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Bless us Father, for we have sinned.
The phrase drilled into pestent Catholics for generations took a grave turn Friday when the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops disclosed two reports that detailed the nearly 11,000 child sexual abuse allegations made against priests since 1950. As the weekend passed, the nation's Catholics and non-Catholics, clergy and laity alike weighed in on what many have labeled the bishops' own act of contrition. Notre Dame history professor and Kroc Institute director R. Scott Appleby — who addressed the bishops on June 13, 2002, when they first convened in response to the scandals — added his own voice to the debate. Monday. And while he praised the reports as a step towards accountability and engagement on the part of the hierarchy, he maintained the Church can't yet be forgiven — nor is it trying to forget. "Closure isn't a word I would even think about using yet," Appleby said. Despite the cooperation and apologies offered by many bishops across the country, he said that others are still too rooted in their beliefs about Church infallibility to see the people behind the staggering figures. "There are many bishops who have been contrite, who are repentant, but we need to go much further," he said. "Some bishops still don't seem to get it, (because) they are still so beholden to a perception that blinds them to the suffering of the victims." Reaching out to these victims, Appleby said, should be the Church's first priority — and will require a certain dose of humility to be considered real penance. "Repentance is manifested more than ritual," he said. "The idea of nailing an apology to the wall of a cathedral, well that may be something. But repentance is a changed attitude towards the victims — listening to their stories and allowing themselves to be converted into sympathy." But while the bishops are striving to be something. But repentance is a changed attitude towards the victims — listening to their stories and allowing themselves to be converted into sympathy.

Departments analyze, debate grade inflation

Class levels, size may contribute to rise in grades

By JOE TROMBELLO Assistant News Editor

Despite the presence of more highly qualified students, Notre Dame faculty and students said that other factors may have caused grade inflation. Smaller classes, special teaching programs, greater contact with professors and a high importance on TCES scores all impact the way grades are assessed.

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Poormann addresses group

By ANDREW THAGARD Assistant News Editor

Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman addressed the Campus Life Council during its meeting Monday, presenting members with an outline of his office's strategic plan and announcing actions to be taken in response to the College's recommen­

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Texas Hold 'em

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ing precedence over individual morality.

"I think many of the bishops probably have their own opinions — which I would share — that there should be resignations of bishops who repeatedly reasigned predator priests, that that should be the way the Church responds," he said. "But their sense of obedience to the Pope is so profound that if he tells them to resign, they're going to resign."

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"I hope that one of the results of this sad and tragic episode would be for the laity to take responsibility — to take co-ownership of the church with the priests and religious," Appleby said. He listed parish and diocesan councils as structures that are already in place to increase lay power in personnel, management and finance areas, but said that motivating Catholics to give up their free time and their resources to help a struggling Church would be difficult.

"The challenge to do both — to be professional and to be Catholic, and to let the Church reap the benefits of the two — is one that falls squarely on the shoulders of current Notre Dame students," Appleby said.

"We're at the crux of a generational change, where the millennials, as you're now called, could really make the church an afterthought — and a lot of people have — or could revitalize it," he said. "And if Notre Dame students don't work to revitalize it, then who else would?"

Appleby stressed that despite the alternate sorrow and finger pointing that have characterized the scandals — and now the reports — aftermath, neither the Church's role in helping the poor and marginalized nor its sacred identity must be forgotten.

"I'm hoping that Notre Dame students will recognize that however flawed and imperfect the church is, it is worthy of their attention and activism," he said. "The church is going to rise and fall on your generation in a way that hasn't been true before."

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The letter also encourages the development of a program like North Carolina's "Carolina Fever," in which students who attend less popular sporting events can earn points, which may be redeemed for early purchase of basketball tickets.

Lao said a laundry list of reforms reflect the views of leaders from across student government, while putting forth a unified stance.

"This is the letter I'm going to send to Mr. Fraleigh as the voice of the student union," Lao said.
"There is a modest correlation between students liking classes and students and doing well in those classes," said Mark Roche, dean of the College of Arts & Letters.

Students like Sarah Greene said that increased competition about grades does not impact what classes students take but can influence the extent to which they are intellectually stimulated in learning for the material.

"I do not feel that students at Notre Dame avoid classes that challenge them because of their GPA," but do I think students' consciousness of their GPA (can) hinder the engagement of the material," she said.

Greene said numerous factors have contributed to a heightened grade concern in comparison with past generations, including a greater number of students attending college and the increasing competition that students face with respect to job offers and graduate school acceptances.

In addition, faculty members said that the smaller class size associated with higher-level courses could also contribute to the rise in grades.

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Roche commented that particular features about the College of Arts & Letters may predispose students to have a more personalized and nurturing learning environment. Roche noted that the presence of small, University seminar courses in the first year and classes such as First Year Composition that focus heavily on the writing and editing process and rigorously monitors the grading system and course content.

"I think it's an environment where students are being graded because of the nurturing," he said.

In spite of individual differences with respect to disciplines between the college, many faculty said that the universal importance of TCE scores on uninnocent faculty may also influence grades. Although the data suggests otherwise — junior faculty actually give slightly lower marks than tenured faculty — professors said that the importance placed on TCE scores for tenure and promotions could encourage some faculty to inflate their grades in hopes of receiving higher TCE scores.

