of the Indiana University Hoosiers. But I can’t draw a picture of a Hoosier or tell you of the Indiana University Hoosiers. But I Purdue University, being the sworn nemesis of the Indiana University Hoosiers. But I


QUESTION OF THE DAY: What was the highlight of your Spring Break?

Brian Wysoczki junior Fisher

“Irish women's basketball in Hartford, Conn.”

Pat Mines sophomore Keenan

“If I stayed on campus so there really was no highlight.”

Gavin Do sophomore Siegfried

“The migrant experiences seminar and soaking up the Florida sun.”

Alejandro Sigala freshman Keenan

Leprechaun Dan Collins cheers on the Notre Dame faithful at Madison Square Garden during Notre Dame’s 68-56 win over Seton Hall in the Big East Championship March 20th.

OFFBEAT

Woman allegedly hits sister with toilet tank lid

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa City police arrested a woman who allegedly attacked her sister with the lid of a toilet tank.

Nitasha Johnson, of Iowa City, was arrested early Sunday and was charged with domestic abuse assault causing injury and interference with official acts. According to police, Johnson removed the lid and hit her sister during a fight. Authorities said the sister suffered an injured foot and finger.

Johnson was taken to the Johnson County Jail. She remained in jail on Monday on a $1,500 bond.

Determined bulldog chews officer’s tires, bounces CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — What happened to a Chattanooga police officer’s car was certainly under the radar. A city police spokesman said Sunday that Officer Clayton Holmes had been checking traffic speeds with radar and stopped to fill out a report when he felt his car shaking. He found a bulldog chewing on the tires. After the dog attacked two passing cars and a second police car, officers used pepper spray and a Taser on it, but the animal wasn’t deterred. By the time McCamey Animal Center staffers captured that dog and two others, it had chewed two tires and the entire front bumper off Holmes’ patrol car.

Officer Rebecca Royval said the dogs got out of a fence at a nearby welding shop. The owner was cited and the dogs were removed.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Actress Glenn Close speaks at Saint Mary’s
Oscar nominee discusses childhood, college years, professional life; cites family for inspiration for successful career

As a 12th generation Connecticut Yankee, actor Glenn Close found her inspiration and strength in her two grandmothers and her mother to pursue her dreams.

Close visited Saint Mary’s College Monday as the Margaret Hill Endowed Lecturer. In “An Evening With Glenn Close,” Close spoke about her journey as an actor in the College’s O’Laughlin Auditorium. She shared stories from her life and told tales of past auditions, her childhood and her family.

Close introduced herself with an anecdote about a woman who spotted her at the airport and mistook her for Meryl Streep.

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Close said neither of her grandmothers was allowed to pursue their dreams, so Close said she knew her grandmothers were watching over her while she chased her goals.

Close said she was also inspired by her mother’s intelligence and strength, even though she never graduated from high school or attended college.

She said her mother is “the most well-read, strongest and compassionate women I will ever know.”

Close described her childhood as “magic.” She said she spent her childhood playing outdoors with her siblings and also spent hours on her own in the woods.

“Our catch phrase was ‘let’s pretend,’” Close said. “I just never wanted to stop playing. Living in my imagination was something I never had to work at.”

When she was seven years old, her mother and father decided to join a cult. Close said she remained faithful to the group for 15 years and struggled to conform to the expectations of the cult. Finally, Close said she left the cult and was accepted to William and Mary College in Williamsburg, Va.

Close said college was a way of freeing herself.

“It was in the theatre department that I spent most of my time,” she said.

At William and Mary, Close was inspired by one of her professors, Howard Scammon. Close said Scammon came to all of her plays in her early professional career up until his death.

After working in several professional productions, Close decided to work with a professional acting coach to improve her audition skills.

“For a long time, I was really bad at auditioning,” Close said.

Working with acting coach Harold Guskin, Close learned several important lessons, which she said she’s applied to her career as well as her life.

Close said one such lesson was to remember to breathe.

Close said that in order to continue to learn her trade she went to every rehearsal.

“I saw that acting companies brought together to achieve a common goal are chemical,” Close said.

Close has played a variety of characters on stage, in film and on television series.

“All these characters represent a lot in my life and the learning curve in my career,” she said.

Though she has been successful in her career and has been awarded many of the parts she wanted, Close said she was greatly influenced by others.

“I’ve had so many brilliant people constantly whispering in my ear,” Close said.

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Glenn Close poses with students following her lecture Monday at Saint Mary’s College.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Group continues debate on student handbook

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

The Campus Life Council (CLC) debated potential recommendations for changes to the du Lac student handbook—including the creation of a student medical amnesty policy and the handling of discipline for first-time alcohol offenses in residence halls—at its meeting Monday.

“The whole process in my opinion is very difficult because we are just giving recommendations instead of voting on policies,” student body president Grant Schmidt said.

The need for an established medical amnesty policy has recently gained traction within student government, he said. CLC is struggling with the desire for a medical amnesty procedure with the Office of Residence Life and Housing’s (ORLH) need for flexibility to deal with exceptions to the policy.

“In order for this to be effective, we do need it to be in du Lac and be clear to students,” student body vice president Cynthia Weber said.

CLC did not approve a specific recommendation for ORLH, but Monday’s draft will be clarified and presented again to the Council members.

“We need to clarify that assisting students would not be excusable under extenuating circumstances,” Schmidt said.

Council members also recommended that in the case of a first-time alcohol offense in a residence hall, the student’s rector would be responsible for handling discipline, instead of sending the case to ORLH.

Schmidt said this recommendation arose from a standard that is “already in place, but could be stated clearly.”

The current du Lac policy allows for in-house discipline when the offense takes place within a student’s own residence hall, but the council wants to include offenses that occur elsewhere on campus in the language of this standard.

“One of [Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Bill] Bill Kirk’s desires was that the policies in du Lac handle current practices,” Weber said. “We need what is written to be adjusted accordingly for clarification.”

Many Council members hope to recommend the rec-
President expresses optimism that Congress will approve modified health care plan

Democrats count down to reform

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — House Democrats triggered the countdown Monday with the climactic vote on President Barack Obama’s fiercely contested remake of the health care system, even though the legislation remained incomplete and lacked the support needed to pass.

Obama expressed optimism Congress would approve his call for affordable and nearly universal coverage as he pitched his plan on a trip to Ohio, and congressional leaders showed signs of progress in winning anti-abortion Democrats whose votes are pivotal.

At the same time, Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., among the bill’s sharpest opponents, said he was “less confident” than before that it could be stopped.

“They’d have to be remarkable people not to fall under the kind of pressure they’ll be under,” he said of rank-and-file Democrats.

Some of the pressure was aimed at Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, who flew aboard Air Force One with President Barack Obama during the day, then walked into a senior citizen center with the chief executive in time to hear a voice from the audience yell out, “Vote yes.”

A smile on Obama’s face matched the liberal lawmaker and said, “Did you hear that, Dennis?” Then, turning back to the audience, he added, “Go ahead, say that.”

“Vote yes” came back the reply.

Kucinich, who said later he remains uncompromised, is one of 37 Democrats currently in the House who voted against Obama’s legislation when it cleared the House last week.

In addition, the White House is laboring to hold the support of several anti-abortion Democrats who voted for the earlier bill, but only after first supporting strict anti-abortion limits that would have altered the second round around.

At least two have signaled they are open to supporting the president when the vote comes. One of them, Rep. James Oberstar of Minnesota, is “in the leaning yes column,” said a spokesman, John Schaaf.

“When we bring the bill to the floor, then we will have the votes,” said Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Obama sounded similarly confident in an interview with ABC News. “I believe we’re going to get the votes, we’re going to make this happen,” said the president, who has traveled to three states and lobbied numerous lawmakers in recent days.

Outside interests on both sides sought to prevail on wavering lawmakers.

The National Right to Life Committee, which opposes abortion, wrote to lawmakers urging 17 House Democrats to vote for the measure, and officials at the Service Employees International Union threatened to withdraw support from Democrats who vote against the bill if it loses.

The lobbying came as the House Budget Committee, on a 21-16 vote, took an essential first step toward the House vote, which could come by the weekend.

It was more than a year ago that Obama asked Congress to approve legislation extending health coverage to tens of millions who lack it, curbing industry practices such as denying coverage on the basis of pre-existing medical conditions, and beginning to slow the growth of health care nationally. His plan would require most Americans to buy health insurance, fine most who fail to do so and provide government subsidies to help middle-income earners and the working poor afford it.

Sweeping legislation seemed to be on the brink of passage in January, after both houses approved bills and lawmakers began working out a final compromise in talks at the White House. But those efforts were side-tracked when Republicans won a special election in Massachusetts — and with it, the ability to block a vote on a final bill in the Senate.

International News

Irish cardinal refuses to resign

DUBLIN — Ireland’s senior Roman Catholic Cardinal Sean Brady, said Monday he would not resign despite admitting he helped the church collect evidence against a child-molesting priest — and never told police about the crimes.

