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**The Princeton Review**

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**‘Dream College’ Survey**

1. Stanford University  
2. Princeton University  
3. Harvard College  
4. Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
5. Yale University  
6. University of California—Los Angeles  
7. University of Notre Dame  
8. Brown University  
9. University of Southern California  
10. New York University  
11. *3,042 parents surveyed*

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**By MOLLY MADDEN**

News Writer

Notre Dame is one of American parent’s “Dream Schools,” according to a recent survey conducted by the Princeton Review. The survey of 3,042 parents of college applicants ranked Notre Dame the No. 7 school where parents would want to send their child if acceptance and cost were not issues. The Princeton Review has consistently ranked Notre Dame since the survey’s creation in 2003, and Director of Admissions Dan Saracino said the University’s constant presence says a lot about the Notre Dame education.

“Whatever it really means is that we’re consistent,” Saracino said. “We’re a ‘hot’ school or a ‘trendy’ school. We’re a school that stands for the same values today as it did years ago.” Notre Dame was ranked behind institutions such as Stanford University, Princeton University, Harvard College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Yale University, and University of California—Los Angeles.

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**Lecture discusses turmoil in Congo**

**Conference speaker advocates comprehensive consumer campaign**

**By KATIE PERALTA**

Assistant News Editor

The 18th annual Student Peace Conference, sponsored by the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, kicked off its weekend events Friday with a talk by keynote speaker John Prendergast, founder of the Enough Project, which aims to end genocide and crimes against humanity. Prendergast’s organization also works to inform Americans how they might, as consumers, indirectly be perpetuating torture and genocide in developing nations like the Congo.

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**Dance Marathon raises $77,000**

**Saint Mary’s event holds fundraiser for Riley Hospital for Children**

**By MONICA MURPHY**

News Writer

Saint Mary’s and Notre Dame students gathered to “Dance for a Chance” at the fifth annual Dance Marathon at the College’s Angela Athletic Facility Friday and Saturday. The event, which was hosted by the College with the help of Notre Dame’s Pre-Professional Society, raised $77,328 and will donate $72,000 to the Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis.

“This year, we were focused on fundraising, making our presence known and trying to raise awareness,” said Dance Marathon president Kelly Deraney, a senior at Saint Mary’s. Approximately 350 people attended this year’s event, which ran from 8 p.m. Friday until 5 a.m. Saturday.

The night included live performances by the Notre Dame and Saint Mary’s Irish dance team and bands such as South Jordan. In addition, raffles, crafts and card games were among the many activities of the night.

Children from Riley attended the event, including Marty Fraser, who said arm wrestling with a Notre Dame football player was one of the coolest things he had ever done. The Saint Mary’s College Morale Committee also came to teach volunteers how to dance.

Executive vice president of Riley Hospital for Children, was in attendance and shared his thoughts on the positive impact the College has made on the hospital. He said Saint Mary’s had raised over $245,000 for the hospital since the inception of the Dance Marathon.

“Because of you, we have been able to serve over 8,000 patients from South Bend, a young girl from California was able to be treated and 66 percent of pediatricians are becoming more educated,” Bariteau said.

Guest speakers made appearances throughout the night, including Sheila Fraser, a current Marian High School student, who was diagnosed with cancer two years ago.

The doctors later determined Fraser suffered from osteosarcoma, a type of bone cancer. Fraser was named a Riley Champion from 2008-09. Fraser shares her story through public speaking engagements at events such as Dance Marathon throughout the state to raise awareness.

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**Summit connects students, community**

**Committee on Community Relations**

**By MEGHAN MANNING**

News Writer

The fourth annual Notre Dame Community Summit introduced new staff and student leaders Friday afternoon and updated the progress in relations between the community and the University before student government turnover occurs on April 1.

“It was a great chance for the new leaders to meet with the members of the community that we’ve established relations with, and that we’ve created really successful events and programs with,” senior Denise Baron, a member of student government’s Community Committee on Community Relations, said. “It’s done at this time so we can ease the transition and help connect new leaders to the community members we have been working with.”

One development highlighted was the creation of the Crime Safety and Prevention Task Force, started this fall in response to the growing concerns of crime targeted at students in the greater South Bend area. Student body president Grant Schmidt said the task force has made significant improvements in this area.

Summit participants later broke into small groups to independently meet with residents of the community, address issues and offer solutions.
INSIDE COLUMN

My 8 reasons to love N.J.

I’m from New Jersey, and I’m proud of it. First of all, let me tell you that we do not live on one big slab of Turnpike, the air is safe to breathe and we actually do know how to pump gas (well, some of us). The typical response to me telling someone where I’m from is: “Oh, you’re from New Jersey. Do you know any guides?” New Jersey, however, has much more to offer than gelled hair, highways and densely populated cities. New Jersey has a rich history that has contributed to landscape of modern day America.

New Jersey gets a bad rap, and I have 400 words to disprove it.

1. Let me start off with a brief history. New Jersey was one of the original 13 colonies that fought in the Revolutionary War. In fact, it is referred to as the “Crossroads of the Revolution” because more battles were fought in New Jersey than in any other colony. (Shut up, Indiana! You didn’t even exist.)

2. The Jersey Shore. No, not the Jersey Shore you’re thinking of. I’m talking about the majestic Atlantic Ocean that borders the entire eastern coast of my state.

3. There are over 600 diners in New Jersey, more than in any other place in the world. There’s nothing better than eating eggs and a milkshake at 4 a.m. while your guy friends enjoy an assortment of buffalo chicken wings, cinnamon rolls and chili fries.

4. Malls. New Jersey also has more shopping malls than any other place in the world. Within a five-mile radius of my house I have a choice of four different malls. Girls, don’t tell me you wouldn’t appreciate that.

5. Sports buffs: the first baseball game ever was played in Hoboken, N.J., and the first college football game was played in New Brunswick between Rutgers and Princeton.

6. New Jersey is the birthplace of the drive-in movie, the boardwalk, the postcard, the zipper, the cultivated blueberry, the seedless raspberry, the light bulb and the radio.

7. Frank Sinatra, Thomas Edison, Bruce Springsteen, Meryl Streep and Jon Bon Jovi — you get the idea.

8. The air I breathe may be less clean and my politicians may not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Sara Felsenstein at sfelsen@nd.edu.

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N.Y. archbishop defends pope against sex abuse furor

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Archbishop Timothy Dolan was greeted with applause after finishing Palm Sunday Mass by defending Pope Benedict XVI against suggestions he aided cover-ups of reports of child abuse.

The standing-room-only crowd at St. Patrick's Cathedral applauded for 20 seconds after Dolan read a statement calling the pope the "leader in purification, reform and renewal that the church so very much needs."

Still, Dolan said reports of abuse of minors by some priests in Ireland and Germany and the retelling of abuse of children by a priest in Wisconsin had "knocked us to our knees once again" and intensified the somberness of Holy Week, the most sacred time in the Christian calendar.

He urged the Manhattan congregation to pray for the pope, saying he was suffering some of the same unjust accusations once faced by Jesus.

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By COURTENAY DEVLIN
News Writer

Notre Dame's Tri-Military Command Board is to first annual March Madness 10k Run Saturday and far surpassed its fundraising goal of $3,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP).

