Lacrosse brings hope to Ugandan children

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By SARAH MERVOSH
News Editor

Playing lacrosse gives children in Uganda whose parents have been afflicted by AIDS one thing they can’t find anywhere else—something to call their own.

“They love playing lacrosse specifically because they all have their own stick when they get to play, and they don’t really own anything,” said Kevin Dugan, Notre Dame’s director of men’s lacrosse operations at Notre Dame. “That is just an incredible experience for them because they’re just not used to having something (that is their own).”

Children in Uganda have been able to play lacrosse and other sports since Dugan created Fields of Growth International, a non-profit organization that strives to facilitate development in Uganda.

Notre Dame athletes, and particularly members of the men’s lacrosse team, work with the organization to empower both children and their parents in Uganda.

“Lacrosse is certainly not the main priority in what we’re doing. The main priority is social entrepreneurship, AIDS education and real, grassroots village economic development,” said Dugan, a 2001 graduate of Notre Dame. “What we really want to do is be able to intersect the things that bring us passion and joy with the need in the world.”

Sophomore lacrosse player Jake Brems will travel to Uganda this summer to intern with the organization.

“I’m excited to get over there and be able to help other people. I’ve never done an international service like this,” Brems said.

Brems will study the effectiveness of the organization’s poultry-rearing project, which is meant to benefit women whose husbands have died from AIDS.

“It’s a $500 project where we build a chicken coop. We buy about 100 young chicks and we buy the family the vaccinations they need to keep the chickens healthy,” Dugan said.

“We buy them all the things they need to get the project up and running. The family can then sell the eggs for profit or use them for familial nourishment, he said.

Dugan said the organization will pilot the poultry-rearing project in May.

“The woman is 31. She is sovereign with the organization. I’ve never done an internship like this. I’m excited to get over there and be able to help other people. The goal of the University is fairly simple—to be a source for good throughout the world. We do that through three ways: our undergraduate research initiatives,” said Brems.

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Today my little brother is visiting campus for the official Admissions Office information session and tour. I will admit that I selfishly hope my little brother chooses, like I did, to go to Notre Dame. Having a sibling on campus will help keep my connection to the Golden Dome a little stronger after I graduate in a little over two weeks. How I’ll deal with separation from campus and whether I’m even ready to graduate has been on my mind this week.

In a column last semester, I wrote that seniors were regularly being asked, “What are you doing after graduation?” That question is being avoided now, because if you don’t have plans at this point, the conversation quickly becomes an exchange of awkward pleasantries like “Oh, I’m sure something will work out,” and “Don’t worry about it.” Instead, the new question du jour is: “Are you ready to graduate?”

My answer is “yes.” I think most people expect the answer to be “no,” like I’m supposed to be afraid of the future or sad to leave my friends, the freedom a college student’s bubble for good. I’m ready to move on and do something different. In fact, I don’t think I would enjoy a ninth semester, I’m ready to graduate in a little over two weeks. All of this has become my home in the last four years. I won’t think I would enjoy a ninth semester, I’m ready to graduate in a little over two weeks. All of this has become my home in the last four years. I won’t think I would enjoy a ninth semester, I’m ready to graduate in a little over two weeks. All of this has become my home in the last four years. I won’t think I would enjoy a ninth semester, I’m ready to graduate in a little over two weeks. All of this has become my home in the last four years. I won’t think I would enjoy a ninth semester, I’m ready to graduate in a little over two weeks. 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“It’s something I’ve always wanted ever since I came here,” Zimmer said. “I know that I fit the bill. I’ve never been shy in front of crowds.”

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GRC hosts ‘Festival on the Quad’

By CATHY KALSCHEUR News Writer

The Notre Dame Gender Relations Center (GRC) will end its year-long Violence Prevention Initiative (VPI) by hosting its second annual “Now is the Time: Festival on the Quad” event from 5 to 8 p.m. on South Quad tonight.

“Before this Initiative started, students felt so disconnected and were in desperate need of money to the program and to the community,” said Elizabeth Moriarty, assistant director of the GRC.

“While we may not have our own story, there are people in our midst who are survivors of sexual violence.”

Senior and student representative Patrick Tighe said the readings are “powerful” to hear and help raise awareness for the cause.

“The festival started last year with five of us students just brainstorming about how to raise more awareness about sexual violence.” Tighe said. “Through working with GRC we came up with VPI for a year-long effort to provide support and raise awareness.”

VPI has five major goals, which the GRC hopes to accomplish throughout its year-long efforts to raise awareness about violence in the local community, to increase understanding about global violence, to promote the healing of survivors of violence, to fundraise for local non-profits invested in violence prevention and/or service to survivors of violence and to serve as a flagship for violence prevention programming on Catholic campuses.

Moriarty said the Festival is held at the end of the year to conclude the year’s efforts.

“Part of Notre Dame’s uniqueness is that we can connect something like this to faith and we can find our inspiration from scripture.” Moriarty said.

“It teaches us how there are times of celebration and times of mourning, and we have to carry them all with us. Not just the happy and pleasant times but the struggles, too. That’s what helps us to heal.”

Moriarty said students should come out to raise awareness about sexual violence, the festival is also a fundraiser for the SOS of the Family Justice Center, the Rape Crisis Center in St. Joseph County.

“We choose SOS because they are in desperate need of money and they work directly with Notre Dame and its students,” Moriarty said.

Moriarty said SOS provides advocates for Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary’s students who have to go to the hospital for sexual violence. They also train advocates, take phone calls for reporting online and phone support people who have suffered from violence.

In addition, SOS facilitates an on-campus support group for women who are survivors of sexual assault.

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

COR talks strategic planning, textbook rentals

By MOLLY MADDEN
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) brought in two guest speakers at its meeting Tuesday to discuss the Strategic Plan initiative within the College of Science as well as the new service that will allow Notre Dame students to rent their textbooks.

Dean Gregory Crawford from the College of Science discussed the strategic plan that is in the process of being implemented within the College. Crawford said he was there to see what the student leaders thought about the effort.

“This is a really important step in having student input in academic decisions,” student body president Catherine Soler said. “This is about moving forward and forming good relationships.”

Crawford said his talk would be centered on developments the College of Science is making in order “to enhance and expand research and enterprise.” The plan features seven goals, most of which are centered around creating and providing more research opportunities for students within the College of Science.

“The first goal we have is to enhance and expand undergraduate research in our core disciplines,” Crawford said. This includes creating a new institute within the College for 2011 focused on pure mathematics. The institute “will bring in the best math professors from all over the world for a semester.”

“That way every year will be different and it will help to expand our international collaborations,” he said. Crawford also said Notre Dame recently was awarded $3.5 million to build a new nuclear accelerator for the federal government.

“A lot of universities like Michigan, Stanford and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology were fighting for this opportunity,” Crawford said. “This is the first accelerator the U.S. government has invested in since 1982 and Notre Dame is going to build it.”

Crawford said one of the goals was to cultivate Catholic tradition in the field of science. This particular initiative will be centered on the three Catholic pillars of truth, service and the common good.

“We’re going to be launching a program called Compassionate Care, largely for our pre-med students,” he said. “This will have our students partner with hospice care on the local level, but we will also be participating on the international level with sending a few students to Africa to do work in those communities.”

Crawford said even with the individual proposals, the College will continue to be involved in continuous development.

“We’re really excited about this,” he said. “We’ve done a lot but we’re still not quite there yet.”

Director of Retail Operations for the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore Keith Kirkpatrick then took the floor to talk about a rental system for textbooks for the 2010-2011 academic year.

“The rental idea came up on the national level,” Kirkpatrick said. “We did a pilot study in fall 2009 and we’re going to be implementing across the country next academic year.”

The program will allow students to pay a fee to rent the book for a semester for a price that is up to 50 percent off the price of the new book.

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Kirkpatrick said he believes the price of textbooks is “out of control” and the rental program will help drive costs down.

“We don’t want to see this program fail,” he said. “We don’t want you to feel violated when you buy books.”

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Student body president Catherine Soler leads discussion with representatives during a COR meeting in April.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Unusual wake draws attention
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A funeral home in Puerto Rico that made international headlines two years ago is at it again.
Marin Funeral Home has embalmed the body of a young man and put the corpse atop a bicycle in a hunch-backed position. The body wears a black cap, black sunglasses and a long-sleeved black T-shirt.
Local television station WAPA says the unorthodox tribute for the shooting victim will be revisited Wednesday.
Calls to the funeral home were not returned.
Two years ago, the funeral home embalmed a 24-year-old man and kept the body standing upright for during a three-day wake.

Senator criticizes ambush site
ASUNCIÓN, Paraguay — A Paraguayan senator who narrowly survived an ambush by gunmen said his country’s remote border with Brazil is coming to resemble Mexico’s violence-stricken Ciudad Juárez.
Sen. Roberto Acevedo spoke Tuesday as he recovered from being shot twice in the arm when gunmen attacked his SUV, killing his driver and bodyguard.
Acevedo said he believes the attack in Pedro Juan Caballero, a border town in far northern Paraguay, was ordered by drug traffickers who put a $300,000 price on his head.

Senate puts climate bill first
WASHINGTON — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said Tuesday he is willing to bring a climate change bill to the Senate as early as next week, saying he wants to make it clear to Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., that he is not backing away from his support for the measure.
Reid said the long-delayed climate bill “is more important than the immigration measure, which is the next thing we’re making.

Ariz. law may be challenged in court
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LOCAL NEWS
Prisons to instate DNA testing
INDIANAPOLIS — When a prison inmate sharpens a piece of metal or plastic into a blade, the cell’s walls bear faint traces of his identity are left behind every time it’s handled.
Beginning next week, prison officials in Indiana will begin using a new system that tests trace amounts of DNA left on “shanks,” cell phones and other contraband used by inmates.
The so-called “touch DNA” technology tests DNA contained in skin cells left behind where someone has touched something.
FRANCE
Ex-dictator extradited to France
Former Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega set to face money laundering charges
WASHINGTON — Attorney General Eric Holder said Tuesday that the federal government is prepared to go to court to challenge Arizona’s new law which makes it a state crime to be in the United States illegally.
Noriega lost his first battle on French territory — he unsuccessfully pressed a legal action to send him home to Panama. If convicted in France, he could face another 10 years in prison, a daunting prospect for the 72-year-old.