Brady, as a priest and Vatican-trained canon law lawyer in 1977, was “complicit” in allowing two children about the abuse they suffered at the hands of the Rev. Brendan Smyth. He said he “did not want or require to give” Smyth — and the church — any reason to “look a way from” their child victims.

Cuba criticizes U.S. ruling

Havana — Cuba says a U.S. ruling that will shutter hundreds of pot stores is an affront to its sovereignty.

Lead organizer Dan Halbert said Monday his group needed more than 27,400 signatures for a ballot measure challenging a new Los Angeles law that will shutter hundreds of pot stores.

President Obama pushed reform Monday in Strongsville, Ohio, where he met with Rep. Dennis Kucinich, who previously opposed Obama’s plan and now holds a pivotal vote.

National News

Pro-pot measure fails to make ballot

LOS ANGELES — Medical marijuana advocates failed to gather enough signatures for a ballot measure challenging a new Los Angeles law that will shutter hundreds of pot stores.

The Indiana Democrat says both sides of the debate are spending millions of dollars on Internet communications services on the island to mount a new offensive against health care reform that Congress will consider this week.

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Local News

Rep. urges citizens to examine ads

INDIANAPOLIS — U.S. Rep. Baron Hill is urging constituents to “stay calm and listen carefully” to the claims made in advertising for and against insurance reform that Congress hopes to vote on this week.

The Indiana Democrat says both sides of the debate are spending millions of dollars on television, radio and print advertising in his southern Indiana district.

Bill issued a statement recommending people check the ads’ claims with his office or Web sites like FactCheck.org and Politifact.com. He also urges people to pay attention to who is paying for the ads.

MEXICO

Aztecs street gang blamed for murders

Associated Press

CIUDAD JUAREZ — Suspected drug gangsters chased down and opened fire on two white SUVs carrying families of U.S. consulate employees and two families of a child’s party, killing three adults and injuring two children, the U.S. consulate said Monday.

An infant in a car seat survived a burst of bullets that killed her American parents.

The FBI announced it was investigating Mexico’s federal Attorney General’s Office in probing the slain in a series of attacks that alarmed both the White House and Mexico’s presidency as the surging bloodshed along Mexico’s border struck the families of U.S. government employees.

Mexican authorities put suspicion on the Aztecs street gang — a group allied with the “La Linea” enforcement arm of the Juarez drug cartel. They said that was based on “information exchanged with U.S. federal agencies.”

But the reason for the attacks remained unclear.

All three victims had attended a child’s party hosted by another consular employee shortly before the attacks, said the FBI spokesperson in El Paso, Andrea Simmons.

“There is no information that the victims were specifically targeted because of their work with the U.S. consulate, she said, though the investigation is continuing.

Both the American couple and the Mexican man who was killed were traveling in similar vehicles — white sport utility vehicles.

The U.S. consulate in Ciudad Juarez shut down Monday’s Mexican national holiday, also will be closed on Tuesday as “a way for the community to mourn the loss” of the victims, said consulate spokesperson Silvio Gonzalez. It was the second U.S. border consulate closed because of violence in the last month.

The consulate in Reynosa, across from McAllen, Texas closed for several days in late February because of gun battles in the area.
said. The week is the largest Dana Foundation event in Indiana.

Although the week is an extension of the Dana Foundation’s international mission, Chung stressed the importance of making neuroscience more accessible to the Notre Dame community as a whole.

“The mission of this week is to provide students with the opportunity to get their feet wet in neuroscience and explore what the field is all about,” Chung said. “We want to increase interest, introduce the field and make this week a pilot event for the future.”

In order to achieve this goal, Brain Awareness Week offers 12 different events over five days. Each day centers around one of four themes. Monday’s focus is the mind and Tuesday’s is the body, while Wednesday highlights the self and society and Thursday emphasizes constructive dialogue.

Chung said these themes highlight the cognitive, biological and sociological aspects of neuroscience.

Senior Lauren Schmitt coordinated Tuesday’s events around the theme, “Health and Medicine.”

“Tuesday is meant to extend beyond the normal functioning of the brain and go into the often forgotten peripheral nervous system as well as what happens when functions of the brain go awry, as in autism and schizophrenia,” Schmidt said. The week’s events include lectures by professors from the Psychology, Sociology and Biology Departments, and by Dr. Robert Spinner of the Mayo Clinic. In addition, the film “A Beautiful Mind” will be shown Tuesday at 8 p.m.

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“The forum will allow us to discuss where religion comes from and what’s in it for us,” Chung said. “It will also relate neuroscience with the God debate in terms of science versus faith, not just atheism versus theism.”

The culmination of Brain Awareness Week will be Saturday’s fundraiser, “Brainanza,” which offers performances by the Juggling Club, Troop ND and other campus performers.

“Through this event, we can look at how the brain processes the different types of activities presented,” Chung said.

In addition to spreading awareness and knowledge to students, Chung hopes the event will continue to make the University administration more aware of the growing student interest in neuroscience on campus.

Although Notre Dame does not currently have a department of neuroscience, the University has hired two new neuroscience professors, Dr. Jessica Payne and Michelle Wirth. A faculty neuroscience group also exists on campus.

“The closest thing we have to neuroscience is the psychology department,” Chung said. “Neuroscience is difficult because it’s inherently interdisciplinary and consumes a lot of resources.

Although neuroscience is usually connected with biology and the hard sciences, Chung hopes to see the field at Notre Dame connected with philosophy and theology because of the strong ties those subjects have with campus life. He said he hopes Thursday’s forum will help foster the connections between those subjects.

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literature from Harvard University in 1975 and returned to Stanford for his master’s of business administration in 1977.

The Laetare Medal is named in honor of Laetare Sunday, the fourth Sunday in Lent and the day the University announces its recipient each year. The award was first given in 1883.

Past recipients include operatic tenor John McCormack, President John F. Kennedy, Catholic Worker foundress Dorothy Day and jazz composer Dave Brubeck.

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Senate unveils regulation bill
Democrat Dodd presents biggest overhaul of financial controls since New Deal

WASHINGTON — A new Democratic Senate bill to tame the financial markets would give the government new powers to force firms that threaten the economy, force the industry to pay for its failures and create an independent consumer watchdog within the Federal Reserve.

Legislation unveiled Monday by Senate Banking Committee Chairman Chris Dodd falls shy of the ambitious restructuring of federal financial regulations envisioned by President Barack Obama and proposed in legislation already passed in the House.

But the 1,336-page bill, which includes provisions negotiated with Republicans, would still be the biggest overhaul of regulations since the New Deal. It comes 18 months after Wall Street’s failures helped plunge the nation into a deep recession.

In its sweep, the bill would touch all corners of the financial sector, from small-town mortgage brokers to the highest penthouse offices on Wall Street. Lobbyists were already mobilizing to change several of its features.

“The Americans are frustrated and angry, as we all know,” Dodd, D-Conn., said. “They’ve lost faith in our markets, and they would like to know if anyone is looking out for them.”

In announcing his bill at a news conference, Dodd stood alone, a sign of the difficult task ahead of him in forging a bill that can pass the Senate. None of the 10 Republicans on his committee endorsed his plan.

Several Democrats have voiced dissatisfaction with Dodd’s decision to reject a plan for a freestanding consumer agency, an Obama regulatory centerpiece.

The bill would create a powerful nine-member Financial Stability Oversight Council, chaired by the treasury secretary, to look out for the systemwide health of the financial sector and to stop financial firms from becoming “too big to fail.” The council could place large, interconnected financial institutions under the supervision of the Federal Reserve. And it would have the authority to approve the breakup of large complex companies if they pose a threat to the nation’s financial system.

Dodd partially embraced Obama’s call for a so-called Volcker Rule. Named after former Federal Chairman Paul Volcker, the proposal would limit the size of some of the largest financial institutions and ban commercial banks from conducting certain trades on their own.

Dodd’s bill sets a goal for ending risky trading and hedge-fund investments by depository banks but calls for a study before any regulations are written and enforced.

Like the House bill, Dodd’s proposal would create a mechanism to shut down large, failing firms, with shareholders and unsecured creditors bearing the losses. Management also would be removed. The costs of such a shutdown would be covered by a $50 billion fund financed by the largest financial firms.

The Federal Reserve, under Dodd’s plan, emerges as a leaner institution with new powers to regulate and ban commercial banks from conducting certain trades on their own.

Dodd’s bill would be able to return them immediately.

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan Senate bill that would provide tax cuts for businesses that hire unemployed workers cleared a major hurdle in the Senate Monday, opening the way for final congressional approval.

The Senate voted 61 to 30 to end debate on the measure. The Senate is expected to vote on final passage Tuesday, the same day the House was voting on the bill to President Barack Obama for his signature.

The $35 billion bill blends $15 billion in tax cuts and subsidies for infrastructure bonds issued by local governments with $20 billion in federal transportation money.

The Senate passed a similar version of the measure in February. The House made minor changes when it passed the bill, requiring its return to the Senate for approval.

Passage would give Obama a much-needed victory while highlighting Democratic efforts in Congress to address unemployment in the run-up to midterm elections this fall.