The three clubs — ATLAS (army ROTC), Arnold Air Force and Trident Naval Society — will distribute the money raised directly to the WWP, said Matt Zak, president of the Trident Naval Society. WWP has a stated mission "to raise awareness and enlist the public's aid for the needs of severely injured service men and women, to help severely injured service men and women to assist each other and to provide unique, direct programs and services to meet the needs of severely injured service members, according to the organization's Web site.

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Holy Week services were largely supportive of Dolan's remarks.

"I thought it was very well put," said Inga Yungwirth, of Hagerstown, Md. "It doesn’t shake my faith."

Earlier, several protesters had gathered outside the Gothic-style cathedral, which sits on Fifth Avenue opposite Rockefeller Center.

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President Barack Obama slipped into Afghanistan
Obama hopes to fix American resolve in his first visit to Asian country

Associated Press

KABUL — Under elaborate secrecy, President Barack Obama slipped into Afghanistan on Sunday near the front lines of the increasingly bloody 8-year-old war he is expanding and affirmed America’s commitment to destroy al-Qaida and its extremist allies.

Obama’s six-hour visit was conducted entirely under the shroud of nightfall, after Air Force One’s unannounced flight from the U.S. president defended his decision to escalate the fight, telling troops whose numbers he is tripling that their victory is imperative to America’s safety.

His bid to shore up faith in the struggle was aimed both at the troops who cheered him and Americans back home. And, he demanded accountability from Afghan authorities to make good on repeated promises to improve living conditions, rein in corruption and enforce the rule of law to prevent people from joining the insurgent ranks.

“Our services are absolutely necessary, absolutely essential to America’s safety and security,” the president told a lively crowd of about 2,500 troops and civilians at Bagram Air Field south of Kabul. “Those folks back home are relying on you. We can’t forget who we’re here.”

It was Obama’s first trip as president to Afghanistan, where the number of U.S. troops killed has roughly doubled in the first three months of 2010 compared with the same period last year as Washington has added tens of thousands of additional soldiers to reverse the Taliban’s momentum.

“We did not choose this war,” Obama told the troops, recalling the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and warning that al-Qaida was still using the region to plant terrorist strikes against the U.S. and its allies. “We are going to disrupt and dismantle and destroy al-Qaida and its extremist allies.”

Obama had gone Friday afternoon to the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md., from which unannounced departures are easier because of its secluded mountain location.

The small contingent of White House aides and media brought on the trip were sworn to secrecy. Obama arrived in Kabul just two days after a threatening new audio message from al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, believed to be hiding along the unguarded border between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

“If this region slides backwards,” Obama told the troops, “if the Taliban takes this country, al-Qaida can operate with impunity, then more American lives will be at stake, the Afghan people will lose their opportunity for progress and prosperity and the world will be significantly less secure. As long as I’m your commander in chief, I’m not going to let that happen.”

That resolve was meant just as surely for stateside citizens as for the people who heard it face to face.

Polls find that Americans are divided on the war if, more recently, favorable to Obama’s handling of it. Obama’s dark suit was soiled with dust when he stepped off his helicopter at the presidential palace in Kabul. White House officials said Obama, in private talks, wanted to drive home the point that Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his Cabinet must do more to battle corruption and cronyism in government.

Karzai “needs to be seized with how important that is,” said Jim Jones, Obama’s national security advisor. Karzai has raised eyebrows in Washington with recent trips to Iran, China and Pakistan and his welcoming Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to Kabul this month.

WASHINGTON — New York City officials are planning to search through material excavated from around the World Trade Center site by the FBI.

The three-month endeavor is scheduled to start Friday at the Fresh Kills landfill on Staten Island. The material being searched is from around the World Trade Center site.

If there are any possible remains found, the material will undergo testing at the city medical examiner’s office.

The search is expected to cost $1.4 million.

FBI agents conduct raids

ADRIAN, Mich. — The FBI said Sunday that agents conducted weekend raids in Michigan, Indiana and Illinois and arrested at least three people, and a militia leader in Michigan said the FBI officials were from one of the raids was a Christian militia group.

Federal warrants were sealed, but FBI spokesman Scott Wilson in Cleveland said agents arrested two people Saturday after raids in two towns in Ohio. A third arrest was made in northeast Illinois on Sunday, a day after a raid took place just over the border in northwest Indiana.

FBI agents in Ohio made arrests in Huron and Sandusky on Saturday night, Wilson said. No further information was released until they appeared in court Monday.

New law limits traffic court fines

INDIANAPOLIS — Traffic scofflaws could find fines for failing to pay traffic tickets under a new state law that takes effect July 1.

The law sets maximum fines for moving violations that are Class C infractions, including failing to stop at stop signs or traffic lights.

Under the new law, fines can range from $15.50 to $500, plus an additional $14.50 in court fees. The higher penalties will be paid by those who contest the violation and lose and have previously contested violations unsuccessfully.

ISRAEL

Prime Minister downplays U.S. tensions

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel’s leader tried to play down tensions with the U.S. on Sunday after a rocky meeting at the White House last week that saw relations with Washington remain solid.

In his first public comments on the matter, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told his American hosts that Israel and the U.S. can work out their differences.

“The relationship between Israel and the U.S. is one between allies and friends, and it’s a relationship based on years of tradition,” Netanyahu said. “Even if there are disagreements, these are disagreements between friends, and that’s how they will stay.”

The U.S. has criticized Israeli construction in east Jerusalem — the section of the holy city claimed by the Palestinians. It has asked Israel for gestures toward the Palestinians to help relaunch peace talks, which were about to start earlier this month when the latest spat over settlements broke out.

The planned negotiations were thrown into doubt after Israeli announced plans to build 1,600 new apartments for Jews in east Jerusalem. Israeli made the announcement while Vice President Joe Biden was visiting, drawing sharp condemnations from Washington and calls to cancel the construction plans.

Netanyahu, who has consistently rejected calls for any halt to building in Jerusalem, got a chilly reception at the White House last week. He gave no sign of giving in to the U.S. demand or resolving the dispute by the time he left.

Ties between Israel and the U.S. are more tense than they have been in years. Netanyahu discussed the matter with his Cabinet ministers at their weekly meeting Sunday, and told reporters before the meeting that he had taken “certain steps in order to narrow the gaps.”
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Stanford University, Princeton University and Harvard University,” said Saracino. “Notre Dame is ‘confident’ in its mission and is continuing to try and forge the next generation experience for Notre Dame students by following that mission.”

“We’re not trying to be Harvard, we’re trying to be a better Notre Dame,” he said.

Saracino said Notre Dame’s mission has helped the University “one of the top schools in the nation for dreams,” even though Notre Dame was ranked No. 4 last year. “I don’t see anything disturbing about a drop from fourth to seventh,” he said. “Over the years, Notre Dame is always listed in various surveys as being in the top five or top 10 by parents, students and high school counselors. We’re always going to be one of those schools.”

Freshman Erin Earnest said he thinks the drop in ranking is to be expected and is a result of the University’s vision.

Prendergast’s events that have happened in relation to the University were handled very publicly and there were some mixed reactions,” he said. “But that goes along with being a dream school. We’re in the spotlight so what we say matters.”

Of the 10 schools listed in the survey, Notre Dame is the only college with a religious affiliation.

“Notre Dame is the only top-10 institution with a religious affiliation, and Saracino said the belief in Notre Dame’s Catholic presence is a very “positive” indicator.