A French judge ordered former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega, pictured in 1990, to be jailed Tuesday, pending a trial for money laundering.

Malcolm X assassin released on parole
NEW YORK — The only man to admit shooting Malcolm X was freed on parole Tuesday, 45 years after he was convicted of the murder.

Thomas Hagan, the last man to be convicted with Malcolm X out of anger at his split from the Nation of Islam, the black Muslim movement in which he described in a 2008 court filing as the deed of a young man who “acted out of rage on impulse and loyalty” to religious leaders.

I’ve had a lot of time, a heck of a lot of time, to think about it,” Hagan told a parole board last month, according to a transcript of the interview.

“Understand a lot better the dynamics of movements and what can happen inside movements, and conflicts that can come up, but I have deep regrets about my participation in that,” said Hagan, adding that he had earned a master’s degree in sociology since his conviction.

The board granted Hagan’s parole request on his 170th try. He was initial-

lebrueir said French jails aren’t ready to accommodate the charges against him and that the charges aren’t valid because the acts he is accused of happened too long ago, the lawyer said.

Noriega was declared a POW after his 1992 drug conviction by a Miami federal judge. In Miami, Noriega spent two decades, was sent on a direct flight to France already has contempt proceedings.

Another of Noriega’s lawyers said his client had清除ed to return to France to face trial, noting that the U.S. law does not apply outside of its borders.

A former head of state, he was not really expecting to be home to Panama, citing his 72-year-old. Noriega’s request, he was escorted out a side door of the court by armed guards. Limping, he used a cane.

Yes Lebrueir, a lawyer for Noriega, said the former dictator has been partially paralyzed since suffering a mild stroke four years ago.

Noriega’s French lawyers said they will appeal the decision putting him behind bars and say his detention and transfer are unlawful.

If Noriega had been released in France, even to house arrest, it would have been a victory after a generation in prison. It could also have been an awkward situation for France, where a string of former dictators from Haiti to Africa have settled or bought second homes in the past.

Officials are to set a trial date on May 12 for someone who was deposed after a 1999 U.S. invasion and imprisoned in Florida for drug trafficking. After fin-

ishing his U.S. sentence, he was extradited from Miami and sent on a direct flight to Paris, where he has been partially isolated with an arrest warrant Tuesday.

France already has con-

victed Noriega and his wife in absentia of laundering some $7 million in cocaine profits through three major French banks and using drug cash to invest in three posh Paris apartments. But France agreed to give him a new trial if he was extradit-

ed. Noriega’s wife, Felicidad Siete de Noriega, is living in Panama and faces no charges there.

In a hearing before Paris judge Jean-Michel Maton, Noriega pleaded to be sent home to Panama, citing his prisoner of war status. “I don’t agree with the action against me,” he said through a translator.

Noriega spoke little during the hearing and appeared tired. Wearing a white but-

ton-up shirt and black jack-

et, his black hair thinning,

he periodically rested his head in one hand during the proceedings.

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Lecture emphasizes advantages of fair trade

Members of Catholic Relief Services explain merits of system for dealing with transactions in Central America

By ALICIA SMITH
Associate Saint Mary's Editor

Fair trade does not just mean fair wages, John Taylor, a member of Catholic Relief Services (CRS), said Tuesday.

The lecture titled “A Piece of Fair Trade” focused on the benefits of fair trade among Central American communities.

The talk was held in Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary’s.

Taylor, along with fellow CRS member Jessica Howell, said fair trade is beneficial for impoverished nations.

Taylor said CRS began to assist refugees coming out of Europe in 1933. Today, CRS focuses on international aid and development.

According to Taylor, CRS currently is working in over 100 countries throughout the world to promote fair trade.

Howell said fair trade is much more than just creating fair wages for small farmers.

“Fair trade ultimately is the realization that there’s a person behind every item that we purchase, and how we choose to buy that item affects that person in a positive or a negative way,” Howell said.

According to Taylor, free trade is far more complex than fair trade. Taylor explained the process of free, or conventional, trade in relationship to coffee farmers. Coffee farmers begin the process of free trade by producing coffee beans. The beans are then sent to intermediaries, who are responsible for negotiating the price with the farmer. Once the intermediaries agree on a price, the coffee beans are then taken to a processing mill. There, the hull of the bean is removed.

Taylor said the beans are sent to an exporter, who works with the importer to negotiate the price. The importer then sells the beans to a roaster. After the beans are roasted, they are taken to a coffee shop, where they are sold to the consumer.

According to Howell, there are a few ways students can become involved.

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Taylor said typically, the goal for the consumer for any transaction is to pay as little as possible for the products purchased. However, in a fair trade system, consumers look at the wages that the producer will receive instead of the cost of the product.

“What’s different about the fair trade system is that it’s added value.” Jessica Howell member Catholic Relief Services

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Taylor said that fair trade worked to strengthen communities by utilizing all of these principals.

“It’s pretty powerful to know that when you buy a cup of coffee, or a chocolate bar, or a handicraft that is fair trade certified, you know there is a fair trade certification system that what you are buying with that money is again not just a living wage for someone, but that there is an exploitative child labor, no harsh environmental conditions,” Howell said.

Additionally, Howell discussed the ways in which the students can participate in the fair trade system.

Howell encouraged students to purchase fair trade products. Another way to become involved is to learn more about fair trade.

According to Howell, there are a variety of ways to encourage fair trade within local communities. Howell said to organize fair trade tastings, film nights or informational events.

She also said selling fair trade products and hosting fair trade sales around holidays would be beneficial for fair trade communities.

Howell encouraged students to get involved in fair trade practices. Other ways students can become involved, Howell said, is to discuss fair trade with families and friends, change the purchasing practices of stores in the area and call on the College to provide fair trade products.

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IN BRIEF

California bans toys with fattening food
SAN JOSE — In an effort to curb childhood obesity, county officials in Silicon Valley voted Tuesday to ban restaurants from giving away toys and other freebies that often come with high-calorie meals aimed at kids.

The ordinance is largely symbolic as it would only cover unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County, meaning only about a dozen high-end outlets and several other family-owned restaurants would be affected. But it’s still important because it paves the way for other areas to act, may spur action by fast-food chains to offer healthier choices and can help parents by taking away a child’s incentive for wanting less healthy food.

“This ordinance does not attack toys. Obviously, toys, in and of themselves, do not cause children obesity,” said county Supervisor Ken Yeager, who pushed for the ban. “But it is unfair to parents and children to use toys to encourage them to eat less healthy food.

“It is encouraging to see tourism in Hawaii and spending more, tourism officials said Tuesday, signaling a possible recovery for the hard-hit industry. The island of Maui saw the biggest gains, including a 17.3 percent jump in visitors from Canada, followed by Oahu (9.5 percent), Kauai (8.2 percent) and the Big Island (0.2 percent).

For the first three months of the year, total spending statewide grew by 5 percent, or $130 million, over the same period last year to $2.7 billion.

China aims to tighten control

Government hopes to strengthen laws regarding telecommunications services

BELING — China is poised to strengthen a law to require telecommunications and Internet companies to inform on customers who discuss state secrets, potentially forcing businesses to collaborate with the country’s vast security apparatus that stifles political dissent.

The move, reported Tuesday by state media, comes as China continues tightening controls on communications services. It also follows a spat over censorship that prompted search giant Google Inc. last month to move its Chinese site to Hong Kong, which provides broader protection of civil liberties than mainland China.

A draft of amendments to the Law on Guarding State Secrets submitted to China’s top legislature this week will make more explicit the requirement that telecoms operators and Internet service providers help police and state security departments in investigations about leaks of state secrets, the state-run China Daily newspaper said.

“Information transmissions should be immediately stopped if they are found to contain state secrets,” the official Xinhua News Agency cited the amendment as saying. Xinhua said that according to the amendment, once a state secret leak has been discovered, records should be kept and the person reporting to authorities. In China, state secrets have been legally defined as virtually anything — maps, GPS coordinates, even economic statistics — that could fall under the category of official secrets.

The new draft maintains that wide scope, defining state secrets as: “information that concerns state security and interests, if leaked, would damage state security and interests in the areas of politics, economy, military, national defense, among others.” Xinhua said.

Reports did not say what penalties for violations would be under the amended law.

But its passage is unlikely to result in a significant change as communications companies are already often compelled by powerful authorities to comply with investigations. The amended law is most likely to affect people using local Internet service providers, but it is unclear if Google, which still runs its China-based services or store data in the country.

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The draft amendments were submitted Monday to the National People’s Congress Standing Committee for a third review — usually the final stage before being adopted by lawmakers.

Chinese leaders appear determined to monitor the flow of information that reaches the world’s largest Internet population, with some 384 million users. The government recently also issued new regulations to tighten procedures for domain name registration and to remove websites that are not officially registered.

Chinese authorities view the control of information as key to heading off or stemming the spread of unrest. After deadly ethnic riots broke out in a Muslim region in western China in July, Beijing unplugged the Internet entirely in the region and slowed cell phone service to stifle reports about the violence. Limited Internet and phone texting services were restored in recent months.

Hawaii’s ailing tourism industry gains

Honolulu — More people are vacationing in Hawaii and spending more, tourism officials said Tuesday, signaling a possible recovery for the hard-hit industry.

The Hawaii Tourism Authority said nearly 608,000 visitors visited the islands in March, a 9.3 percent increase over the same month last year.

All top four feeder markets showed gains, including a significant jump in visitors from Canada, followed by the West Coast (9.2 percent), East Coast (7.9 percent) and Japan (6.5 percent).