“Those of us who need to get people to work,” Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., said Monday, “need to do more to help businesses to hire more workers.”

The bill contains two major provisions. First, it would exempt businesses hiring the unemployed from the 6.2 percent Social Security payroll tax through December and give employers an additional $1,000 credit if new workers stay on the job a full year. The Social Security trust funds would be reimbursed for the lost revenue.

Second, it would extend highway and mass transit programs through the end of the year and pump in $20 billion in time for the spring construction season. The money would make up for lower-than-expected gasoline tax revenue.

The Senate vote came the same day House Democrats unveiled a new bill designed to help small businesses that could be voted on as early as this week.

The House bill would exempt long-term investments in certain small businesses from capital gains taxes, and would expand the Build America Bonds program, which subsidizes interest costs paid by local governments when they borrow for construction projects.
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“not a sudden event,” noting that the school had been ranked high in the past. We never set out to excel in every single ranking,” she said. “We were doing what we were doing before the ranking. It was not to win according to the criteria of the rankings.”

Woo’s commitment to undergraduate education was a motivating factor for the College’s rise. “What got us there is we are very serious about the education of our students,” she said. “If our students do their part we will do our part.”

Woo offered an example of the new Journal Research Center course, Foresight, in Business & Society, which became a part of the required curriculum last year.

“As painful as the Foresight course is ... it is really to give our students the skills to look at future issues and trends,” she said. “Our eye is always on the general direction of our students.”

Woo said the College’s efforts to expand faculty, challenging curriculum and devotion to Notre Dame’s core principles helped the school receive high rankings from students and recruiters.

“When recruiters rank us highly, they probably look at a couple of different things such as how well our students are prepared academically, people skills and ethical judgment,” she said.

In addition, Woo credited the entire Notre Dame experiential education program, ranging from First Year of Studies to dorm life, as factors.

“We’re not trying to be different,” she said. “We did this because we want to be faithful to the Notre Dame mission.”

Woo said the College’s entire Career Center team, of director Lee Svete and his staff, was vital in helping students prepare for the world of work.

“Originally I was interested in the trip because I thought it would be a good opportunity to learn more about immigration issues,” Swiontoniowski said. “As a result of my experiences along the border and the people I met there, though, what began as a mere effort to learn more about immigration has turned into a passion for border issues and immigrant rights.”

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Woo said the commitment of the entire Career Center team, was also vital in helping the students comprehend the important role of undocumented individuals and individuals who were genuinely invested in the efforts to end migrant deaths,” Ozowara said.

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No doubt many of you are reading this column while munching away on the deli-cious cuisine offered at North or South Dining Hall. What is it that you are eating? Cereal? Fries? Pizza? Some free-yo, per-haps? Moreover, as an independent, intelli-gent young adult, you may have chosen certain foods from the various options available. It is based on criteria such as taste, nutri-tional value, freshness, etc. You probably did not rely on others to make the decision for you. Like the majority of restaurants and grocery stores in the United States, Notre Dame’s dining halls and restaurants offer foods ranging widely in health benefits. Some health-conscious people choose to eat foods that are high in nutritional value and limit their calorie intake, while others disregard their health and consume whatever they desire in unlimited quantities. Still others try to find some sort of balance between the two extremes.

The important point to take away from the circumstances outlined is that we are all given a choice in regard to what and how much we consume. Furthermore, these choices have consequences, and since the individual is responsible for what he or she decides to eat, the individual is also largely responsible for the health consequences that result from these cumulative decisions. Through genetic makeup and predispositions also play a significant role in one’s health, the individual has a considerable array of options into their menus and range of dietary choices. However, not everyone, is content with this state of affairs. Pointing to increasing trends in a number of preventable condi-tions, most notably obesity, health advoca-tes are ratcheting up their rhetoric in order to foster a sense of urgency among the public that something must be done to protect people from themselves. One such advocate is former U.S. Surgeon General Richard Carmona, who contends that obesity is the “fastest-grow-ing cause of illness and death in the United States.” His statistics indicate that obesity has reached epidemic proportions, with nearly two-thirds of Americans being clas-sified as overweight or obese, represents a 50 percent increase from just a decade ago. “Unless we do something about it,” says Carmona, “the magnitude of the dilemma will dwarf’91 or any other terrorist attempt.”

Dr. Clyde Yancy of the American Heart Association elaborates on the public impact of the epidemic. “Obesity is depleting our nation’s pocket-book and devastating the health and well-ness of millions of Americans. Left unad-dressed, the obesity epidemic will under-mine our country’s health, reduce our pro-ductivity and threaten our economic securi-ty,” he said.

First Lady Michelle Obama, who has adopted the cause of ending childhood obe-sity, even linked Americans expanding waistline to national security. “‘This (obesity) epidemic,’ she stated, also impacts the nation’s security, as obe-sity is now one of the most common dis-qualifiers for military service.”

With health experts and political figures alike warning of dire consequences that will befoul the nation if nothing is done to curb the rising obesity rate, it should come as no surprise that some government offi-cials have all but declared a war on obesity. Activists and bureaucrats have proposed various solutions to the problem that range from relatively harmless educational campaigins and mandatory nutritional labels to more invasive proposals like taxing sodas, imposing zoning restrictions on fast food restaurants and prohibiting the marketing of junk food to children. The most recent tactic politicians have employed to fight the battle of the bulge involves banning certain food additives that are thought to contribute to obesity. In California, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a law in July 2008 that prohibits food manufacturers and restaurants from frying foods using oils, margarines and shortenings that contain more than 0.5 percent trans fat per serv-ing. Those that violate the law face up to $1,000 in fines. Earlier this year, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg revealed the National Salt Reduction Initiative, consisting of a set of guidelines for restaurants and food processors to reduce the amount of sodium in their foods by 20 percent over the next five years. While these guidelines are cur-rently voluntary, efforts have already been made to turn them mandatory.

By implementing sanctions on certain harmful restaurants from using salt when preparing customers’ meals,” and levy a $1,000 fine on restaurants each time one of its chefs uses salt to cook.

The knee-jerk response of many political leaders to perceived social crises, as these examples demonstrate, often involves implementing strong laws, more controls and more coercive force. As a result, individual choice and freedoms are permanently eroded while the government’s intrusion into our daily lives steadily increases. Politicians have no business dictating what we can and cannot eat, and limiting our choice of food ingredients does exactly that. Yes, obesity is a problem, and yes, it does contribute significantly to the overall cost of healthcare. But paternalistic poli-tics are not the answer. When the govern-ment can control something as elementary as the food we choose to consume, there is virtually no aspect of our lives left that remains out of its reach. And that, my friends, leads us to what C.S. Lewis once referred to as the worst sort of tyranny, “a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims.”

Instead of relying on government-run solutions, Americans should turn to educa-tion and the free market in order to fight obesity. Dieting and nutrition cookbooks are widely available at bookstores every-where. Many restaurant chains and food manufacturers have introduced healthier options into their menus and range of products. McDonald’s, for example, now offers yogurt parfaits and salads.

Campbell’s has created a line of Healthy Request soups that are low in fat, chole-sterol and sodium. In January, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released data indicat-ing that the percentage of the population encountered a plateau, with numbers remaining rela-tively constant for at least five years for men and close to 10 years for women and children. While hardly representing defini-tive proof of progress, these figures offer a sign that the obesity epidemic has halted its expansion without government interven-tion.

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The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.
I first want to congratulate The Observer for allowing me the opportunity to juxtapose the Cross and the dollar sign that goes on in this paper with some fresh ideas from the liberal perspective. Now, let's get down to business.

The University's Right to Life group published a letter in.charge of promoting its stance on issues of the sanctity of life. For this group, the issue of what life means, whether it starts at conception or when you cut, once you are conceived, you are a human being, and thus, cannot be killed under any circumstances. The Right to Life group is one of the larger groups at Notre Dame and it makes its voice felt in various ways, most visibly through the "Cemetery of the Innocents" on South Quad. The group also makes an annual trip to Washington to walk in the "March for Life" protest where their goal is politi-cal. They hope to reverse the Supreme Court's decision of Roe v. Wade by endorsing and campaigning for congres-sional members that are pro-life.

The University, in response to the con-troversy surrounding the Commencement invitation letter, also took the initiative this fall to convene a "Task Force on Supporting the Choice for Life." This Task Force, co-chaired by Professors Margaret Brinig and John Cavadini, submitted a list of recommendations in response to the charge of University President Fr. John Jenkins to "consider" recommending to [him] ways to which the University, informed by Catholic teaching, can support the sanctity of life. "The Task Force's recommendation formally stated that the University "formulate and adopt a policy statement" on issues such as abortion and torture, and to continue to promote Catholic "pro-life" teachings across the campus.