“Notre Dame is recognized as being one of the schools that is clearly dedicated to nurturing the mind, heart and soul,” he said.

F r e s h m a n N a t a l i e S . S a r a c i n o said she is happy religion is still considered an important factor when it comes to selecting an institution of higher learning.

“Being in a Catholic school on that list shows that faith is still important for some people, which is a good thing,” she said.

Freshman Kelly Sullivan said University-wide events of Notre Dame matter more than others to students.

“Ranks on substantial matter, such as Mendoza (College of Business) being the best business school in the country, are what really matter to students,” Sullivan said.

Sophomore Eileen Gillespie who agreed with Sullivan said, “students don’t really care about rankings.”

While Baumann said Notre Dame’s consistent ranking was a good thing, she said parents’ opinions on the University should not be of major concern to students.

“Who cares if someone says it’s a dream school,” she said. “It only matters what I think of the school.”

Prendergast also advocated for students to voice a demand for peaceful and legal means to obtainment of minerals by the local people to comply with the demand of the groups going into the Congo and sell minerals and force millions and millions of dollars to the locals.

“Whoever it is that thinks it’s a dream school,” she said. “It’s for sale, it’s open for business.”

“Nothing else is remotely on our radar,” she said. “It took a long time for the University to be in that position.”

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Geely to buy Volvo from Ford

Independent automaker purchases company for $1.8 billion; looks to upgrade image

Associated Press

**STOCKHOLM — Zhejiang Geely Holding Group signed a binding deal Sunday to buy car maker Ford Motor Co.'s Volvo Cars unit for $1.8 billion, representing a coup for the independent Chinese automaker which is aiming to expand in Europe.**

The stock purchase agreement is subject to regulatory approvals and is expected to be completed in the third quarter, representatives of the two automakers said as they presented the deal at a news conference at Volvo Cars headquarters in Gothenburg, on Sweden's west coast.

The agreement was signed by Geely's chairman, Li Shufu and Ford Chief Financial Officer Lewis Booth, and witnessed by Li Yizhong, the Chinese minister of industry and information technology, as well as Swedish Minister for Enterprise and Energy Maud Olofsson.

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The Yellow Brick Road

The U.S. response to Israel’s recent announcement of 1,600 new Jewish homes in east Jerusalem has been cool. Both Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Vice President Joe Biden have criticized these plans as well as the timing of the announcement. It seems to be no coincidence that the announcement came just after Palestinians agreed to indirect negotiations with Israel. Furthermore, Prime Minister Netanyahu has made it very clear he is no fan of a two-state solution. It is not enough to criticize Israel for this very clear land grab, Israel needs American support, surely America can exert more pressure to bring Israel to the negotiating table.

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Lenten candlelight dinner in poor taste

I’m writing in to express my disappointment with the dining halls’ decision to have a candlelight dinner on March 26 (Friday in Passiontide and the Commemoration of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary).

The Church imposes the discipline of forbidding meat on Fridays as a penance, not as something chic that Catholics get to do. Ideally Friday abstinence should be augmented by prayer, fasting, almsgiving and above all a spirit of sacrifice; to that end, for centuries (and up until the 1960s) fasting was required not just on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday but on every day (except Sundays) of Lent. This prepared the Christian faithful to more fully appreciate the season of Easter, when fasting ceased and feasting with the risen Bridegroom commenced.

Given this, the idea of a “Lenten buffet” on a Friday in Lent, wherein one could indulge in such things as swordfish steak, is in terribly poor taste. Symptomatic of this poor taste was the placing of the cross and crown of thorns above the dessert table — the two symbols that should most exhort us to the sacrifice of self.

The Church’s liturgical calendar operates in cycles that reflect the spiritual life; one must fast before one feasts, just as one must endure the struggles of earthly life before entering the blessed joy of Heaven. Feasting during Lent only serves to extinguish the spirit that should most exhort us to the sacrifice of self.

Please MediCARE

As an only child of senior citizen parents, I also have a unique perspective on the health care debate, like cancer survivor Aidan Fitzgerald (“A plea to a mostly competent student body: True Reform,” March 24).

Being the daughter of “grandparents” can be — I’ve been the only employed family member since age 13 so they’re available to call whenever they can find the “talk” button. I’ll never need to stress about them having Facebooks. When I was six we skipped every line at Disney due to Mom’s wheelchair. I’m talented at finding hearing aids and fake teeth — and thus lucky pen-pals.

But elderly life consists of more than where-are-my-glasses games. Like many stereotypes, seniors get labeled hypertensive, arthritic and grouchy. It’s not unfounded — I’m not the one in the family who swears over spilt milk. I also know their treatment is expensive and it’d be a lot to ask for OkumaCare to help us more than Medicare already does. However, I want something a bill may never bring.

Last May, Dad had three strokes. He is diabetic (genetically). The hospital’s physicians kept testing him for heart disease — tests he’s had so many times, all proving his heart is as good as mine. His diabetes was outright ignored. They fed him sugar. His blood glucose shot up to near-coma levels. Many Medicare patients don’t receive the care someone with “real” insurance does, because Medicare doesn’t pay as much. It’s my hope that attempting to equalize healthcare may equalize how much attention doctors pay to their patients.

Also, as a biology major, I’d like to ask all applying to medical school to pick your ObamaCare battles wisely. The only negative argument I’ve heard so far is “Will my salary pay for med school?” Of course it will — you’ll be a Notre Dame grad and a doctor. If money is your priority, do something else. I’m not supporting or condemning the bill, but please criticize constructively.

Please remember your future patients, too.

Dale Parker
Goshenan
Morrissey Hall
March 28

End of judgment, beginning of tolerance

I was disturbed by the Inside Column of March 25 (“End of Absence,” Andrew Owens) about the return of Tiger Woods to the PGA. Owens’ sentence “Just because people thought he had a nice smile ... does not mean he is a good person” implies indeed that because of his past transgressions, like Kobe Bryant, Tiger Woods is a bad person. I would strongly disagree. As not only a Catholic, but also as a member of the population of a country based on the belief in second chances, I believe Owens confuses a bad person with a human being — that is, all of us are prone to make mistakes and deserve forgiveness and a second chance. Does he presume that his future will be mistake-free or that these inevitable mistakes will make him a bad person? Being in a Catholic community where the hallmarks of our daily living should be tolerance and forgiveness, I would hope that we would allow Tiger Woods, just as we would allow any member of our community, a second chance. His winning is simply evidence of his ability to start over. Our applause means that we are not judging, but rather giving him the ability to go on with his life and prove himself again, which is what every human being deserves.

Felicia Caponigri
junior
off campus
March 25

Why the pope should step down

“Cases of this kind are subject to the pontifical secret,” then-Cardinal Ratzinger wrote in a letter to Catholic bishops in 2001. At that time he headed the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, an institution whose role in handling cases of allegations of child rape by priests has proved to have been one of protecting the perpetrators more than the victims.

After the scandals in the U.S. and Ireland with tens of thousands of abuse cases, the next wave of victims breaking their silence is surfacing now in Germany, Ratzinger’s country of origin. As archbishop of the diocese of Munich and Freising, he was directly involved in a decision to let a priest who had been relocated there after allegations of child abuse to continue working with children and teenagers, even though the priest’s psychiatrist warned the diocese to not let him have unsupervised contact with children.