“It is encouraging to see tourism in our state stabilizing,” said Marsha Wienert, Hawaii’s tourism liaison.

Total expenditures by visitors who came by air was up 12.7 percent to $874.2 million. That was the largest increase since April 2006, when the measure grew 15.6 percent.

Wienert said the increased visitor arrivals and the slightly higher spending resulted in an additional $89 million in visitor spending, which “benefited almost every sector of our economy.”

Tourism is the No. 1 industry in Hawaii and the economic lifeline of the islands. Last year’s sharp drop-off in visitors stemming from the economic crisis has taken a toll on everything from jobs to tax revenues.

The island of Maui saw the biggest growth. Visitor spending rose 25 percent last month because of the addition of several new flights to the Valley Island from Canada and four cities in California. Arrivals on Maui increased 14.2 percent, followed by Oahu (9.5 percent), Kauai (8.2 percent) and the Big Island (0.2 percent).

For the first three months of the year, total spending statewide grew by 5 percent, or $130 million, over the same period last year to $2.7 billion. The number of tourists from Asian markets outside Japan rose sharply in the quarter, with the number of Koreans nearly doubling and Chinese surging 23 percent.

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Bureau of Land Management and conservation groups settled an eight-year dispute over a management plan for nearly 10,000 natural gas wells in the San Juan Basin of northwestern New Mexico. The agreement would change the management of 97,379 acres in the state’s West Elk Mountains to leased lands and oil and gas leases.

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The agreement would remove 20 years in the 16,000-square-mile basin that straddles the border of New Mexico and Colorado. A federal court ruled in favor of the agency in 2008, and the groups countered with an appeal. That appeal was dismissed Monday after both sides reached a compromise that, in part, calls for the BLM to consider impacts to cultural resources and other resources when reviewing new lease sales.

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SOUTH QUAD
Program will allow students to rent textbooks in the fall

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Student body president Catherine Soler said a new program, Follett’s Rent-A-Text, will allow students to rent textbooks from the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore for a fraction of the cost of buying them, beginning next fall.

“We think that this is a great opportunity for all students,” Soler said. “It gives them another way to address the issue of textbook affordability, which is obviously something that everyone here struggles with. We’re always looking for lower prices.”

The program will allow students the option to rent books at up to 50 percent off the purchase price. Soler said the program will be available online and in the Bookstore.

"Just like you would go to the Bookstore and purchase your textbooks, you can walk in and have the option of renting them," Soler said. Books are to be returned at the end of the semester. Soler said students do not sell back their rented textbooks — the monetary transaction at the beginning of the semester is the only time money is exchanged.

If students lose or damage a rented textbook, there will be procedures applied on a case-by-case basis, Soler said.

"It is a program that you need to be responsible and accountable for, just like any other textbook renting or purchasing process now," Soler said.

Soler, along with student body vice president Andrew Bell, said one of the main advantages of the program is convenience.

"You’ll be able to buy or rent all of your books at the same time, rather than renting from an online provider or buying your books from various websites and waiting for them to come in," Soler said. "You’ll be able to get everything from the Bookstore for a cheaper price."

Bell added: "Convenience is a huge factor. In the past, it’s been that convenience at the Bookstore came at a much higher price than if you spent a lot of time searching online, going to different websites."

Some of the rentable textbooks will include customized textbooks, which can normally only be purchased at the Bookstore. "(Soler) and I are business majors. In the business school, their customized accounting textbooks include only the chapters we need," Bell said. "You’re going to have to buy that at the Bookstore. There’s no other option." Soler said there is flexibility in the program, in case course textbooks change or a student drops a course. Students can also purchase books at the end of the semester, if the student rented the textbook and wants to keep it.

The program was designed by Follett and is used by other schools, but it has been customized for Notre Dame’s campus, Soler said.

“By having this program customized to our Bookstore, you’re getting the exact books you need for all of your courses,” Soler said.

Not every textbook is going to be rentable, Soler said.

“Some disciplines lend themselves more availability in terms of titles that you can rent,” Soler said. However, Soler said, there is a unique option to Notre Dame’s program called the “local title option.”

“If professors make a commitment to the Bookstore to use the book for a certain amount of semesters, then they will be able to rent those books,” she said.

Soler and Bell said they encourage professors to consider texts that either are rentable or could be used under the “local title option.”

“We’re not suggesting that every single professor be forced to use a rentable textbook,” Bell said. “Our intention is not at all to compromise the academic integrity of a class here at Notre Dame. We just ask that every professor at least consider the options because it could save students a significant amount of money.”

Soler said the amount of savings is high.

“If Notre Dame would’ve had this program last fall, eight percent of books would’ve been available to rent, and if everyone would’ve rented them, we would’ve saved half a million dollars,” Soler said.

The 2009 pilot program in 27 schools saved over $2 million, Soler said.

“We’re very excited we can bring this program to the students and follow through on one of our big campaign promises,” Soler said. “We think this is something really valuable for students and is something that will hopefully go forward and stay at Notre Dame, making an impact on everyone that comes through the University.”

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Sophomore Tina Ventrelle searches for textbooks in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.
Leadership award honors late business professor

As a faculty member at the University of Notre Dame for more than 34 years, Management Professor Robert Vecchio was known interna-
tionally as a prolific and respected researcher who studied
topics that fell into the nexus between psychology and business. Vecchio frequently
provided an expert voice for articles on interpersonal work-
place emotion and motivation. Students relied on him for advice on management and
career matters.

Bob Vecchio tragically passed away in February 2009 as a result of injuries incurred in a
fall. In his memory, the Management Department of the Mendoza College of Business
announced a new commemora-
tive award, with graduating
students relying on him for advice on management and
career matters.

The Department of Computer
Science and Engineering spon-
sted Hemberger’s talk, which
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character Jake playing around in the water.

“The first task they gave me
when I was working on ‘Avatar’
was to create a river,” he said.
“That one scene took about eight
months from start to finish.”

As a computer graphic supervi-
sor on “Avatar,” Hemberger was
in charge of a number of light artists.

“Everything that went into the computer graphics for the scene
to be delivered through me,” he
said.

Hemberger showed a video
about the ways water graphics
can be generated in an animat-
er program.

Hemberger said film footage
shot on a regular camera could
previously be used to generate
graphics, but that is no longer the
case.

“On ‘Avatar,’ the problem was
we couldn’t use 2D elements any-
more, we had to use all 3D,” he
said.

Hemberger said one of the most
difficult scenes to create was one
that showed the character both
above and underwater.

“This scene was infinitely more
challenging because the camera
breaches the water’s surface,” he
said. “What makes it complicated
was there were two entirely
different elements at play here.”

Hemberger said he had been
working on an animated film for
the past few months but dropped
the project when he took the job
at Pixar.

“This is the long and short of
the adventures of my past year or
so,” he said. “I’m going to Pixar to
be an effects technical director.
There, I’ll probably be doing more
effects like the ones I did at WI.TA.

After the presentation ended,
Hemberger fielded questions from
members of the audience about
attaining a career in the field.

Among other projects,
Hemberger worked on were
“Eragon,” “The Matrix Reloaded,”
and “X-Men. The Last Stand.”

The Department of Computer
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Recipient of the award
will receive a watch and have their
names engraved on a wall
plaque on display outside the
Mendoza College Department of
Management office.

A Chicago native, Vecchio was
graduated from De Paul University in 1972. He earned
master’s and doctoral degrees in
industrial psychology from the
University of Illinois in 1972 and
1976, respectively. He
chaired the
management department at the
Mendoza College from 1983 to 1990.

In addition to
publishing highly regarded articles on a
variety of issues in organiza-
tional behavior and corporate
management, he authored
“Organizational Behavior,” the
sixth edition of which was pub-
lished in 2006 by Thompson/Southwest. Vecchio
was the editor of “Leadership: Understanding the Dynamics of
Power and Influence in
Organizations,” and he served
from 1995 to 2000 as the editor
of the prestigious Journal of
Management.

“Bob’s leadership of the
department dur-
ing the 1980s
set the stage for
the transition to
a stronger
research cul-
ture, while still
emphasizing excellent teach-
ing,” said Crant.

“He actively mentored
many of our faculty,
and he was a popular
effective teacher.
Bob Vecchio embod-
ied the spirit of the
management depart-
ment, and we honor his memo-
ry through this award.”

J. Michael Crant
department chair
management

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Faculty Advisor: Lauren Faulkner

Connor Kobeski, honorable mention
Title of paper: "Identification and Valuation of the Grand Calumet
River Ecological System"
Department: Biological Sciences
Faculty Advisor: David Lodge

Jared McBrady, honorable mention
Title of paper: "The Pope, the President, the Bishops, and the Bomb"
Department: History
Faculty Advisor: Rev. Wilson D. Miscamble, C.S.C.

The Awards ceremony will take place at noon on April 30, 2010
prior to the keynote speaker for The 3rd Annual Undergraduate
Scholars Conference. The location is Jordan Auditorium, 105 Jordan Hall.

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Dugan said he wanted to infuse the spirit of Notre Dame athletics into the program for children in Uganda, and has done so through the “Play Like a Champion Today” sign.

"These kids at this orphan school, they walk out on this field and they touch the ‘Play Like a Champion Today’ sign,” Dugan said. "‘Play Like a Champion Today’ translates to these kids, ‘live like a champion today.’"

Bremes said he wanted to combine his love for lacrosse and service, but never had the opportunity before learning about Fields of Growth International.

"There is really nothing else like that in the lacrosse world. I’ve heard people talk about having interest, but there has never really been an opportunity to," he said. "Most of the [volunteering] events that we do around here are one-day events."

Dugan said the Notre Dame men’s lacrosse team has helped generate equipment to send to Uganda and said he hopes to get the team more involved over time.

"We think it’s going to be the start of an incredible team international development project," Dugan said. "It puts our athletes, many of whom are business majors, in a position to have an experience with micro venturing and social entrepreneurship at the grassroots level."