Noticeably absent from the Task Force's recommendation, and all of the rhetoric of the Right to Life group, is any recognition of one major injustice in our country that likewise breaches the sanctity of the life question, the death penalty. "Right to Life" to its credit states on its Web site that in addition to abortion, it "also works for legislation that bans embryo-killing stem-cell research, assisted suicide and capital punishment." Yet, in my four years, I have yet to see or hear this group do anything to oppose capital punishment, especially in the state of Indiana where two men have been executed in Michigan City (a 40-minute drive) since I began here as a freshman. Worse yet, the University's Task Force utterly fails to address the death penalty whatsoever. Rather, it blandly states only that the University should con-sider "the spectrum of life issues," an evasive and ambiguous statement that under-covers the issue of capital punishment, notwithstanding crystal clear Church teaching in opposition.

It does not take one long to find support for the inclusion of the death penalty as a "life" issue in statements and encyclicals by both Pope John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI. Pope John Paul II stated in 1999 that "a sign of hope is the increasing recognition that the dignity of human life must never be taken away, even in the case of someone who has done great evil." (Pope John Paul II, St. Louis, Mo.; January 1999) Pope Benedict XVI announced in 2009 that "the right to life must be recognized in all its fullness. In this context, I joyfully greet the initiative by which Mexico abolished the death penalty in 2005." (Pope Benedict XVI, July 2009)

Further support can be found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the campaign of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) against the death penal-ty. Surely the task force could not have missed these and many other magisterial statements. This University, of all places, is in a unique position to join other Catholic lead-ers in opposition to this archaic, inhu-mane, and morally unacceptable practice. The execution of a criminal defendant by lethal injection or electrocution is not a "natural death," and equally violates the sanctity of human life. If you believe in the right to life, you ought to oppose the abolishment of capital punishment in the thirty-eight states in this country in which it remains lawful. Too many people at Notre Dame turn their backs on this sanctity of life issue because it seems lost in the con-stant debate over the lawfulness of abor-tion. I call upon Right to Life and the Task Force to be morally consistent by address-ing this issue and taking the right stance in the name of Catholic teaching.

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Need for reconciliation

While at home for a week, I heard more about my local bishop's initiative to bring more people to Reconciliation during this Lenten season. Reconciliation is the foundation for coming into greater unity with Christ. For those who have been away from the Church for any reason, receiving this Sacrament can help them begin a new journey to more actively partici-pate in their faith. For those who have followed the weekly routine of going to Mass and receiving Communion, a strong examination of conscience and participation in Reconciliation can revitalize one's desire to act out the words that it's delivered with full respect and candor, so here it is in print. Know that I will never have the nerve to say this to your face, so here it is in print. Know that it's delivered with full respect and total sincerity, and not just because I am told to think you have a beautiful smile. I know I won't be the only Irish face you'll be hoping to see again as you knock down the 3-pointers that are almost as impressive as your 3.72.

Christopher Lushis

To Tim

Dear Tim Abromaitis,

I'm not writing to you because I happen to think you have a smile that could char the Fermacool permanently out of town, although I do, or because over the past few months you have made my heart stop, my grades drop and my allegiance to the Fighting Ir's die young. I'm writing to you to confess to you, to confess to another being that I am interested in you. I was able to come to my senses and realize I didn't mean what I said to you in the dining hall all the time, I know I will have never have the nerve to say this to your face, so here it is in print. Know that it's delivered with full respect and total sincerity, and not just because I am told to think you have a beautiful smile. I know I won't be the only Irish face you'll be hoping to see again as you knock down the 3-pointers that are almost as impressive as your 3.72.

Kathleen Hull

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Mark Easley

Please recycle.

Moral consistency on the issue of life

Hundreds of thousands of Americans and millions of people across the world need an organ transplant right now. They live with the fact that they don't get that organ in time. They die because of a selfish act, but we would be lying to ourselves if we didn't recognize that money talks. Why can't I sell my kidney to somebody that needs it? Why can't I donate my organs and get paid for it? Why can't I choose when I want to be pro-life? Why can't we use regulation to ensure dignity and integrity to all parties involved, create oversight to ensure correct donor matches and save organ transportation, and avoid exploitation of the poor and disabled? The best part is nothing really has to change. If you don't want to donate or sell, feel free to keep what your mother gave you.

Time and time again, human organs have created efficiencies where it is needed most. There is already a thriving international black market that is profiting off those that are desperate for help. Illegal procedures are too expensive and dangerous, which is why we need to start a legal system so people can get the help they need. Everyone says you can't put a price on a life, but if we don't set some kind of bar, we will continue to let our neighbors and friends die for lack of available organs.

Christopher Lushis

Organ markets

While many people may fear Reconciliation because of a disapprov-ing reaction from the priest, they should view the Sacrament in a differ-ent way. Priests are obliged to look with kindness on those who have been compelled to confess their sins. Those who have had uncomfortable experi-ences of Reconciliation before should still try to find it in their heart to pledge a renewed commitment to God, even if it means taking the time to find a priest that they are comfortable with. While priests may be human, their ordination has granted them the authority to act as examples of Christ and to guide people to God and bestow the forgiveness to those who seek it. The center of the Mass, the Eucharist, is enhanced further by the Catholics participate after receiving Reconciliation.

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March 15
The movie trailer is a complex specimen. Marketers have about three minutes to sum up a movie, flash some star power and convince viewers they should shell out more cash to see the whole thing. With 2010 summer movie season fast approaching and the Christmas box office on the horizon, the studios are flooding the Internet and theaters with new trailers. Some of these are exquisite masterpieces in the art of teasing, while others are just plain lazy and uninspiring.

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Scene Writers

The trailer for new action movie “Kick-Ass” has all the makings of a great preview — plenty of action scenes, a little romance and a lot of hilarious dialogue. (It also stars Nicholas Cage and Christopher “McLovin” Mintz-Plasse.) The movie about a group of everyday folks who turn vigilante by night is based off a popular comic of the same name. From the looks of the trailer, the film has kept the spirit of the comic alive. It is fast-moving but leaves plenty of time for a little character development and a lot of one-liners. It’s basically the perfect draw for a bizarre movie that looks totally awesome.

Parents and their single 30-year-old daughter show up to a hotel. Hot guy greets girl as she leaves the elevator. They fall madly in love, then it becomes evident that he’s on the run from hit men and she must join him on his crazy quest for freedom. Katherine Heigl and Ashton Kutcher star in what promises to be an entertaining summer flick, but the trailer doesn’t garner this movie a “must-see” label. There’s plenty of action, pretty shots of Heigl and full-on views of Kutcher’s abs (which earned this trailer a shamrock in and of itself), but the only motor propelling this two-minute clip along is the star power of its two good-looking leads.

June 4, 2010

Apparantly Summit Entertainment is re-releasing last fall’s “The Twilight Saga: New Moon.” This trailer has all the hallmarks from November’s blockbuster: moody music, swirling clouds, Pacific Northwest scenery, Robert Pattinson’s earnest declarations of love, Kristen Stewart’s eyebrow acting and gratuitous shots of Taylor Lautner’s abs. But the title card at the end says it’s “The Twilight Saga: Eclipse.” What? It’s like the people behind this trailer aren’t even bothered to be creative anymore, since they know people will still flock to the theaters anyway.

June 30, 2010

When 28 years pass between a movie and its sequel, there had better be an extremely good reason for the second installment. The “Tron Legacy” trailer smolders for almost a minute and a half before presenting its argument. After a meager backstory, the stereotypical teenage protagonist with an absent father figure is pulled into the computer and the audience follows closely. Epic music, tense but unrushed cuts and the awesome special effects finally show a beautifully realized computer world. It’s everything the original promised.

In its final seconds, the steely gaze of an Oscar-winning Jeff Bridges beckons you into the Tron world.

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Tim Burton’s new film “Alice in Wonderland” is not the “Alice” that fills your childhood memories. Thirteen years after the events in Lewis Carroll’s book “Alice in Wonderland” (and the Disney movie adaptation), Alice, played by newcomer Mia Wasikowska, returns to Underland, which she mistakenly called Wonderland on her last visit. Although she has dreamed of her visit to Underland since childhood, she thought it was merely that — a dream — and is convinced she is once again dreaming her fantastical surroundings.

But the inhabitants of Underland, many of whom are familiar from the animated film, remember her quite well and guide her through trials and tribulations so that she can fulfill her destiny and save Underland from the tyrannical rule of the Red Queen (Helena Bonham Carter). These characters include the Mad Hatter (Johnny Depp), the White Rabbit (Michael Sheen), Absolem the caterpillar (Alan Rickman) and the White Queen (Anne Hathaway).

Burton brings his stunning vision to life in “Alice.” The scenery is lush and gorgeous, the costumes are bizarrely beautiful and the makeup perfectly emphasizes the zany features of each character. The CGI animation blends well with the live-action characters to create a totally immersive world.

“Alice” can be viewed in 3D, and while Burton is less dedicated to creating an all-encompassing 3D experience than James Cameron was in “Avatar,” the dimensionality of “Alice” is still mesmerizing. Paying the extra $3 for 3D isn’t necessary, but it’s worth it.