As it turns out the priest continued to rape children and was found guilty of abuse cases in the past and his position as the leader of an organization that claims to have moral authority, he should weigh accepting personal responsibility and showing compassion for the victims against the desire to cling to the immense power of the papacy.

So far we have not been given any reason to doubt he favors the latter.

Andreas Best
grad student
off campus
March 25
By ANKUR CHAWLA
Scene Writer

With a title that seems to give away the punch line of the movie, “Hot Tub Time Machine” surprisingly turned out to be one of the funniest and most entertaining films of the year. U n l i k e “Snakes on a Plane,” this movie delivered more than its intended humor. The film, directed by Steven Pink, starred John Cusack, Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson, Clark Duke, Chevy Chase and Crispin Glover.

The 20th annual Latin Expressions event celebrates Latin culture and heritage at Notre Dame, and this year’s event was themed “Noche de Fantasia” — or “night of fantasy.”

With dark and mysterious posters and beautiful masks covering the faces of those greeting us at the entrance, the one-night-only performance at South Bend’s Palais Royale was packed as usual. The venue fit well with the theme, and the huge, beautiful chandelier that hung from the ceiling, surrounded by gilded frames and designs, helped to set the air for the show.

Composed mostly of typical Latin dances and music, this year’s Latin Expressions seemed to focus less on traditions from different Latin countries and more on creating a dynamic and fun show. Beginning with an outstanding, gossamer hump and worthy Opera performance by senior Josh Diaz, the show went on with several different dance performances choreographed and completely organized by the very students doing the dance (who had to rehearse the dance, which got plenty of laughs from the audience and a standing ovation). The dances were a mix of salsa with contemporary Latin music (namely reggaeton), or if it were

The dances were not always perfect. Some of the performances were not as well-rehearsed as others, and some of the songs were not as well-choreographed, but the overall impact was still impressive. The students put in a lot of time and effort to make the show a success, and they were able to do so while still maintaining the fun and excitement that Latin culture is known for.

In terms of the performances, the students were able to showcase a wide variety of Latin cultures and traditions. From the Folkloric dance to the Salsa with contemporary Latin music, the students were able to present a comprehensive view of the diversity of Latin culture and a fun and entertaining show. The performances were not only a treat for the eyes, but also a treat for the ears, with the music ranging from traditional to modern.

Overall, the Latin Expressions event was a success. The students put in a lot of time and effort to make the show a success, and they were able to do so while still maintaining the fun and excitement that Latin culture is known for. The performances were not always perfect, but the overall impact was still impressive. The students were able to showcase a wide variety of Latin cultures and traditions, and the show was a fun and entertaining treat for everyone involved.
Music Under the Radar that Should Be on Your Mainstream:

Electropop

By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Assistant Scene Editor

Have you ever been in a conversation with someone who’s name-dropped a band and you’ve nodded emphatically, agreeing that said band is so good/cool/innovative, only to completely forget its name the minute you walk away? Fear no more, because here is a list of some of the most note-worthy music out there today, at least in the category of slightly-more-important. Did I unforgivably ignore your favorite? E-mail me and maybe I’ll include it in the next list.

This week we focus on electro-pop, synthpop, or basically anything with serious instrumentation from the computer. Modern technology has not only allowed T-Pain to auto-tune everyone with an iPhone, but has opened the door to a creative deluge of innovative instrumentation, often with one person composing the entire piece. These kids don’t just clean up music on the computer — they write the whole song. Instead of demeaning technology as a cheap means to make mediocre singers sound better, they have embraced it as a new form of musical expression. ("The computer IS my instrument!")

Blue Foundation
These guys gained a fair following after “Eyes On Fire” backed Bella’s entry to high school in last year’s movie “Twilight.” They provide a nice balance between overt electronica and a cosmopolitan mystique.
Tracks to tap: “End of the Day (Silence),” “Distant Dreams (Voices)”,

Imogen Heap
The genius behind “Hide and Seek” released a sophomore album last fall, solidifying her position as Queen of the One Man Pop Band. Her most interesting tactic is that she will take a microphone around and record anything she can find and then loop it so that it sounds percussive or melodic (including things like a dripping facet or a check ticking). She mixes all her own songs, and creates unique soundscapes for each. It doesn’t hurt that she is probably the most lyrically involved artist on this list.
Tracks to tap: “Earth,” “Tidal,” “Goodnight and Go”

Fever Ray (picture above)
A one-woman band from Sweden, she’s the sister in the duo that is The Knife. Her solo work is slightly ambient with an emphasis on “other-worldliness.” This tends to mean that she bounces between Native American sounding melodies and Chinese chord progressions. The music video for “When I Grow Up” is strikingly beautiful – and pretty much sums her up.
Tracks to tap: “When I Grow Up,” “Triangle Walks”

La Roux
This Eurythmics incarnate synthpop group blew up in the UK last fall, and have begun trickling into the States. Their single, “Bulletproof” is overwhelmingly 80’s and yet begs to be danced to about as much as the Gaga fare.
Tracks to tap: “Bulletproof”, “In For The Kill”

Owl City (picture below)
Yes, yes, everyone’s heard of them, but not everyone has listened to them (or realized the omnipresent “Fireflies” is by them). Actually, the “them” is a “he,” and he’s from Minnesota. This one-man basement band is a true electronica success story. Adam Young was waxing electric while living in his parent’s house when he decided to tell the boss at his warehouse job that he was quitting to pursue a career as a pop star. And then he did.
Tracks to tap: “Fireflies,” “Vanilla Twilight,” “Meteor Shower”

Shiny Toy Guns
This is of the most novel bands out there, and not because the lead vocals consist of a male and female belting it out above a sea of emo ready pulsing guitar riffs.
They deliver everything from quasi-Goth (these guys have contributed to two Electro Goth tribute albums) to straight-up dance beats (their “Le Disko” landed on Billboard’s Modern Rock chart). Tracks to tap: “Le Disko,” “Don’t Cry Out,” “Ghost Town”

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Michigan State, Duke advance to Final Four

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — The players come and go, the years pass. About the only thing that doesn’t change is Tom Izzo and Michigan State’s mastery in March.

The fifth-seeded Spartans are on their way to their second straight Final Four and sixth in 12 years after Raymar Morgan’s free throw with less than 2 seconds left led Michigan State to a 70-69 victory over Tennessee in the Midwest Regional final Sunday.

“There is nothing greater than going to a Final Four that I know of,” Izzo said, “except winning it.”

No team in the country — not North Carolina, not Kansas, not UCLA, not Kentucky — has been better during the Spartans’ run. And all six of those trips have come under Izzo, the hard-nosed coach who preaches defense, rebounding, defense, physical play and, have we mentioned defense?

Izzo, who took over from long-time mentor Jud Heathcote for the 1995-96 season, is 6-1 in the regionals. His only loss was to top-seeded Texas in 2003.

“Tom Izzo does his best in the NCAA tournament,” said Magic Johnson, who sat in the Michigan State cheering section and embraced Izzo after the game. “He loves the big moment. He understands what he needs to do against every team. He comes up with a great game plan every single time. He deserves all the credit in the world.

The Spartans, last year’s national runner-up, will be looking for championship No. 3 next weekend in Indianapolis. They play Butler, also a No. 5 seed and sure to be the hometown favorites, in the semifinals Saturday night.