"If there is anything driving grade inflation, it's the critical importance of TCEs to retention, tenure and promotion," said Sonny Boy, associate professor of biological sciences.

"So much weight is based on that one measurement.

Boyd also said that she and other colleagues at the Kaneh Center for Teaching and Learning, where she serves this year as a Kaneh Scholar, have discussed better standardizing the process by which departments evaluate their professors' teaching quality and ways to reduce the weight placed on TCE scores.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Gunman kills Arafat advisor

Gaza Strip — A gunman shot and killed a well-known adviser to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Gaza City early Tuesday, security officials said.

Khalil al-Zaben, 59, was hit by 12 bullets as he left his office in the Sabra neighborhood, hospital and security officials said.

Al-Zaben published a weekly magazine devoted to Palestinian affairs and human rights. He joined forces with Arafat in the 1960s and served in a number of capacities, including media adviser and personal secretary.

Palestinian police rushed to the scene of the murder and began investigating. Security officials said they did not know who killed al-Zaben.

Amnesty details rights violations

TRIPOLI, Libya — Amnesty International, given its first access to Libya in 15 years, has detailed in a report some serious human rights violations, including the disappearance of prisoners and intolerance of political activity.


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NATIONAL NEWS

Church must change health plan

SAN FRANCISCO — In a precedent-setting decision, the California Supreme Court ruled Monday that a Roman Catholic charity must offer birth-control coverage to its employees even though the church considers contraception a sin.

The 6-1 decision marked the first such ruling by a state's highest court.

Edwards' advisers said the ruling could affect thousands of workers at Catholic hospitals and other church-backed institutions in California and prompt other states to fashion similar laws.

California is one of 20 states to require that all company-provided health plans must include contraception coverage if the plans have prescription drug benefits.

Nichols trial steps up intensity

McALESTER, Okla. — Jury selection began Monday in the murder trial of Oklahoma City bombing conspirator Terry Nichols after the judge refused to postpone proceedings while the FBI reviews whether investigators suppressed evidence of a wider conspiracy.

Nichols, already serving a life sentence on federal charges for his role in the bombing, could get the death penalty if convicted of the state charges. It was expected to take two weeks to select 12 jurors and six alternates.

LOCAL NEWS

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INDIANAPOLIS — A proposal that sought to move Indiana to the Central time zone and have it observe daylight-saving time appears dead this legislative session.

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Poorman spent the majority of his presentation outlining the goals of Student Affairs regarding on-campus living arrangements for seniors. Among them the construction of four new residence facilities, the replacement of existing dorms by 10 percent to provide more efficient use of the space and the implementation of new on-campus living arrangements for seniors.

Poorman said that he would like to see the percentage of on-campus seniors increase from the current 4 percent to 52 to 54 percent in the coming years and raise the percentage of students who live on campus from 79 to 82 percent.

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Break

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other groups of Notre Dame students will also be vacationing this spring break. However, his group chose not to make its plans through Anthony Travel.

"We wanted an unconventional spring break trip, something out of the ordinary. It is our senior year, and we wanted a vacation we would remember for a lifetime," Bilinski said.

He and his friends started planning their trip during the middle of their senior year. He said that while students have countless options for where to travel, the majority of them will fly out of one of the two Chicago airports instead of South Bend Regional Airport.

"Representatives from South Bend Airport's travel agency Travelmore said they have booked reservations for fewer college students than usual this year," Poorman said. "Part of the reason is because of the ongoing replacement of University Village and its dorms by 10 percent to 54 percent in the coming years and raise the percentage of students who live on campus from 79 to 82 percent.

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Corporate Scandal

Stewart defense receives attack

Prosecutor tells jury “Martha Stewart thought she would never get caught”

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Martha Stewart and her stockbroker concocted a timely cover story as she was homemaking icon sold her ImClone Systems stock and left a “trail of evidence” exposing their lies, a federal prosecutor told Monday in closing arguments.

In a methodical three-hour closing argument, prosecutor Michael Schachter told jurors that Stewart and broker Peter Bacanovic believed they would never get caught.

But Martha Stewart and Peter Bacanovic were wrong,” Schachter said. “They left behind a trail of evidence exposing the truth about Martha Stewart’s sale and exposing the lies they would tell.”

Stewart and Bacanovic faced nine federal counts related to the sale of about $225,000 worth of stock in late October or early November.

And Schachter said that Stewart’s attempt to change the log of a message Bacanovic left Stewart and Bacanovic claimed they had the $60 agreement was a lie. Among them: The pair has no record of having made the plan, other than a worksheet produced by Bacanovic with the notation “(attached) next to ImClone stock — in a different ink from other marks on the page.”

Schachter also listed inconsistencies — mistakes, he called them — in the stories Stewart and Bacanovic told federal investigators looking into the ImClone trade in early 2002.

For example, Bacanovic told them they wanted it to be.”

Judge Miriam Goldman Cedarbaum dismissed the top count of securities fraud, which accused Stewart of misleading investors in her own company when she claimed publicly that she sold ImClone because of the $60 deal. The judge said the government had failed to provide enough evidence of criminal intent by Stewart.

