Majors show some gender imbalance

College of Science, architecture school are exceptions

Editor’s note: This is the first in a two-part series on gender representation in Notre Dame’s colleges.

By KATE GALES
News Writer

How often does a professor look over his or her 100 students and see 47 women and 53 men? Not often. Instead, many immediately notice a striking difference in the number of men and women enrolled in a particular class.

None of the University’s five undergraduate divisions — the College of Arts and Letters, the College of Science, the College of Engineering, the Mendoza College of Business and the School of Architecture — can claim a gender breakdown exactly proportional to the 4,358 men and 3,913 women making up Notre Dame’s undergraduate population, according to the Office of Institutional Research. However, some areas see a more significant sex discrepancy than others. A closer examination of the people behind the statistics can immediately notice a striking difference and see 47 women and 53 men? Look over his or her 100 students. In each semester reveals the significant sex discrepancy that makes representation in Notre Dame’s undergraduate colleges.

Only 21.5 percent of engineers are female

By KATE GALES
News Writer

It’s a man’s world, and that’s exactly what Cathy Pieronek is trying to change. At Notre Dame, nearly four out of five students enrolled in the College of Engineering are male. Women are a visible and significant minority, comprising only 21.5 percent of the undergraduate population.

Only 21.5 percent of engineers are female

"Our biggest goal is keeping the women who already go here interested and making sure the program meets their needs," Pieronek, director of the Women’s Engineering Program, said. The WEP was created in 2002 to better serve the needs of females in the College of Engineering.

Xerox VP to speak at SMC graduation

By ANGELA SAOUD
Saint Mary’s Editor

Diane Daly McGarry, the vice president and chief marketing officer at Xerox Corporation, will be the Saint Mary’s commencement speaker. College officials announced Friday that McGarry, who attended Saint Mary’s in the late 1960s, said, “Some of the best experiences of my life were at Saint Mary’s, and I’m so looking forward to coming and meeting everyone. Susan Damper, executive assistant to College President Marilou Eldred, said there are a number of reasons McGarry was chosen. “She has a wonderful life story,” Damper said. “When she was a student here, she was what we called a staff student worker. She worked everyday at the dining hall, in addition to having two part-time jobs, i.e. gas station assistant to College President Marilou Eldred, said there are a number of reasons McGarry was chosen. ‘She has a wonderful life story,’ Damper said. ‘When she was a student here, she was what we called a staff student worker. She worked everyday at the dining hall, in addition to having two part-time jobs, i.e. gas station attendant and evaluation. ‘For you [seniors], this is your time to pass on your time jobs, [as a] gas station attendant and evaluation. ‘For you [seniors], this is your time to pass on your knowledge,'” Jordan said. ‘We’ve got a lot of great things for you.” The FTC is intended to prepare students for the Leader Development and Assessment Course, taken during the summer after the cadets’ junior year. The LDAC, held at Ft. Lewis, near Tacoma, Wash., is a 32-day course that prepares cadets for careers as Army officers. Cadets — who are commissioned as second lieutenants before graduation from Notre Dame — receive full scholarships in return for a four-year commitment to active duty.

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Army ROTC cadets conduct field training in Michigan

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

FT. CUSTER; Mich. — The Fighting Irish Battalion lived up to its name last weekend, as Notre Dame’s Army ROTC unit conducted training exercises at Ft. Custer, near Battle Creek, Mich. About 85 Notre Dame ROTC students joined more than 200 cadets from Central, Western and Eastern Michigan Universities and the University of Michigan for the weekend-long field training exercise — dubbed “Operation Snow Warrior.”