Dugan said the project also sends a positive message to the athletes.

"The main people that we’re playing lacrosse with are girls and the main people that we’re helping are women." Kevin Dugan
men’s lacrosse
director of operations

Dugan said the organization is currently selling T-shirts, modeled after the TOMS Shoes one-for-one design.

"We make about $6 to $7 per T-shirt. That’s how much a live chicken costs in Uganda," he said. "You buy a T-shirt and we buy a live chicken for the AIDS widow poultry-rearing project."

For more information on Fields of Growth International, contact Kevin Dugan at kdugan1@nd.edu or visit www.fieldsofgrowthintl.org

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The children of Uganda come together on the lacrosse field in the African country.

Photo courtesy of Kevin Dugan

Kevin Dugan, director of men’s lacrosse operations, poses with a Ugandan child.

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Students donate unwanted items to charities

By ALICIA SMITH
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Rather than throw away unwanted items at the end of the academic year, Saint Mary’s hopes its students donate items to local charities through the Blue to New program said Carrie Call, director of the Office for Community Engagement and Social Entrepreneurship (OCSE).

“People’s survival should not be the result of the lottery of life, so we are here to make sure that area agencies benefit as much as possible,” Call said.

Call said OCSE is responsible for the project. Junior Jessica Robbins has been working on preparing for the program. Call said addition- al student workers will assist in collecting and sorting the donations.

“We do Blue to New because we needed a systematic way for the end-of-year donations to be organized and sorted to make sure that area agencies benefit as much as possible.”

Carrie Call
director OCSE

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Law pushes for presumed consent

ALBANY, N.Y. — A New York assemblyman believes that transplanting is alive because of presumed consent measures that would presume people want to donate their organs unless they specifically say otherwise.

Assemblyman Richard Brodsky believes the “presumed consent” measures would help combat a rising demand for healthy organs by patients forced to wait a year or more for transplants. Twenty-four European countries already have such laws in place, he said.

If he succeeds, distraught families would not longer have to overrule loved ones’ decisions to donate upon their deaths. And eventually, hospitals would be able to assure the deceased consented to have his or her organs harvested, unless the person refused in writing.

Brodsky’s interest in organ donation is personal, his 18-year-old daughter, Julianne “Willie” Brodsky, received a kidney four years ago from a donor who was struck by lightning and an earlier transplant from a deceased sibling.

“People’s survival should not rest in the hands of God alone,” said the elder Brodsky, a Westchester County Democrat.

Appreciates the availability of healthy donor organs is low just about everywhere nationwide, where 4,000 people are on a waiting list that averages three to four years for each type of organ.

But serious emotional, medical and financial concerns worry families, who currently can stop organ harvests even if their loved one’s signed to donate. So New York will move slowly, Brodsky said.

The state Department of Motor Vehicles says that 95 percent of the 2 million donors on New York’s donor registry come from driver’s licenses. The shortage occurs because the need is constant and many donors sign up when they are young, meaning any organ har- vest can be years away.

Presumed consent, opponents say, could force someone to become a donor against their will. It also might lead patients viewed as prospective donors to worry about how hard a medical team will work to save them if there is a greater bene- fit to harvesting the organ.

Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania, knows those arguments.

“There is a keen interest in trying to do something about the shortage of organs,” he said, noting a consent effort surfaced last year Delaware, but stalled. “Just redoubling efforts, can get people using donor cards isn’t working.”

He said advances in medicine, a proliferation of transplant centers and longer life spans are driving demand, while sup- ply is fairly static. Advocates say more than a dozen people on the national waiting list die each day.

“I think about it a lot,” said Kathe LeBeau, 51, of Latham, N.Y. She’s had kidney disease since she was 45, is on dialysis, and has been waiting three years on the list for a kidney donation. “I can’t hardly wait for the call.”

Presumed consent, especially compared to another possible option of creating a legal organ market, can work in the United States as it has successfully in Europe, Caplan said.

“I have been arguing since 1983 for presumed consent ... Spain, Austria, and Belgium shows success and it works and people don’t feel they aren’t given a fair chance to say ‘no,’” he said.

Still, he said a system that defaults to harvesting every- one’s organs will be a hard sell, and prompt misconceptions. A 2008 bill in Delaware would have created an opt-out organ donation program but never got out of committee. Opponents called it an intrusion into people’s privacy that treated organs as commodities. This would enable hospitals to more quickly prepare a body for organ removal.
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The funding is part of the sec-
ond phase of the University’s Strategic Research Initiative (SRI), which began last year and now stands as an $80 million investment. Projects funded examine nanotechnology, sus-
tainable energy, climate change and the interaction of Roman Catholicism and Islam, among
other subjects.

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Today is the last day of class and for most people, it is time to get sentimental about the past year. We’ve already had columns by the senior writers reminiscing about the last four years and what they are going to miss about Notre Dame. Fortunately for me, I am only a junior, so I have one more year to spend in college. Rather than getting all teary-eyed by recounting my favorite memories of this year, I am going to be more uplifting. Instead, I am going to talk about everything that I can’t wait for next year.

More than anything, I am excited to get to all of my friends back. All Domers have experienced (or will experience) the exodus of students to study abroad programs junior year. I realize that studying abroad is an unbelievable experience, and in many ways I am jealous of those who did live abroad for a semester. But, selfishly, it is tough to lose people that you have lived with and grown close to over the first few semesters of college. I’m ready for the day when the entire Class of 2011 is back on campus, and everyone that I want to see is just a phone call or short bike ride away.

I am excited to live on campus next year (believe it or not). Not many college students live in the same building all four years, but then again, most colleges do not foster the sense of community that is found in the dorms like Notre Dame. Living on campus is even more convenient because of how close it is to class, how connected to campus life you are and the fact that you don’t have to cook for yourself. I wasn’t ready to be out on my own, away from the daily buzz of campus, and now I can live that experience for one final year. Along those lines, I am excited to be an RA in my dorm and to be someone that freshmen and underclassmen can turn to. It wasn’t long ago that I was the nervous, homesick freshman living with 300 other guys that I had never met before, and I can still remember how intimidating it was. I’m looking forward to doing anything I can to help make the best possible Notre Dame experience.

While I am still going to be on campus, I am also excited for my friends who have decided to move off campus into various apartments and houses around South Bend. I realize that it is going to take more of an effort on my part to see them, but I also believe that it is going to be an awesome experience and for all of them. They are all going to have a great time being independent and, in a sense, I am jealous of that freedom.

Despite the past few years, I am still unbelievably excited for next football season. There is just a different atmosphere around campus during the season. Obviously, I am excited to see what Coach Kelly can do with the team, and I’m hopeful that, at the very least, I can see a winning regular season in one out of my four years at Notre Dame (I still can’t believe that I just typed that). With that, I am excited for my last year of weekly tailgating, don’t think that needs much of an explanation.

I am excited to go through the Bengal Bouts season and tournament one final time. Ironically, “excited” isn’t exactly the word that I use to describe how I feel at about 4 p.m. every day right before I trudge through the snow to go to practice. However, looking back, the Bouts have been an amazing experience, and one that I could only have had at Notre Dame. Where else can an average guy like me sign up and participate in a legitimate, full-contact amateur boxing tournament? I have been blessed with the opportunity to learn the sport of boxing, and it has forever shaped my time at Notre Dame.

What I have realized, though, is that I am just excited to be in college for one more year and am ready for everything that comes with it. Does I have to be a football Saturday, or a dorm formal, or anything special at all. I get one more year of staying up too late, putting off homework and feeling the buzz of students walking to and from class on an average school day, and I can’t wait for it to come.

I am excited about potentially writing a column again next year too. This column has put me in contact with some amazing people and it has been a great experience for me. I want to thank everyone that took the time to read my work and for the feedback that everyone gave. Hopefully, I made people think about things a little more, or at least made lunch in the dining hall on Wednesdays a little more interesting. But for right now, I am excited that summer is here, because I am just about out of things to write about.

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Queering Spanish culture

Carlos Zarrabiccia
Guest Columnist

In consequence, modern Spain enjoys a form of non-marital and non-procreative sex, the prestige and influence it had toward homosexuality in Spain, it is still oppressive recent (1975), democratizing the much-vaunted opening up in matters of the gay culture but rather because of the economic constrains parenting rep- resenting it negatively, Cernuda demon- strates the freedom and joy that arises from voluntary acceptance of body and soul to be considered to be natural law. This structural affirmation of gay love as a means of contesting heterosexism and homophobia — which is the principal_move toward homosexuality in Spain, it is still oppressive recent

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Senior Class Council,

Finding out that the senior week agenda included the opportunity to explore the mysterious tunnels that exist beneath campus, I was ecstatic. Since freshman year when I first noticed the pathways, I have been determined to find a way to explore these depths before I leave Notre Dame. I have searched for ways to access the tunnels, and it seems that there isn’t a class that goes by without the first classes to fill up, and continually attracts a diverse group of students from all of the University’s colleges and departments.

It is our opinion that they are the two best professors to ever work in the departments they are involved in at Notre Dame, and both deserve the opportunity to continue their instrumental role in undergraduate education. Unfortunately, despite Notre Dame having one of the largest student bodies of private institutions in the United States, recent budget cuts have prevented Bo and Tom’s contract from being renewed.
He roams the campus, his textbooks at hand, study cap on. To the untrained eye, he’s just another Notre Dame student going through the daily grind of what it takes to bleed blue and gold. Yet it’s the way Will Thwaites seemingly blends in on campus that makes him so different.

See, behind the textbooks and everything that makes him a Domer, lies a mic, a yearning to throw on his signature sunglasses, and a lyrical prowess that makes Thwaites a breath of fresh air in an industry full of recycled artists. He’s not rapping about drinking, drugs and scoring chicks. No, unlike the Sam Adamses and Asher Roth’s out there, Thwaites is about a different brand of hip-hop — one founded on intelligible lyrics, actual themes and songs built around more than simply blowing it up and livin’ the thugs life. A moment’s glance at the album cover of Thwaites’ upcoming mixtape, “Be Somebody,” is all it takes to realize what he’s all about: reppin’ the schoolboy image.