The dismissal left jurors to grapple with one central question — whether Stewart and the broker lied to the government about the stock sale.

The remaining counts against Stewart carry up to 20 years in prison, although federal sentencing guidelines could mean a sentence of just a year or so if she is convicted on all counts.

Wall Street

Manufacturing stocks post gains

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Dow Jones Industrial average and Nasdaq composite index posted their strongest gains since early February on Monday as news that the improving manufacturing sector has managed to create jobs — a key piece of the economic recovery that has been lacking.

Manufacturing further expanded in February, although at a slightly slower pace than expected, according to a survey of purchasing managers. Analysts said the sector was consolidating its gains and preparing for stronger growth in the future.

Although the ISM’s main business index fell to 61.4 in February compared with a revised 63.6 in January, analysts noted that the group’s subindex for employment was surprisingly higher.

“This helps support the feeling that the employment picture is improving,” said Peter Peter, chief market strategist at Wall Street Access. “Everyone we’ve been talking to is employment is getting better, but it’s not where everyone wants it to be.”

The Dow jumped 94.22, or 0.9 percent, to 10,678.14, its biggest one-day point gain since Feb. 11.

The technology-focused Nasdaq rose 27.98, or 1.4 percent, to 2,057.80, posting its biggest gains since Feb. 6 despite concerns about the strength of semiconductor stocks.

The Standard & Poor’s 500 index was up 11.02, or 1 percent, to 1,155.97, posting its biggest one-day gains since Feb. 6.
Mr. President, where is the love?

Dear President George W. Bush,

Four years ago, I was apathetic when you beat Al Gore to become President of the United States. Four years ago, I cared more about Paul Pierce joining the Celtics, the movie "Gladiator" and the new song "Country Grammar" by Nelly than your slim victory for the White House.

Little did I know at the time that your election would prove the catalyst for my political awakening and engagement. And therefore, Mr. President, I want to begin by saying: Thank you.

Sept. 11, 2001 was certainly the most important global event of my generation. I will never forget Mr. Donovan in calculus class telling us that two planes had flown into the World Trade Center towers. I will never forget sitting in Mr. Scannlan's history class when he told us, "Boys, the world will never be the same after today." I will never forget sitting at home with my brother and watching you address the nation. I remember being filled with pride, confidence and hope as you stood before me and told the nation that we would get through this traumatic day. I was proud, on that day, to be an American.

It was on that day, Mr. President, when you faced a choice. You faced a choice of using international law to mobilize the international community to combat terrorism or employing a unilateral approach of fighting terrorism.

You faced a choice between bringing justice to these crimes against humanity through a military police force or using traditional war tactics to invade rogue states that could potentially harbor terrorists.

Mr. President, you chose the latter, and I fear this may have been the most deadly decision of your administration. Since that decision, the United States has engaged in two wars, resulting in the deaths of at least 10,000 Iraqi and Afghan civilians and at least 750 U.S. troops. In the case of Iraq, it has recently been discovered that your claims about weapons of mass destruction were false. The United States has become occupier and parent to two troubled and unstable countries, which are soaking in tens of billions of U.S. taxpayer dollars and could easily become breeding grounds for terrorism. Osama bin Laden has not been caught, al-Qaeda remains relatively strong and the War on Terror has no end in sight.

Mr. President, on Sept. 11, the United States received the sympathy and support of the entire international community, giving us the highest international approval rating in U.S. history. Two years later, we have the lowest approval rating in U.S. history. Two years later, we have the most deadly decision of your administration.

Unfortunately, Mr. President, your foreign policy is not the only problematic element of your agenda. Under your watch, about three million Americans have lost their jobs, 2.5 million have lost their healthcare and two million have slipped into poverty. That is not to mention the other 35 million Americans who live daily in poverty, the more than 41 million Americans who live without healthcare and the 30 million Americans who suffer from hunger.

Mr. President, where is the love?

Mr. President, I want to encourage you to turn the next 10 years into months to bring back the love that is so missing in our country right now. I want to encourage you to stop the cuts on social service programs, to work more closely with the international community on global issues and to empower the American people to rebuild communities committed to justice and equality.

Mr. President, where is the love? It's time that we get serious about building a country where the love is not so hidden.

Peter Quaranto

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Quote of the Day

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on." — Robert Frost, poet
**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**Student elections are comparatively good**

So you say that student government elections are ineffective. Well, we beg to differ. Who are we, you ask? Well, we are those who know and love from the viewpoint of the Select Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. In order to get one's name on the ballot, it is required that one get 700 signatures. These signatures are required in order to show that the candidate has popular support from the student body. Before the Triumvirate, 300 signatures were required to prove student support. This is progress from apathy. Go figure. Anyhow, try and remember that even at 300, there was just about anyone and his cat could run for office; it's required that the students have popular support. This was not always the case. Let us look to this development through history.

Before Andrew Jackson in 1828, the electoral college in the United States worked poorly at best. The president was really chosen by the elites. In this system, the student body president would be elected by select administrators and student athletes. Before declaring our independence, we were under the rule of England, and so in comparison, the student body president would be chosen by the Board of Trustees. Not to mention that then we would be, like England, the root of all that is evil.

