Rhoades responds to life statement

Bishop Kevin Rhoades praised Notre Dame for taking steps toward the "renewal of a culture of life." In response to the University's recent institutional statement that affirms its defense of human life, I am grateful to University President Fr. John Jenkins and to the Notre Dame Task Force on Life for the efforts they are making to serve the Gospel of Life, Rhoades said in an Apr. 18 issue of Today's Catholic, the weekly newspaper serving the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend. "I pray that their work will bear much good fruit," he said.

The University's statement article: see RHOADES/page 4

Students to go bald for cancer research

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

Elise Jordan has placed a $20,000 price over her head and is preparing to go bald to benefit cancer research. Jordan will join more than 100 other Notre Dame students who have volunteered to have their heads shaved this week as a part of The Bald and the Beautiful fundraiser sponsored by the Sophomore Class Council. Proceeds from the event, which raised over $26,500 last year which the Council hopes to double this year, will benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a national non-profit that supports pediatric cancer research. Service Commission member Erin Pankiw, a sophomore, said, "I'm so nervous. There have been times this week when I look in the mirror and realize I'm not going to have my hair," Jordan said. "But I know that it's going to be going to a better cause." Jordan made the decision to go bald after her friends in the Class Council who organized the event last year asked her to, she said. "A majority of last year's event was males, so this year we wanted to give more opportunities for girls to participate, but just because females are more attached to their hair, it's a harder thing to ask them to do," Pankiw said. "For someone to do what Elise is doing takes a tremendous amount of bravery and compassion and confidence. I couldn't think of a more confident person than Elise." The daughter of a family physician in South Bend, Jordan said she has been "touched by cancer in a variety of ways ever since [she] was a little kid." When her mother shares her daughter's story with her own chemotherapy patients, they are moved and find strength in it, Jordan said. Some are even planning to have their own head shaved with Jordan, whose audience, among

Habitat for Humanity celebrates 16th house

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Notre Dame's chapter of Habitat for Humanity celebrated almost a year's worth of effort in the community at the dedication of the organization's 16th home in the South Bend area Sunday. South Bend resident Melissa Jones and her two sons are the new occupants of the Campeau Street residence. Nathan Marsh, volunteer coordinator of Notre Dame's Habitat for Humanity, said turnout for the event was indicative of how important the project was for the local community. Melissa and here family, along with members of her church, and Notre Dame alumni and students were all there today," he said. Marsh said the Notre Dame chapter is unique in that it is one of the few college campus chapters that builds and completes a house every year. "We do all the fundraising and getting materials on site," he said. "We also see to

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INSIDE COLUMN

Molly Madden

I’d like to start this inside column with a disclaimer. I am about to express why if I were a boy I would date fellow Observer staffer Molly Madden. First of all, this is hypothetical as she is not interested in me nor I in her. Second of all, although you may truly desire to date Molly, after reading this article, it might not be possible for you — sorry to get your hopes up.

Avid fans of The Observer’s inside column may have noticed Molly Madden’s increasing self-deprecation over the past few months within her columns. I blame this on the fact that she has been able to respond within the viewpoint, I thought I’d take a chance in my inside column to point out the top 10 reasons why, if I was Notre Dame male, I would date Molly Madden.

First, Molly has very few inhibitions and is very outgoing. When I first met Molly, she was training me for The Observer, and she instantly told me all about herself. And even offered to lend me a book on the Beatles — she loves them.

Second, Molly is hilarious. Because she knows a little she doesn’t want to share, she is funny even when she doesn’t want to be.

Third, it is very rare not to find Molly without a smile on her face.

Fourth, Molly is extremely witty and will challenge anybody. Although this may scare some boys off, men would not fear. Most men can handle a little bit of cleverness.

Fifth, Molly is a true Donor. Though I will miss her dearly when I go away to college, Molly is someone you will not find yourself missing.

Sixth, Molly (excuse me for this) would date Molly Madden. Unlike many girls, girls may have opted to leave the school’s three lunch periods only the group that engaged in the fight out of anger.

Seventh, she works at Reckers so you’re out of flex points, she can’t do much. She also prefers to buy her clothes at Thrift Stores, which not only makes her appear cute and unique but also most likely saves the hundreds of dollars the rest of us are spending on clothes each year.

Seventh, she works at Reckers so you’re out of flex points, she could hook you up. I’m just saying.

Eighth, Molly is one of the most intelligent girls I know. I’ve only got to know Molly this past year, and though she has wide pools of friends, she is a really good friend to each of them. She listens and doesn’t gossip or take a sick interest in the problems of others. I know a lot of girls are turned off by gossiping girls so this may be one of the most important qualities in making Molly a keeper.

Ninth, she’s pretty busy so she’d be pretty low maintenance and as a guy, you’d get to maintain a lot of your independence.

Ten, good news: she isn’t looking for a ring by spring!

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Carly Landon at clandon1@nd.edu

IN BRIEF

A session of “Peace of Mind: The Art of Mindful Relaxation” will take place today at 12 p.m. in the third-floor conference room of St. Liam Hall.

Visiting professor Robert Warrior will give a lecture titled “Curating ‘Beyond the Chief’: Hating Art and Words on Campus” today at 5 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The lecture will be followed by a discussion.

Colombian-born poet Maurice Kilwein Guevara will read from his body of work tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Hennes Notre Dame Bookstore.

The 2010 BFA/MFA Candidates’ Theses Exhibition begins Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Shaughnessy Galleries of the Suite Museum of Art.

The Food for Thought Film Series and Lectures will continue with a lecture titled “Sustainability: The Key to Today’s Food Revolution,” which will take place Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

In celebration of National Poetry Month, students and faculty will read from their poetry in a “Poetry Reading Tag Team” Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hennes Notre Dame Bookstore.

The Sophomore Class Council’s charity event “The Bald and the Beautiful. University of Notre Dame Fights Cancer” begins Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observernews.nd@gmail.com

CORRECTIONS

The Observer regrets an error in the Inside Column by Molly Madden. This column appears on page 11, not page 10 as previously stated. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If you have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

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NEW SERVICE

OFFBEAT

George Washington racks up late fees at N.Y. library

NEW YORK — If George Washington were alive today, he might face a hefty overdue library fine.

New York City’s oldest library says one of its ledgers shows that the president has racked up 220 years’ worth of late fees on two books he borrowed, but never returned.

One of the books was the “Law of Nations,” which deals with international relations. The other was a volume of debates from Britain’s House of Commons.

Both books were due on Nov. 2, 1789.

New York Society Library book librarian Mark Bartlett says the institution isn’t seeking payment of the fines, but would love to get the books back.

The ledger also lists books being taken out by other founding fathers, including Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr and John Jay.

The entry on Washington simply lists the borrower as “president.”

N.J. cafeteria workers punish food-fighting students

Atlantic City, N.J. — Students at New Jersey’s Atlantic City High School have learned not to mess with the lunch ladies.

Cafeteria workers served only cheese sandwiches Wednesday and Thursday as punishment for a food fight.

School Superintendent Fredrick Nickles says the school supplies only the basic food requirement when there’s been a food-throwing incident. Nickles says the policy has been effective over the years.

Only the group that engaged in the fight out of the school’s three lunch periods was punished.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.
SMC promotes entrepreneurship

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

In order to promote female entrepreneurship, Saint Mary’s College created the Women’s Entrepreneurial Initiative (WEI), a program designed to assist current female-owned and operated small businesses and create an interest in entrepreneurship among women, Susan Vance, senior project director for WEI and professor at the College said.

In order to help execute the program, the College hired Martha Smith, a local business owner and program director for WEI. Smith has first-hand experience in entrepreneurship.

Vance said she hopes the program will become a helpful resource for local businesses.

Smith also wants to see the program reach out to female entrepreneurs.

“[I hope the program will provide a forum for a home for businesswomen to come and network and obtain resources and information to run a smoother operation if they already have a business],” Smith said.

Smith said she also wanted to see WEI create an opportunity for starting a business within the College community.

According to Vance, the College was awarded a $245,000 Small Business Administration two-year grant to support WEI in October 2009. Since that time the College has worked to aid local female business owners.

Vance said the program has a two-part focus.

“One part is externally, in the community, we want to be really viewed as the go-to-place,” Vance said. “If you’re a woman and you want to start a small business or you want to launch a small business, we want you to think about Saint Mary’s as the first place to go to.”

Vance said the second part of the program was to focus on educating students about entrepreneurship.

“We also are very interested in our Saint Mary’s women as well,” she said. “So what we want to do is engage the Saint Mary’s women with those women within the community, those women business owners. Also in addition to that we want to get students excited about starting their own businesses.

During the Spring 2010 semester, WEI offered a Small Business Consulting course where teams of students were paired with local female-owned companies. During the partnerships, students worked to create plans for better efficiency for the companies. According to Smith, one team of students was able to help a company create better efficiency with a computer program.

Smith said Saint Mary’s senior Kathleen Mills was able to simplify a major computer issue at Nicholas J Salon and Spa in South Bend.

Smith said Mills and her team of three other students were able to transform a computer task that originally took five hours into a 30 second job.

“There was a success story, one of the students solved a problem for a local business owner. (The company) had a situation with the computers and it was taking them five hours to do a job,” Smith said.

Smith owns two businesses of her own — a mini storage unit company and a textile company. Both businesses are in the Michiana area.

According to Vance, Smith is a valuable asset to the program because she has the capabilities to assist in reaching out to the Latina women interested in entrepreneurship.

“I can relate to other women business owners,” Smith said. “I sort of feel their pain and there’s a kinship.”

Vance said the College has created a new course that will be supported by the grant. The New Ventures course will allow groups of students to create their own business. Vance will be teaching the course.

Students will be responsible for creating their product or service, marketing it to the local community and running the company. Students will be required to take the course for two semesters, and at the end of the second semester they will create an exit strategy and close their company.

The money that students have earned from their business will go towards paying the start-up loan they received at the beginning of the course. After they have paid off their loan, students will donate the money to local charities.

Vance said New Ventures will be offered for the first time during the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters.