Unfortunately, the rest of the film doesn’t hold up to its stunning visuals. The acting is good all-around, but it could have just been so much better. Wasikowska seems perfectly cast as Alice, who, with age, has developed a bit of attitude, and has lost some of her doe-eyed naïveté. However, her dialogue is dry and dull and it seems as if something is missing in the direction she was given. Her enormous potential is there on screen, but she is left as only that — an actress with staggering potential.

Depp was advertised as the main draw of “Alice.” While his eccentricity seems perfectly at home in the character of the Mad Hatter, he seems a tad too weird, even for a quirky Burton film. Although enjoyable to watch, he is at times difficult to believe. That being said, he is full of energy and lights up the screen.

Hathaway is debatably creepier as the benevolent White Queen than Carter is as the Red Queen, but she takes her character a little too far, making her unbelievable. Overall, it’s a good movie. Those who like Burton’s typical unconventional storytelling will probably feel right at home in his “Alice,” although it is definitely not designed for children bred on the Disney classic. Burton’s rendition is dark, twisted and scary.

All the elements for a great movie are there. Generally good acting, awesome visuals and an interesting story all work well on their own, but in this case, the whole is not greater than the sum of its parts. When put together, everything gets a little mashed up, and, at the end of the day, there is just something missing in “Alice.” It could have been great, even truly awesome. But, sadly, “Alice” just falls a little flat.
Brooks’ final shot secures victory for Rockets

Knicks continue road winning streak; Celtics get ahead to rest starters; Jazz come back after back-to-back losses

NBA

HOUSTON — Aaron Brooks swished a jumper with 2.9 seconds left and scored 31 points to help the Houston Rockets rally for a 125-123 victory over Denver on Monday night. It was the Nuggets’ six-game winning streak.

Carmelo Anthony scored 45 points for the Nuggets, but missed a layup try at the buzzer. Luis Scola grabbed the final rebound and finished with 24 points and 13 rebounds.

Scola was coming off a career-high, 44-point game, and converted a key three-point play with 41 seconds remaining to put Houston ahead 122-121.

Brooks sank a free throw before Anthony drove past Shane Battier for a layup to tie it at 123. Brooks then dribbled around Anthony Carter and hit the go-ahead shot from the right of the free throw line, giving Houston its first three-game winning streak since December.

Kevin Martin scored 29 points for Houston. Chamique Billups and J.R. Smith added 17 apiece for the Nuggets.

The Nuggets led 93-90 with 10 minutes left in the game and were up as much as 16 in the first half. Battier’s corner 3 with 8:05 left on Monday night drew the Rockets within four.

The Rockets couldn’t crack the lead until Anthony Carter finally sliced a jumper from the wing with 1:25 to go to cut it to 115-113.

Denver stretched the lead to five, but couldn’t put away Houston. Trevor Ariza’s 3-pointer with 1:09 left made it 120-116 and sparked a 3-1 and 3 and Scola rebounded. He got the ball out of bounds, then charged down the lane for a tying layup. Billups fouled out on the play and Scola hit the ensuing free throw to put the Rockets ahead.

Unhappy with Anthony and the Nuggets seemed to have the game in hand.

Houston led by 11 at the half, but Billups sank consecutive 3-pointers early in the third quarter to get the Nuggets going. His tip-in with 4:36 left tied it 133-all. Anthony made a 30-point 30 seconds later to give the Rockets their first lead of the game.

Anthony scored 11 in the third quarter to knock down a 3, a baseline jumper and a straight-on jumper in the first two minutes of the fourth to stretch Denver’s lead to 104-93.

The Rockets shot 59 percent (23 of 39) in one of their best first halves of the season to lead 68-57 at the break. Houston made its first 17 shots, many of them layups, and generated 10 fast-break points in the first nine minutes to lead 32-20.

Denver coach Rick Adelman went to his bench early in the third quarter, and the Rockets gave away three turnovers in the first three minutes, and J.R. Smith scored six quick points to cut the Nuggets’ deficit to 98-94.

Martin returned with 9:37 left in the half and scored two points during a 1-6 spurt to lead the push to 58- 42. Denver botched simple layups early and Nene missed a one-handed dunk try with 4:24 remaining in the half.

Anthony had 19 points at the break, despite going 7 for 16 from the field. Billups had only 20 points at halftime.

Kicks 94, 76ers 84

Danilo Gallinari scored 21 points, Toney Douglas added 20 and the New York Knicks won their second straight on the road by rallying past the struggling Philadelphia 76ers, 94-84.

At Harrington contributed 15, Tracy McGrady scored 14 and Wilson Chandler had 12 points and 11 rebounds for the Knicks (24-43), who snapped the Dallas Mavericks’ 13-game win streak with a convincing 128- 94 victory over the Washington Wizards on Monday night.

Pierce scored 12 points in the first 6-39 of the game and helped the Celtics open an 18-point lead in the first quarter. He played just 30 seconds in the second quarter, when the Celtics used a 19-5 run to open a 29-point lead, before picking up his third foul.

He wasn’t needed much in the second half, either. Boston led by as many as 33 points, 82-49, but the Pierce cut it to 19 at the end of three.

Jazz 112, Wizards 89

Carlos Boozer scored 23 points. Deron Williams notched his 30th double-double of the season, and the Utah Jazz ended a two-game losing streak with a 112-92 victory over the Washington Wizards on Monday night.

Williams finished with 17 points and 11 assists, and keyed a 17-6 run at the start of the third quarter that turned the game into a rout.

Andray Blatche scored 24 points and Mike Miller added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Wizards, who lost their eighth straight game.

Washington shot just 3 of 23 from the field and was outsunk 31-15 in the third quarter as Utah built a 90-60 lead. The Wizards shot 36.9 percent for the game.

Mehmet Okur scored 14 points for Utah, which had seven players score in double figures and won for the 11th time in 16 games.

The Jazz moved one game ahead of Oklahoma City for the No. 4 seed and home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Blatche is averaging 22.6 points in the Wizards’ eight games in March. Alonzo Gee scored 10 points in the second half for Washington, which trailed 59-45 at halftime.

Boozer blocked six shots and forced 15 Washington turnovers.

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IN BRIEF

Ovechkin suspended for two games because of hit

NEW YORK — Two-time MVP Alex Ovechkin was suspended Monday for the Washington Capitals' next two games because of a reckless hit.

The forward drove Chicago's Brian Campbell into the boards from behind in the first period Sunday and received a major penalty and a game misconduct. With Ovechkin, who is leading the league in points with 96, kicked out of the game, the Capitals later came back from a 3-0 third-period deficit to win 4-3 in overtime. "There's nothing I can do right now. I just feel bad about the entire season," Ovechkin said.

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NCAA Men’s Basketball

Kansas receives top overall seed in NCAA tourney

An injury hurts as much as a loss in the days before the brackets are drawn up for March Madness. Syracuse endured both and will have to rack up some major air time to make a run to the Final Four.

Kansas, Kentucky and Duke won their conference tournaments and the top seeding that went with them when the selection committee rolled out its 65-team NCAA tournament bracket Sunday.

The Orange, meanwhile, also got a No. 1 seed, but was ranked fourth of the four top teams and sent West — the result of an early loss in the Big East tournament — into the Final Four.

In which center Arinze Onuaku injured his right quadriceps.

Onuaku, who averages 10 points, five rebounds and 1.1 blocks a game, isn’t expected to play Friday when Syracuse opens against Vermont.

Syracuse's road to the Final Four, set for April 3-5 in Indianapolis, will have to go through Salt Lake City, a 2,100-mile trek from home.

"We’re proud to be a No. 1 seed," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "This team has worked extremely hard, been consistent all year. Obviously, the tournament is always going to be challenging. It'll be challenging right off the bat."

America’s largest three-week office pool starts getting sorted out Tuesday with an opening-round game between Arkansas-Pine Bluff and Winthrop. The tournament goes into full swing Thursday, with Kansas the overall No. 1 seed.

The Big East led the field with eight teams, tying its own record and marking the third time the conference has put that many teams in the tournament.

But winning the toughest conference’s regular-season title wasn’t the accomplishment it might have been for Syracuse. The Orange (28-4) lost to Georgetown in the Big East tournament quarterfinals. That pushed Syracuse down, below Duke, which was expected to vie for top spot.

West Virginia for the final No. 1 spot. Winning the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament helped Duke vault over Syracuse and the Mountaineers.

"Once again, we’re talking about the entire season," selection chairman Dan Guerrero said. "We place value on that. Obviously, the big center for Syracuse got banged up. That’s an issue to some degree.”

Before the committee even met, there was no question there will be a new national champion.

Defending titlist North Carolina was on a long list of traditional powerhouse that didn’t receive spots in this year’s tournament.
Blue Jackets see goals from five different athletes

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Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — David Clarkson had a goal and an assist and the New Jersey Devils scored three times in the first period and didn’t break stride, holding on for a 3-2 victory over the Boston Bruins on Monday night.

Clarkson took the shot that Rob Niedermayer deflected in and then scored on a breakaway — set up by goalie Martin Brodeur — to make it 2-0. Zach Parise finished the barrage that assured the Devils (41-24-3) their 18th straight .500-plus season.