The Founding Fathers were well aware of the Athenian Democratic phenomenon from the 6th to the 4th century B.C.E. and wanted to make sure that we were as democratic as possible without being psychotically like those crazed candidates who dwell in Lake Place. Hence, the representative democracy (more of a fiction, really), rather than actual democracy, under which if we applied the Athenian system (the student body president would be chosen at random from a lottery every day to head the Student Senate, which would also be chosen by lottery). This could lead to some won from the helibool of Zahm leading, again leading us to the root of all that is evil.

So why did those crazy Hellenas come up with their system? Well, the whole aristocracy thing wasn't really working for them, and with the importance of private property (the oikos, or Greek household) a democracy made sense. Before that, the Greek world was in the control of Fastelices. These were some hocho type guys who were more than everybody else and were supposed to share the wealth. This worked as long as the Fastelices didn't get greedy. The Fastelices were the ones getting together making decisions, so again, the students and athletes would be the ones calling the shots. However, the problem with that is, when some uppity young stud comes and steals your woman, the rest of the Fastelices have to come to your aid and a giant war erupts (see Trojan War). Basically, if an athlete from Indiana University were to come and steal a Notre Dame athlete's girl, Notre Dame would go to war with IU. In large wooden horses. Of course, this begs the question of why you would try to steal a good Catholic girl as your sex slave when you could have a morally casual one without the expense of war from IU.

In conclusion, instead of focusing on how bad the electoral system is at Notre Dame, think of how good it is in comparison, and think how bad it could be. Granted, we all want to start a war with IU and ride around in wooden horses, but it's one of those things we should all do willingly and for the right reasons, like IU being the root of all evil.

So next time you want to talk about the ineffectiveness of student government, think about the little changes that occur because of our marvelous system. Because of the magnificent success of the helper-monkey, channel-building tics of the Triumvirate, you are now guaranteed to have more people run who are truly interested in making a difference, a difference that, thanks to our system, they can actually make.

Ryan Gagner
Stanford Hall
John McCarthy
Keough Hall

**Give Zahm Hall a chance**

Zahm Hall, or "Zaam House" as its residents would prefer, is a very special place on campus, being ever so conscious of the environment. Zahm is doing its part with the unparalleled number of beer cans it recycles in any given week. They provide a quiet haven for both Notre Dame and Saint Mary's girls who, because of the cold, just could not make it all the way to the gym. They look out for fellow students by testing dining hall cups to ensure they will not break if tossed down the sink. But Zahm is most interesting: it is looking out for a community here at Notre Dame.

As for Zahm, it is disliked. They are disliked by other male dorms and especially by the administration. I must admit, making sure that students are 'in' is a very effective strategy to keep the rest of the Basileis from going to the Big House. The Zahm interhall hockey team "Fear" is nowhere to be found. The fact is, Zahm is disliked by other dorms. Not only add fuel to the fire. Zahm will only cheer for its own. The men of Zahm feel family ties to their dorm. They regard each other as brothers, and continually give each other unwavering support. At the preliminary rounds of Bengal Bouts, it seemed as if all of Zahm came out to see each Zahmie fighter. Every member of the Zahm crowd stood the duration of each Zamblie's fight. Win or lose, each fighter received never-ending cheers, yells and support from his dorm. But Zahm does not revolve around sports and parties. They participate in many service projects, most of which go overlooked.

Zahm has donated the most coats for Project Warmth two years in a row. This Thursday, Zahm residents will cook dinner for ex-convicts who are trying to reenter society at Dismus House, a service project the dorm is active in. Zahm is also active with the Robinson Community Learning Center and "There are Children Here," two after-school programs for local children. The residence conditions at Notre Dame are truly unique from almost every major university in the United States, and many students have objections to Notre Dame's policies. Many people would like to see the University develop co-ed dorms or change the partisal policy. Whether or not this will happen in the future is beyond me. But the fact is, administrators have held strong with their policies because they believe they are essential to the University's current mission, both as a Catholic institution and as an academic and social community. The University wants each dorm to become a community in itself, a place for each student to regard as their own home and neighborhood. Dorm spirit is encouraged, and the University takes great pride in the spirit the students show for both their dorm and school. And yet the administration seems to have it out for Zahm. The fact is, Zahm is exactly what the administration claims it wants. They have unparalleled dorm spirit. They are not only a community but a family, and they are active in numerous charities and service projects. No amount of dissient or ResLife letters can change the spirit and essence that is Zaam House. The administration and a wealth of students will continue to dislike Zahm. But it will only add fuel to the fire. Zahm will only get louder, party longer, and we'll keep it loud and dislike Zahm, just do not write them off.

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A Spokesman for a Generation

By JULIE BENDER
Assistant Scene Editor

He's not the typical rock icon. In fact, he might more aptly be called the antithesis of rock 'n' roll. He's only 5-foot-6. He's a scruffy, pale-looking thing who walks slightly hunched. His nose is hooked, his mouth sneering. He wears a harmonic strap around his neck and his right thumb is eerily long for the purpose of guitar strumming. And then there is the matter of his voice.

Bob Dylan certainly doesn't look the part of the rock 'n' roll star, but his influence in the music industry is one that has had more power and sway than anyone could have predicted from a skinny kid out of Minnesota.