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SMEAC to host Earth Week events

By KRYSTINA HARCOURT
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The Saint Mary’s Environmental Action Coalition (SMEAC) will be hosting a series of events and projects celebrating Earth Week, beginning today, in honor of environmental activism.

“We have been planning Earth Week for quite a few months now and have worked really hard to put together some great events and activities,” SMEAC board member Ellen Huelsmann said.

“Our goal is to make the environment fun and I’m really looking forward to all the great stuff we have planned.”

The week’s events begin tonight at 5 p.m. with kickball and tie-dying on Library Green.

“It’s a way for us to get people outside and enjoying the warm weather,” SMEAC head of public relations Jamie Thordsen said.

Participants are allowed to bring their own items to tie-dye.

“People have brought socks, jackets and even sports bras,” she said.

On Tuesday, students can sign a pledge to care for a plant from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Center, and on Wednesday, SMEAC will organize the annual “Weight your Waste” event, which measures how much food students waste in the dining hall.

“We simply take all the food and liquids left on the trays when students go to place them on the tray belt and put them in big contain- ers,” Huelsmann said.

The highlight for SMEAC during the week will be Thursday’s Earth Day Student Panel. They have planned for each member to speak on a topic related to raise awareness about the environment.

Huelsmann, who will be talking about “The Importance of Biodiversity,” will be one of nine speakers on the panel. Topics that will be discussed include “Business Going Green,” “Your Carbon Footprint” and “Go Green by Eating Green.”

“This panel is simply [about] the importance of environment and how we all have a responsibility as members of this planet to protect and preserve it in any way we can,” Huelsmann said.

On Friday, SMEAC is organizing an invasive species clean up in the Saint Mary’s Nature Area to help eradicate garlic mustard plants.

SMEAC will also be teaming up with the dining hall staff to help limit environmental impact. Trays and straws will be unavailable all week in order to limit waste, and students can bring water bottles with them into the dining hall.

“We really want the students to be able to participate in our celebration of the Earth and we are hoping that they get a lot out of everything we have planned,” Huelsmann said.

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Stepped from a recommendation by the University’s pro-life task force, which was created in the wake of the Jenkins in September. The statement said the University upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, and also clarified its position on charitable gifts in the principles on charitable activity. 

The Catholic universities are in a unique position to promote the renewal of a culture of life in the society,” Rhoades said. “Being actively pro-life in teaching and research, pastoral ministry and service, Catholic Universities indeed contribute to the renewal of our society and to the promotion of the common good.

Rhoades also said Notre Dame’s statement falls in line with Pope John Paul II’s encyclical, “The Gospel of Life.”

“[Pope John Paul II] called for ‘the renewal of a culture of life within Christian communities themselves’ and wrote of the specific contribution that Catholic universities should make in building a new ‘culture of life,’” Rhoades said. “I believe that the efforts that the University of Notre Dame is making in this regard are important for the Church and for society.

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cial club status and add sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause. “The demonstration that happened in January was maybe the marker of my Notre Dame experience,” Mahon said. “It really kept up my faith in the Notre Dame student body that the response was really positive on campus.”

AllianceND officer junior Chris Collins said the discussions that followed the comic’s publication and several individual meetings with top administration officials, including University President Fr. Jenkins, have been mostly productive. “There have been a lot of discussions since the Mobile Party Comic Strip, and I’ve been to a few of them and from what I’ve heard they’ve all been very successful,” he said. Senior and AllianceND officer Michele LeMay said the Student Activities Office (SAO) has made a decision and is waiting until all club applications are reviewed to give its decision.

In an e-mail, student programs coordinator Mary Kate Havlik said she helps “to facilitate the prospective club application process for all clubs,” but did not comment directly on AllianceND’s pending application.

Our primary concerns [when we met with Fr. Jenkins] were the non-discrimination clause and the approval of AllianceND as a club, both of which are ways we feel the University can show it’s acceptance of [LGBTQ] students and their allies on campus,” LeMay said. LeMay noted Saint Mary’s College across the street from Notre Dame already has both a gay-straight alliance (SGA) and has added sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause.

“The administration has definitely been made aware that Saint Mary’s, which is also a Holy Cross college, has both sexual orientation in the clause and a gay-straight alliance,” she said. LeMay said the administration has cited concerns about the legal ramifications of adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause, noting partner benefits as one legal implication.

AllianceND officer senior Patrick Bears said the panel discussions and meetings with administration officials were a step in the right direction, but the actions were ultimately inconsequential. “I’m not going be critical for the University for actually trying to do something, it’s just they’re doing as little as they potentially can,” he said. “They’re trying to do everything they can about actually doing anything about the club itself.”

Mahon said she wanted to be optimistic about the club’s application, but also noted it was the eleventh time the club had applied for official status in the past 13 years. “We want to be really optimistic, but we also recognize that it may not happen,” she said. “I think the biggest indicator that we might not get it is the administration has being making really conscious efforts to meet with us to see how they can improve the framework that they use.”

Mahon said gaining official club status would be incredibly helpful to the group and boost its profile on campus.

“Right now it’s just some friends who meet and discuss issues. It would be really beneficial to have a set club, have a set time when we could meet, have a room where we can meet to be able to advertise to students that these resources are out there,” she said. Mahon said the club’s official status had kept it under-ground for years, and many students who could benefit from the group’s resources might not know it exists.

“Right now, students that could really need the help or the resources sometimes don’t know what goes on,” she said. “It’s all word of mouth, so there’s a really possible chance that we’re missing people who could benefit from the club.”

In the end, the administration has pointed to Core Council as a resource for LGBTQ students. But Collins said Core Council, of which both LeMay and Bears are also members, does not give students enough control.

“I think one of the key things is [AllianceND] gives students the ability to take part in the decision making process,” Collins said. “We would have our own funds and be able to set our own events, whereas with Core Council they’re all kind of set by [the Office of Student Affairs].”

LeMay said Core Council’s structure does not allow many students to join who would want to. “I think AllianceND would be a important supplement to Core Council because Core Council is a closed group and only has eight student members,” she said.

Bears said graduate students are shut out of Core Council and that they do not have a gay-straight alliance for themselves. “There’s no kind of outreach for them,” he said.

Bears also said it was not just students who felt that they needed to stay closed.

“There’s definitely fear among teachers regarding the subject material that they can teach and their personal lives and whether they have to remain closed in order to keep their jobs,” he said.

Collins, who is the only offi- cer in the group that will still be enrolled at Notre Dame next year, said the group will continue to apply for club status if they are denied later this month.

“If we don’t get status we will be applying again next year, I can pretty much guar- antee that if we do get club status that would kind of be a whole different ball game,” he said.

Collins said AllianceND’s probationary first year would include hosting regular meet- ings and sponsoring a few events in conjunction with Core Council.

Despite some setbacks, the AllianceND officers said the response on campus has been very positive since the publi- cation of the offensive comic. Mahon said the work of many tenured faculty members who know their jobs are safe has been “phenomenal” in sup- porting the group.

Nevertheless, the group members did say they were concerned about some of the more hateful reactions they have received around campus. “There have been a resurgence of the ‘Gay? Go to Hell’ T-shirts from two years ago, and from what I’m aware there have actually been more of them than there were just my sophomore year,” Bears said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Agents block opposition march

HAWANA — Cuban security agents denied the wives and mothers of jailed dissidents permis-

sion to hold their weekly march Sunday, setting off a long, strange standoff under the hot Caribbea

n sun that ended with the women being led away by officials.

After a year of peaceful — mostly uneventful — Sunday protests, officials first stopped the wom-

en on April 11, and informed them they supposed to move out in August, but didn’t

never requested or received permission before.

Militants killed in fighting

KABUL — At least 29 militants, including two commanders, have been killed over four days of intense fighting aimed at protect-

ing supply routes through northern Afghanistan, the Interior Ministry said Sunday.

Elsewhere, a foreign soldier was killed by a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan. The ministry

said the third foreign death that day following an earlier announcement of the loss of two Dutch marines in the southern province of Uruzgan. The third soldier’s nationality and other details of the incident were being withheld pending family notification, it said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gates clarifies memo on Iran

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates is disputing the characterization of a memo he wrote in January suggesting the U.S. needed to advance a long-term plan for dealing with Iran’s nuclear program.

Gates said Sunday that he should have no doubt the U.S. is prepared to act “across a broad range of contingencies” in support of its interests with Iran. He said the memo identified steps to be taken in defense planning after Washington decided to increase pressure against Iran’s nuclear ambitions.

Government sources told The New York Times the memo resembled a scenario to come up with new options, including military ones. But Gates said he was merely laying out an orderly and timely decision-making process.

Demonstrators square off in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — A white supremacist group rallied against illegal immigration in downtown Los Angeles on Saturday as hundreds of counter-protesters gathered to shout them down.

All day, the counter-protesters included arrests, thrown rocks and police in riot gear.

Police officers stood between the white supremacists and counter-demonstrators on the south lawn of Los Angeles’ City Hall, where about 50 members of the National Socialist Movement waved American flags and swastika banners for about an hour.

Five people, all of them counter-protesters, were arrested on suspicion of throwing items, police said.

The white supremacists shouted “Sieg Heil” before each of their speakers took the podium to taunt counter-protesters with racial, anti-Semitic and misogynistic epithets.

LOCAL NEWS

Woman sued for not moving

BEVERLY SHORES, Ind. — The federal government’s way of saying “take a hike” for a woman who moved into a house in the Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore could soon be tests.

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Israel

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Malta

Pope meets with abuse victims

Benedict XVI arrives to celebrate a Mass at the Granaries in Floriana, Malta Sunday, during his twoday visit to the island nation.

Associated Press

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night Monday signals the begin-

ning of state ceremonies at the ceme-

teries.
Teams representing Notre Dame's cultural clubs shot to the top of a world soccer tournament Saturday to raise funds for relief efforts in Haiti and the Chilean Red Cross. African Students Association (ASA) president Brigitte Githinji said.

"The tournament was just a great way to fundraise without necessarily placing a close call on everyone," Githinji said. "At the end of the day, the purpose of the tournament was to bring people together in celebration of the World Cup."

The tournament was the kickoff event for April Week 2010, and the tournament entry fees as well as T-shirt sales throughout the week will form the basis of fundraising efforts for victims of the Haiti earthquake.