The equation, as Thwaites points out, is simple: “I’ve got beats that are sick, rhymes that are luminous, and skills like fine wine, so kid you better not rush us.” Yet what makes Thwaites an artist you ought to know isn’t necessarily those of The Observer. It’s added weight to his aspirations of turning that “mere joke” into his own success story.

Yet Thwaites is not one to ride the coattails of others’ success and simply put out music that sounds like theirs. Instead of being a carbon copy of the artist he can’t avoid being compared to, he’s chosen to buck the trend and lend himself to something unique — like the title of his mixtape suggests. Being somebody is a process, one that often starts off as a joke and continues with the help of a Rock Band microphone to record songs, a copy of Apple’s GarageBand to mix songs and perhaps most importantly, the help of friends, like Lauren Ruhling (Thwaites’ press secretary/stylist) and Jason Lovell (his secretary/stylist) and the help of friends, like Lauren Ruhling (Thwaites’ press secretary/stylist) and Jason Lovell (his manager and graphic designer).

He’s come a long way, though, from his humble beginnings. We’re not talking “from Marcy to Madison Square” like Jay-Z. More like from video game equipment to legitimate studios where he’s grinded out songs during breaks from school and basically any chance he gets. Luckily for the former St. Edward’s Hall rap battles champ, Thwaites has the creative chops to hold his own and keep things fresh. It’s that process — the making of an artist — that at first you’d think you’ve seen before, rapping about things you might think you’ve heard before, but instead is something anything but original and recycled.

Thwaites recorded his first song two summers ago, before he came to Notre Dame. What started off as a mere joke has since blown up into a bonafide artist about to release a mixtape with the hopes of making a name for himself. He’s doing what he loves, and to paint a comparison, he hopes to become the Notre Dame version of Mike Posner. It’s Mike Posner’s rise from a small-time campus singer/songwriter at Duke to a success in the mainstream music industry that inspires Thwaites and gives him the creative inspiration and closeness that breathe life into the song, allowing it to play like fine wine, as each listen brings a new appreciation for the song.

From sitting down and chatting with Thwaites, it’s clear that he loves making music. More than that, though, he has actual talent and seems to have found himself as an artist before having ever really put anything out there. Where he goes from here is anyone’s guess, as success is really just a measure of how his music is received both by his fellow Notre Dame students and anyone outside of campus who happens upon his mixtape.

For now, though, this schoolboy rapper has his sights set on finals week. As he best describes himself, “student first, rapper second, but if I get one shot I intend to empty the clip.”

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Scene Writer

Find a free download of Thwaites’ song, “Still Shining,” at willthwaites.com
This Week's Mix – Soundtrack Study Session

by Stephanie DePrez

1. “The Uruk-Hai” from “The Two Towers”
2. “Planning The Heist” from “The Italian Job”
3. “Crusaders” from “Kingdom of Heaven”
4. “For The Love Of A Princess” from “Braveheart”
5. “Bella’s Lullaby” from “Twilight”
6. “Summer Overture” from “Requiem For A Dream”
7. “Buffalo Hunt” from “Dances With Wolves”
8. “Journey to Transylvania” from “Van Helsing”
9. “Recollections” from “Catch Me If You Can”
10. “Take Us Out” from “Rudy”

Nothing induces a “study-zone” like the proper music. Let these tracks from an eclectic selection of film scores put you in the mood to buckle down and get work done. Ranging from soft electronic to full symphonies, they will keep you focused without getting you down.

You can find the whole playlist on The Observer website, www.ndsmobserver.com

In lieu of providing you with an all-purpose, summer-never-dies musical journey, I recognize that the freedom we all seek stands about a week and a half behind the epic buzz kills that are final. This week, then, I will focus on getting you through the painful process with as little musical heartbreak as possible.

Nothing can break or make a study session quite like the music you are listening to at the time. There are many modes of music people have when hitting the books. Some like classical music; some can’t study with singing, and others can’t focus without a racket in the background.

One of the lesser-utilized musical genres used to study is an arena of music we all have heard, and listen to more often then we realize. This would be the movie soundtrack, or the orchestral score written to accompany a film. In context, an orchestral score provides the perfect atmosphere for a movie, but on its own, it can be a work of instrumental music that is light enough to keep you focused but charged enough to keep you awake. Here are a few films that you might want to cue up in the background as you sit huddled in your dorm.

“Braveheart” (James Horner)
This 1995 epic took Mel Gibson’s status as Sexiest Man Alive to a whole new level, while also rewriting the look of a proper battle sequence, paving the way for films like “Lord of the Rings.” One of the main reasons this film hit so hard is the music that you might want to cue up in the background as you sit huddled in your Hesburgh hut all week.

“Dances With Wolves” (John Barry)
Forgive Kevin Costner’s ‘stache and embrace the music. Barry wove subtle American folk melodies into lush orchestration that is as simply magnificent as a buffalo hunt.

“Twilight” (Carter Burwell)
This is the way to go for upbeat and mind-blowing musicians. This score is the perfect balance between creepy and addicting (no pun intended).

“Rudy” (Jerry Goldsmith)
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“Van Helsing” (Alan Silvestri)
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“Kingdom of Heaven” (Howard Shore)
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“Requiem for a Dream” (Kronos Quartet)
This quartet keeps making appearances on campus and at DPAC, so it’s only fair that we give them their due as mind-blowing musicians. This score is the perfect balance between creepy and addicting (no pun intended).

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Bay homiers as Mets shut out Dodgers in New York

NEW YORK — Jason Bay hit his first home run for the Mets to back another stingy outing by Johan Santana, and New York beat the slumping Los Angeles Dodgers 4-0 in the opener of a doubleheader Tuesday for its fifth straight victory.

Santana (3-3) worked his way around a five-run 1st inning, tossing six innings of one-hit, four-strikeout ball as the Mets' splendifer stands by those in the Mets' sur-
bases, tossing six innings of

two-run single and New York pitched its splendid starts by the Mets' sur-

lead. Oliver Perez was set to start for the Mets against knuckle-

batter Charlie Haeger in the nightcap, a matchup of wireless

missing injured slugger Manny Ramirez, the Dodgers lost for the fourth time in five games. They have scored only five runs in their last four.

Perez drew a one-out walk in the second, went to third on Ike Davis' double and scored when Kuroda threw a wild pitch with the bases loaded.

Boss con. leading the fourth, driving a 1-0 pitch over the

New York had been waiting for Bay to break out the power

Mets third baseman David Wright bats a tag from Dodgers pitcher Hiroki Kuroda in New York's 4-0 victory over Los Angeles Tuesday.

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Hawks’ Crawford wins Sixth Man award

ATLANTA — Jamal Crawford already got what he wanted most — a trip to the playoffs. On Tuesday, he picked up an extra reward for his unselfishness.

After willingly accepting a backup role for the first time in his career, the Atlanta Hawks guard was named the NBA Sixth Man of the Year in a landslide.

“You have to check your ego at the door,” the 30-year-old Crawford said. “It’s all about winning. You do what you’ve got to do.”

He never had been on a winning team until he was traded to Atlanta by the Golden State Warriors last summer. Of course, the deal came with a caveat. The Hawks wanted Crawford to come off the bench, which was quite a change for someone who had been starting his whole life, from youth leagues to the NBA.

Hawks general manager Rick Sund flew to Crawford’s hometown of Chicago to discuss the deal. Crawford did just that. “I went right for the jugular,” Sund recalled. “I told him there was an opportunity here to have tremendous notoriety coming off the bench. I told him if we were going to take this to the next level, be a championship-caliber team, we needed someone to really make an impact off the bench.”

Crawford did just that. He averaged 18 points a game in 31.1 minutes, a de facto starter who played a major role in Atlanta winning 25 games and earning the third seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

The Hawks are tied 2-2 with the Milwaukee Bucks in the opening round heading into Game 5 on Wednesday night.

Advancing in the playoffs is Crawford’s main goal, though he certainly didn’t mind picking up some extra hardware during an off day in the series. “We’re doing some good things here,” he said. “It’s not complete yet.”

Crawford won the award going away with 580 of a possible 610 points, including 110 out of 122 first-place votes. Jason Terry of the Dallas Mavericks, last year’s Sixth Man winner, finished second this time with 220 points. Anderson Varejao of the Cleveland Cavaliers (126 points) was third.

Until this season, Crawford was known mainly for being a talented player who always wound up on awful teams. Only two other players in NBA history had played more than 40 games without making the playoffs until he finally broke through in his 10th season.

IN BRIEF

Rays’ Navarro receives two games for bumping umpire

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tampa Bay Rays catcher Dioner Navarro began serving a two-game suspension Tuesday for bumping an umpire during an argument.

Bob Watson, baseball’s vice president for discipline, issued the suspension Monday.

Navarro did not appeal and will also sit out Wednesday’s finale of a two-game series against the Oakland Athletics at Tropicana Field.

“Two games, get it over with. It’s still early in the season. I don’t want to be dealing with none of this stuff,” Navarro said. “Let these two days pass and get back on track and try to keep helping the team win.”

Navarro was ejected by plate umpire Dan Bellino during the sixth inning of Friday’s game against the Toronto Blue Jays for arguing a pitch to Adam Lind that was called a ball. Replays appeared to show the ball was correct and Navarro made contact with Bellino.

Sicko signs with Dallas after initially turning down draft

IRVING, Texas — The Dallas Cowboys have signed tight end Scott Sicko, three days after the New Hampshire player said he was turning down the NFL to go to graduate school.

Sicko signed a free agent contract Tuesday, reversing course on a decision that he wouldn’t pursue NFL offers after he wasn’t taken in the draft.