“They’re hot right now. They’re playing some of their best basketball,” Morgan said.

But we’re also hot right now. We’re playing some of our best basketball.”

Michigan State is the only team from last year’s Final Four to make it back. Heck, North Carolina, which demolished the Spartans in the 2009 title game, didn’t even make the NCAA tournament. Neither did Connecticut, and Villanova was knocked out in the second round.

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Michigan State coach Tom Izzo and his players celebrate after their 70-69 victory over Tennessee in St. Louis on Sunday in St. Louis. The trip to Indianapolis will be Izzo’s sixth Final Four.

Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski celebrates by cutting down the nets Sunday in Houston after a 78-71 victory over Baylor. Associated Press

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**Around the Nation**

The Pittsburgh Penguins are hoping for a chance to host the next Winter Classic on Jan. 1, 2011. The game would be held at the Steelers’ Heinz Field and would feature Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin, who plays for the Washington Capitals.

**Pittsburgh hopes to host Winter Classic**

**In Brief**

Gardnhire will try options to fill closer role

FORT MYERS, Fla. — It’s looking more and more like just one Minnesota Twin will not be enough to take Joe Nathan’s place.

Manager Ron Gardenhire said on Sunday that Pittsburgh is in a strong position to be chosen as the host.

The Pittsburgh Pirates lobbied for a Winter Classic at PNC Park, but its capacity of 28,436 is far below Heinz Field’s 65,050 and thus would generate far less revenue, and it is not being considered.

The Penguins are amenable to hosting the game at Heinz Field.

Florida’s Meyer apologizes for remark to beat writer

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Florida coach Urban Meyer apologized Saturday to the reporter he berated earlier this week for publishing a quote by one of his players.

Meyer spent more than 20 minutes with the Orlando Sentinel’s Jeremy Fowler following spring practice.

Fowler declined to divulge details of the discussion, but called it a “constructive” conversation and said he accepted Meyer’s apology.

New Pinstripe Bowl to be played in Yankee Stadium

TORONTO — The International Bowl is folding after failing to renew its contract with the Big East.

The only bowl game played outside the U.S. matched a Big East school against a Mid-American Conference opponent for four years. The Big East is now sending a team to the new Pinstripe Bowl at Yankee Stadium.

Big East members won all four games, ousting their MAC foes 117-53 the last three years. South Florida’s 27-3 win over Northern Illinois on Jan. 2 drew the bowl’s lowest attendance with just over 22,000 fans at Toronto’s Rogers Centre. But a year earlier, 48,164 people watched Connecticut beat Buffalo.

Bowl president Don Lodig said Thursday the game could possibly be resurrected in the future.

**Women's Division I Softball**

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Pittsburgh Penguins are looking strong as a host candidate for the Winter Classic.

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NBA

Hawks fly past Pacers; Bucks beat Grizzlies

Associated Press

ATLANTA — It’s not every day that Zaza Pachulia passes behind his back for an uncontested dunk, was delighted by the reserve center’s unexpected athleticism.

“Zaza likes to do his thing a little bit more in the open court, so I’m not going to hate on his shine,” Smith said with a smile. “He’s done a pass or a dunk.”

Smith had 21 points and 13 rebounds, Al Horford added 18 points and 12 boards, and the Atlanta Hawks snapped the Indiana Pacers five-game winning streak with a 94-84 victory on Sunday.

The Hawks, who had dropped two of three over all, increased their home winning streak to a season-high eight games.

Troy Murphy scored 21 for Indiana, which was trying to win its ninth straight games for the first time since 2005. Danny Granger, who was coming off a career-high 47 points and 12 boards, and the Indiana coach Jim O’Brien said.

“I’m not going to hate on his shine,” Smith said with a smile. “He’s done a pass or a dunk.”

After Jamal Crawford missed a straightaway 3-point attempt all season — also put a wrister by Jean-Sebastien Goulet with them all year.”

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Granger’s turnover and then began dribbling up the open court. Since Smith was trailing Hibbert by making a behind-the-back pass with his right hand.

“That was a great pass,” said Joe Johnson. “I think he should have been a guard, anyway.”

After putting the Bucks ahead in the extra period with baskets, including the lead for good when he drained a 14-foot jumper with 1:35 left.

Rookie Brandon Jennings added 29 points, eight assists and seven rebounds, and Andrew Bogut had 18 points and 11 rebounds in his return after missing a game with a sore back to help the Bucks avoid a three-game losing streak.

The Hawks are 16-4 since acquiring Salmons at the trade deadline from Chicago.

Zach Randolph led Memphis with 31 points and 15 rebounds, but was clearly frustrated throughout, clutching his headband toward the crowd after being called for a foul with 45 seconds to play in overtime.

Milwaukee rallied from a seven-point deficit midway through the fourth quarter when Jennings took control. Jennings, who had 11 points in the fourth quarter and overtime, had been struggling from the field in his past four games, but hit several contested layups.

He also made one costly mistake.

After putting the Bucks ahead 94-92 with a free throw, he fouled Mike Conley in the corner with 2.1 seconds left in regulation.
Belles face Southwestern in Invitational

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

No. 2 Saint Mary’s will meet top-15 competition in the warmth of Texas today, when the Belles compete against host No. 12 Southwestern University in the Southwestern Invitational at Berry Creek Country Club in Georgetown, Texas.

Last year, Saint Mary’s finished second out of nine teams in the Southwestern Invitational, outpaced only by the host Pirates. Junior Mary Kate Boyle finished second overall among individuals, carding a 77 on the second day, while sophomore Natalie Matuszak had the low score of the opening day with a 79.

Three other Belles golfers finished in the top half of the field to round out a strong performance from Saint Mary’s. Boyle and Matuszak’s scores will be key to the team’s score during this tournament, while junior Rosie O’Connor, sophomore Christine Brown and senior captain Perri Illman will round out the team’s top five scorers in an attempt to continue the team’s success so far this season.

“It was a great chance to add to our nation leading total of six tournament wins,” Belles coach Mark Hamilton said. “We expect to play to our potential for this tournament. Southwestern University is led by seniors Kristen Davenport and Cody Wallace. The Pirates are bolstered by two freshmen in Erin Perry and Kelsy Cobern, all of whom have carded impressive rounds consistently this season. The Belles will also be contending with perennial power Mary Hardin-Baylor in their efforts to gain up another victory.

“Southwestern and Mary Hardin-Baylor have a strong tradition of winning and we look forward to competing against them in their backyard,” Hamilton said.

The central Texas climate may provide winds gusting near 20 miles an hour, posing a potential problem for the golfers on a course noted for its narrow fairways. The Belles will have to contend with a large number of teams they do not play regularly. Although, if they can land the greens without trouble, their chances are strong as the greens are not particularly tough. The MIAA fall champion Belles look to succeed in the sun this Monday and Tuesday in Georgetown, Texas.

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ND TRACK & FIELD

Three take first in outdoor opener

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

Three Irish athletes took first place in the Arizona Multi-Event, Arizona Invitational, and four athletes finished in the top five at the Stanford Invitational to open the outdoor season over the weekend.

In Tempe, Ariz., senior Joanna Schultz took first place in the women’s 400 meter hurdles with a school-record time of 58.13. Senior Jack Howard took first in the men’s 800 at 1:49.52 and sophomore Kevin Schipper took first in the men’s pole vault with a jump of 5.10 meters.