The theme of world unity promoted both by Africa Week and the World Cup inspired the ASA and other multicultural clubs to serve others in the global community. African Students Association vice president Odara Omusi said.

"With unity comes solidarity," Omusi said. "I think that is something is that important for countries such as Haiti and China that have been affected by earthquakes in recent times."

The organizers also hoped to spread awareness of the options that students have to join cultural clubs on campus. Students can work with these organizations through the tournament, they believed it could expand membership and interest.

"The event was inspired by a vested interest in soccer as well as a desire to see more collaboration among clubs and organizations that otherwise don’t interact," Githinji said.

As South Africa prepares to make sport as the first African nation to host the FIFA World Cup this summer, Githinji that a miniature World Cup was a natural project for the event.

The African Students Association, German Club and the Haitian Club collaborated to plan a world soccer tournament in order to raise awareness and participation in each of the cultural clubs.

"This is a huge undertaking," said their president Kathleen O’Connor. Githinji and O’Connor worked with German Club president Adam Stein to bring teams representing Germany, South Africa, the Philippines, Italy, Spain and India together on Stepan Fields. The Spanish team emerged as the gold medalist after the final match with Italy, O’Connor said.

"There were also several students not involved in cultural clubs who played," O’Connor said. "Hopefully the tournament will inspire these students to join a cultural club in the future."

After Saturday’s success, the organizers would welcome plans for another tournament in the future.

"Italian club would definitely be interested in continuing the tournament in the future," O’Connor said. "Given the success we had this year, I think we will have more even participants next year and in years to come.

"Githinji encouraged students to participate in other Africa Week events, including the World Unity Banquet on Thursday with international food, multicultural performances, and an address from Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves.

"Hopefully, we can keep this enthusiasm and collaboration going as we continue with the rest of Africa Week 2010," Githinji said.

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Habitat for Humanity

Bald

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And while she admits that her condition will come in handy as she braves her new bald lifestyle, Jordan is adamant that it doesn’t require any super powers. "I think anyone, one can do it," Jordan said. "Honestly, anyone has what it takes."

The event, which kicks off Wednesday night and will wind down Saturday afternoon, will include meals sponsored by Fiddler’s Hearth, as well as hairdressers from Salon Rouge offering hair extensions and opportunities for students to donate hair to Pantene Great Lengths, an organization similar to Locks for Love that uses donated hair to make wigs for cancer patients, Pankiw said.

Thirty players from Notre Dame football team have also signed up to have their heads shaved Wednesday night, followed by 25 Welsh Family residents who have signed for hair extensions in support of Kelsey Thrasher, a Notre Dame student and cancer survivor.

"This is an event for everyone," Pankiw said. "This is going to be affected by cancer at some point in their lives, if they haven’t already experienced it. This is a tremendous issue that our generation needs to respond to and to find a cure."

"For Jordan, whose date with the clippers is scheduled for Thursday night, the hair loss will be insignificant to the support gained.

"I think if it were easier it wouldn’t be worth it because the sacrifice is what makes it special," Jordan said.

And with a bald head, she plans to make her message loud and clear.

"This is an event I want people to know, especially kids battling cancer," Jordan said. "I hope it helps other girls realize what makes you a beautiful person is on top of your head."

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Goldman Sachs faces damaged image

Fraud charge deals big blow to reputation, could require millions in fines

Associated Press

NEW YORK — While Goldman Sachs contends with the government’s civil fraud charges, an equally serious problem looms: a damaged reputation that may cost it clients.

The Securities and Exchange Commission’s bombshell civil fraud charge against Goldman has tarnished the Wall Street bank’s already bruised image, analysts say. It could also hurt its ability to do business in an industry based largely on trust.

Damage from the case could hit other big banks as well. The SEC charges are expected to help the Obama administration as it seeks to more tightly police lucrative investment banking activities.

Goldman has denied the SEC’s allegation that it sold risky mortgage investments without telling buyers that the securities were crafted in part by a billionaire hedge fund manager who was betting on them to fail. A 31-year-old Goldman employee is also accused in the civil suit that was announced Friday.

The charges could result in fines and restatement of more than $700 million, predicted Brad Hintz, an analyst at Sanford Bernstein. Yet, even if Goldman beats the charge, the SEC’s investigation could carry a greater cost.

The company, founded in 1869, grew from a one-man outfit trading rice and coffee in New York to the world’s most powerful, most profitable and arguably most envied securities and investment firm. From its 43-story glass-and-steel headquarters in Lower Manhattan, Goldman oversees a financial empire that spans more than 30 countries and includes more than 30,000 employees.

It has long attracted some of the world’s best and brightest. Some have gone on to lofty careers in public life, enhancing the firm’s aura of mystique and influence. Goldman alumni include former Treasury Secretaries Henry Paulson and Robert Rubin and former New Jersey Gov. Jon Corzine.

In its corporate profile, the company says its culture distinguishes it from others and “helps to make us a magnet for talent.” That culture is summed up in the firm’s “14 Business Principles,” which preach an almost militant philosophy of putting the client before the firm.

Now, it’s that very philosophy that has been questioned by the government.

So far, no Goldman clients have publicly condemned the bank’s alleged actions. But the negative publicity and regulatory scrutiny could cause some to distance themselves, said Mark T. Williams, a professor of finance and economics at Boston University.

Goldman earned a record $4.79 billion during the fourth quarter of last year and is expected to report blowout first-quarter results on Tuesday. A big chunk of its profits are from fee-based client businesses, such as investment advising, underwriting securities and brokering billion-dollar mergers.

“Goldman can really only truly be effective in the marketplace if it maintains a strong reputation,” Williams said.

Morgan Stanley, the No. 2 U.S. investment bank after Goldman, could be in a position to poach some Goldman clients, which include hedge funds, pension funds and other big institutional investors. Overseas, European rivals such as Deutsche Bank AG and UBS could benefit.

“Investors are already better betting the legal troubles will hurt Goldman’s finances. The company’s shares plunged 13 percent after the charges were announced Friday, erasing a staggering $12.5 billion in market value.”

TALKS ON GREEK BALLOT POSTPONED

ATHENS — Greece is postponing a bailout package for heavily indebted Greece because the global travel chaos caused by Iceland’s volcano, the Finance Ministry said Sunday.

The talks were to start in Athens on Monday and involve the government, the European Commission, the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund. The parties are to discuss a “three-year economic policies package” and the fact that euro zone countries and the IMF will provide financial aids if Greece requests it, the ministry said.

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Rain to delay shuttle landing

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA warned space shuttle Discovery's astronauts Sunday to expect rain delays as they wrapped up their two-week mission and got ready to come home.

Discovery and its crew are returning from the International Space Station after stocking it with supplies, science experiments and extra spare parts, including a tank full of ammonia coolant. It took three spacewalks to install the tank.

Providing Florida's weather forecast, Discovery's pilot, Drew Feustel, said the forecast, which cross much of the United States during re-entry, zooming in from the Pacific Northwest. For safety reasons, NASA typically prefers to bring the space shuttle home from the southwest, up over the Pacific, Central America and the Gulf of Mexico.

It's a lesson NASA learned the hard way in 2003, when Columbia shattered over Texas during re-entry. All seven astronauts were killed, but remarkably, no one was hurt on the ground by the wreckage.

Since then, only one other shuttle mission has ended with a continental flyover, back in 2007.

Before Discovery's April 5 liftoff, NASA altered the flight path to maximize the astronauts' work time in orbit without wearing them down.

The rare U.S. flyover — weather permitting — was going to provide a streaking light show for those beneath the flight path. For Monday's first landing opportunity at 8:48 a.m., Discovery would zoom over British Columbia and Alberta, swing down over Montana and the Dakotas, and pass over Sioux City, Iowa, the middle of Missouri. Then it would come down over the eastern border of Arkansas and Tennessee, then over northeastern Mississippi and Alabama, southwestern Georgia and almost directly over Jacksonville.

The second opportunity, 1½ hours later, would have the shuttle crossing over Washington state and passing over more of the heartland.

S.F. crime lab center of unraveling scandal

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — The tape recorder started rolling as two police investigators sat in their car in a hospital parking lot with Deborah Madden on Feb. 26. "You're causing a huge nightmare for the city," said one officer.

Now the 60-year-old techni- cian and the obscure police crime lab where she worked for 29 years stands at the center of a scandal that has raised questions about the dismissal of hundreds of criminal cases and jeopardized thou- sands more. Police have accused Madden of skimming cocaine evidence from the lab, but she hasn't been criminally charged in the case.

Forensics experts say Madden is not the first crime lab worker suspected of stealing drugs or other illegality, and San Francisco's lab joins several other cities in suffering a loss of credibility.

A Houston man was awarded $5 million last year after spending 17 years in prison on rape charges overturned because of a discredited criminal lab.

Detroit shut down its crime lab in 2008 after outside auditors uncovered serious errors in the way evidence was handled.

"It's real hard to build a good reputation and it's very easy to destroy it," said Ralph Keaton, executive director of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. "And it takes even longer to rebuild it."

The fallout from San Francisco's lab scandal is still unfolding and experts say it could take years to clean up, especially if authorities fail to establish which criminal cases were compromised.

"I don't think we have a full grasp on the magnitude of this yet," said Jim Norris, former head of California's lab. "This runs on trust that the lab results have been correct, but now people don't think they are. So the whole system has grinded to a halt."

Madden's attorney, Paul DeMeester, said last week that his client was honest and forthright, and she "talked about all of the wrongs she had committed at the lab, which is very mini-

In the taped interview, inves- tigators pleaded with Madden to confess to skimming significant amounts of cocaine from drugs seized during arrests. A confession, they said, could take pressure off co-workers who were also being questioned and would help begin to repair the damage.

Madden said she will take years for the people in that lab and the San Francisco Police Department to come back from "the damage. It's one person," Inspector Peter Nolasco told Madden on the tape. "If it's a mistake, you just need to tell us it's a mistake."

"I didn't do it." She said, admitting only to snorting small amounts of cocaine spilled on her work station.