Starting Friday, that same skinny kid will be playing four dates in Chicago at different venues—the Aragon Ballroom, the Riviera Theatre, the Vic Theatre and Park West. These are just a few more stops on Dylan's so-called "Never Ending Tour" that he has been on since 1988. Following in the footsteps of country and blues artists before him, Dylan lives on stage doing one-night stands in various cities throughout the world.

Touring is not to promote new albums, but rather to reshape and reinvigorate the art of live songwriting.

Although Dylan does not actually write new songs on stage, he reworks songs in his repertoire, changing lyrics, rhythms and instruments until the songs become almost unrecognizable from their original form. Some fans dislike this and would rather the songs be played with strict adherence to their album versions. But the majority of Dylan fans love the game of trying to guess what he is playing. Often it isn't until the second or third verse that a familiar lyric or guitar hook can be distinguished. It's all part of the strangeness that is Bob Dylan.

Bob Dylan has been a hugely influential force in music throughout the decades. Often labeled as the spokesperson for his generation, Dylan's lyrics remain a timeless articulation of humanity, society, politics and emotion.

Greenwich Village folk circuit that was fast becoming popular in early 1960s. Despite his odd looks and even odder, nasal voice, Dylan gained a devoted following. Playing folk standards and original songs that boosted a style all of his own. Uneven, dissonant and words jammed and stretched. Into precocious phrases became Dylan's trademarks. By the age of 20 he had released his self-titled debut album. Pegged as the next Guthrie in the early quaking of Vietnam and the civil rights movement.

Dylan's words and songs become the guidepost of a slightly lost and chaotic generation. Songs like "Blowin' in the Wind," "The Times They Are A-Changin'" and "Mr. Tambourine Man."
Essential Dylan

Five necessary albums for any music fan

The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan

1963

The first of Dylan's albums to receive widespread attention, Freewheelin' includes songs "Blowin' in the Wind" and "Don't Think Twice, It's Alright."

Highway 61 Revisited

1965

Named after the highway running through Dylan's home state of Minnesota, this album includes "Like a Rolling Stone," "Just Like Tom Thumb's Blues" and "Desolation Row.

Blonde on Blonde

1966

In the words of Jack Black from the movie High Fidelity, don't tell anyone if you don't own this album. Key tracks include "Rainy Day Woman #12 and 35," "Visions of Johanna" and "Just Like a Woman."

Blood on the Tracks

1975

Written during the divorce process with his wife, Dylan made this album a melange of heartbeat, confusion, revenge and hope with songs like "Tangled Up in Blue" and "Shelter From the Storm."

"Love and Theft"

2001

On his most recent album, Dylan is loose and bluesy, singing with the aged voice of a man who has seen it all. Songs include "Honest With Me" and "Mississippi."
in the closest bout of the night.

Off-campus senior Joe "The Iron Chef" Schmiedlin hoped to cook up a win in his bout against Zahn senior Paul Robinson. Schmiedlin went on attack first, but was not able to sustain it. Robinson's rallies carried from the end of the first round into the second, but the see-saw battle continued when Schmiedlin put together a quick combination to end the round two. However, Robinson would have the last word, and his jab-hook combinations were enough to earn him a victory by unanimous decision.

150 pounds

Keough sophomore Clayton Lougee could not hit what he saw against off-campus junior T.J. "Twinkle Toes" D'Agostino. The senior lived up to his nickname as Lougee struggled to connect against the dancing, weaving and blocking D'Agostino. Though D'Agostino's elusiveness began to wear down in the third round, he had built enough of a cushion to advance in an unanimous decision.

The experience of senior David Harmon met all of himself. O'Neill freshman Ben Turner took the two exchanged blows during the close first round.

Pfizenmayer, however, began to exploit his height and reach against Alumni junior Michael Alves who made the decisive move in the third round.

Mark Basola, left, blocks a punch from Sean Tucker Monday night during the quarterfinals of Bengal Bouts. Basola emerged with a split decision victory.

Bengal Bouts 180-pounds — Heavyweight

Christoforetti defeats Frisch in unanimous decision

By ANN LOUGHERY

Sporre Wine

To begin the 180-pound quarterfinals, Jim Christoforetti earned a unanimous win over Keough freshman Chris Frisch. Though Frisch delivered some key punches, Christoforetti displayed his boxing prowess with several potent hits in the third round.

In a split decision, senior Denis Sullivan edged out senior Brent Burish. Despite a slow start, Burish punched his way into the third round with a right hook to the body.

The third fight of the division saw senior Eric Callahan take on Alumni junior Chip Marks. Callahan won with a unanimous victory.

Finally, senior Larry Rooney outlasted Siegfried junior Chris Henschel in a split decision, as Rooney landed harder punches to end the intense fight.

Heavyweight

By MEGAN DAVISSON

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in the third round. It would not be enough for the judges who awarded Hoffman a victory by split decision.

245 pounds

The title of intra-dorm supremacy was on the line when fellow Zahn residents senior Luke Dillon and freshman Emerson Marks took to the ring. Russell landed a few jabs, even sending Dillon to his corner a bloodied nose. But in the end, Dillon proved too tough for Russell, securing a unanimous victory.