The battalion left Pasquerilla Center Friday afternoon and drove to Ft. Custer. Upon their arrival, the cadets — clad in camouflage fatsigues and combat boots — stowed their equipment in barracks that once housed German prisoners of war during World War II. The cadets then assembled behind the base’s headquarters building for a regimental activation ceremony, where personnel from all five universities were put under the command of Lt. Col. Kelly Jordan, Notre Dame professor of military science. After an honor guard unveiled the regimental colors, a gold flag bearing the shield from the Notre Dame seal — Jordan encouraged the cadets to use their time at Ft. Caster effectively. Jordan, a former instructor at West Point who has a Ph.D. in history, compared the weekend’s opportunities to the Allied invasion at Normandy in 1944. “Just like Eisenhower had a 36-hour window on D-Day, you’ll have a short window to make the most of your training time here,” he said. “We’ve got a lot of great things for you.” The FTC is intended to prepare students for the Leader Development and Assessment Course, taken during the summer after the cadets’ junior year. The LDAC, held at Ft. Lewis, near Tacoma, Wash., is a 32-day course that prepares cadets for careers as Army officers. Cadets — who are commissioned as second lieutenants before graduation from Notre Dame — receive full scholarships in return for a four-year commitment to active duty.

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Age

"Score!" The cadet's face lit up as he held up seven-dollar cup of Bud Light. "They said they'd give out free beer for a man in uniform!" He trotted proudly back up the bleacher steps, showing off his alcoholic badge of appreciation to the 60-odd soldiers who had accompanied him to this Detroit Tigers-Cleveland Indians spring training game in Lakeland, Fla., and urging them to go cash in on the deal for themselves.

"That is," he added with a smirk, "if you're of age." Sitting three rows down at Joker Merchant Stadium, savoring peanuts and the cursive "Budweiser" scrawled across the outfield fences. Here were soldiers taking a day off from readying the powerful country in the free world off their shoulders, if only for an ugly three-hour, five-errour sluggish.

And here was that country telling them they couldn't handle a beer. These were not inarticulate 17 year-olds begging for booze, nor were they devious 20 year-olds wading shoddy fake ID's to enter an even shoddier field — but underage to take a sip while watching the action on the infield.

"I, for one, knew where they were headed, but my feet. I doubt the men in uniform were soldiers taking a day off from readying the powerful country in the free world off their shoulders, if only for an ugly three-hour, five-errour sluggish. And here was that country telling them they couldn't handle a beer. These were not inarticulate 17 year-olds begging for booze, nor were they devious 20 year-olds wading shoddy fake ID's to enter an even shoddier field — but underage to take a sip while watching the action on the infield.

Though it didn't seem to concern them, I know what the men were thinking — "If you know I could play third base better than that!" and "ball that—" never brought me such as majestic awe as that moment — the biting contradiction of the situation hit me hard.

I was bound for five nights of break in Miami Beach, but the peanuts suddenly made me sick to my stomach. I bought seven years ago. I had no idea how sick they'd go down."

OF BEEF

Police investigate nearly 200 Hooters videos

WEST COVINA, Calif. — Nearly 200 women who applied for jobs at a Hooters restaurant were secretly videotaped in a trailer while they undressed to put on the Hooters uniform, police said.

Authorities raided the trailer last month and seized a computer that held 180 digital videos of the women, ages 17-25. L. Mark Detter said.

"None of us suspected we would find that many videos, and we are dealing with victims who are shocked and feel betrayed," he said.

Hooters is a national chain known for its scantily clad waitresses, who wear low-cut tank tops and shorts. The restaurant in West Covina, about 18 miles outside of Los Angeles, was scheduled to open in April.

Officials worry as goot farmer's herd grows

CORINTH, Vt. — State officials are investigating a man whose goats and his religious convictions against killing them have collided in a possibly inhumanely and definitely stinky way.

There were three goats on the farm Chris Weatherbee's mother bought seven years ago. Now there are 300 — including 70 living in his house, much of which is covered with a mix of goat droppings and hay.

Authorities last month raided the farm in Corinth, about 20 miles southeast of Montpelier, and seized 44 deemed unhealthy by a veterinarian. State police and the Central Vermont Humane Society are weighing whether to pursue animal cruelty or neglect charges.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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CORRECTIONS

In Friday's Observer, the editorial "Encourage all prospective to visit" incorrectly stated that U.S. News & World Report ranks dusk schools. Princeton Review ranks schools by this criteria. The Observer regrets the error.