An internal review turned up significant shortages of drug evidence in several cases she handled. But Madden said she was not surprised because she knew weight discrepancies occurred frequently at the lab.

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LINCOLN, Neb. — It's been called a groundbreaking law, but a measure approved in Nebraska last week that changes the rationale for abortion bans probably won't go into effect anytime soon — if ever.

Instead, abortion opponents are hoping it will become the most important case on abortion to reach the U.S. Supreme Court in recent memory. Even they acknowledge the ban on abortions at and after 20 weeks of pregnancy won't see the light of day unless the high court rules that it is constitutional.

Mary Spaulding Balch, legislative director for National Right to Life, said a court injunction will likely prevent implementation of the law. The measure passed last week by Nebraska's nonpartisan Legislature and signed into law by Republican Gov. Dave Heineman is sched- uled to take effect in October.

Lower courts have no preced- ent to support the law, which bases the new restrictions on the assertion that fetuses feel pain.

"This is a case of first impres- sion," Spaulding Balch said.

The long trip to the high court — if it indeed lands there — combined with the time it takes for a ruling there could mean a final decision on the law is several years away.

First, a legal challenge must be posed. No one has stepped forward yet, but Dr. LeRoy Carhart, one of the nation's few late-term abortion providers, is considered a likely candidate. Carhart, who practices in an Omaha suburb and is the target of the new Nebraska law, was a plaintiff in two of the worst abortion cases of the last decade that reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

Carhart said in a statement that the passage of the law and another that requires women to get pre-abortion screenings for mental and physical problems has strengthened his commitment to protecting women's reproductive rights.

The Center for Reproductive Rights, which has close ties to Carhart, has led an effort to get Heineman urging him to veto the bills that it would be involved in a challenge of the ban on late-term abortions.

This bill is clearly unconstitu- tional and is the most extreme abortion law passed in this country in recent memory," the letter states. It reminds Heineman that the center has litigated cases in Nebraska and across the United States in its fight for women's reproductive rights.
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From partial renovation to "Extreme Makeover"

As one of the organizers of the Hesburgh Library petition, I wish to clarify our platform concerning the Library's facilities. It seems most logical to shift the discourse away from simply remodeling part of the main Library toward an expansion of the entire Library system. I suggest this should be accomplished in four phases, in order of priority:

(1) We should construct a depository—a high-density, temperature-controlled warehouse that can hold millions of books. Notre Dame requires it for two reasons. In the short-term, we need a location where we can store materials without disrupting service whenever we renovate the Library. In the long-term, a depository is essential for expanded collections. Though it has long been known that the stacks are approaching capacity, we have tried to circumvent the problem by reducing book acquisition, even as our competitors are increasing theirs.

Next year, the University of Chicago will unveil a $42 million depository that can hold 3.5 million volumes, more than Notre Dame’s entire collection. The British Library just opened a £266 million storage unit, while Harvard is planning further expansion of its depository. Top institutions understand that even with the growth of information technology, print holdings will always keep expanding.

A depository is thus a crucial investment, probably costing less than our hockey arena ($50 million). Because it is a warehouse, it can be quickly constructed. It may not excite benefactors, but that hardly negates its absolute necessity. Even if we cannot find donors, its functionality would come directly from the endowment.

(2) Our Library is often torn between competing needs of group study and quiet research, which instead should have separate facilities. Collaborative study needs should be addressed by an information commons, which would be open to the entire University, though primarily serving undergraduates. It should be a state-of-the-art, 24-hour complex adjacent to the main Library that provides print materials, but specializes in digital resources.

In 2008, Loyola University Chicago opened a 67,000-square-foot facility connected to its main library, with 35 group study rooms, 216 computer workstations, technical support, library reference and an all-glass, lakefront façade. It cost $28 million, about what we spent on remodeling the Joyce Center. Consider that Loyola’s donor base is comparatively small, while its endowment is one-seventeenth of ours.

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(3) An information commons should predate renovation of the entire Hesburgh Library, which will be the costliest step. Ohio State recently spent $120 million to renovate its main library. While remaining open to all, our modernized library should emphasize research and scholarship. To quote Professor Jeffrey’s letter to The Observer (“Library will be fine under proper custodian,” April 12), if it “tries to compete with Barnes & Noble in providing cute coffee bars and comfy couches, we are certain to lose.”

Therefore, the first two floors should be dominated by large reading rooms with enforced quiet, decor that is conducive to research (i.e. no IKEA workstations, technical support, library reference and an all-glass, lakefront façade). It cost $28 million, about what we spent on remodeling the Joyce Center. Consider that Loyola’s donor base is comparatively small, while its endowment is one-seventeenth of ours.

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(4) Notre Dame has sought to bridge the divide between academic and residential life by adding dormitories in the new halls. In the future, Notre Dame should also consider designing its residence halls to serve as other residential libraries, the presence of “house libraries” is a feature of other residential systems, as at Harvard or Oxford, giving students ready access to study areas and basic materials needed for classes.

These facilities are crucial to our stated goals of providing an unsurpassed undergraduate education and becoming a preeminent research university. These aspirations are not mutually exclusive, but they both require firm commitment to and substantial investment in an enhanced library system. The renovated Hesburgh Library, which built in 1997, has separate reading rooms for the humanities, social sciences, manuscripts, rare books, and archives. This is the best way to create similar facilities only after the creation of the depository and the information commons; we can bypass these two steps, however, even the renovated Hesburgh Library will remain a closed book to non-graduate students for either group study or quiet research.

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"Kick-Ass" is without a doubt the best superhero movie since "Spider-Man 2" (nothing can top a dude with eight arms). With awe-some action sequences and a strong comedic nature, this movie beautifully treads the line of thriller and comedy while also incorpo-rating social commentary on apathy and corruption. This is a must see for anyone who is a fan of superhero movies or appreciates "R-rated" humor and an overly violent preteen girl.

The adventure begins with young Dave (Aaron Johnson) going through the motions of his monotonous life, as an average high school kid with dreams of hooking up with the prettiest girl in his class, his English teacher, as well as a moderately attractive student his own age, Katie. After being mugged and seeing someone witness the crime without taking action, Dave begins to question his faith in humanity and ask, "Why has no one ever tried to be a superhero before?"

Dressed up in a wet-suit with a few sticks strapped to his back, Kick-Ass is born. Punching the air in alleys and running around on a rooftop, Dave trains to one day face the muggers who robbed him. In the first public appearance of Kick-Ass, he gets severely beaten up by the muggers who robbed him. In the first public appearance of Kick-Ass, he gets severely beaten up by the muggers who robbed him. In the first public appearance of Kick-Ass, he gets severely beaten up by the muggers who robbed him. In the first public appearance of Kick-Ass, he gets severely beaten up by the muggers who robbed him. In the first public appearance of Kick-Ass, he gets severely beaten up by the muggers who robbed him. In the first public appearance of Kick-Ass, he gets severely beaten up by the muggers who robbed him. In the first public appearance of Kick-Ass, he gets severely beaten up by the muggers who robbed him. With damaged nerve endings that dulls his sense of feeling and metal plates lining his bones, Dave becomes a slightly more durable hero.

Strutting around town in his suit, Kick-Ass begins his revitalized career looking for a lost cat. When he encounters three thugs taking on one guy, he steps in only to take a beating. Because of his medical improvements though, he is able to continue fighting and save the man's life. When Kick-Ass yells at a bystander to call for help, the individual instead videotapes the fight and makes Kick-Ass an Internet sensation. After a few more trials and failures, our hero meets up with the father-daughter crime-fighting duo of Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit Girl (Chloe Moretz) and makes Kick-Ass an Internet sensation. After a few more trials and failures, our hero meets up with the father-daughter crime-fighting duo of Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit Girl (Chloe Moretz) and makes Kick-Ass an Internet sensation. After a few more trials and failures, our hero meets up with the father-daughter crime-fighting duo of Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit Girl (Chloe Moretz) and makes Kick-Ass an Internet sensation. After a few more trials and failures, our hero meets up with the father-daughter crime-fighting duo of Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit Girl (Chloe Moretz) and makes Kick-Ass an Internet sensation. After a few more trials and failures, our hero meets up with the father-daughter crime-fighting duo of Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit Girl (Chloe Moretz) and makes Kick-Ass an Internet sensation. After a few more trials and failures, our hero meets up with the father-daughter crime-fighting duo of Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit Girl (Chloe Moretz) and makes Kick-Ass an Internet sensation. After a few more trials and failures, our hero meets up with the father-daughter crime-fighting duo of Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit Girl (Chloe Moretz) and makes Kick-Ass an Internet sensation. After a few more trials and failures, our hero meets up with the father-daughter crime-fighting duo of Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit Girl (Chloe Moretz) and makes Kick-Ass an Internet sensation.

Local mob boss Frank D’Amico (Mark Strong) is established as the villain, trying to hunt down the superheroes because they are killing all of his men. Frank’s son Chris (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), in an attempt to bring Kick-Ass to his father, poses as Red Mist, another superhero, and seeks to become Kick-Ass’s sidekick. With their limited training, they are quite the crime-stopping team.

The casting in "Kick-Ass" is impeccable, and no part was better played than Hit Girl. Moretz, 13, brought her character to life and she certainly has a bright acting future. Frank, Red Mist and even every mobster is played very well and all have their comedic moments. One of the best scenes involves Frank’s large guard saying “Everything’s under control” while grabbing a bazooka from his desk. On the other hand, Kick-Ass could have been portrayed a little better, with the actor being very bland. An Andy Samberg (“SNL”) or a Jonah Hill (“Superbad”) may have been a better choice.

Nicholas Cage provided a surprisingly good performance. Finding success in a role that does not involve stealing the Declaration of Independence coupled with the fact that he’s in enough financial trouble to take on the upcoming film “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice” seemed very unlikely. However, his acting was impressive as he played the role of Big Daddy better than Adam Sandler.

This movie is the perfect movie for the college aged demographic. Still, some may find the use of a young actress in a very "R-rated" role controversial, and the 3-shamrock review reflects that. While at times "Kick-Ass" seemed unnecessarily violent, that does not detract from the overall entertainment value of this film.