Blake Wheeler scored for the third straight game, giving the Devils’ deficit to 3-1 at 42 seconds of the middle period, but the eighth-place Bruins couldn’t stretch their lead at the bottom of the Eastern Conference playoff race. Boston is one point ahead of the New York Rangers and has played one fewer game.

Parise Bergeron made it 3-2 with 1:03 left after goalie Tuukka Rask was pulled for an extra attacker.

New Jersey bounced back from a disappointing loss at the New York Islanders and won its third straight at home, outscoring Pittsburgh, the Northeast Division-leading Pittsburgh by two points and will host the Penguins on Wednesday.

Bruder made 34 saves for the Devils, 3-0 against Boston this season.

After a sloppy first 10 minutes that featured several turnovers and multiple stoppages, the Devils dominated the final half of the period and affirmed their 3-0 lead.

Parise started at 9:58 when he tipped in Clarkson’s shot from the slot that was let in by Rask. Clarkson split a pair of defenders and skated in on Thomas. Sliding back and forth, Clarkson settled the puck on his backhand and slid in his eighth goal.

Clarkson, who missed 23 games from Dec. 31-Feb.13 due to a lower body injury, scored for the first time since Nov. 16.

His goal was still being announced when Parise made it 3-0. 45 seconds later. Thomas stopped defenseman Mike Mottau’s shot but couldn’t contain Parise’s rebound. Parise found the puck in front and backhand ed it past Thomas for the Devils’ point-less in three of four games.

Thomas didn’t make it out for the entire period, marking the fourth time this season he has been pulled. The reigning Vezina Trophy winner made only his fifth start in 14 games and dropped his third straight decision (0-2-1). He stopped 12 of 19 shots.

It has been a tough season for Thomas, who has lost his starting job to Rask. He also made just one mop-up appearance for the United States at the Vancouver Olympics.

Thomas had 36 wins with an NHL-best 2-10 goals-against average to lead the Devils. Thomas has only 15 wins with a 2.57 GAA in 40 games this season, a key reason why Devils’ injuries are piling up for a playoff spot with 14 games remaining.

Rask stopped all 16 shots he faced.

Blue Jackets 5, Oilers 3

Antoine Vermette had two assists and scored the clinching empty-netter Monday night to lead the Columbus Blue Jackets past Edmonton, adding to the Oilers’ road woes.

Kristian Huselius added a goal and three assists and Jake Voracek, Chris Clark and Marc Methot also scored for the Blue Jackets, who totaled only three goals in their previous two games. Kevin Burett chipped in with two assists for the first multipoint game of his 91-game career.

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Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Larry Foote quickly realized how much he disliked losing.

The inside linebacker is returning to the Pittsburgh Steelers, signing a $9.3 mil- lion, three-year contract Monday after a dishearten- ing season spent with Detroit.

Foote started when Pittsburgh won the Super Bowl during the 2004 and 2008 seasons, but asked for his release and subsequently signed a one-year contract with the Detroit Lions to keep the team's salary cap flexible.

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Righty Gallardo hopes to lead Brewers in future

Marlins win despite Volstad’s poor pitching; pitcher Ortiz stays in Dodgers’ rotation and shuts out Angels

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Yovani Gallardo wants to start on opening day for the first time. He’s making his strongest argument yet.

Gallardo struck out five in four solid innings and rookie Alcides Escobar knocked in his ninth run of the spring, giving the Milwaukee Brewers a 5-4 win over the Cleveland Indians on Monday.

“I think about it. I would like to be it,” Gallardo said. “I think it would be a great experience. Just being here two years and having that opportunity means a lot.”

Gallardo is almost the forgotten starter in Brewers camp this spring. The 24-year-old right-hander went 13-12 with a 3.73 ERA last season, but Milwaukee’s rotation ended the year in shambles — a league-worst 5.37 ERA among starters.

In the offseason, the Brewers signed left-handers Randy Wolf and Doug Davis. Jeff Suppan, Manny Parra, Dave Bush and Chris Narveson are battling for the final two rotation spots.

Brewers manager Ken Macha hasn’t selected his opening day starter yet, but made it a point not to give it to Gallardo last year because he didn’t want to put pressure on his budding star.

“If I get it, I get it,” Gallardo said.

Macha said Gallardo has been very good this spring and that he’s “glad to hear” his young pitcher wants to start on opening day.

Gallardo retired the first nine hitters he faced before allowing a hit and a run in the fourth. He finished his day by striking out former Brewers prospect Matt LaPorta.

Escobar, Milwaukee’s rookie shortstop, has had a strong spring, too, as J.J. Hardy’s replacement after Milwaukee dealt the All-Star to Minnesota for Carlos Gomez.

Escobar isn’t supposed to be the litter that Hardy was, but is 12-for-26 this spring with a home run and a team-high nine RBIs.

“I’m just trying to put it in play,” Escobar said. “I’m hitting every day and working on my swing. I don’t know if I’m going to stay that hot.”

Indians starter David Huff never appeared to find a rhythm.

Huff, who is trying to win one of two unclaimed spots in Cleveland’s rotation, allowed the left-hitter to score in every inning he pitched. He finished allowing five runs and right hits in 3 1-3 innings.

“I left some pitches up and they definitely capitalized on it,” said the left-hander, who went 11-8 last season. “All in all, it wasn’t a very good outing. There were some good signs in there as far as certain pitches I threw to certain guys. There were more bad things than good things but it was a learning experience.”

Huff said there’s a fine line in trying to balance results and work on his mechanics while competing for a job.

“Leaving pitches up is not a good thing,” he said. “Today was one of those days. Tomorrow’s a new day.”

Marlins 5, Twins 4

Chris Volstad hurt his chances at solidifying a spot in the Marlins’ rotation, allowing four runs in 2 1-3 innings in Florida’s victory over the Twins on Monday.

Volstad allowed five hits and four walks. He has given up eight runs on 11 hits and five walks in his last two outings.

“The first few innings were good. After that a couple of pitches were up, the breaking stuff was not quite as good,” Volstad said. “I just need to finish it a little more.”

That’s what happened last year and pitched in Japan in 2008.

Ortiz went 59-49 for the Angels from 1999 through 2004, including 15-9 with the 2002 World Series champions. He credits his experience in Japan with teaching him a different approach to pitching.

“He’s looking good. He’s got a good feel for the ball,” said Rivas, who said he adjusted to more of a finesse approach because of the tight Japanese strike zone.

“Japan helped me a lot,” Rivas said. “I drew interest from several major league clubs and mentioned the New York Mets, Philadelphia and Tampa Bay.”

“I like California,” he said. “The Dodgers have a great team.”

Dodgers manager Joe Torre returned to the Cactus League after a three-game stint in Taiwan.

Former Angels star Garret Anderson played left field for the Dodgers. He got a big ovation from the crowd when he came to the plate with two runners on in the first and hit a soft RB single to center field.

Scott Kazmir made his first spring start for the Angels and allowed two runs and five hits in 2 1-3 innings.

Working on a different grip on his slider, he walked two and struck out one. His spring had been delayed due to tightness in his right hamstrings.

It was tough not being able to do any leg work,” he said. “It took a little more time because it was my landing leg.”

“There weren’t too many solid hits — broken bats, bloopers,” Kazmir said. “I’ll take that. I was a little anxious out there.”

Kazmir went 10-9 overall with the Tampa Bay and the Angels last season. He had a sparkling 1.73 ERA over six regular-season starts with the AL West champions.

Angels right-handed setup men Fernando Rodney (shin pain) and Kevin Jepsen (shoulder tendinitis) also made their first spring appearance.

Kazmir walked and did not allow a hit in two-thirds of an inning. Jepsen struck out two and walked one in one hitless inning.

It was good getting those guys out on the mound,” Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.
Upset victory energizes Irish to win 8 of 9 games

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish took an early lead against Ohio State after junior infielder Katie Fleury hit a home run in the fifth inning. Though junior pitcher Jody Valdivia gave up a three-run homer in the sixth inning that threatened the Irish lead, she secured the win by shutting Ohio State down in the seventh inning as the Irish offensive rally decided the game. Five runs in the seventh rounded out a 12-5 victory over Cal State Northridge that was highlighted by Valdivia’s one-batter shutout.

“Jody is performing like a leader and a veteran,” Gumpf said. “She knows how to beat teams and is doing a great job controlling hitters.”

Later in the week, the Irish traveled to Long Beach, Calif., for the Long Beach State Invitational, where four wins in five games improved their overall record to 16-5. A tough 2-1 loss against San Diego State ended Notre Dame’s 11-game win streak.

The Irish shut out both of their remaining opponents before leaving Riverside, beating the hosts 10-0 in five innings before finishing with a 3-0 victory over Cal State Northridge that was highlighted by Valdivia’s one-batter shutout.

“It’s so crucial to have some great competition before Big East starts and I believe we have accomplished that,” Gumpf said. “We are in a great position to begin Big East and the team is well prepared for it.”