The next bout had the first significant head clash difference of the night when tall, lanky senior Alves took to the canvas against shorter D'Agostino Ed Liva. The difference did not initially bother Liva as the two exchanged blows during the close first round. Pfizenmayer, however, began to exploit his height and reach against Alumni junior Michael Alves who made the decisive move in the third round.

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Colorado coach, Gary Barnett, has found himself in the middle of recruiting scandal where high school football players were allegedly offered women and alcohol during university visits.

House seeks hearing for recruiting scandal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two House Democrats pressed for congressional inquiries into allegations of sexual misconduct and recruiting tactics in the Colorado football program and in college sports nationwide.

Michigan Rep. John Conyers, the senior Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said Monday that recruiting practices at Colorado and elsewhere are "spiraling dangerously out of control." He requested that the committee conduct a hearing on the matter.

"The concept of women as a reward for male athletes is a rampant attitude throughout both college and pro football," Conyers wrote in a letter to a committee chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis. "This committee should take the opportunity amidst all this scandal to examine whether or not our laws are adequately protecting both the safety and equality of women on campus."

Likewise, Colorado Rep. Diana DeGette said Monday that she is working with leaders of the House Education and Commerce Committee to mount an investigation into recruiting in college sports across the country.

"I am very concerned that the recruiting problems alleged to have taken place in the University of Colorado's football program are not isolated to either the EU or college football," she said. "These allegations may reflect a much wider problem."

A spokesman for Sensenbrenner, who is in Wisconsin, could not immediately say if the congressman had seen Conyers' request.

A month ago, three women filed federal lawsuits alleging they were raped by football players or recruits in 2001.

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In Brief

Bettis takes big pay cut to stay with Steelers

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jerome Bettis, the sixth-leading rusher in NFL history, agreed Monday to take a significant pay cut to return to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Bettis and the Steelers worked out a one-year contract that will pay him $1 million, with the chance to earn an additional $1 million in incentives.

Bettis was to have made $3,757,000, plus a $750,000 roster bonus, as part of the $30 million, six-year contract he signed in 2001. That deal included a $6 million signing bonus, but there is no signing bonus in his newest agreement.

Bettis and agent Lamont Smith spent the last several weeks trying to work out a restructured deal that would keep the 35-year-old Bettis in Pittsburgh.

"I still think I can get it done. I still think I can play this game," Bettis said.

Panthers agree to 5-year extension with Smith

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Steve Smith agreed to a five-year contract extension with the Carolina Panthers on Monday after leading the NFC champions in receiving last season.

Contract details were not disclosed, but Smith's agent Derrick Fox said the deal includes a team option for a sixth season.

He made the Pro Bowl as a return man as a rookie, but wouldn't settle for being pigeonholed in that role simply because at 5-foot-9 and 185 pounds he was considered too small to play receiver.

Smith led the Panthers last season with 88 catches and 1,110 yards receiving.

Webber's high school refuses to forfeit titles

BEVERLY HILLS, Mich. — Chris Webber's high school refused Monday to forfeit three state championship basketball titles he helped win, a day after the Michigan High School Athletic Association ruled he should not have been allowed to play because of his relationship with a former Michigan booster.

The Sacramento Kings star violated his amateur standing and was ineligible during the time he played at Detroit Country Day, the governing body said Sunday. The association had left it up to the school to decide whether to forfeit games in which Webber played.

Country Day Headmaster Gerald Hansen said there was no trustworthy basis to support the MHSAA's claim that Webber was ineligible.

"The assertion is based upon unproven innuendo, suspicion and speculation," said Hansen.

"Because Country Day has been given no credible evidence that Mr. Webber violated his amateur status while a student here, the school felt obligated to fight to retain the championship titles and to protect the school's interests."
Women's hockey sweeps Michigan

Club Sports

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Tennis

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teristically struggled for singles wins. The No. 1 matchup was closed out and not scored, reflected with Scott losing in 6-4, 5-7, 6-2 match against Wurtzman, the nation's No. 2 singles player.

At No. 2 singles, D'Amico defeated Langenkamp, 6-3, 6-3, tying the match at No. 3. And No. 3 and Wilson came back to beat Keckley, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4. The doubles team tied at three as the No. 6 doubles match between D'Amico and Keckley continued well after the conclusion of the rest of the singles. Langenkamp battled back from a one-set deficit to tie the tiebreaker, but eventually lost in the third set. The loss clinched the match for Ohio State.

The match against Ohio State was our best match all year," Bayliss said. "It's unfortunate when you play your best, and it's just not good enough."

The script was much the same Sunday, as the Irish took the doubles point, but lost 5-2 to Big East rival Miami.

"This was the best we played in all three doubles all year," said Bayliss. "Things are looking up there."

The D'Amico-Keckley duo beat Tim Krebs and Collin Purcell in the closest of the matches, winning 8-5. Haddock and Scott defeated Josh Hoyes and Jeremiah Fuller, 8-3, and Bass and Langenkamp defeated Josh Cohen and Eric Hechtman at No. 3.

I felt great after doubles," Bayliss said. "You have to give Miami credit, they really stepped it up a level in singles play and just took it to us."