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Kevin Walsh
Sophomore
Fisher

"Can we just have more weekends?"

Megan Lee
Sophomore
Welsh Family

"Only if they're hot."

Tom Schreck
Sophomore
Fisher

"Why? Is Notre Dame hurting for students?"

Emily Slodok
Freshman
Pangborn

"Arent they invested every weekend?"

IN BRIEF

Michael O'Sullivan will speak on "Engineering Careers and the Energy Industry" as a part of the Distinguished Lecture Series from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. today in DeBartolo Hall room 101.

Architect and educator Thomas Norman Rajkovich will present a lecture "Climbing Mount Parnassus: Drawing Parallels" from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. today in Bond Hall room 104.

To mark Cesar Chavez Day, a variety of events including the showing of a video, a discussion and a candlelight procession to the groto will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. today in DeBartolo Hall room 102.

The New Directions in Russian Cinema Film Series will sponsor a showing of the movie "Sideburns" from 7:30 to 9:15 p.m. tonight in DeBartolo hall room 120.

The Indian Student Association will present the film "Fire," along with a discussion and Indian food from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in tonight in Montgomery Theatre in LaFortune Student Center.

The Class of 2005 will host Irish Idol 21 tonight from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Legends.

Basilica of the Sacred Heart rector Father Peter Rocca will say Mass in the last homily series tonight from 9 to 10 p.m. in the Alumni Hall Chapel.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to observer@nd.edu.
Students gather for peace

By KATIE MOUNTS
New Writer

Speakers from the Notre Dame community, across the nation and from abroad gathered to speak at the two-day Notre Dame Peace Conference Friday and Saturday, which organizers called a success even though fewer students than desired attended the event.

One of the most prominent speakers, Juan Mendez, Notre Dame’s director of the Center for Civil and Human Rights at the Notre Dame Law School and adopted “Prisoner of Conscience” of Amnesty International, spoke about the importance of combining concerns for peace with those for human rights.

“Peace, along with the absence of violence and killings, means a redress of human rights violations,” he said. He questioned the often lesser priority given to consequences of human rights violations as a part of amnesty agreements.

“The point is to insist on a better peace.”

Some of the most popular presentations were a debate on just war, a moderated discussion on case studies relating American’s domestic and international policies and an potion to Amnesty International’s “Prisoner of Conscience” program. The debate was followed by a question period and a reception.

Other presentations included a talk by the Notre Dame chapter of the Free Burma Coalition, talks by prize-winning human rights activist and Notre Dame Peace Conference vice president Stephanie Marshall and Nicole Rogers, a question and answer period, an open forum for students to bring in their controversial issues, a talk by Fitzpatrick and a question and answer period.

“Kate and I have been consumed with learning more about the situation in Burma,” Fitzpatrick said.

The two students are also putting their words into action on campus by trying to establish Notre Dame’s own chapter of the Free Burma Coalition. Fitzpatrick thought the conference was “a good opportunity to engage in dialogue about these issues.”

“On a campus that’s not very politically active,” Belden said, “we’d do anything we can to spread the word about the coalition. It’s also very encouraging to see the other case studies and see what other people are doing.”

Student co-chair Monica JaczZablah said that with the diversity of topics, organizers were able to bring in a wide variety of speaker, including more international applicants, from different fields.

Faculty sponsor Daniel Puliafito counted on the success of the conference.

“It’s fabulous,” he said. “The students did an incredible job organizing and put an incredible amount of time into it, and it’s paying off.”

The event’s success, however, only came after a tremendous amount of work by the student speakers.

“It was a lot more work than we expected,” JaczZablah said. She said she had had to handle “problems that came up with every event” such as making sure the schedule was followed carefully to ensure that all later events were not delayed.

JaczZablah also commented on the lack of political activism and student enthusiasm for peace studies, given the lack of political activism and student enthusiasm for peace studies.

“None of these speakers could have come if we hadn’t had the conference.”