The 6-foot-4, 251-pound Sicko caused an Internet stir with his announcement Saturday. Some applauded the 22-year-old’s focus on academics, while others blasted him for passing on a rare opportunity.

Sicko tells The Times Union newspaper of Albany, N.Y., he was surprised by all the attention. He says he is a “22-year-old kid” who wanted to make sure he made the right decision for himself and fiancee.

Heart surgery to sideline Brewers’ announcer Uecker

MILWAUKEE — Bob Uecker has made a 40-year career out of delighting baseball fans with his self-deprecating sense of humor. Even facing heart surgery at the end of the week, that didn’t change.

Addressing reporters Tuesday afternoon, the Milwaukee Brewers radio announcer opened up by joking that he called a press conference to announce that he was joining the Brewers’ active roster. Then he turned serious — well, as serious as he could be.

“I’m looking forward to getting it done and getting back to work,” Uecker said.

The 75-year-old Uecker will have his aortic valve replaced Friday morning, and will be away from the team for up to three months while recovering.

“I’ve been in baseball 35 years,” Uecker said. “This is all I know. Or want to know, for that matter.”

Hawks guard Jamal Crawford attempts to dribble around the defense of Ben Gordon during a regular season game against the Pistons on April 3. Crawford was the runaway winner of the NBA’s sixth man of the year.

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NBA Basketball

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“Two games, get it over with. It’s still early in the season. I don’t want to be dealing with none of this stuff.”

— Dioner Navarro, Tampa Bay Rays catcher, on his decision to accept a two-game suspension for bumping an umpire during an argument Tuesday night in St. Petersburg, Fla.
Indiana University executive also was revered inside the halls of the NCAA headquarters and by university presidents. So when Brand died from pancreatic cancer on Sept. 16, it left a huge void within the organization.

A week later, the NCAA made Jim Irsch its interim president. Now Emmert faces the daunting challenge of adding teeth to Brand's policies and trying to carve out his own niche.

“I want to sit down with the membership and talk about what’s working and what’s not. The fact is that these reforms are so young, that it takes time to measure the impact of them,” Emmert said. “I don’t foresee revolutionary change in terms of academics issues, I see an evolution, a change as we go forward.”

Some of the issues haven’t changed. Almost immediately upon his introduction, Emmert was asked about the NCAA’s new $1 billion television package for the men’s basketball tournament.

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Woodson contract talks wait

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Hawks coach Mike Woodson said Tuesday there have been no talks on a new contract with Atlanta, even amid reports that he'll be a candidate to take another job after the season.

The most persistent report is that Woodson could wind up as Philadelphia's coach, which is based on Larry Brown leaving Charlotte to become the 76ers' general manager. Brown has denied that he's planning to leave the Bobcats.

Woodson, who worked as an assistant to Brown in Detroit, said he wants to remain with the Hawks.

He took over a rebuilding team six years ago and went 13-69, but Atlanta has shown improvement every year since then. The Hawks are tied with Milwaukee in the opening round of the playoffs heading into Game 5 at Philips Arena on Wednesday night.

“They're out there,” Woodson said, referring to the reports about his future. “But again, my job is right here with the Hawks. I started this gig six years ago and I want to finish it.”

The Hawks stuck with Woodson through the difficult early years, giving him a two-year contract extension in 2008 shortly after general manager Rick Sund came aboard, even though his record at the time was only 106-222.

Atlanta posted winning records the last two years, going a combined 100-62. The Hawks reached the second round of the playoffs in 2009 and they were the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference this year, winning 53 games.

General manager Rick Sund said he'll wait until after the season before starting any discussions on a new deal with Woodson.

The Hawks are tied 2-2 with Milwaukee in an opening-round series that might have a direct impact on the coach's future.

"The things that need to be taken care of in the offseason will be taken care of in the offseason," Sund said.

The GM stressed that he's merely sticking with the position he's taken all along.

"I'm a Mike fan," Sund said.

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The Atlanta Hawks' front office will not discuss a contract extension with coach Mike Woodson until after the season.

Celtics eliminate Heat in Boston in Game 5

Associated Press

BOSTON — The Boston Celtics are heading to the second round of the NBA playoffs and a potential matchup with LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Ray Allen scored 24 points, making five 3-pointers in the second half, to help Boston beat Miami 96-86 in Game 5 of their first-round playoff series on Tuesday night and eliminate the Heat. With Heat star Dwyane Wade due to become a free agent along with James — it could be an eventful summer in Miami.

Boston advanced to the Eastern Conference semifinals thanks to 16 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists from Rajon Rondo. Paul Pierce scored 21 for the Celtics, who will play either Cleveland or Chicago; the Cavaliers for seven-game series in 2008 on the way to the Celtics' NBA-record 17th championship.

The Celtics beat the Bulls last year in an overtime-laden, seven-game series in the first round. Boston hooked up with James and the Cavaliers for seven games in the conference semis in 2008 on the way to the Celtics' NBA-record 17th championship.

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Rays beat Athletics for 12th win in 14 games; Twins ride Liriano's eight scoreless innings to victory over Tigers

TORONTO — Clay Buchholz pitched eight strong innings, pinch-hitter Mike Lowell drove in the go-ahead run with a bases loaded walk and the Boston Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 2-1 on Tuesday night.

It was Boston's fifth straight victory in Toronto, and their fifth consecutive one-run game. The Red Sox are 4-1 in those games.

One night after the teams combined for 25 runs and 34 hits in battering 13 pitchers, starters Buchholz and Shaun Marcum gave the bullpens a break.

Buchholz (2-2) allowed one run and seven hits to win for the first time in three starts.

He walked two, struck out four and lowered his ERA to 2.19.

With closer Jonathan Papelbon getting a day off after working in three of the past four games, right-hander Ramon Ramirez worked the ninth for his first save.

Marcum allowed one run and four hits in seven innings and has four no-decisions in five starts this season. He walked three and struck out five.

Scott Downs (0-3) replaced Marcum in the eighth inning and struck out the first batter, then gave up consecutive singles to Dustin Pedroia and Victor Martinez.

Pedroia took third when Kevin Youkilis hit a grounder to shortstop. Kevin Gregg came on to face Lowell, who bunted for David Ortiz, and walked him on four pitches, bringing in the tying run.

Buchholz ended the rally with a liner back to the mound.

Toronto opened the scoring in the first when Fred Lewis singled, took second on a walk and scored on a base hit by Jeremy Hermida.

The Rays have won 12 of 14 and are off to the best start in the team's 13-season history.

Nevertheless, attendance for the opener of a two-game series against another first-place team drew an announced crowd of 10,825 to Tropicana Field.

Davis weathered a shaky fifth innings to win his second straight decision. He gave up a three-run homer to Cliff Pennington, who had four hits and four RBIs — both career highs — for the A's.

Pennington's RBI double off Lance Cormier trimmed Oakland's deficit to 8-5 in the sixth. Adam Rosales drove in a run with his career-best fourth hit — making it 8-6 in the eighth — however the A's stranded the potential tying runs in scoring position when Daric Barton struck out.

Rafael Soriano pitched a perfect ninth for Tampa Bay, earning his third save.

The Rays played without catcher Dioner Navarro, who began serving a two-game suspension for bumping an umpire during an argument last week. He also will sit out Wednesday's finale against the A's.

Jason Bartlett's two-run single was the biggest blow in Tampa Bay's four-run second inning against Sheets, who allowed eight runs and nine hits in four innings. Carlos Pena and John Jaso, filling in for Navarro, also drove in runs in the inning.

Davis, however, couldn't hold the early lead.

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Wilson leads Rangers to victory over White Sox

Orioles become last team to win first home game; Hernandez allows six hits in Nationals win in Chicago

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Texas catcher Matt Treanor had a solo home run and a two-run double for his first extra-base hits of the season and former reliever Georges Hernandez had another solid start for the Rangers in a 4-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox on Tuesday night.

The big game came hours after the Rangers optioned Jarrod Saltalamacchia and low on Teagarden, the two catchers on their season-opening roster, to Triple-A Oklahoma City.

Wilson (2-1) gave up two runs over six innings, striking out Donny Lucy to end the sixth and sixth after going to a 3-0 count and then having Lucy foul off three full-count pitches before finally swinging and missing. Buehrle struck out six.

Downing, who took over as closer after blowing two previous two chances, then got two flyouts to end the sixth inning of a loss to Detroit on Monday night.

Wilson left-handed Mark Buehrle (2-3) lost his third straight start, allowing four runs in seven innings.

Carlos Quentin snapped a 1- for-34 slide with an infield RBI single in the fifth inning for Chicago, which was coming off a three-game sweep of Seattle.

Treanor put the Rangers ahead to stay with a solo homer in the second, the ball just past the left-field wall in left field. His double made 3-0 the fourth after Josh Hamilton and Vladimir Guerrero had consecutive singles and Buehrle threw a wild pitch.

Treanor, the husband of two-time Olympic beach volleyball gold medalist Misty May-Treanor, was acquired by the Rangers from Milwaukee during spring training. He was called up April 9 from Oklahoma City when Saltalamacchia went on the disabled list because of upper back stiffness.

It was the sixth start in nine games for Treanor, who played for Florida from 2004-08 and started four games for Detroit last season. Max Ramirez, recalled Tuesday from Oklahoma City, is the other Rangers catcher.

The Rangers activated Saluamakia from the disabled list Tuesday and optioned him to Oklahoma City, where he had already appeared in six games on a rehabilitation assignment. Teagarden was hitting only .107 (1 for 27) with 17 strikeouts in 20 at-bats.

Wilson, who before the season hadn’t started since his 2005 rookie season when he was coming off Tommy John ligament replacement surgery, has already had two starts without allowing runs. The left-hander had thrown 6-2-3 scoreless innings in his previous start Thursday night at Boston, and has a 1.72 ERA through four starts.