Next, the Irish will travel to Kalamazoo, Mich., to play Western Michigan on Thursday to squeeze in one more game before their 2010 season home opener against Eastern Michigan on Tuesday at Melissa Cook Stadium on Mar. 23.

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The Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism

The Department Of Art, Art History and Design is pleased to announce its annual competition for the Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism. Current Notre Dame undergraduate and graduate students are invited to submit essays on any topic in the history of art or art criticism for consideration in the competition. Essays must deal with the visual arts. They may have been written in conjunction with a course taken at the University, but need not have been.

Rules governing the competition are available in the Art Department Office, 306 Riley Hall.

Two copies of the submission must be delivered to the Art Department Office by 4:00 PM, Thursday, March 18th to be eligible.

A student may only submit ONE entry.
Borjorquez aids Belles to end strong

By TIM SINGLER
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s split the final two games of its Spring Break tournament, losing the opener against Heidelberg (Ohio) 5-0 and concluding with an 8-0 trouncing of SUNY Potsdam in five innings in Florida.

The Belles (6-4) began the day with a loss to Heidelberg where they just could not get anything going. The Berg controlled much of the game, including thrashing the Belles defense with stellar small-ball play.

The Berg took advantage of base hits and walks to score runs as they jumped out to a 5-0 lead and never looked back. Heidelberg utilized a combination of a single, a walk, then another single to drive in a run numerous times.

Sophomore pitcher Angela Borjorquez led the Belles as they awoke the season against SUNY Potsdam as they awoke the season and ended up allowing two unearned runs while striking out two.

"Hayley really stepped up as a veteran and picked us up after a game we shouldn’t have lost earlier that day," Belles coach Erin Sullivan said. "She gave us great momentum with her bat and helped us have a successful finish on our training trip."

Outfielders senior Ashley Peterson and sophomore Lauren Enayati also provided the Belles with offensive production. Peterson was 4-for-4 and added an RBI and a run scored while Enayati went 3-for-3 with a stolen base and also a run scored.

Sophomore pitcher Monica Palicki threw a stellar game, striking out six and allowing just one hit to the game’s first batter.

Saint Mary’s hopes to continue its recent success as it next takes on Goshen in a game that will be the Belles’ first outside of Florida, where they began the season. The game will be tough, but Erin Sullivan said, "I am so impressed with the team. I want to see the whole team bring that energy and passion we found on our trip to our remaining games."

The Belles will face a hot Goshen team that won four of its last five games in the Spring Break trip in Florida. The Maple Leafs (5-5) used two shutouts and 31 runs to propel them to break even with 50B to conclude the break.

Goshen’s record does not reflect how it has been playing recently, and the Belles will need to jump out early to take command of the game’s first batter.

"Our preparation for Goshen was more based on making adjustments from our games last week," Sullivan said. "We spent some time on the things we needed to do better and I’m hoping to see us respond to these changes and jump to an early lead."

Saint Mary’s hopes to continue their success against the Maple Leafs as they travel to take on Goshen in a doubleheader Tuesday at 4 p.m.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS
Irish begin outdoor season in Puerto Rico

The No. 3 Irish spanned two vastly different locales on route to a 2-1 record over Spring Break.

After defeating Indiana at home, the Irish (12-2) split a pair of matches in Puerto Rico, defeating William & Mary and losing to No. 7 Duke in the squad’s first outdoor matches of the season.

The team opened the break with a dominating 7-0 victory over in-state rival Indiana in what will likely be the team’s last indoor match of the season. The Irish dropped only one doubles match while still pulling out the doubles point. The Irish were propelled by a dominating 6-0, 6-1 victory in first singles from national No. 14 sophomore Kristy Frilling over Indiana freshman Leslie Hureau.

Frilling won 10 straight games to start the match and the Irish never looked back.

"It’s our last indoor match, so we’re happy to finish with a win," Irish coach Jay Louderback said. "We played much better in the doubles, and that really gave us a boost going into the singles.

Indiana is a tough team. They beat a ranked team in Tennessee the week before so we knew they would be tough."

Coming off the defeat of the Hoosiers, Notre Dame made a huge transition, traveling to Puerto Rico for the first outdoor matches of the season.

"The sky was overcast, though, so we didn’t have a lot of elements to deal with. We switched our doubles around and played much better. It didn’t feel like our first match outside because we adjusted better than we did against Duke," Louderback said.

Against the No. 7 Duke, the defending national champion, a defeat of Frilling in first singles set the tone in a 5-2 Irish loss.

After sweeping the doubles matches, the Irish lost five of six singles matches. Senior Cosmina Ciobanu was the only winner.

"Playing a good team from the south outdoors when it’s early in the season is tough," Louderback. "The sky was sunny and there was a lot of wind to deal with. I think we had some trouble with it."

The Irish will look to get back in the win column when they travel to take on Vanderbilt Friday.

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Two runners advance to NCAA Championships

By MEGAN FINNERAN
The Observer

The past two weekends brought much excitement for the Irish as six athletes became provisional qualifiers for the NCAA Indoor Championships and two actually qualified for the championships in Fayetteville, Ark.

Senior sprinter Jack Howard came into the first championship appearance ranked No. 15 nationally after winning the Big East's 800-meter indoor title this year. He advanced to the finals after a fifth-place finish in the preliminaries with a time of 1:49.52. He ended the two-week stretch of races with second place in the men's 800 final with a time of 1:49.48, earning his first All-America award.

"Becoming an All-American has always been a big goal of mine," Howard said.

"I have been working on the guy who qualified for nationals if other people didn't. This season has been my best so far. I am finally completely healthy after dealing with injuries. Running the provisional time for a 5k meant a lot, but it meant a lot more for me to break fourteen minutes," Howard said.

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Saturday night brought more scoring woes for the Irish, allowing the Pirates to steal a 79-76 victory.

Jackson, who suffered a knee injury suffered the night before, played through it. "I probably shouldn't have started him. I don't think he was physically ready for that," Jackson said.

Junior wing Calle Ridderwall cut the deficit to three early in the second period with a time of 1:49.48, earning his first All-American award.

"As a team, we played around with each other because of the seed and region. Notre Dame was one of the last teams announced, allowing some tension to creep into the Purcell Pavilion, where the team watched the selection show. "To be honest," Jackson said, "I would have took off my shirt and squeezed it out, I probably could have filled a bucket." But the Irish made it, and now look forward to Old Dominion

"I think the team knew after its success at the end of the season, what these guys did," Howard said. "The Irish made it to the Big East semi-finals, but we were losing 53-51 on Friday to West Virginia, which earned a No. 2 seed in the East region. Notre Dame trailed for the entire second half but whittled down the deficit slowly. Irish senior guard Tory Jackson attempted a 3-pointer with five seconds left, but missed. "Boy, we made a run at it," Brey said after the game.

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"I thought we were in the game," Brey said after the game. "I mean, we lost to the sixth-ranked team in the country by two points and had a shot to win it." Hansbrough said after the game. "It just shows how far this team has come.

"That's how we connect as a team, you know," Jackson said. "We teased each other. We played around with each other."

"You know, I think we're a very confident team that can't wait to play," Brey said. "I'm glad we play Thursday instead of Friday so we can get back on campus."

"We're really playing pretty well."

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"I thought the last couple of days of practice have been great for me just to get back in the flow," Harangody said. "Kind of got my conditioning back up to where it has been.

"The Irish missed the Tournament last season but earned bids each of the previous two years. This year, the team's confidence is high.

"I think the way we play, we can beat anybody in the country," Hansbrough said. "And I think we kind of proved that and it got us to where we were."

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defense, pulling the score as close as possible in the half. Notre Dame was able to keep it close the rest of the game, evening the turnover battle 17-11.

Notre Dame was only down 25-22 Fairfield, but the close game was not to last.

The Huskies dominated the board on both ends, winning 14-12 in the half to reestablish a lead. Senior center Tina Charles paced Connecticut with 16 points and 16 rebounds, while senior guard Kalana Greene chipped in 15 points of her own.

The Irish dominated for the Irish, and the only one in double-figure was 37-year-old Sheryl Swoopes, who had 10 points and two assists.

To head to Connecticut marks the third time this year the Irish have lost to the Huskies, with the previous losses coming with deficits of 24 and 25 points. This game was the closest thus far, with the deficit being only 15 points.

Rebounded on opposite sides of the NCAA Tournament bracket, Notre Dame and Connecticut would have been a dream matchup unless they both made it to the national championship game. The Irish earned a No. 2 seed and will open the NCAA Tournament at home against No. 15 seed Cleveland State Sunday.

"I was joking with Coach, we're probably one of the best prepared teams going into the tournament having played Connecticut three times this year," Diggins said.

Despite the loss to Connecticut, the Irish still had three strong showings at Louisville (14-17, 5-11) and St. John's (14-6, 12-4), two teams they struggled against in the regular season.

In the win over Louisville in the second round of the tournament, Notre Dame got a very welcome contribution from senior center Erica Williamson, who chipped in for 16 points.