“It felt wonderful to start off the season with such a good race, especially since the hurdles are a new event for me,” Schultz said. “Hopefully with some more technical work we can bring my time down even more.”

Junior Kelly Langhans and senior Jacyln Espinoza both finished in the top five of their events. Langhans finished third in the 800 (2:09.06) and Espinoza claimed fourth in the shot put.

For the men’s team, senior Blake Choplin finished fourth in the 800 while senior Eric Quick took third in the long jump.

The first day of the Arizona State Invitational brought an advancement to the finals for junior John Belcher in a new event for me.”

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Iginla, Flames down Caps

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Well, that was quite a 24-hour swing. One day after the Calgary Flames were done with the Arizona Multi-Event, they went out and dominated the host’s top team.

Having reached the desperation point in their bid to make the playoffs, the Flames scored four goals in the first period Sunday and coasted the Washington Capitals 5-3. Captain Jarome Iginla had

said the Flames needed to “run the table” to get into the post-season after a 5-0 loss at Boston on Saturday. He and his teammates responded by salvaging a three-game road trip the began with two losses.

“We played with the effort that we’re supposed to,” defender Robyn Regehr said, “and we have to do that for the rest of the year.

The win moved Calgary within four points of eighth-place Colorado and within five of seventh-place Los Angeles in the Western Conference, pending the result of Colorado’s game later Sunday.

Ales Kotalik, Ian White, Bouwmeester, Niklas Hagman and René Bourque scored for the Flames. Mikka Kiprusoff, who was pulled in the third period of the loss to the Bruins, made 31 saves against the Capitals, who clinched their eighth straight post-season berth in Washington for the first time in 11 years.

“We’re all talking about that we want to be in the playoffs,” Iginla said. “We need to go out and earn it and earn a chance. Now we’re in position where we’re just trying to earn a chance and see what other teams do.”

Alex Ovechkin got his 46th goal for Washington and also had an assist to reach the 100-point mark for the fourth time in his five-year career. David Steckel and Mathieu Perreault also scored for the Caps, who lost at home in regulation for only the fifth time in 36 games this season.

“We don’t have any energy,” Washington coach Bruce Boudreau said. “It looked like we were going to have fun tonight. Their sense of urgency was so tremendous. They’d been embarrassed in Boston. We didn’t meet their push.”

Washington’s Jose Theodore was pulled at 10:34 of the first period after allowing three goals on nine shots, but his franchise-record 19-game streak without a regulation loss (17-0-2) remains intact because the Capitals later scored three goals. That made Semyon Varlamov, who gave up the fourth goal, the goalie of record.

“For the first time in a long bit,” Boudreau said, “It looked like Theo was struggling a little bit...”

The Flames also spoiled a chance for Capitals to clinch the top seed in the Eastern Conference for the first time in franchise history, but Washington claimed the No. 1 seed with a 3-1 win over New Jersey last night at Philadelphia on Sunday night.

Three of the Flames’ goals were carom shots off Capitals goaltenders, including the first two. Kotalik scored in a rebound off Theodore’s left leg just 2:35 into the game, and White put a rebound off Theodore’s side as the goalie was falling on his back during the power play at the 8:28 mark.

NHL
No. 1 Irish upset in NCAA Championships

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

Top-ranked Notre Dame finished a disappointing third in the NCAA Championships Sunday, after heading into the weekend with a 68-0 combined regular season record.

Penn State claimed the National Championship with 191 total victories, and St. John’s edged out Notre Dame for second with 152.

One of the bright spots for Notre Dame in the tournament was senior Keir, Meinhart, winning his first national championship in foil. Meinhart defeated David Willette of Penn State 15-9 for the title. Notre Dame’s first individual men’s foil title since 1984.

Meinhart was a finalist in the foil competition at last year’s NCAA tournament only to lose a15-14 contest. This year, Meinhart’s successful season included wins at the Midwest Fencing Championships and the Midwest Regional Tournament.

Meinhart’s journey to the title included a close semifinal match with Miles Chlamy-Watson. With the score tied at 9-9 in a contest to 15, Meinhart reeled off four consecutive touches to take control of the match at 13-9. In the final, Meinhart found himself down 5-3 before batting back to a lead of 10-9. He then landed the next 5 touches to win the match in stunning fashion.

Notre Dame entered the final day of competition only four players back of third-place St. John’s. But on the final day, they faltered. Junior Kelley Hurley, 2008 women’s epee champion, finished a disappointing sixth, while sophomore sister Courtney tied for third after losing in the quarterfinals to eventual champion Margherita Vincenti of Penn State. Juniors Sarah Bormann and Hayley Reese each finished fifth in the women’s saber and foil competitions, respectively.

Junior Avery Zuck and sophomore Enzo Castellani won bronze medals for their efforts on Sunday. Castellani took third behind Meinhardt in men’s foil while Castellani finished third in men’s saber. Zuck and Zuck both took home all-American honors. In total, the Irish had 11 all-Americans on the 2010 squad.

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SMC Tennis

Belles dominate Alma in MIAA conference opener

By MATT ROBISON
Sports Writer

The Belles captured an 18-1 victory over Alma in their first MIAA conference match of the season Saturday behind the ever-steady performance of junior Jillian Hurley.

Doubles have been an area of focus all season long, and Saturday the Belles (8-3, 1-0) showed the results of that focus.

“We still need to get even more net opportunities in doubles, and get our opponents reacting to our movement,” Campbell said. “However, it has been improving every match.”

The Belles’ next match is against Trine Tuesday, and then they play several nationally ranked opponents in what Campbell calls the “toughest stretch of the season” for the Belles.

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SMC Softball

Belles take both in double header

By KEVIN BALDWIN
Sports Writer

Saint Mary’s used a strong start to top North Park (III) for the second consecutive year, 14-1, Sunday in a double-header on the road.

The Belles (11-5) wasted no time in getting on the board, scoring four runs in the first inning, including a three-run home run by freshman Morgan Borrman. Senior Maureen Healy capitalized on a walk advancing to home as part of the team’s four-run rally to start the day.

Healy came up big again in the fourth inning, with the score tied at four a piece, knocking in two with the first home run of her career to take it 6-4 lead.

“My team mates around me were doing just as well,” Sullivan said. “I was just really impressed with the way our team came out in the seventh inning of the first game and a tie score knowing we would win this game. We talked about making the 7th inning a team effort and every one contributing,” Sullivan said. “That was definitely the case as eight of our nine hitters came up to bat that inning and we turned a key double play in the bottom of the seventh when North Park threatened to come back.”

The Belles continued to build off their momentum into the second game, loading the bases with two hits and a walk followed by a grand slam by junior Hayley Bojorquez to take the early lead. They added six more runs in the third on a rally that included a total of eight hits. The thrilling continued into the fifth inning before the game was called on account of the 10-run rule, the final score stood at 14-1 in the Belles’ favor.

“The game we really showed how strong our offense can be with 17 hits in 5 innings,” Sullivan said. “North Park is a good team, but we had a lot of momentum coming off such a close win.”

The Belles’ will be back in action at 5 p.m. today when they take on Bethel College in a doubleheader at Notre Dame’s Melissa Cook Stadium.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish take three from Pirates

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish extended its winning streak to 11 games with three wins against Seton Hall this weekend to open the Big East competition.