After the White Sox loaded the bases in the sixth on a hit batsman, a single and a walk, Alexei Ramirez had an RBI single. Wilson then finally got Lucy out on his 104th pitch of the game. He struck out five and walked three.

Rangers rookie first baseman Justin Smoak got his first major league RBI with a sacrifice fly in the sixth.

Izturis had an unearned run in the ninth after an error by shortstop Derek Jeter. As soon as he left, the New York bullpen gave up the lead. Boone Logan walked Luke Scott and was replaced by David Robertson (0-1), who hit Ty Wigginton with a pitch while outpitching Luke Scott to end the inning.

Ramirez bounced to first to second and third, and Aramis Ramirez grounded to second on a 3-1 pitch before Derrek Lee popped out. Marlon Byrd then grounded to second on a 3-1 count, putting runners on second and third, and Aramis Ramirez bunted to first to end the inning.

Matt Capps allowed a two-out single to Geovany Soto in the ninth before striking out pinch-hitter Tyler Colvin for his major league leading ninth save in as many chances. That snapped the Cubs’ four-game win streak.

Hernandez went on the disabled list Tuesday night to become the last team to win an opening series.

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**MLB**

Garland strikes out 10 in San Diego victory

Doumit hits grand slam in Pirates’ win over Brewers; Carpenter wins on birthday to propel Cardinals over Braves

Associated Press

MIAMI — Jon Garland matched a career high with 10 strikeouts, leading the San Diego Padres past the Florida Marlins 4-1 Tuesday night.

Garland (2-0) struck out one run, three hits, three walks in six innings, tying the record for strikeouts he set Aug. 24, 2003 against Texas.

Garland fanned Miami’s Jorge Cantu to end the inning. The Padres tacked on two more in the seventh when Tony Gwynn led off with a walk and stole second before Hairston’s single off Burke Badenhop.

The Padres started five career starts, his lowest against any opponent.

Garland lowered his ERA against the Marlins to 2.14 in five career starts, his lowest against one team since joining the Padres in the offseason.

Hendley drove in the Padres’ first run in the second, and San Diego added another when left fielder Coghlan’s throwing error allowed David Eckstein to score from third.

Pirates 7, Brewers 3

Ryan Doumit hit a grand slam and Ronny Cedeno had a solo homer in a five-run ninth inning to help the Pittsburgh Pirates snatch a 22-game losing streak from the Milwaukee Brewers with a victory over the Brewers on Tuesday night.

Cedeno crushed the second pitch from Trevor Hoffman (1-2) over the wall in left to tie the game. After Andrew McCutchen struck out, Andy LaRoche singled for the fourth time and Lastings Millege doubled. Garrett Jones was walked intentionally before Doumit drove a 2-0 pitch into the second-pond of the bleachers for his second career grand slam.

Home runs have been Hoffman’s downfall in all three of them with the win on the season.

Doumit, 27, hit a game-tying solo shot leading off the seventh to set a club record by retiring 26 in a row. Gaby Sanchez snapped the streak with a single to right.

Mike Adams pitched a scoreless ninth for his fifth save in six chances, holding the Brewers 2-0 after three innings Tuesday and 5-0 after five on Monday.

Derek Lowe (3-2) was one of seven pitchers who have thrown a no-hitter making starts on Tuesday. He retired the first 10 batters before Ryan Ludwick homered and was chased in a four-run sixth that put St. Louis ahead 5-2.

Cardinals 5, Braves 4

Chris Carpenter won his 35th birthday and Yadier Molina had the go-ahead hit for the second straight game in the St. Louis Cardinals’ victory over the sagging Atlanta Braves Tuesday night.

Atlanta had totaled 13 runs during a seven-game losing streak, the franchise’s worst since a 10-game skid June 11-22, 2006. The Brewers coughed up an early lead for the second straight game, 2-0 after three innings Tuesday and 3-0 after five on Monday.

Brendan Donnelly (2-0) picked up the win when he relieved Lopez with runners on first and second and two outs. Donnelly retired pinch-hitter Jody Gerut to end the threat.

Randy Wolf pitched an effective eight innings when he scattered 10 hits and stranded nine Pirates. He surrendered a run in the second on a double by Doumit and sacrifice fly by Akinori Iwamura and Jeff Clement’s third home run of the season, a solo shot in the fourth. Wolf struck out four and walked one.

The victory also snapped a seven-game losing streak for Pittsburgh.

The Pirates had lost to the Brewers 22 straight times at Miller Park and are 13-37 against Milwaukee overall since 2007. The Brewers’ home winning streak against the Pirates was the longest by one team over another since the Indians beat the St. Louis Browns/Baltimore Orioles 27 consecutive times from 1952-54.

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**NBA**

Cavs eliminate Bulls, will face Celtics next

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — LeBron James just missed a triple-double despite a apparently sore right elbow, and the Cleveland Cavaliers advanced to a playoff date with Boston on Tuesday night after beating the Chicago Bulls 140-135 in Game 6, taking the second-round series in six.

James, favoring a tender right elbow that appears to hurt in his fifth start in six chances, holds the Marlinstos six hits a day after they scored 10 hits on 12 walks.

Right fielder Will Venable hit a game-winning two-run single to end the inning. His ERA skied from 9.00 to 13.50.

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Derek Lowe (3-2) was one of seven pitchers who have thrown a no-hitter making starts on Tuesday. He retired the first 10 batters before Ryan Ludwick homered and was chased in a four-run sixth that put St. Louis ahead 5-2.

Cardinals manager Tony La Russa batted the pitcher eighth for the first time since last July before the Matt Holliday trade. He needed four pitchers to exit the seventh as the Braves scored twice to cut the gap to 5-4 and Jason Heyward looked like a called third strike against Trevor Miller with the bases loaded.
Belles face Albion in MIAA tournament

By MATTHEW ROBISON
Sports Writer

The No. 5-seed Belles will begin their quest for a conference championship Friday with a first-round match against Albion at Holland Christian High School in Holland, Mich.

Saint Mary’s (11-8, 4-4 MIAA) enters the tournament on a three-match win streak that included a Monday victory over Olivet to close the regular season.

“It’s always good to finish on a winning note,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “It’s good for our confidence going into the tournament.”

Although the Belles are in the bottom half of a conference of eight teams, they expect to come out on top against Albion (11-8, 5-3).

“We want to pull off some upsets, but we don’t see ourselves as the underdogs,” Campbell said. “We expect to win and will have to take care of the details necessary to get that done.”

Saint Mary’s will come in with the same approach that they have taken into every match this season — strong play in doubles, solid singles performances and an overall offensive style of play. Campbell said he wants his players to turn up the intensity to prove to the rest of the MIAA that they are a force to be reckoned with.

“We are playing with the idea of earning respect,” Campbell said. “It will not be given to us, but we want to go after it. We have to step things up a notch.”

The Belles will have two practices this week and will not deviate from the normal performance in terms of actual match play. Campbell does not expect a serious deviation from their normal performance, either.

“We just need to be more assertive and raise our expectations and demands on ourselves,” Campbell said.

If the Belles can beat Albion, their road to an MIAA title will run right through national power Calvin.

But that has not fazed Campbell, who has confidence in his team.

“We expect to do great things this weekend,” Campbell said.

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Club Sports

Squash receives recognition

Special to the Observer

The 2009-2010 Notre Dame men’s and women’s squash teams were honored Thursday, as a team sweatshirt was unveiled on the wall of Hot Box Pizza restaurant in Eddy Street Commons.

The team gathered at the pizzeria for its end of season banquet and to sign the sweatshirt. “We are thrilled,” Irish coach Geoff McCuen said. “There are only four teams represented in the collection, and now squash is right up there with football, basketball and hockey.”

The 2009-2010 season was a tremendous campaign for the entire program. The club attracted a record number of members in the fall, enough to field two full nine-person teams for both men and women.

With the increased interest in squash across the campus, the Irish were able to send the squads to several College Squash Association events around the country, including the National Team Championships held at Yale University in February. This was the first year that a full women’s team participated, and McCuen attributes this feat to the leadership of the club’s co-president, senior captain Kristine So.

The teams are already excited about next season, which kicks off early with their participation in the U.S. Open to be held in Chicago September 25 through October 3. Other highlights include a women’s team trip to the east coast and a men’s team trip to the West Coast Round Robin in Seattle, Wash. next January. For more information about Notre Dame Squash, please visit the club website at www.nd.edu/squash or find the group page on Facebook.

NHL

Canucks eager for playoff rematch

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The Vancouver Canucks got what they wanted — a chance to pay back the Chicago Blackhawks.

The postseason rematch was set Monday night when the second-seeded Blackhawks eliminated the Nashville Predators. Now Chicago will try to send the Canucks into summer vacation for the second straight year.

The Blackhawks took care of Vancouver in six games when the clubs met in the 2009 Western Conference semifinals—the same round as this year’s matchup.

“There is a lot of history and bad blood there,” Canucks defensemen Shane O’Brien said Tuesday, two days after the Canucks finished off the Los Angeles Kings in six games. “Every guy in the room remembers the feeling of leaving Chicago last year. It was one of the worst feelings I had ever been through.

“We definitely want to get some redemption on those guys.”

The ill will is felt on the other side, too. The Blackhawks, who will have home-ice advantage in the series, don’t care for the Canucks much, either.

“It’s pretty easy to say that,” Chicago defensemen Duncan Keith said.
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over plays where we didn’t execute right after that. There wasn’t consistency in a number of aspects”

In the upcoming game against the Huskies, Coyne said she will look to her veterans to demonstrate the composure necessary under immense pressure.

“It’s the captains, as well as the junior class, that we look to as leaders,” Coyne said. “The juniors have championship experience too. They’ve been in the big time.”

That experience will come in handy on the road against a Huskies team that is coming off a 12-11 overtime win over Cincinnati. The Huskies will look to slow down an Irish team that is riding the hot hand of junior Shaylyn Blaney.