"The great thing was Erica Williamson," McGraw said. "Secondleading scorer in the Big East tournament. Junior forward Devereaux Peters, third-leading scorer. That was exciting for me to see because it just means how much better of a team we are when you take your senior guards Ashley Barlow, Lindsay Schrader and Melissa Lechlitner and you know they're going to be ready, now you know more people are going to be ready.

"After defeating Louisville, the Irish took on St. John's in the quarterfinals, avenging a loss earlier this year with the win. The Irish were led by Diggins' 21 points and 13 points from Peters, who had 11 points in the second half alone.

Notre Dame's NCAA-opener will begin Sunday at 2:30 p.m. in the Purcell Pavilion.

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Schrage said "When that happens, you get a lot of fly outs. Notre Dame salvaged the final game of the tournament against host Seton Hall as junior pitcher Brian Dupra limited the Pirates to just one earned run over seven innings en route to a 4-2 victory. Senior outfielder Brandon H及其他 and freshman second baseman Frank DeSrico each had a pair of hits, while junior catcher Cameron McConnell added a two-run single.

"I still think pitching is the strength of our team, so we need to start pitching more innings, pitch deeper into games so we don't have to tax our bullpen," Schrage said. "I think sometimes there's no control over that, but when you're on your bullpen if you're going to your bullpen in the fourth, fifth inning."

The Irish next traveled to Edison, Texas for a two-game series against Texas-Pan American, but were unable to carry the momentum. Notre Dame fell to the Broncs (7-3) 9-7 and 10-4 in consecutive days, the starting pitching failed to keep the game withing reach.

"We just need to get some of those guys to get us into the seventh inning," Schrage said. "Their arms are at a point where they should be able to do that, get up to around 90 pitches, and hopefully 90 pitch es will be enough to get us through seven innings."

Notre Dame rounded out the trip with a four-game set at the Irish Baseball Classic in San Antonio, Texas. The Irish opened up the tournament with a 10-6 victory over Bradley (4-6). Senior leftfielder Ryan Connally belted a solo home run and contributed 3 RBIs to pace the offense.

The Irish fell to Pacific (10-5 plug) the following day 8-4, but Dupra played the role of stopper against Gonzaga (7-7) once again to propel Notre Dame into the title game. Dupra turned in a career start and the best performance by a starter all season, holding the Bulldogs to two earned runs over 7 innings while fanning 8 in a 6-3 win.

Senior first baseman Casey Martin continued his torrid hitting, emerging as Notre Dame's biggest threat at the plate. Martin jacked a three-home run in the first to give the Irish a lead they would not relinquish.

Falling in the championship game in a rematch against Pacific 3-2, the Irish hope to improve their record to .500 in the home opener Saturday against Michigan State.

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over two minutes remaining sent the contest to overtime. The Browns were able to score just 29 seconds remaining in the first overtime, ending the game and handing Notre Dame its first loss of the season. The Irish dominance on the stat sheet was of little consolation.

"It's not about statistics, it's about finding ways to win," Corrigan said. "We didn't make the adjustments we needed to make when playing a hot goalie.

Sophomore midfielder Max Pfeifler led Notre Dame with a career-best four goals. Senior midfielder Grant Krebs added an assist, as did Eric Gerl. Hicks assisted on two goals, extending his point streak to 21 games, a run that leads the Irish.

During the trip, three Irish seniors—Krebs, defender Sam McConnell and goalkeeper Scott Rodgers — were named to the watch list for the Towson Cup Trophy, given to the best collegiate lacrosse players.

After the tight loss at Drexel, the Irish had three days to travel to Edinburg, Texas for a two-game set in the first NCAA Division I game in that city in four decades. Though they fell 15-14 in the first half, Notre Dame's winning ways were cold, and the Irish dropped their second straight game, falling 25-22 to the Stags once again.

The Irish again dominated the stat sheet but not the scoring line, taking 42 shots to the Stags' 23 and winning 14 of 20 face-offs in the game. Hicks' trick led the Irish offensively while Krebs and Earl each had three-point performances. The two losses revealed some weaknesses, especially on the offensive end.

"We're in too much of a hurry and not selective enough. We've got to be consistent," Corrigan said. "Defense is a matter of minor adjustments.

Those adjustments were installed on Monday during the team's first practice in brand new Arlotta Stadium on Monday in preparation for the team's clash with Denver (3-3) Wednesday. Notre Dame will have to convert more of its shots in order to win as well as find better team communication on offense. The Pioneers are coached by Bill Tierney, who won six national championships at Princeton.

"They have a lot of very creative offensive guys and they're very well coached," Corrigan said. "They play solid defense and are all-around a very good team.

Senior Krebs has also slipped from No. 3 to No. 13 in the national rankings, providing one more motivator for the Irish.

The Notre Dame squad is also excited to play its first meaningful game in Arlotta Stadium, especially considering the relatively warm conditions. Corrigan said.

"It's a beautiful venue," Corrigan said. "I hope we get a lot of people out because it's a great place to watch a game."

The Irish look to snap their two-game losing streak and begin climbing up the rankings again when they face Denver this afternoon at 4 p.m. at Arlotta Stadium.

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**Men's Basketball**

**Showing some swagger**

Irish make it to Big East semis but lose to WVU

By BILL BRINK
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A month ago Notre Dame was 6-8 in conference play, senior forward Luke Harangody was in street clothes and another trip to the NIT seemed imminent.

But that was before Notre Dame beat Pittsburgh and George-town, both in the top 15 at the time, before it beat Connecticut on Senior Night, before junior forward Carleton Scott hit a game-tying 3 at the buzzer at Marquette to allow the Irish to win in overtime and before the Irish won two Big East tournament games last weekend.

The six-game win streak was enough to give Notre Dame (23-11, 10-8) a No. 6 seed in the NCAA Tournament, which begins Thursday. The selection committee placed the Irish in the Southeast region, but they will have to play a close game with the Buckeyes.

“We actually made a lot of plays, but we didn’t really play that well,” Corrigan said. “We got a great win over a very good team.”

After Notre Dame’s 20th straight regular season win, the then-No. 3 Irish traveled to Philadelphia to take on then-No. 20 Drexel. In a tense overtime contest, the Dragons prevailed 7-6 despite being out-shot 42-30 by Notre Dame. The game was tied 4-4 at halftime, and a 3-6 record during the nine-game road trip that featured seven different teams across two conferences.

**Baseball**

Irish post six losses in road trip

By CHRIS MASOUd
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While the rest of the student body dreads the end of Spring Break, the return to campus could not have come sooner for the Irish. Notre Dame compiled a 3-6 record during the nine-game road trip that featured seven different teams across two conferences.

The Irish (7-8) jumped to early leads against Harvard (3-4) and Kansas State (13-2), but were unable to maintain their consistency at the plate, falling to the Crimson 9-6 and the Wildcats 5-2 in the first two games of the Stetson Tournament in DeLand, Fla.

“We hit some homrers early in the tournament and sometimes the team gets the tendency thinking they need to hit homeruns to score runs,” Irish coach Dave Brody said. "We hit some homeruns early in the tournament and sometimes the team gets the tendency thinking they need to hit homeruns to score runs." Irish coach Dave Brody said.

**Men's Lacrosse**

Squad loses two of three over break, look to earn coach 200th win

By ALLAN JOSEPH
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Big crowds, overtime thrillers, player honors and warm weather — Notre Dame experienced all of the above over its Spring Break trip.

The Irish (3-2) dropped two of three on the trip, however, and look to avoid dropping to .500 on the season. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan has a chance to notch his 200th win at Notre Dame when the Irish host Denver tonight in their first regular-season game in brand-new Arlotta Stadium.

Notre Dame's Spring Break trip began with a trip to Baltimore to play in the third game of the Konica Minolta Face-Off Classic at M&T Bank Stadium, the home of the NFL's Ravens. Notre Dame defeated No. 10 Loyola, 11-9, before 19,742 fans to give the Irish their third consecutive victory to open the season. Junior midfielders Zach Brenneman and David Earl paced Notre Dame with three goals each, while senior attack Neal Hicks deposited two goals and an assist. Earl also had an assist in a career day.

The Greyhounds led 3-2 at the end of the first quarter before the Irish put forth a 3-0 second quarter. The Notre Dame lead did not last long, however, as Loyola scored three times in the first five minutes of the second half. The rest of the game was back-and-forth until the Irish went up for good with just under 10 minutes remaining in the contest on Earl's third goal. The performances of Earl and Brenneman earned both recognition. Brenneman was selected to Inside Lacrosse's team of the week; Brenneman was selected to Inside Lacrosse's team of the week; Brenneman was selected to Inside Lacrosse's team of the week; Brenneman was selected to Inside Lacrosse's team of the week.

“Defensively we played really well,” Irish coach Matt McGraw said. “I was really happy with the defense. I thought we rebounded pretty well.”

The Irish (27-5, 12-4) managed to play a close game with Connecticut (33-0, 16-0) during the first half thanks to that...