“Going out there and scoring so many runs really pumped up our attitude,” sophomore catcher Kristina Wright said.

In their first day of play, the Irish defeated the Pirates twice, 12-0 and 1-1.

The first two games included two records broken by Irish players. Junior pitcher Jody Valdivia threw the first Irish no-hitter in three seasons and became the 16th player in program history to reach this feat on the mound.

Also, junior infielder Sadie Pitzenberger lengthened her hitting streak to 23rd game in a row, breaking another record before the second game ended.

“[Valdivia] threw really well, and you could just tell that they weren’t going to hit her here,” Wright said. “When she’s on fire, our whole team is on fire.”

Sophomore infielder Kasey O’Connor was the first Irish player to score in the series as her triple and steal of home in the quick three-goal outburst.

Sophomore Casey Watt and junior Stephen Havens earned the doubles point with a 9-8 (6-0) victory in the No. 1 doubles slot.

“[The match] went as well as can be expected,” Bayliss said. “We took advantage of his position in a hard fought match. He deserves a lot of credit.”

The Irish won two more, 12-0 and 11-1.

“It really comes down to one, our ability to hold our own in a match like this, and two, the great Irish support in our three teams.”

Hopeing to come out with some confidence from their recent win, the Irish travel to Texas to take on SMU and Texas A&M next weekend.

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WOMEN’S LACROSSE

Notre Dame wins first Big East game

By LUKE MANSOUR
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame rebounded from a disappointing loss to Vanderbilt by defeating conference opponent Louisville 11-9 in its opening game of Big East play.

“[Stahl] really held his position in a hard fought match. He took advantage of his position in a hard fought match. He deserves a lot of credit.”

The Irish dominated the second half of the game by scoring three goals less than two minutes into the period. Sophomore attack Maggie Tamasitis scored a goal and notched two assists to Sullivan in the quick three-goal outburst.

Louisville (4-3, 0-1) responded by cutting the deficit to 10-9, but the Irish defense shut the door on the 11-9 victory.

“We’re a good defensive team,” Coyne said. “If we can continue to clean up some stuff that’s causing our opponents to come back in games, we’ll be very good.”

Coyne said despite the win, Notre Dame continues to commit too many unforced errors, something that has plagued the team to this point.

We still have the ball over too much, and more than our opponent,” Coyne ended.

Junior Bergan Foley led Louisville with a four-goal performance.

Coyne said the win was a big confidence boost for the Irish, who will now enter the toughest portion of the schedule beginning with a huge matchup against Northwestern, the nation’s top-ranked team.

“I was happy but we have a lot of work to do,” Coyne said. “I think we’re getting better every game so I was happy with our Big East debut.”

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duo of senior Kali Krisik and sophomore Kristy Frilling won the doubles point. The duo connected in both the first and sixth doubles positions.

Senior outfielder Bill Cibanan scored four runs after the top of the 7th inning to close out the game. Notre Dame finished the game against the Shockers with a .103 batting average.

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time of possession was off the charts in their favor, which is our fault. But that was not enough to get the Irish did well Saturday, he has always been happy with their effort. "We compete hard," Corrigan said. "We've got more to win than just playing hard," he said. "That's just the price of admissions." The Irish played good defense, but because Rutgers was able to connect on offense, the defense had to work harder to keep the ball out of the back of the net.

Notre Dame used three goalies in the loss. Senior B. Scott Rodgers started and made six saves before leaving with an injury. Senior Brendan Moore finished the first half and made two saves. Senior goalie John Kemp made his debut in the second half, making eight saves.

On the offensive side, junior midfielder Zach Brenneman led the Irish with two goals and an assist, while senior midfielder Grant Krebs and junior midfielder David Easton each had scored two goals as well. Senior attack Neal Hicks also contributed a goal as well as an assist. Senior midfielder and sophomore attack Nicholas Beattie finished off Notre Dame's scoring with a goal and an assist. In the third and final game of the series against Baylor and Texas A&M on April 3 and April 5, respectively.

"We were trying to double-team her, and she got some offensive rebound put-backs," McGraw said. "We didn't do a good job on the boards, and our bench, which has been our strength all year long, just gave us nothing tonight." Despite only four points off the bench, Notre Dame had a final chance to send the game into double overtime with 4 seconds remaining. Senior forward Erica Williamson launched a three-pointer from the three-point line, but Oklahoma intercepted it.

"It was a play we've worked on quite a bit," McGraw said. "Schraeder was going to throw it to Skylar for three, but probably in hindsight should have just given it to Skylar at half court and let her dribble it down. She probably would have made it because she's that kind of player." Diggins finished with 10 points, four assists and six steals, and ended an outstanding freshman campaign as Notre Dame's leading scorer.

Sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist throws a pass during the first spring practice under Irish coach Brian Kelly Friday.

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begin as an inside linebacker, having the size to take on offensive linemen, and ended as a leader, but that in order to have his desired impact, he'll need to improve. "(Manti) was just getting a lot better as a football player. He was n't very good [last year]," Kelly said. "And he understands that. He's been committed to learning and getting better."

"Teo is readily agreed with Kelly's criticisms. "I totally agree," he said. "Everybody makes mistakes. I just have to learn from those mistakes, and come out ready to improve and get better."

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Lechthiner and Lindsay Schrader refused to go down quietly. Lechthiner finished with a game-high 22 points and Schrader added 19, as the two carried Notre Dame down the stretch.

"The screens that Lindsay and our post players were setting were really opening up a lot for me," Lechthiner said. "My first foul, and so I just kept attacking and using their really good screens after that. Such a great four years we had here ... I wish we could have won a little further."

While the Irish never found a rhythm as a team offensively, the Sooner guards showed athleticism throughout the 45 minutes. That athleticism was the determining factor in Notre Dame's 81-71 victory over Oklahoma in November.

Yet McGraw said the biggest difference between the teams' first matchup was the emergence of Oklahoma center Abi Ogwumike, daughter of NBA Hall-of-Famer Hakeem Olajuwon, on both ends of the court. The 6-4 Ogwumike dominated the Irish under the glass with her 20 points and 14 rebounds.

"We've got to get better today and see what we can do to get better tomorrow." Lechthiner said. "And we need to improve."

"We compete hard," Corrigan said. "We've got more to win than just playing hard," he said. "That's just the price of admissions." The Irish tried to ruin Fontanitez's big night in the ninth inning. forcing him to toss 21 pitches in the inning. Senior outfielder David Mills reached base via a walk and senior infielder Grant Krebs hit a three-base on catcher's interference, but just not enough as the Irish mastered doubles and sixth singles positions, as each of the Irish singles players won their respective matches.

The Irish then defeated the Shockers, 6-1. On Sunday, Notre Dame made its return to outside play, but the harsh conditions yielded in a tough environment on the outdoor courts. "It was a little cool and windy," Louderback said. "It was great to play outside against the elements.