“While, too, over 100 percent of the students at this conference, more than in past years, organizers were still disappointed that less than two percent of the Notre Dame community attended the widely publicized event.

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Organizers are pleased with Spring Visitaton

By AMANDA SHROPSHIRE
New Writer

The excitement of Spring Visitaton weekend has come to an end, with the departure of 160 visiting minority students.

This annual event introduces minority students to life at Notre Dame, in hopes that they will choose to attend the University. Spring Visitaton weekend began over 20 years ago and is filled with activities that try to relate to the students on many different levels.

Many current Notre Dame students, like juniors Stephanie Marshall and Nicole Rogers, served as hosts.

“The first night my recruit and I toured campus because she wanted to walk around and take pictures,” Marshall said. “My recruit went to the BCAC Fashion Show and Latin Expressions without me because I had to work. She seemed to enjoy herself and to be having a lot of fun.”

Latin Expressions and the BCAC Fashion Show are the major events that take place during the weekend. To most, these events serve as an introduction to what can happen at Notre Dame.

Rogers said the weekend influenced her decision to choose Notre Dame.

“Spring Visitaton definitely confirmed my desire to come to Notre Dame after seeing the people here,” said Rogers. “The activities during the weekend are the most exciting because of the minority presence. It is a good recruiting tool used to promote diversity.”

But the sentiment also exists that the weekend is not an accurate representation of life at Notre Dame.

“I also think it is important for the incoming students to know that Spring Visitaton weekend does not accurately reflect the complexion of the student body on an everyday basis,” Rogers said.

Marshall did not attend Spring Visitaton when she was in high school, but said if she had it would have helped her.

“I didn’t go to Spring Visitaton,” Marshall said. “I see now that if I had it would have made the transition better in terms of meeting people and making friends.”

Several organizers and student hosts said the weekend was a success, producing great events and a weekend of excitement on campus. They added that they heard many positive comments from the prospective students.

“I think it was pretty close to making a decision to come to Notre Dame,” Rogers said of her prospect.

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According to Pieronek, less than 20 percent of the degrees in engineering earned nationwide are earned by women, and less than one in 10 engineering degrees are earned by women. This number can be deceptive, however, as women in degrees in engineering are involved with a variety of professions such as patent law and education.

The first thing that we’re limited by, he said, is the pool of students who come to us. "Pieronek said. "We’re limited by choices girls make in junior high..." Many girls aren’t exposed to careers in engineering early enough to become interested.

"In addition to the WEP, the Society of Women Engineers is an active force on campus. "Part of what we try to do is work with students," Pieronek said. "Our students have a lot of opportunities to meet women connected with engineering.

Freshmen women in the engineering program are given a "big sister" by SWE to help them feel comfortable in the primarily male institution.

"I think that's a really good idea," said Michelle Hamrah, a freshman enrolled in the College of Engineering. Sometimes you need to talk to someone who's more experienced than you to help make decisions..."

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You have to believe that if you’re seeing high numbers of women in the college, it’s a more balanced view of professions and genders."

Joseph Marino College of Science Dean

Marino believes that Notre Dame compares very well to the national average, and possibly surpasses it. However, he observed the numbers "are not nearly enough."

"There are a lot of female TAs," Bridget Gogoll, a senior biology major, said. There are very few female teachers, but they are awesome. A lot of times, their teaching style is a lot easier to understand.

Marino says the United States as simply "catching up to" educational counterparts in Latin and South America, where women have dominated the sciences for decades. Although significantly smaller, the School of Architecture is in a similar situation. There are slightly fewer men than women enrolled in the college, but women are a minority on the faculty. "It’s not something I really worry about," said Father Richard Bullene, assistant chair of architecture. "We seem to have a really good balance, and it seems to fluctuate from class to class."

According to Institutional Research, 94 men and 99 women were architecture majors during the fall semester.

Bullene said that while the overall number of undergraduates enrolling in architecture has recently decreased by about 10 percent per semester, Notre Dame has attempted to diversify.