"Kick-Ass" delivers laughs along with strong character development. This was one of the best superhero movies in a while and may even inspire you to put on a cape and try to catch the offenders NDSP emails sketches of to the student body.

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“Kick-Ass”

Directed By: Matthew Vaughn
Writers: Jane Goldman and Matthew Vaughn
Starring: Aaron Johnson, Nicolas Cage, Chloe Moretz, Christopher Mintz-Plasse and Mark Strong
I’ve written for Scene for slightly over a year. Movies are not my strong point. When I write, it’s almost always about music. I enjoy movies. I go to one or two a month, but I have never loved them like many do. I can see the art in many movies but usually fail to appreciate it. The point is, I’m much more akin to the average movie audience. I’m a white male in my early 20s. I’m a generation, I’m practically a stereotype of the film’s target audience. I’m a white male in my early 20s. I’m a non-obsessed fan of comic books and their following movies from the first two entries in the excellent “Spiderman” series to the tragically flawed “Watchmen” and even the muddled and campy “Ghost Rider.” From my first viewing of the trailer, I was looking forward to seeing “Kick Ass.” The movie wasn’t without its high points. It had a number of genuinely funny parts, although in the true style of a weak movie, most can be found in the trailers. The style of the movie was near perfect. Drawing heavily from its graphic source material, director Matthew Vaughn skillfully works comics in everything from the minor touches to a full blown, beautifully illustrated flashback.

Against a backdrop of these artistic components, the cast gives remarkable performances. Although Kick-Ass’ and Red Mist’s alter egos are towards the shallow end of the character pool, Chloe Moretz and Nicolas Cage give top notch performances as Hit Girl and Big Daddy. Cage, who excels at playing mentally unstable characters, gives his second best performance in recent memory, second only to his role in “Bad Lieutenant: Port of New Orleans.” His Adam West imitation as Big Daddy and doting father alter ego both ring true. Cage not only manages to pull off a scene where he shoots his bulletproof -vested daughter in the chest, he does so in a loving way. Moretz, as the heavily publicized Hit Girl, shows remarkable skill on the screen, readily switching between an innocent schoolgirl and a cold-blooded killer.

It is the treatment of Big Daddy and Hit Girl where the film falls not only apart, but into an extremely dark and disturbing place. Some minor controversy has already taken place over Hit Girl’s use of the c-word in the movie’s red-band trailer. Defenders of the movie predictably countered with, “Why is her language such a concern when she spend the entire movie killing people?” Of course, this all takes place in an R-rated movie so the use of harsh language shouldn’t surprise anyone. The problem is exactly that raised by its defenders. The violence in “Kick Ass” plays like the worst kind of video games; it’s stylized, brutal, celebratory in its gore and meaningless in its nature. This is not a natural product of the plot of the film.

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While some changes are bound to be made in translation, this one is drastic. In the film, he’s a tragically unbalanced father seeking revenge; in the comic, he’s clinically insane. The audience goes from being shocked of his actions in the comic book to almost understanding in the theater. Much of the effective point of the comic’s ending is lost in this simple change.

The film also goes to great length to continually remind you that its setting is in our world. These are supposed to be real life super heroes. Its flaw comes from being shocked of his actions in the comic book to almost understanding in the theater. Much of the effective point of the comic’s ending is lost in this simple change.

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NEW YORK — Mark Teixeira hit his first home run of the season and Ramiro Pena delivered a key single while filling in for an ailing Derek Jeter, leading Andy Pettitte and the New York Yankees over the Philadelphia Phillies 5-2 Sunday for a three-game sweep.

Pettitte (2-0) pitched four-hit ball for eight innings. The World Series champions won their seventh straight game, 4-1, and took an advantage of a rich Wild Horses that went 3-0 in Texas its fourth straight loss.

A notably slow starter, Teixeira hit a most-overspeeded homer. He shared the AL lead last year at 39 with Tampa Bay’s Carlos Pena.

Teixeira led off the third with a high-arching drive into the second deck in right field. He was hitting only .100 (4 for 40) this season when he connected. His gloverwork never seems to suffer despite his slow outset. Pettitte leaped to snap Josh Hamilton’s liner and made a diving, backhanded stop on Matt Grounder’s trover.

It was the second straight with two outs and the bases loaded in the third when Pena loaded a solo walk to his first hitter for his first hit of the season. He started the second inning with a cold. Jeter led off Saturday’s game, early, giving Peterte his first hit in two d.3-2 innings.

Jorge Posada lined a solo home run in the Yankees seventh.

Pettitte made the lead stand up, retiring 12 straight batters in the middle innings. Mariano Rivera closed for his fifth save in the third.

Harden never found his rhythm, walking six in 3.2 innings. He allowed two doubles in the third.

Harden hit Brett Gardner and Teixeira with pitches in the first inning. Making his third start for the Astros, Harden (0-1) to hand Texas its third straight win over the Yankees.

Mark Teixeira delivered his first game-winning hit against the Blue Jays, setting up a sweep.

Making his third start for Texas, Harden’s third in a row, he took the plate and scored on a single by Tommy Ramirez that pulled first baseman Jesus Guzman to his left. Blum followed with a hard grounder that went through the legs of catcher Gerald Laird to load the bases.

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**Browns’ Jennings accused of punching bouncer**

**CLEVELAND** — Browns running back Chris Jennings has been released from jail while authorities determine whether to file charges over allegations he hit a bouncer outside a Cleveland nightclub.

Jennings was arrested early Saturday morning. John O’Brien, a spokesman for the Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s Department, says Jennings is accused of punching the bouncer in the mouth because he refused to allow Jennings’ friend inside without proper attire. O’Brien says the case has been turned over to the county prosecutor’s office. It will determine whether to file an assault charge.

A message seeking comment was left Sunday for the Browns. It’s not clear whether Jennings has an attorney. Jennings rushed for 220 yards and scored one touchdown as a rookie last season.

**Giants place outfielder Rowand on disabled list**

**LOS ANGELES** — San Francisco Giants center fielder Aaron Rowand was placed on the 15-day disabled list on Sunday, two days after a fastball to his head from the Dodgers’ Vicente Padilla left him with two small fractures in his left cheekbone and a mild concussion.

“I didn’t want to go on the disabled list, but I don’t have ‘ME’ behind my name,” Rowand said after taking some soft-toss swings in the indoor batting cage. “Apparently in their thoughts, they felt it wasn’t the wise move to try to continue playing with the fractures in my face — simply on the premise of the possibility of getting hit again. Obviously it’s frustrating, especially with the way we’re playing and the prospects of the season and everything else.

The mishap occurred in the fifth inning of Friday night’s 10-8 loss, when the ball struck the left ear flap of Rowand’s helmet as he turned to get out of the way. He never lost consciousness and was able to leave the field under his own power.

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**Associated Press**

**WALTHAM, Mass.** — Kevin Garnett doesn’t regret his role in a fracas by his opponent’s bench. Neither does the player he elbowed in the face.

Garnett paid a higher price Sunday when the NBA suspended him for Tuesday night’s second game of Boston’s playoff series with Miami. The Heat’s Quentin Richardson was fined $25,000.

The pushing and wrestling took place with 40 seconds left in the Celtics’ 85-76 Game 1 win Saturday night. Paul Pierce had fallen by the Heat’s bench, holding his right shoul-

der in apparent pain. Garnett leaned over, then hit Richardson, coming from

behind, with his left forearm. Moments later, Boston’s passion


te leader elbowed Richardson in the face.

“Not at all,” Garnett said calmly Sunday when asked if he regretted his actions. “I would hope if I was hurt or if I was down in that position someone would at least give me some space to sort of recover or to gather myself. That’s the only thing I was asking for.”

Richardson, one of Miami’s more emotional players, also shrugged off the idea of regrets.

“Me?” he said. “I didn’t do anything regretful. I didn’t throw any punches or swing on anybody.”

Garnett played well with 15 points and nine rebounds in his first playoff action since Game 6 of the 2008 NBA Finals when he led the Los Angeles Lakers that clinched Boston’s 17th champi


onship.

He missed last year’s play-

offs with a knee injury and

Boston beat Chicago in seven games before losing to Orlando in seven in the sec-

ond round.

“We know we can win. We know we can hold down the fort if KG is out a game,” Pierce said before the league announced the suspension early Sunday night. “We’re not one of those teams that when their star player goes down that’s an excuse to not play hard, not try to win the game.

“We’re a team that feels like with KG and without KG we’re supposed to win a game”

Observers could view the altercation as the point at which playoff intensity soared. They would be wrong, according to Pierce. He said he already had that feeling.

“You’ve got to understand, both teams are playing for a championship,” he said. “There’s so much more at stake. It’s just like a prize fighter. When you fight for that goal, it’s not like the other fights. This has much more meaning.

“We’ve got to expect that tensions are going to rise, flare-ups, but the thing is just keep it in the framework of where it doesn’t get out of hand.”

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**Utah’s Okur out for playoffs with torn left Achilles’ tendon**

**DENVER** — Utah Jazz general man-

ager Kevin O’Connor says center Mehmet Okur has a torn left Achilles’ tendon and is out for the remainder of the playoffs.

Okur needs surgery and will likely miss the world championships this summer in his native Turkey. He flew home to Salt Lake City on Sunday after an MRI revealed the tear.

O’Connor was injured while driving to the basket in the first half of Utah’s Game 1 loss at Denver on Saturday night. Before the game, he had taken a painkilling shot to treat his Achilles’ tendon, which he had been dealing with since April 7.

O’Connor said he doesn’t believe the injection had anything to do with Okur tearing the tendon. Okur’s right leg slipped as he was driving, shifting all his weight to his left leg, which twisted awkwardly as he fell to the floor.

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7 p.m., Versus

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NFL

Roethlisberger back after sexual assault case

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger will line up under center, take the snap and throw his first pass to a teammate since the Steelers ended the season Jan. 3. There won’t be any applause. There likely won’t be much reaction from his teammates, who have seen the highest-paid player in franchise history go through this routine countless times in games and practices since 2004. There will be countless questions.

For the Steelers, the most pressing is this: Who will be taking snaps in September?