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Left-handed Andrew Barbosa (2-1) got the win for South Florida, tossing 6 2/3 innings with eight hits and two earned runs. In the third and final game of the weekend series, the wheels came unglued for the Irish, seeing them give up seven runs in the second inning, a difference that they could never overcome. Senior right-hander Eric Maust got the start for the Irish, but he lost for his second consecutive outing, lasting only 2 1/3 innings. He gave up seven runs on six hits. Sophomore left-hander Ryan Richter came in to relieve Maust and tossed 3 1/3 shutout innings with one walk and four strikeouts. Richter is 1-0 against the first two Big East opponents, holding a 0.93 ERA and holding opposing batters to a .103 batting average.

The Irish next return to the field Thursday, as they travel to Bethesda, Md. to take on Georgetown. The games are at 1 p.m. Thursday, 3:30 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday.
### CROSSWORD

**Across**

1. Smart (wise guy)
5. Persian tongue
10. Roadies carry them
11. Sandwich spread
16. Ark builder
17. Bakery future
18. Nickname for Andrew Jackson
20. Island east of Australia
22. Says hello to
23. Treasure chest
27. Trap
28. Mao _____tung
31. The “R” in RCA
32. Shorebird
33. Depressed urban area
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58. High tennis shot
59. Force felt on the earth, informally
60. Civil rights pioneer Parks
61. Pharaoh’s realm
62. Civil rights pioneer Parks
63. Cockpit occupant

**Down**

1. Surrounded by
2. Shirley’s friend in 1970s-'80s TV
3. Goggles and glasses
5. Jesters
6. By way of
7. Comedian Foxx
8. TriBeCa neighbor
9. “Beauty ___ the eye …”
10. Roadies carry them
12. Number on a golf course
13. What mattresses do over time
14. Spread
15. Spread
16. Ark builder
17. Bakery future
18. Nickname for Andrew Jackson
19. Lemonlike fruit
20. Island east of Australia
21. Like 1, 3, 5, 7, etc.
22. Says hello to
24. Like 1, 3, 5, 7, etc.
25. By way of
26. Long stretch of time
27. Trap
28. Parts of a bride’s attire, for this puzzle
29. ___ Hall Pirates (1953 N.I.T. champs)
30. Prefix with -centric
31. Former vice president Quayle
32. Shorebird
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37. Daniel Webster, for one
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39. Smart (wise guy)
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41. 007, for one
42. Any member of a classic punk rock band
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FOOTBALL

Crist, Floyd take part in first spring practice under Kelly

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

Nearly four months after first arriving at Notre Dame, Brian Kelly saw sophomore quarterback Dayne Crist throw a football for the first time Friday. Not that Kelly was as much concerned with how Crist’s throw looked, or how his injured knee fared, as much as he was concerned with how quickly Crist readied for the throw.

To really understand what needs to be done, they have to understand pace,” Kelly said in a news conference before practice Friday. “They have to understand how we practice first before we can get into schemes and how we’re going to do things.”

That attitude rubbed off on Crist, who could be seen hustling up to the line of scrimmage in the second drill of the year, knee brace, surgically-repaired ACL and all.

“The whole emphasis in practice is tempo,” he said. “Guys have got to learn that. Learning on the run is a big deal here.”

Crist and the rest of the offense had their chance to show what they’ve already learned from Kelly’s complex playbook in that second drill, running a no-huddle offense up the field with no defense opposing them. Without a defense looking to stop them, the biggest challenge for the Irish was knowing each play call and what it meant, as three different coaches and players signaled in the plays.

“We’ll just have to practice (picking up the calls),” Crist said. “That’s just part of our offense, as necessary as everything else and knowing the actual plays.”

The fourth play featured an audible, which resulted in an option reverse hand-off to sophomore receiver Michael Floyd.

But of the changes noticed in the first day of spring practice, the biggest changes might be the ones not seen, such as the lack of a depth chart and Kelly’s prizing of freshman linebacker Manti Te’o as a leader on the defense, albeit also describing Te’o as needing improvement.

“We’re going to compete with all of our players,” Kelly said of not utilizing a depth chart. “You will see an immersion virtually of every player in our spring practice format because it’s that important that they’re involved in the skill development.”

Kelly did allow that Te’o would

ND WOMEN’S BASKETBALL

Life, death by 3

Oklahoma tops Irish with 3-pointer in OT

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

The three-point line can be a beautiful thing — depending on which side of the court you’re standing on.

Down 66-63 with 48 seconds to play, freshman guard Skylar Diggins knocked down a clutch three to send the game into overtime. But on a night when Oklahoma shot 50 percent from behind the arc, Nyeshia Stevenson hit a dagger with less than five seconds left in overtime to seal Oklahoma’s 77-72 victory and advance to the Elite Eight.

“They beat us from the three-point line,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “(Stevenson) was someone we were really, really trying to guard and just lost her for a second on a number of occasions and that was the difference in the game.”

Senior guards Melissa Fontanez (1-4), who struck out the Horned Frogs 7-0 in the second half of Saturday’s game, was Fontanez’s first complete game shoutout and his only win this season. Prior to this game, the Bulls (11-13, 3-0) had lost all five games Fontanez started.

Junior right-hander Brian Dupra started Friday’s game and posted another strong outing but did not get any run support from the Irish offense. Dupra pitched six innings and allowed only two earned runs on nine hits. He struck out four and walked only one batter, but by the end of his night he had thrown 122 pitches.

Sophomore left-hander Joe Spano pitched one inning of scoreless relief before sophomore Will Hudgings gave up a run.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw walks off the court after Notre Dame’s 77-72 overtime defeat to Oklahoma in the Sweet Sixteen of the NCAA Tournament Sunday. The Irish ended the season at 29-6.

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ND WOMEN’S TENNIS

Duos carry ND to two victories

By MOLLY SAMMON
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An undefeated doubles record carried No. 3 Notre Dame to victories over both TCU and Wichita State this weekend in Wichita, Kan.

“This was the most enthusiastic I have seen in our girls in a while,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “We had been working on getting the girls to play with a little more passion, and that’s exactly what we got from them.”

Saturday, Notre Dame (15-2) shut out the Horned Frogs 7-0 as bad weather forced the two teams to play inside.

The Irish took an early lead by winning the doubles point. The new arrangement of teams Louderback decided to play this weekend proved to be a beneficial set-up. The fourth-ranked

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BASEBALL

Wrong end of no-hitter hampers Notre Dame

By JARED JEDICK
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The Irish got swept on their weekend road trip to South Florida, losing three games 4-0, 6-3 and 10-2.

South Florida junior Randy Fontanez no-hit the Irish in the series-opener Friday, and Notre Dame never recovered in suffering a three-game weekend sweep to open Big East play.

Notre Dame (8-15, 0-3) could not find any answers to Fontanez (1-4), who struck out a career-high 12 batters in only the third no-hitter in South Florida history. The 4-0 win was Fontanez’s first complete game shutdown and his only win this season. Prior to this game, the Bulls (11-13, 3-0) had lost all five games Fontanez started.

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MEN’S LACROSSE

Big East play opens with loss

By MATT ROBISON
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No. 13 Notre Dame lost its first-ever Big East game Saturday, falling at home to Rutgers 10-8.

The Irish (5-3, 0-1 Big East) gained an early on the Scarlet Knights (5-2, 1-0), but after four unanswered goals by Rutgers, Notre Dame could not make a run to recapture the lead.

“Rutgers played very well, and we played very poorly,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

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Irish senior midfielder Grant Krebs defends during Notre Dame’s 10-8 defeat against Rutgers on March 27.