"The gender makeup of the class doesn’t seem to shift," he said. "Gina Martell, a fifth-year architecture student, agreed that equality has been achieved among students, but added that faculty had a long way to go."

"We’re pretty much exactly even," she said. "There are only two female teachers... but the faculty is really aware that needs to be fixed."

The program’s intense focus on classical architecture as a potential impediment to female student interest. Bullene confirmed the department is looking to diversify.

"Five years ago we were critiqued for an under-representation of women and minorities." Bullene said, speaking of the research program of architecture. "We are very conscious of this."

"We’re making progress... It’s just very hard to find available candidates, but it is a conscious goal of ours to address."

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**The Riley Prize in Art History and Criticism**

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

Rules governing the competition are available in the Art Department Office, 306 Riley Hall. Two copies of the submission must be delivered to the Art Department Office by 3:00 PM, Monday, April 5 to be eligible.

A student may only submit ONE entry.
Commissioners press for testimony

Rice says she wants to testify but is constitutionally barred and Bush won’t budge

Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — White House allies and Republicans involved in the Sept. 11 attacks pressed Sunday to hear open testimony from national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, with one commissioner calling her refusal a “blunder of the first order.”

Rice said in a TV interview that she wants to testify publicly, but is constitutionally barred from doing so, a senior administration official said Sunday afternoon, before the program aired. Rice also said in the “60 Minutes” interview that she wants to meet with family members of the Sept. 11 victims, to hear their concerns, the official said.

President Bush, spending a long weekend on his Texas ranch, gave no ground, and several aides said he will not change his mind on letting Rice testify. But Bush sent her and other top administration officials out for television interviews to rebuff fresh attacks on the way his administration has handled the threat of terrorism.

Sharpening his criticism, former counterterrorism chief Richard Clarke said Bush has had more success than Bush in trying to confront al-Qaida and Osama bin Laden’s organization.

“He did something, and President Bush did nothing prior to September 11,” Clarke told NBC’s “Meet the Press.” “I think they deserve a hearing.”

Clarke also said Bush’s current testimony about Sept. 11 contradicts Clarke’s current criticism.

Clarke said he also wanted Rice’s previous interview before the independent Sept. 11 commission declassified, along with e-mails between him and Rice, and other documents, including a memo he sent on Jan. 25, 2001 offering a road map to diplomacy on sources and methods.

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Colin Powell on CBS’s “Face the Nation” said, “My bias will be to provide this information in an unclassified manner not only to the commission, but to the American people.”

The White House spokesman Jim Morrell said decisions on declassification “will be made in discussion with the 9/11 commission.” One senior administration official said the White House and intelligence community would never agree to release the Sept. 4 national security directive, because “it contains sensitive information on sources and methods.”

Members of the Sept. 11 commission made clear they will not relent in their pursuit of public testimony from Rice, but said they were not inclined to subpoena her.

The White House has declined to let her appear at the commission’s televised hearings, citing the constitutional principle of separation of powers; the panel was created by Congress.

Iraq

Minis-ters escape attack, two killed

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Gunmen opened fire Sunday on a convoy carrying Iraq’s minister of public works, killing a driver and a bodyguard and injuring two others, the U.S.-led coalition said. The minister, Nisreen Berwari, was unhurt.

In another attack in the same city, Monday, Gunmen killed the head of a Kurdish party, a woman in Bagdad.

Saro Qader, an official with the Kurdistan Democratic Party, described the attack as an “assassination attempt.” Berwari is a member of the Kurdish party.

Iraqi police said the attack occurred around 11 a.m. in the al-Karama neighborhood of Mosul. They said the two men who were killed were both bodyguards, and that Berwari was in another car that was not hit by gunfire.

Berwari, who earned a degree at Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1999, is one of five Kurdish ministers in the coalition-appointed interim government. There are 20 other ministers.

Previously, Berwari was development minister in the Kurdish regional government, and she also served with United Nations organizations in Iraq.

Another female political leader, Aqila al-Hashimi, was assassinated in September.

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, right, listens as President Bush speaks to reporters at the end of a Cabinet meeting at the White House Tuesday.
The New cadre are
doing a great job,
especially with the freshmen.