The Steelers return to the practice field Monday for the first time since their 9-7 record wasn’t good enough to get them into the playoffs. Roethlisberger is expected to be among them, one week to the day since prosecutors decided not to charge him after a college student accused him of sexual assault.

First, Roethlisberger must try to win back his teammates’ support — something team president Art Rooney II said probably can’t be achieved in a day, a week or a month. It’s not just ownership that is running out of patience with an athlete who can’t seem to dodge missteps, the very player — the high-priced quarterback and proven winner — who is most expected to be a leader.

“He’s going to have to work very hard to rehabilitate his image,” Rooney said. “There’s no question that it’s taken a hit and we’ve told him it’s going to be a long journey back and he’s going to have to be up to meeting the challenge.”

Second, it is very likely Roethlisberger won’t line up under center when the Steelers open the season. The question is whether he will be suspended by the NFL for four games, two games or one. Or if there will be counseling and rehabilitation involved. The punishment is likely to be determined by commissioner Roger Goodell next week, following this week’s three-day draft.

By waiting for the NFL to work out a penalty for violating the league’s personal conduct policy that is acceptable to the team, the options for appeal are far more limited than if the Steelers had acted themselves.

“No matter how many games Roethlisberger is out, the Steelers must prepare someone else to take his place — third-year quarterback Dennis Dixon, who has started only one game, or longtime backup Charlie Batch. That means more practice time for someone other than Roethlisberger and an altered routine during training camp.

“We don’t necessarily have a backup plan at this time,” coach Mike Tomlin said. “We’ll let the process run its course and kind of make decisions from there.”

If Roethlisberger is suspended, the Steelers would have to get him back to game speed quickly once he returned, and with a season already under way. That could mean longer in-season practices devoted to Roethlisberger getting the work he needs to be game-ready.

There is likely to be resentment in the locker room, too, whether it’s stated or not, from teammates who are simply worn out with the Roethlisberger-created disruptions. This is the third time in four years it’s happened, and even the most patient of players must be wondering when they will stop.

In 2006, Roethlisberger crashed his motorcycle four months after winning the Super Bowl, and the Steelers subsequently missed the playoffs. Last year, he was accused of sexual assault in Nevada not long before training camp began — and, again, the Steelers missed the playoffs after winning the Super Bowl. That suit remains unresolved.

That’s a pattern that Rooney hinted the Steelers can no longer follow.

“I don’t want to get into hypotheticals about what we might do next,” Rooney said. “The most important thing is that Ben stays committed to doing what he has to do to uphold his end of the bargain.”

It starts Monday. When it ends, the Steelers can only begin to guess.
Coyotes win despite loss of players

Associated Press

DETROIT — The Phoenix Coyotes have thrived in the face of adversity all season.

They did it again Sunday in Game 3 against the Detroit Red Wings.

Overcoming the loss of captain Shane Doan and another key player, Petr Prucha and Radim Vrbata scored midway through the third period to lift the Coyotes to a 4-2 victory and a 2-1 series lead.

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Detroit overcame the loss players who combined to score 88 goals last season — when it was a win away from repeating as Stanley Cup champions — and a slew of injuries to extend the longest playoff streak in sports.

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PGA

Davis’ playoff penalty gives Furyk the win

Associated Press

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Brian Davis called a two-stroke penalty on himself for the first playoff hole Sunday to give Jim Furyk a victory at the Verizon Heritage.

Davis, an Englishman who’s never won on the PGA Tour, used a hodgepodge of technique to win the extra hole. However, Davis’ approach rolled off the green of the lighthouse hole and into some rocks.

As Davis attempted to chip on, his wedge moved a loose reed in the marshy area. Davis quickly called for a rules official, who after calling colleagues to check the reply, confirmed the penalty. “I thought I saw movement,” Davis said. “It’s a disappointment.”

Davis conceded to Furyk before the world’s sixth-ranked player pulled off the improbable.

Furyk shot a 69 to finish at 13-under 271. The victory was his 15th career win and second since March, earning him $1.026 million.

Davis nearly won in regulation, his approach to his final hole slipping past the cup and was short on his 12-foot birdie putt and more on the 13th hole after making a 12-footer for birdie.

However, Davis caught him once later with 5-footer for birdie. Furyk shot a 69 to finish at 13-under 271 and win the playoff.

Furyk is the fourth consecutive Masters title winner to lose in the first playoff hole and win the next.

Former champion Aaron Baddeley tied Furyk at 11 under. Bubba Watson and Kenny Perry were at 10 under.

Furyk a victory at the Verizon Heritage.

Nadal beats Verdasco; Davis’ playoff penalty gives Furyk the win

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts president Bill Polian will take the late picks and mediocre grades every draft weekend.

He’s more concerned about the final marks.

Whether his teams are picking early or late, filling a need or taking the best player left on the board, trading up or down, Polian has an uncanny knack for getting it right in the NFL draft.

It’s a real art, but Bill knows what he’s looking for, and he knows what the most important characteristic for success is in an offensive lineman or a running back.

NFL draft consultant Gil Brandt said: “He drafts them and they’re safe players. Those safe players might not end up going to the Pro Bowl but if you get enough of them, you’ll be a playoff team.”

Polian’s masterful selections have turned the Colts from a bottom dweller in the 1990s and 2000s into one of the league’s model franchises.

Despite having only one pick in the top 15 from 2000-09, Indy missed the playoffs only once during a decade in which it won a league record 115 games, set another league mark with 23 straight wins, captured two AFC titles and one Super Bowl crown.

Such consistency is not supposed to happen in a league that prefers parity and relies on a salary-cap and a weighted draft.

“Other times you get guys that look the part, but don’t play the part,” Brandt said. “This is a guy who fits the part. He’s so good.”

“Polian isn’t dropping any hints about who he’ll be targeting at No. 31, but it’s clear he wants to improve a Colts’ offensive line,” Brandt said.

Furyk has already begun.

Longtime offensive line coach Howard Mudd retired after the Super Bowl loss to New Orleans, and Pete Metzelaars has moved into Mudd’s old spot.

Indy released starting left guard Ryan Lilja in March and added two free agents, guard Andy Alleman and tackle Adam Terry. Both are bigger than the linemen Indy has traditionally relied on in the Peyton Manning era, and it looks like Polian wants for another big body in the draft.

Finding one will be tough. At least three offensive tackles — Russell Okung, Bryan Bulaga and Trent Williams could go in the top 10. Guard Mike Iupati, center Maurkice Pouncey and tackle Anthony Davis could all go by No. 20.

But Polian clearly is looking to add depth on the defensive line with players such as Jared Odrick, Vernon Griffin or Jeramy Hughes. Polian may even look for a trade.

“Whatever he does, he’s likely to find someone who can help — as he always does,” Caldwell said. “Sometimes you get guys that look the part, but don’t play the part.”

“Other times you get guys that don’t look the part, but play the part. Bill always seems to find someone who fits the part.”

TENNIS

Nadal beats Verdasco; wins at Monte Carlo

Associated Press

MONACO — Rafael Nadal’s title drought is over.

Nadal won his first tournament in nearly a year on Sunday, defeating Fernando Verdasco 6-0, 6-4 in an all-Spanish final on the Monte Carlo Masters.

The second-seeded Nadal overpowered Verdasco with a stocky physique, heavy groundstrokes and a court-court tennis to earn his sixth straight victory at Monte Carlo, his first title since the Rome Masters in May 2009.

“Last year I didn’t play well but this year the level is completely different,” Nadal said. “I was playing well since the start of the season.”

He was relieved to win again after losing consecutive Masters semifinals on hard courts at the BNP Paribas Open and the Sony Ericsson Open.

“It was a lot of work. A lot of work,” Nadal said. “But this year this is really special for me. One of the most special because I had a little bit of a hard time and came back.”

Nadal is the only player to win six consecutive titles at the same tournament since tennis turned professional in 1968, and the 23-year-old has tied top-ranked Roger Federer with 16 Masters titles, one behind Andre Agassi.

“I was a little bit nervous — I didn’t have much tournament for a while,” said Nadal, who last year lost to Robin Soderling at the Masters in London and battled knee problems that sidelined him for more than two months.

He was glad to be back playing his best on his favorite surface.

“Probably one of my best (performances) on clay,” Nadal said. “One of my best levels on clay for sure.”

He sealed the win on his first match point with a forehand pass and fell to the ground, rolling on his back as he savored his victory.
BELLES DROP IN CLOSE MATCH

By MATTHEW ROBINSON  Sports Writer

The Belles dropped their third straight MIAA conference match Saturday, falling to Kalamazoo 6-2. Saint Mary’s (8-7, 2-3) stuck close with the Hornets (9-7, 4-2) but could not avoid dropping one more spot to the lower MIAA rankings, which will determine seeding for the postseason tournament.

“We played Kalamazoo really close and it came down to a few matches at the end,” senior captain Camille Gebert said. “I think we all knew it was going to be a matter of one or two points.”

Gebert won at No. 2 singles, junior Frances Pelusa at No. 1 doubles and senior Mary Therese Lee and Jillian Hurley claimed a victory.

“If we could have pulled out one more doubles match I think we could have won,” Gebert said. “Having the edge going into singles is really crucial.”

Because Kalamazoo and Saint Mary’s are so close in the MIAA standings, there is a high probability that Saturday will not be the last time the Belles and Hornets will square off this year.

“There is a very great chance that we will see them in the first round of the conference tournament,” Gebert said. “Based on our performance yesterday, I have confidence that we will pull through and beat them.”

Gebert said a few breaks that went Kalamazoo’s way had a big impact on many of the matches. “I think the major factor in the outcome was momentum,” Gebert said. “There was a point when four of the singles matches were looking good for us. We had the momentum. But in tennis, one close point could change the whole outcome of a match and I think that is what happened in a few of our final singles matches.”

Gebert said that she focuses on one match at a time, using each previous match as a jumping off point, making the necessary improvements.

That is something that Belles coach Dale Campbell has stressed the entire season. “Personally, I approach every match with a sense of urgency, as if this is the match that matters the most,” Gebert said. “As a team, we go into each match with a determination to improve on the last match.”