Bass proved to be the team's most consistent singles player this weekend, taking Hoyes in straight sets with a score of 7-5, 6-2. Bass improved to 8-3 in dual matches this season, earning a 3-2 record playing up at a spot at No. 3.

However, No. 2 D'Amico and No. 1 King quickly left the courts with losses, and No. 1 Scott dropped a difficult match to Cohen. Pressure then moved to Keckley at No. 5, who kept Notre Dame's hopes alive by battling into a third set against Purcell. But the Miami player prevailed, clinching the match for the Hurricanes.

Attention was again focused on Langenkamp, who won a second-set tiebreaker to take the match and put the Irish in a third set. The Hurricanes were again victorious, however, with Fuller defeating Langenkamp in a third-set match tiebreaker.

"I felt great, you have to find a way to make it positive," Bayliss said. "Sometimes you have to bend a little before you toughen up — hopefully we respond to this in the right way."

The Irish have their last scheduled home match against Michigan State at 4 p.m. today at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

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Competitive Irish excel this weekend

No. 20 Notre Dame defeats Indiana 5-2 at home Sunday

By ANN LOUGHERY sports writer

Ask coach Jay Louderback to describe the Irish, and he will be quick to emphasize their competitive spirit.

"They like to compete," Louderback said. "A competitor is someone that plays for every point. They're not afraid to take a chance. When it's a tight match, they're not afraid to be aggressive and come into the net. If they're in trouble, they play defensively to get the ball back and make their competitors work."\n
No. 20 Notre Dame (7-1) proved they were deserving of Louderback's description Sunday afternoon, outlasting Indiana 5-2. They claimed the doubles points — something that has been critical this season — and four of the six singles points against the No. 8 Hoosiers.

"All of our kids played very well this meet; they were very poised, even under pressure," Louderback said. "Our two doubles teams started off a little slow, but fought their way back into it."

No. 42 Catrina Thompson and Christian Thompson delivered the first win for the Irish 8-4 versus No. 45 Karie Schlukebir and Linda Tran at the No. 1 spot. The Thompsons are 6-2 versus No. 45 Karie Schlukebir and Linda Tran at the No. 1 doubles position.

"This meet was a boost of confidence for us," Stastny said. "Every time we play, we grow closer and closer as a team."

At No. 3, junior Sarah Jane Connelly and sophomore Kristina Stastny clinched the doubles point after defeating Laura McCaffigan and Dora Vastag 8-6.

"We played well early on," Louderback said. "Our No. 3 doubles came through and played well when we needed it. We've always gotten the doubles win at No. 2, but we had some trouble there this week. It was good to see the other two doubles teams step up and really come through."

The Irish also fared well in singles with wins at the Nos. 1, 3, 5 and 6. At No. 1 singles, No. 17 Salas bested No. 30 Dora Vastag 6-0, 6-2. Salas now has an 11-5 record against ranked opponents this season. At No. 6, Stastny defeated Grimm 6-3, 6-0, while Catrina Thompson secured the win for the Irish with a clinching 8-3, 6-2 defeat of Batty at No. 3. Sarah Jane Connelly rounded out the singles wins with a 7-5, 6-3 victory over Schlukebir.

Last week, Louderback predicted that the Irish would face tough matches at every position and he was right.

The last two matches were settled in matchbreakers. Tran edged out Christian Thompson at No. 2 and Lauren Connelly suffered her first loss of the season in a 5-7, 6-4, 1-0 (10-8) decision to McCaffigan.

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No. 3: Catrina Thompson (ND) d. Sarah Batty (IU) 6-3, 6-2
No. 4: Laura McCaffigan (IU) d. Lauren Connelly (ND) 6-7, 6-4, 1-0 (10-4)
No. 5: Sarah Jane Connelly (ND) d. Karie Schlukebir (IU) 6-3, 6-1
No. 6: Kristina Stastny (ND) d. Martina Grimm (IU) 6-3, 6-0

DOUBLES
No. 1: Thompson/Thompson (ND) d. Schlukebir/Tran (IU) 6-4
No. 2: Batty/Grimm (IU) d. L. Connelly/Thompson (ND) 6-4
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BENGAL BOUTS 153-pounds — 170-pounds
No. 1 Duffey lands quarterfinal win

By ANN LOUGHERY  Sport Writer

The 153-pound quarterfinals started with a win for senior J. Ryan Duffey. The No. 1 seed Duffey defeated Dillon sophomore Michael Dolan. St. Edward’s junior Bobby Gorynski also collected a win over O’Neill senior Nathan Schomas.

The next fight resulted in a unanimous decision in favor of off-campus junior Tim Huml, who defeated off-campus senior Don Zimmer after delivering several headshots. Dillon sophomore Joe Rehmann then faced Alumni senior Corey Harkins. Harkins took over in the second round to earn a unanimous decision.

153 pounds
O’Neill junior Nathan Lohmeyer defeated Zahm sophomore Paul Hague in a unanimous decision. Lohmeyer delivered a battery of hits in all three rounds.

In a split decision, Keough sophomore Mark Basola was victorious over Keenan senior Sean Tucker. Basola returned with renewed energy and doled out a series of quick hits in the third round.