Leon Gil
Senior cadet

"It's a great time, and everyone is getting a lot of good experience."

Noreen Walton
Sophomore cadet

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racks to unpack and review infantry tactics and proced­
ures. They retired to their bunks for some much needed
rest. They would need it.

Outside, Bravo Company, 3rd Platoon assembled in for­
mation.

"B-Three, party with me!" the cadets prodded as they
snapped to attention.

Platoon leader and junior Shawn Koitoke ordered his
men to don their Kevlar helmets for the march to break­
fast.

"This is a combat situation,
people," Koitoke joked. "The
food will be bad."

The student­
soldiers then
marched to the mess hall by unit,
again sounding off with pride.

"Warrior Force, here we come!" Bravo Company strode
shouted into the pre­dawn chill, a reference to the
Army's nickname for LACD.

In previous years, the mess hall by squad, and had
about five minutes to wolf down a meal of scrambled
eggs and sausage, liberally doused with what one cadet
called "the Army's favorite condiment"— hot sauce.

So sweet.

"It's edible," Mortimer laughed. "It keeps you

And the cadets certainly
kept following this fast­

breakfast, the cadets tran­
sported to a training
area for a land navigation
course.

Cadets used maps, compasses, and protractors to find seven designated points — trees marked by orange
signs — scattered throughout the heavily wooded two­

square-mile training area.

Some cadets, like junior Rich Schwartz, found it diffi­
cult to complete the course in the allotted three
hours.

"Yeah, it was tough," an out­of-breath Moss said,
arriving back at the base with only seconds remaining
on the clock.

The rest of the weekend,
though, was occupied by
cadets practicing situational tactical exercises — known as
"sticks lair." These 90­
minute drills test cadets' reaction time and tactical ar­
men in a simulated combat environment.

Squads ofabout 10­12 cadets move through an order,
detailing their objec­tives and actions.

"Do you deal with the enemy, or do you deal with the
populace, he said.

As a squad member tried to
draft a "wounded" OpFor sol­
dier out of the road, the
enemy leaped up, producing
denied prisoners.

Hudson chided 1st Squad's
members for their failure to
properly search their wounded
prisoners.

"The way we train is the
way we're going to fight," Hudson cautioned.

In another lane Sunday morning, the instructor, Capt.
Morton, challenged 2nd Squad about the enemy troops'
tactics regarding their"enemy's" movement.

"They went according to plan," Hudson cautioned.

As squad member Kelly
Thompson, a Western
Michigan student, began
drafting 1st Squad's
troops, Hudson asked them
"happily hunting."

And they were successful.

When 1st Squad attacked 
Objective 1 last October, an OpFor observation post
caused the cadets to arrive in just a few min­
utes. Two cadets trained with sup­
pressive fire on the OpFor's
post, pinning down the troopers
and a half simulated auto­
matic-rifle fire.

Moments later, a smoke
grenade sent a billowing green
plume through the woods, caus­ing 1st Squad to shift their fire,
and avoid hitting their own
men.

"Assault fire! Through!"
Hudson yelled, ordering his cadets to take the objec­
tive. 1st Squad swarmed over
the enemy post, "killing" all three OpFor soldiers in
a matter of seconds.

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"There have been a lot of
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through the same thing with
my words is a good feeling.

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rock band. She now has an
enormous career. She is a
wonderful person and a fabulous
speaker and the students are
giving her love.

"I left Saint Mary's, I went to one great and another
mediocre," McGarry said.

She began her career at
Xerox in 1973 in Fort Wayne, Ind., after she filled in for
a friend who decided not to take the interview with the compa­
y. She began at the company as a sales representative.
From 1993 to 1998, McGarry served as the first woman
president and chief executive officer of Xerox Canada.

Now as the vice president and chief marketing officer,
McGarry is in charge of worldwide marketing activities,
advocating campaigns and sponsorship. She also
oversees external communication, customers and employ­
ees.

McGarry will receive an
honorary degree at
commencement.