With only a few matches left in the MIAA season, the Belles need to find that gentle balance between urgency and improvement. With the postseason tournament rapidly approaching, Saint Mary’s needs to put themselves in the best possible position in order to make a run at the conference title.

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SMC SOFTBALL

E A R L Y H I T S H E L P L EAD B E L L E S T O K E Y V I C T O R I E S

By MICHAEL TODISCO  Sports Writer

The Belles earned a pair of important victories Saturday, defeating conference foe Olivet in both games of a doubleheader.

Saint Mary’s (18-14, 7-3 MIAA) entered the game Saturday with aspirations of staying in the running for a division title. Belles coach Erin Sullivan said that in order to stay competitive in the conference, the team needed to “beat the teams we are supposed to beat.”

“Olivet was one of those teams,” she said. “Saint Mary’s set the tone early as four consecutive first inning hits resulted in a quick pair of runs. The Comets (11-14, 4-6 MIAA) would seize the lead after a lone run in the first and two in the second.

The Belles answered in the top of the third with three runs, including a home run from Monica Palicki. Sullivan was especially pleased by the performance of her starting pitcher in the second game. “Monica Palicki was lights out. She hit her spots and after a walk or a hit, she came back and got the next hitter. She was very mentally tough,” Sullivan said.

Palicki picked up the win for Saint Mary’s, striking out five and giving up four runs in seven innings of work.

Adding to the winning effort were seniors Maureen Healy and Ashley Peterson, who both had four hits in the second contest.

The Belles next play Wednesday, traveling to face conference rival Hope in a doubleheader starting at 3:30 p.m.

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

**Team ends regular season with 7-0 win**

By KATIE HANSSON

The Irish ended their regular season on a high note Saturday, defeating Navy 7-0. Notre Dame was able to take their momentum from the shutout into the Big East tournament this weekend.

“Navy is a special match for me,” Irish coach Bob Cooper said. “We took a victory over them on Saturday.”

The Irish jumped out to an early lead with a doubles point and improving their record to 10-0 on the season when earning the first point in the match.

Junior Tyler Davis improved his record to 4-1 on the season in doubles matches, defeating Nicholas Gotchev 6-1, 6-3 at No. 6 singles.

No. 93 Dan Stahl was able to clinch the third point in the match for the Irish as he defeated Anderson Walls 6-3, 6-2. Fellow junior Stephen Sorenson, who took first place last week, said she is pleased with her races this season, but still striving to run the best of the year.

“Whenever I’m warming up for my race I’m not thinking about how fast I have to go. Whenever I’m thinking about how fast I need to go to PR. Winning is fun, but when I’m running my times is my main focus,” Sorenson said.

Sorenson, a three-time All-ACC first teamer, is in the top 10 in ACC for women’s 1500-meter. She also won the ACC 1500-meter title.

The team ends their season with a win over a top-20 team. The Irish will be looking to prepare for the upcoming Big East tournament where they will search for their 15th consecutive conference title.

“Every team is going to come prepared for the upcoming Big East tournament where we’ve played against a big point total. We’ll be looking to play against a few of the big east teams we haven’t played yet,” Louderback said.

“Big East is always fun, so we’re looking forward to that,” Louderback said.

**TRACK**

**Irish tally 21 top-five finishes at Danse Rackin Invitational**

By MEGAN FINNERAN

The first day at the Mt. SAC Relays brought seven top-five finishes for the Irish, including one first place finish. That is just the beginning of a successful weekend. The following day six members of the Irish team took first in their events at multiple competitions. The Irish, with a total of 21 top-five finishes for the Irish, will return home to host the Big East championships beginning April 22.

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

**Squad defeats Golden Eagles 6-1**

By MOLLY SAMMON

Notre Dame concluded its regular season Sunday with a 6-1 win over Marquette, securing first place in the regular season and the No. 1 seed in the conference for the weekend’s Big East tournament.

After moving up one position in the rankings this week, the No. 5 Irish swept the Golden Eagles for the doubles points, and won each of the first three singles contests to clinch the victory.

“It is always emotional for Senior Day, and both of the seniors in the lineup played really well today,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “It was a good match to get ready for the Big East tournament.”

The win over the Golden Eagles improved the Irish record to 19-3.

“The (Golden Eagles) are pretty beat up, and their depth is usually a little bit bigger because they’ve had kids out of the lineup due to injuries,” Louderback said. “We had four top five, and they came in and definitely weren’t afraid of playing us.”

Third ranked sophomore Kristin Frilling and senior Kali Krisik defeated their Marquette opponents at first doubles.

“We keep working at it. Frilling and Krisik are going to give themselves a shot at winning the No. 1 seed this year,” Louderback said.

Krisik and Rafael delivered the sweep in third doubles, 8-3.

“I really like the way that all three of our doubles teams mesh well together,” Louderback said.

In singles play, Notre Dame quickly clinched a win by claiming the first three singles contests. Notre Dame’s first singles player, No. 45 Frilling, buried the Golden Eagles’ first singles competitor Paula Calderon.

“Frilling bounced back after losing to Malik Friday, and she didn’t lose a game today,” Louderback said. “At team matches that doesn’t happen often, but playing inside is something that helps her a lot.”

Krisik and Rafael each defeated their opponents in two sets as the match was decided, and Giobani and McGaffigan each won their matches to add more points to the Irish total.

“Krisik and Frilling are not making errors, they are returning a lot of serves and they have won the two matches before this, both top-20 teams and handled them pretty easily,” Louderback said.

The victory of Irish second doubles team of senior Cosmina Ciobanu and sophomore Shannon Mathews 8-1 secured the Irish first point of the game in Notre Dame’s favor.

The Irish return home this weekend when they will search for their 15th consecutive conference title.

“I’ve been down in some matches where we have made great comebacks to get wins this season, and we’ve won a lot of close ones form people stepping up,” Louderback said. “Also, we’ve had Kali Krisik out with injuries, and while she was gone, we had wins against top-20 teams which is hard to do when you lose someone of her caliber.”

In practice, the Irish will be working on preparing for the upcoming Big East tournament where they will search for their 15th consecutive conference title.

“We’re going to be a lot of the same teams we’ve been playing in the last few weeks, but we’re also looking forward to playing a few of the big east teams we haven’t played yet,” Louderback said. “It’s the Big East, you never know what’s going to happen.”

The tournament will take place April 22-25 at Notre Dame’s Courtney Tennis Center and South Bend’s Leeper Park.

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**THE 25TH MADELEVA LECTURE**

**Le Point Vierge: Mary and the Catholic Imagination**

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**ND SOFTBALL**

**Irish take two of three at Louisville**

By MOLLY SAMMON

Sports Writer

The Irish came out on top after winning two games and losing one in a three game away series against No. 24 Louisville this weekend.

"Anytime you go down to Louisville, it’s going to be a battle," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "They’re not at easy team to beat so we came out alive." On Saturday, the No. 24 Irish won their first contest of the day 5-0 as junior pitcher Jody Valdivia led the Irish with a one-hitter and her 16th shutout of the season.

Junior Brianna Jorgensborg’s two-run home run in the fifth inning and junior Katie Fleury’s two RBIs in the third inning were both crucial offensive plays that led the Irish to victory.

The difficulty the Irish had at the plate was evident when Erin Marrone got injured, and she’s been hitting shots," Gumpf said. “Losing your leading hitter is brutal so we’ve been looking for someone who could step up, and I believe that Brianna has done that 100 percent. If you look at what she’s done since Erin has been down, she’s been phenomenal." Valdivia suppressed the Cardinals’ offense to one single, the only Louisville hit of the game.

“Jody is the one we’ve had to depend on all year. That’s her job, and she wants that job,” Gumpf said. "I expect her to win, and I expect her to find a way to win in every game.”

The Irish witnessed their nine game win streak come to an end as the Cardinals handed them their first conference loss since the 2009 regular season in their second game Saturday, topping Notre Dame 4-1.

Freshman pitchers Brittany O’Donnell and Jackie Bowe each pitched for the Irish. O’Donnell started and threw three innings for three earned runs, and Bowe relieved and earned the other two Cardinals’ runs. (O’Donnell and Bowe) are getting their feet wet,” Gumpf said. "The freshman are here to keep us in the ball game, so we needed to hit.”

Senior Heather Johnson was the only Irish player to touch home plate, as her solo home run in the sixth inning stopped the Cardinals from shutting out the Irish.

"The difficulty the Irish had at the plate can be attributed to the talent of lefty Cardinal pitcher Teri Collins. I think [Collins] did a good job of keeping us off-balance," Gumpf said. “She spun it well and kept the ball away from us.”

The Irish redeemed themselves Sunday on the second day of play with a 3-1 victory over the Cardinals to take the weekend series.

“Really, it came down to one inning,” Gumpf said. “When you lead off an inning with a triple, you know big things are going to happen.”

Scoreless until the fourth inning, the game was decided by senior Christine Lax’s three run home run that brought in Johnson and Fleury.

"It felt like a weight was lifted off everyone’s shoulders," Gumpf said. "When you get a three run lead with Jody on the mound, you’re going to win.”

Despite the one Cardinal run scored in the bottom of the seventh, Valdivia suppressed the threat of a hopeful Cardinal offensive rally and earned her 27th win of the season.

Chances the Irish will play the Cardinals again in the Big East tournament are good as they are the top two teams and the only nationally ranked teams in the conference.

Nothing changes for practice," Gumpf said. "We’ll just attack improvement, and we’re going to focus on some more situational stuff this week. Our goal is to keep getting better everyday.”

Next, the Irish will play Valparaiso at Notre Dame’s Melissa Cook Stadium Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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the next 18 conference games and each weekend being so important, and we’re off and running.”

Mills had a key role in all three Irish victories over the Pirates (13-20, 3-9). Mills picked up the save during Notre Dame’s 2-1 victory on Saturday after tossing a 1-2-3 ninth, and went 3-for-5 and scored the winning run in the 10th inning to seal a 6-5 victory on Friday.

The entire senior class has taken it upon themselves to salvage the remainder of the conference season in the hopes of securing their first Big East title. Senior left fielder Ryan Connelly sparked the Irish rally Sunday with a two-out base hit in the ninth and has now reached base safely in 46 consecutive games.