“I think they’re going to try to stop our fast break game, they’re really going to pack it in defensively,” Coyne said.

“We need to be on our game defensively, we need to make sure we’re moving. Other than that, we expect them to double [senior Gina Setoscial] and Shaylyn and to pressure [sophomore Maggie Tamasitis]. We just have to be able to block everything out. We know what’s at stake.”

The Irish take on Connecticut Saturday at noon. The Big East Tournament gets underway in Piscataway, N.J., on May 6.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles seeking bid to MIAA tournament

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Saint Mary’s will host Calvin in an NCAA doubleheader Wednesday as the Belles look to improve their NCAA tournament resume.

The Belles (19-15, 8-4) enter the conference meet with a 24-game winning streak. Calvin’s last win came against Olivet and Hope in early April.

Calvin’s probable starter is Monica Palicki and Angela Gillis are scheduled to be the two starting pitchers for Saint Mary’s today.

“We can always count on our hitters to do a lot of damage to the other team,” Sullivan said.

Belles are currently first in the conference in hitting average, slugging percentage, on base percentage and triples. Sullivan said his team’s offensive onslaught can continue against Calvin.

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The Belles are paced by senior outfielder Ashley Peterson, who was recently named MIAA Position Player of the Week. The Belles are looking to slow down an Irish team that is riding the hot hand of junior Shaylyn Blaney.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

ND to compete in tournament

By MEGAN FINNERAN
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This weekend the Irish travel to Cincinnati to compete against a field of 15 in the Big East Conference championships. With a regular season full of an impressive number of top-five and even first-place finishes, each athlete is looking to emerge with good results.

The men won the Big East Indoor championship two months ago, and are now looking to repeat their success. Sophomore Johnathan Shawel won the men’s 1,000 meter, senior Jack Howard won the men’s 800, senior Eric Quick won the men’s triple jump, junior Justin Schneider won the men’s kepiathalon and sophomore Kevin Schipper won the men’s pole vault.

Heading into the spring season, the men hold 20 conference qualifier spots, 13 of which are ranked in the top five in their respective events. The women held 17 spots, ranking up right top five positions.

“Before the Big East conference meet, all the athletes are preparing physically by focusing on our training and, mentally by rehearsing the upcoming performance.” Schipper said.

“I feel going into my last Big East championships ever that I know it is possible for the team to perform at their best and to go way above and beyond their goals, giving them much confidence going into the national preliminary.” Matt Schipper said.

The championships kick off Friday at 11 a.m. and will continue Saturday and Sunday.

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**Shutout**

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hander Cole Johnson, who was held on a strict pitch count of 20 tosses. Johnson excelled in that time, fanning three batters and giving up only two runs on four hits.

“It was exciting to just see him back on the mound,” Schrage said. “A key will be to see how he feels tomorrow. I think he pitched better in the second inning than in the first inning, he got a little bit of a head start and looked a little more fluid.”

Even more exciting were the signs of pitching depth coming from the Irish, as both junior right-handed Sharpley (two hits, one walk, two strikeouts) and sophomore lefty Spano (two hits, five strikeouts) pitched more than three innings without giving up a run.

“The other thing that was really encouraging was Sharpley and Spano,” Schrage said. “If those guys think like that, that really gives us some pitching depth. That is a good hitting club over there. They came in hitting .324 and they are leading the MAC.”

The Irish were able to take the game right to Toledo in the first inning, opening with a lead-off double from senior left-fielder Ryan Connolly who promptly scored after a single from freshman second baseman Frank Desico and an RBI single from senior first baseman David Mills. Desico was then able to score on a throwing error by Toledo to shortstop Jared Hoying.

The Irish kept the pressure on in the second inning, notching two more runs. Toledo pitcher Cody Umbricht was able to settle in after that however, not allowing another run in his seven innings pitched.

That lead would be enough, as the Irish pitching was phenomenal. The Irish added five runs in the eighth inning, including a two-run bases loaded single from Connolly.

“Connolly getting that bases loaded hit in the eighth inning was really big,” Schrage said. “We have been struggling with runners in scoring position, and him stepping up and getting that hit really relaxes the team a little bit and gets us going.”

Senior righty Steven Mazur came in for the ninth and pitched a 1-2-3 inning to close out the game. Next up for the Irish is a matchup with Valparaiso (17-21) who Schrage believes will be another good test for his pitching, especially probable starting junior right-hander Todd Miller.

“Valparaiso is a lot better team than they have been,” Schrage said. “They have a pretty good offensive lineup.”

Schrage likes the look of his team going into the weekend series against St. John’s (26-12, 10-5 Big East) that is crucial for the Notre Dame to pull off the upset. Allowing a potent Orange offense second chances could create a big hole for the Irish, while converting offensive chances will be crucial in a game that could turn into a shootout.

“Defensively, when we get a stop, we need to translate that stop into a clear and an offensive possession,” Corrigan said. "Offensively, when we get an opportunity to score, we need to keep the pressure on them by getting our shots on cage and converting a number of those opportunities.”

Corrigan said capitalizing on opportunities will be important for Notre Dame to pull off the upset. Allowing a potent Orange offense second chances could create a big hole for the Irish, while converting offensive chances will be crucial in a game that could turn into a shootout.

The clash will also be televised nationally live in prime-time on ESPN2, underscoring the magnitude of this game. The Irish look to feed on the excitement from the crowd to give them the boost required to qualify for postseason play, as they hope to close out the season in spectacular fashion.

“There’s no question it’s a game with a lot of excitement,” Corrigan said. "More than that, for us it’s a chance to establish ourselves as a clear tournament team.”

The Irish take on the Orange today at 7 p.m. in Arlington Stadium.

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**Badgers**

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road, but Ganef said they could pose a threat.

“Wisconsin is always a fight-to-the-end kind of a team,” Ganef said.

Senior Christine Lux will look to break the program record for most career RBIs during the upcoming series. With 64, she is currently tied with a record set 11 seasons ago.

“Lux wants to show up everyday and contribute to the team. She wants to do her part, and carry the weight for the program,” Ganef said. “I don’t think she knows she’s broken so many records. She’s just doing her job and that’s how she sees it.”

Another Irish player will be searching to break a different record this week. Junior pitcher Jody Valdivia tied the season shutout record last weekend against Villanova. A potential 16th shutout against either the Falcons or the Badgers would earn her the Irish record.

“Even if [Valdivia] has a game where she didn’t let up a single run, she comes back to practice and looks at whatever she needs to do to get a little better each time,” Ganef said.

These final three games, followed by one final Big East series at St. John’s, mark the conclusion of the regular season and the final tweaks before the postseason.

“I think for us the most important thing form this point forward is just to win,” Ganef said. “Everybody’s working at it, especially when it comes to the top 25 teams. We want to make sure we put ourselves in a good position for the postseason.”

The Irish will take to the field at Melissa Cook Stadium at 3 p.m. for the doubleheader against Bowling Green Wednesday, and at 4 p.m. Thursday against the Badgers.

“It just gets harder from this point forward,” Ganef said. “Everyone we play has that sense of urgency, every games going to be a cat fight because you don’t want to lose this late in the season.”

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**Men’s Lacrosse**

**Backs against the wall**

ND one win away from NCAA tournament bid

By ALLAN JOSEPH
Sports Writer

With No. 19 Notre Dame’s postseason hopes hanging in the balance, No. 2 Syracuse will visit sold-out Arlotta Stadium Saturday in one of the most anticipated season finales in program history. Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said he hopes a large contingent of students will attend and make “The Lot” an intimidating venue for the Orange.

“It’s going to be a great crowd. There’s going to be a lot of people there,” Corrigan said. “There’s no question that our guys want to play in front of their fellow students. That’s what it’s all about as a college athlete.”

Though a visit from the perennial powerhouse Orange (11-1, 4-0 Big East) would be an extremely important game under any circumstances, Notre Dame (7-5, 2-3) has a special sense of urgency in Saturday’s contest. A win could mean qualification for the NCAA tournament, while a loss could mean the Irish would likely be left out of the postseason in a disappointing end to the season.

“There’s no question that if we win Saturday, we’re going to the tournament,” Corrigan said. “That’s the position we want to be in, and we’ve got the chance to do that ourselves.”

The Irish bring some momentum into the contest, having won two consecutive Big East contests by comfortable margins. But the Orange have only dropped one game all season, a tight 11-10 loss at No. 1 Virginia.

Syracuse’s style of play will create plays in transition and pressure up, looking to entertain a dynamic for the fans in Arlotta Stadium. Syracuse keeps the tempo and pressure up, looking to create plays in transition from anywhere on the field.

**BASEBALL**

**Johnson’s return boosts Irish**

By JARED Jedick
Senior Sports Writer

The Irish put up a complete all-around game yesterday evening against Toledo, shutting out the Rockets en route to a 9-0 victory.

The Irish (18-22, 7-8 Big East) jumped on Toledo (23-17) early in the first two innings with four runs to build a lead they would not relinquish all night.

“Tough out on Toledo like we did in the first two innings, I was happy with that,” Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Returning to the mound after a shoulder injury for the Irish was junior right-hander Cole Johnson. Johnson’s return boosts Irish.

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Coming off of a three-game sweep of conference rival Villanova, the No. 25 Irish hope to continue their success by taking on Bowling Green and Wisconsin in their final home games of the season.

“For everyone that comes to play us at Melissa Cook Stadium, we never think that any of them are going to be easy,” Irish assistant coach Kris Ganef said. “They’ll throw everything that they have at us.”

Notre Dame (38-9, 14-4 Big East) welcomes Bowling Green (10-20) Wednesday for a doubleheader in which the Irish appear to have the upper hand. The Falcons have yet to win an away game this season.

“I know that (Bowling Green) always has a competitive team that comes at you with everything they have,” Ganef said. “They usually have a few power hitters on their team.”

The Irish take on Wisconsin Thursday. The Badgers (14-27) are struggling this season with only three wins on the