"It's an overwhelming
honor," McGarry said. "I will
treasure it, and the fact that
it's being given to me by
Eldred makes it very special
indeed.

McGarry is not only a suc­
cessful businesswoman, but in
the past two years, she has
become a breast cancer sur­

there have been a lot of
times when I've thought maybe
I shouldn't have come," McGarry said. "But the
fact that I might be able to help someone who is going
through the same thing with
my words is a good feeling.

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**MARKET RECAP**

**Dow Jones**

- **AMEX**: 1,227.60 -5.05
- **NASDAQ**: 1,960.02 -7.15
- **NYSE**: 6,469.57 +5.15
- **S&P 500**: 1,108.06 -1.13
- **Nikkei (Tokyo)**: 11,770.65 0.00
- **FTSE (London)**: 3,457.50 -16.10

**Company**: 

- **INTELLIPORT (INT)**: -1.48 -0.41 27.38
- **MICROSOFT (MSFT)**: -0.06 25.03
- **SUN Microsystems (SUNW)**: -0.07 32.44
- **CSID SYSTES (CISCO)**: -0.76 -3.78 23.40
- **ORACLE CORP (ORCL)**: -0.07 -0.02 1.92

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- **LH CRUDE (USD)**: +0.22 35.73
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- **yen**: 105.5
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**IN BRIEF**

 Strong consumer data continues rally

NEW YORK — Investors, largely pleased with reports on consumer sentiment and spending, sent stocks higher Friday to continue the previous session's rally, at least temporarily, before off the temptation to gather profits. The University of Michigan's consumer sentiment index rose to 95.8 in March, up from 95.4 in February, according to media reports on the index, which is released to subscribers only. The rise could mean consumers may be willing to spend more, boosting the economy. Shoppers and better economic reports continue to come out regularly, they could spark the rally Wall Street has been waiting for, according to Brian Belski, market strategist at Piper Jaffray. "The market looks like it wants to rally into earnings," he said. "There's a lack of evidence that cooling gasoline prices are going to be successfully repressed ahead of the peak-demand U.S. summer driving season added to gasoline's gains after Thursday's sharp drop, traders said.

Crude gains slightly on gasoline

NEW YORK — Crude oil futures rose modestly Friday in New York as bargain hunting and short-covering stemmed a two-day price drop, sparked by growing fear of a potential glut of world crude oil supplies during the second quarter. Gasoline futures helped lift crude futures, rising as traders who had bet prices would continue lower found themselves having to cover their positions. A lack of evidence that cooling gasoline prices are going to be successfully repressed ahead of the peak-demand U.S. summer driving season added to gasoline's gains after Thursday's sharp drop, traders said. May, sweet crude oil futures settled up 22 cents or 0.6 percent at $35.73 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange after touching a session high of $35.82. Earlier in the session, the contract hit an intraday low of $34.75, dropping below $35 for the first time since late February. Crude oil futures fell 4 percent Thursday after White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card said on MSNBC that the White House is considering the OPEC countries to release more oil to ease high prices.

**Bankruptcy**

Top Conesco executives rewarded

Associated Press

CARMEL, Ind. - Top Conesco Inc. executives who helped the insurer emerge from the third-largest bankruptcy in U.S. history were rewarded with nearly $34 million in compensation last year. However, they won't realize much of their gains for years because about two-thirds of the compensation is in the form of restricted stock awards that vest over time. Papers filed last week with the Securities and Exchange Commission show that nearly half of last year's compensation — 47.7 million — went to William Sheehy, who took over as Conesco's chief executive following the company's Chapter 11 filing in December 2002. Sheehy received $13.6 million in restricted stock on top of $1 million in base salary and $2 million in bonuses for in total compensation, the company's annual report stated. Sheehy also got $68,729 in other compensation. Most of the compensation for Sheehy and other top executives came in the form of stock awards for guiding Conesco through Chapter 11 reorganization. Conesco entered bankruptcy protection in December 2002 and emerged last September. This month, the Carmel-based company reported its first profitable quarter in two years. "These performance incentives were designed to retain each executive throughout the difficult emergence period and reward him for completing the reorganization," Conesco spokesman Jim Rosensteele told The Indianapolis Star for a story Friday. "They also reward each executive for continuing to drive long-term performance for shareholders after emergence." The compensation paid top officers was more than twice the $14.8 million Conesco's key executives made in 2002 as the company slid toward bankruptcy. The contracts for Sheehy and the other two top-paid officers were negotiated last year while the company was in federal bankruptcy court. Rosensteele said.