Senior first baseman Casey Martin tallied two multi-hit games over the weekend and knocked in three RBIs on get-away day.

“All-in-all, the seniors are stepping up, and we talked about that,” Schrage said. “We talked that they had a month left in their careers and they want to make something happen, and they’re going out and doing it.”

While timely hitting and solid defense in the late innings played a critical role in Notre Dame’s success, the bullpen continues to be the team’s strength. The core relievers of Mills, sophomore Will Hudgins, sophomore Joe Spano and senior Steve Mazur combined to throw nine and two-thirds scoreless innings against Seton Hall.

It was a great team effort by the pitching staff," Schrage said. “We went to four different guys, so it was a complete team effort and they did a great job of shutting Seton Hall down and giving our bats a chance to win a couple of ball games late. They’ve been our most consistent part of our game.”

Notre Dame’s second road sweep of the season took the team from the collar of the conference standing to the middle of the pack in one weekend. The squad looks to continue its winning ways when it takes on Michigan Tuesday in Ann Arbor.

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Men’s Lacrosse

Team nets first Big East win over Friars

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In their first ever Big East contest, the Irish, who had been shut out of goals in four games, finally scored seven goals against a Friars team which had given up just 2.9 goals per game. The win helped the Irish to improve to 4-0 overall.

Coach Kevin Corrigan said he was pleased with the win as it was the first time the Irish had scored more goals than their opponent. "We were able to get our shooting back on track," Corrigan said. "The offense is starting to gel and we’re starting to find some chemistry." The Irish were led by senior attacker Ryan Foley, who had five points on three goals and two assists.

The Irish defense was led by senior goalie John Kemp, who had five saves and stifled freshman goalie John Kemp, who had five saves and stifled freshman goalie John Kemp, who had five saves and stifled freshman goalie John Kemp. Freshman goalie John Kemp.

The Irish will host Providence on Friday, April 23, in their first home game of the season.

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seven points on three goals and four assists.

"I was really pleased with how Gina played," Coyne said. "For her on her Senior Day to have a day like that it’s special."

Freslyman Jenny Granger and junior Shalyn Blaney each had three goals for the squad. Notre Dame’s quick start allowed Coyne to get everybody on the field for Senior Day.

"Everyone being able to play on Senior Day is nice, you play for your teammates and honoring your seniors," Coyne. "It was a nice tribute to them."

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The Irish were able to outshoot Cincinnati 4-0 in their match with their relentless attack putting the game out of reach early.

"I think that we need to start establishing momentum early, and that’s something we’ve been working on," Coyne said.

The game was a nice way to honor the three graduating seniors — Scioscia, defender Rachael Guerrera and midfield- ler Maggie Zentgraf — who Coyne said were integral to building up the program to its current state.

"They’ve been through a lot, we were building and building and since they’ve been on the team we’ve been nationally ranked every season," Coyne said. "They maintained their belief in the program and brought it within what we’re trying to do."

The Irish will hit the road for the last three games of their regular season, first taking on Ohio State in a game with huge implications for an at-large bid for the NCAA tournament.

"Ohio State’s going to be a battle. Anytime Notre Dame Ohio State get together in anything its going to be a tough fight," Coyne said. "There are some big regular season games left to be played so we need to get it done."

The Buckeyes will take on the Irish on Thursday at 3 p.m. in Columbus.

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"This is still about evaluating, finding out who can compete, the guys that we can count on," he said. "More than anything else I think you need to know what your weaknesses are as well. That’s why we’re out here scrimmaging cargo."

We’re starting to get a better feel for the things we really need to hone down on going into this last week of prac-

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a backwards pass from Crist to sophomore running back Michael Wood and returned it for a touchdown, and Blanton returned an interception off early enrollee freshman quar-

terback Tommy Rees. Kelly said he was as much pleased as relieved by the defensive scores as he was displeased by the offen-

dive inconsistencies.

"I think today our defense did a great job taking the ball away … We’re going and getting the football. We’re aggressively getting after it from that standpoint," Kelly said. "Offensively, our issues are about inconsistency. We can put three or four plays together and then we’ll put two or three awful plays together."

Kelly said the purpose of the scrimmage was to evaluate as the spring season winds down.

Arena

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more importantly I think it’s going to be something where our players will have a sense of pride in the building they play in."

Located just north of Angela Blvd, the new facility features a number of improvements over the Joyce Center, the current home of the hockey program.

The new arena will have a maximum capacity of 4,900 spread over the ground, concourse and balcony levels. The student section will be doubled and positioned in the heart of the visitors’ section.

Years in the making, the commit-

ment to upgrade the hockey facilities was taken to the next level upon athletic director Jack Swarbrick’s arrival on campus. Instead of moving forward with an original renovation plan, Swarbrick and Jackson opted for a $53 million investment in the new arena.

“Jack has a lot of credit for having that kind of vision,” Jackson said. “The toughest thing about this was getting all the kids in that locker room that were promised to play in a new building, and that never hap-

pened.” From a technical standpoint, the state-of-the-art arena features a number of hockey-specific amenities that should give the Irish every opportunity to excel on the ice. The arena will con-
tain an additional Olympic-size rink, a recovery facility, a prac-
tice shooting range and four separate locker rooms.

Additional weight training facilities will be expected to take pressure off the Guglielmino Complex.

“The weight room will be specifically designed for the development of hockey players, although we are willing to see the baseball or the track team using the facility with varsity sports,” Jackson said.

The arena’s development is the third hockey facility construc-
tion Jackson has taken a part of. Jackson said he has played an active role in the design of the new arena, includ-
ing the positioning of team benches on opposite ends of the rink.

“It’s a closer trip to the penalty box for our bench, but really it’s about having better play conversa-
tions with the officials,” Jackson said. “It’s also a longer change for the opposing team on penalties, kind of an old school configuration.”

While the focus of the arena’s construction is with the hockey program in mind, senior associ-
ate athletics director Tom Nevala said the building’s creation offers several opportunities for the local community to get involved.

“It really opens up the door for some events that otherwise couldn’t come to South Bend,” Nevala said. “It’s the best long-term solution.”

The Irish will need the contin-
ued support of the community when they kick off the 2011-12 season in the new arena.

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Football

Defense shows progress in weekend scrimmage

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The Irish defense matched the offense score-for-score in a scrimmage Saturday.

Both junior safety Jamoris Slaughter and junior cornerback Robert Blanton returned turnovers for touchdowns, while the offense struggled to find the end zone in 11-on-11 unless junior tight end Kyle Rudolph was making the play.

Irish coach Brian Kelly held Rudolph, coming off of a separated shoulder last season, out of much of the scrimmage as a precaution.

“We wanted to be cautious with Kyle still,” Kelly said. “We got him in there for a couple one-on-one routes where wanted to work. But other than that we kept him out of most of the scrimmaging stuff.”

Even in limited time, Rudolph made the play of the day as he soared over sophomore linebacker Manti Te’o for his first of two touchdown receptions from junior quarterback Dayne Crist. If the scrimmage had been tightly refereed, Te’o would assuredly have been whistled for pass interference.

Despite the mistake on the touchdown play, Kelly was effusive in his praise of Te’o’s development.

“He’s got a chance and he’s showing some signs of that,” Kelly said. “It’s exciting to watch him grow. He’s really growing quickly in a very short period of time.”

Te’o demonstrated some of Kelly’s points when he stopped senior running back Armando Allen from reaching the end zone in dramatic fashion, stopping Allen’s momentum and sending him backwards a few steps.

In a dramatic shift from last season’s defense, which only managed to force 19 turnovers in 12 games, the Irish forced three turnovers Saturday. Slaughter picked up two of them.

Junior center Braxton Cave prepares to snap the ball during an 11-on-11 scrimmage at practice Saturday. The defense forced turnovers and held the offense to just two scores in the scrimmage.

Baseball

ND sweeps Pirates for crucial wins

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Winning in baseball is a team effort, but senior David Mills came close to defying that standard Sunday.

Mills did everything but pilot the plane to Seton Hall, as the left-handed reliever tossed one and two-thirds innings of scoreless relief and drove in the game-winning run Sunday as the Irish defeated Seton Hall 7-4 to secure a series sweep.

“David Mills couldn’t have done more for us, pitching in all three games and had the winning two-out RBI,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said. “What we’ve asked that kid to do is amazing, and he’s really stepping up.”

The conference victory pushes Notre Dame’s win streak to four, the longest of the season, and marks the first time the Irish (15-19, 5-7 Big East) have swept an opponent since the opening weekend against Mississippi Valley State.

“We got ourselves behind the eight ball early with our out-of-conference season, but we kind of rededicated ourselves this week,” Schrage said. “We talked about the importance of...”

New arena to boost program

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Recruiting, training and community support—all three are fundamental to the success of an athletic program, and all three will receive a significant boost with the opening of the new Notre Dame ice arena.

Following the announcement of the arena’s construction in February, the Office of the University Architect released the designs and plans for the Charles W. "Lefty" Smith Jr. Rink Friday.

“I’ve said all along this is kind of the final piece to the puzzle for our program as far as creating long term stability for this program,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “I think it will be instrumental to our recruiting, but..."

Women’s Lacrosse

Notre Dame nets 15-5 victory on Senior Day

By LUKE MANSOUR
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The No. 12 Irish continued their recent string of success with a dominating 15-5 win over Big East opponent Cincinnati. The win pushed the Irish winning streak to four games and left their Big East record at 5-1 with three regular season games remaining.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said she has seen steady improvement throughout the season and the team now appears to be peaking at the right time.

“I just think that we’re taking care of the ball in a lot of different ways. We continue to work on the little things,” Coyne said. “We just got off to a bit of a slow start and now it’s coming together.”

Notre Dame scored on their first possession and never looked back, jumping out to a 9-0 lead in the first half. Celebrating Senior Day before a large home crowd at Arlotta Stadium, the Irish quickly dispensed any notion of a Bearcat upset.

“I was happy with our intensity, we respected them as an opponent,” Coyne said. “I also thought we handled them well physically.”

Senior attack Gina Scioscia had a perfect ending to a stellar career, recording...