Junior Mike Panzica earned a split decision over Siegfried senior Nathan Dyer. The match ended at 1:05 in the second round when Roadhouse overpowered Dyer.

O’Neill junior Justin Alanis won his match against Alumni sophomore Charlie Gough at 1:29 in the first round after he hit him in the face.

Senior William Phillip overpowered Sorin sophomore Patrick Flaherty to end the match at 1:07 in the second round.

170 pounds
In a unanimous decision, senior Tommy Demko won the first match of the 170-pound weight division over Lehigh freshman Brian Sefton, with a number of forceful headshots.

Law school grad student Matthew Smith took the upper hand during the third round to defeat Zahm senior Patrick McCraw in a unanimous decision.

The next fight resulted in a unanimous win for senior James Ward over senior John Wuhoske. Law student Brian Nicholson and senior Matt Kruse were the last to fight. Knust was slow to react, and Nicholson claimed the win in a split decision, finishing with three right hooks.

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Irish defeat No. 14 Stanford 16-5

By MATT PUGLISI  Sport Writer

Nearly 11 months after No. 14 Stanford handed No. 17 Notre Dame a heart-breaking 14-13 double-overtime loss at Moose to six additional, the Irish roared to a 16-5 triumph over the Cardinal.

The vengeful victory concluded an undefeated weekend in California for the Irish (2-0) who squeaked by California in an overtime thriller, 12-11 Friday afternoon before crushing the Cardinal (3-2) Sunday.

"Every single aspect of our game was clicking," coach Tracy Coyne said. "Any win is a good one, but we executed our game plan perfectly and we just played really well." Senior midfielders Abby Owen and Meredith Simon each tallied four goals as the Irish jumped out to a 6-0 lead in the contest's first 18 minutes.

"It was huge to take an early lead," Coyne said. "To come out and dominate early really put Stanford in a position where they were playing catch-up, and it's hard to play your best in that situation.

"Heading into halftime with an 8-3 advantage, the Irish allowed a Cardinal goal before rattling off four additional goals to put the game away." Senior attacker Lauren Fischer and Kristen Gaudreau each recorded a pair of goals and junior goalie Carol Dixon made nine saves to pick up her second victory in as many career starts.

In Friday’s game against California (1-2), the Irish jumped out to 5-1 and 8-2 advantages before allowing seven consecutive goals to fall behind the Golden Bears 9-8 with only 3:39 remaining in the second half.

"(The Bears) are very athletic and very fast," Coyne said. "They have a lot of determination and heart. They've been down before and rallied back, so they had the confidence that they could do it."

The Irish quickly rebounded as Owen and Simon both found the back of the net on free position shots to give Notre Dame a one-goal lead with 4:21 left. Simon's go-ahead goal was the senior's third of the game.

Senior Andrea Klinik plays defense for the Irish against Team Canada earlier this season.

But the Golden Bears refused to give up. Leanne Zillioti netted the game-tying score on a free position shot with only five seconds left to knot the score at 10 and send the game to overtime.

Owen took her game into her hands in the extra period. The middle scored both Irish goals to complete the hat trick and secure a 12-11 opening day victory for Notre Dame.

"Overall, it was just a very good trip," Coyne said.

The Irish return to action Sunday when they welcome No. 15 Cornell in their home opener before heading to Orlando, Fla., to take on No. 4 Duke and No. 8 James Madison during spring break.

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Hoops

64-35 on the road Jan. 21 and the Orangewomen have lost 11 straight games since that defeat. McGraw said the key to stopping the Orangewomen is shutting down Julie McBride. McBride averages 16.8 points per game this season.

"Julie McBride is one of the best players in the league," McGraw said. "She is really important to their team and we can't let her get good looks."

The Irish will open Big East Tournament play Sunday at either 6 p.m. or 8 p.m., depending on outcomes of other games.

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Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs

Undergraduate members of the gay, lesbian, and bisexual community are invited to apply for membership on the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs.

APPLICATIONS are now available in the Office of Student Affairs (316 Main Building) or on the Standing Committee web site http://www.nd.edu/~scglsn/

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Stenglein took the mound for Notre Dame, and she was effective, giving up just one run in four innings.

Nicole DeFeau was 3-for-3 with a double and two singles.

Notre Dame, No. 14 Nebraska

In yet another Irish upset, Notre Dame was able to hold off the No. 14 Huskers (8-7) for the second time this season. Booth led the Irish, scattering four hits, striking out five and walking only two to pick up her second straight complete game and her third victory of the tournament.

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Time to shine
Four Irish seniors start in their last regular season home game tonight

By JOE HEFTLER
Sports Editor

Strangely enough, Senior Night should not be the final home game for four Irish seniors.

Notre Dame faces Syracuse tonight in the final regular season home game, but in the likely event the Irish make the NCAA Tournament, they will host the first two rounds at the Joyce Center. Still, for coach Muffet McGraw, tonight will be special.

"It's a really emotional night, especially with this class," McGraw said. "This has been a group that is just tremendous to work with. They've had great work ethic, positive attitude — everything you can ask for in a player, they've got it."

Seniors Monique Hernandez, Jeneka Joyce, Le'Tania Severe and Anoto Weese, along with junior Jacqueline Batteast will all start against the Orangemen.

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