Chief Financial Officer Eugene M. Bulls made $8.6 million and 40% Advisors Inc. President Eric Johnson made $3.7 million. The bulk of the compensation was in restricted stock and bonuses. The restricted stock awards increase in value over time through vesting. For example, an owner might only be able to sell one-third of stock during the first year of ownership, then two-thirds by the second year and all of it once it fully vests in the third year.

**Officials investigate Lilly marketing**

Company says probe is expanding to include drugs Zyprexa and Prozac

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly and Co., already under federal investigation for the way it promoted osteoporosis drug, said it faces a new federal probe of its marketing practices. The Indianapolis-based company is the subject of a new probe that may also focus on the osteoporosis drug Evista, as well as Lilly's current top seller, the antipsychotic drug Zyprexa, and its former blockbuster antidepressant Prozac.

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Gas prices hit record high with no end in sight

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Gasoline prices across the country climbed to an average of $1.80 per gallon for all grades, according to a survey released Sunday.

"There is little chance of a downward adjustment in the near future, because increasing demand, possibly resulting from an improved economy, Memorial Day travel, and even the extra hour of light from daylight savings time, said Trilby Lundberg of the Lundberg Survey, director of the Lundberg Survey across 8,000 stations nationwide.

"The demand push this time of year is adding to supply constraints and therefore price," Lundberg said. "I don't see any recipe for substantial gasoline price cuts anytime soon.

"Friday's average price surpassed the record of $1.77 set in the last Lundberg Survey, conducted March 12. But it is the same price for inflation, pump prices remain well below levels reached in the early 1980s. Even if the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries decides at its meeting Wednesday to cancel plans to reduce oil production April 1, growing demand makes it unlikely prices will fall much," Lundberg said.

Worldwide demand for crude oil is increasing along with U.S. demand for gasoline, she said.

Gasoline prices are up 29 cents per gallon nationwide since February, according to the Lundberg Survey. The national weighted average price of gasoline, including taxes, at self-service pumps Friday was about $1.77 per gallon, for regular, and $1.87 for midgrade, and $1.96 for premium.

Gasoline prices usually rise before Memorial Day, according to the files. The current price is up $1.00 at a pump at a gas station in Kaneohe, Hawaii, Sunday, as indicated by the price per gallon, according to the files.

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Jolmie Nacano of Waimanalo, Hawaii, watches the price ring up to $10.00 at a pump at a gas station in Kaneohe, Hawaii, Sunday, as he filled up his brother's car. Gas prices have reached record highs nationwide, including $1.98 a gallon for Nacano.

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Associated Press

DENVER — An Air Force Academy cadet who had been accused of rape and threatened to crash a glider into a classroom building was allowed to remain at the academy for several more months, during which he was arrested for sodomizing a woman in a wheelchair and accused of raping another cadet, according to files obtained by The Associated Press.

Even after his arrest in Los Angeles for sodomy, the Air Force got cadet Donetsk Seawell released from custody and took him back to the academy, according to the files. He was accused of rape by a fellow cadet three months earlier.

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Students suffer the effects of Bush’s educational policies

The stately iconic north portion of the White House is like a broken floodgate. All of President Bush’s lies, perhaps, couldn’t fit in that one building. And so the deluge of mendacity have cascaded down Pennsylvania Avenue. Nothing has been spared. No issue has gone unassailed by the administration’s deceit and sophistry — not the environment, labor, Medicare, WMD, nothing. Overlooked and unglamorous, education is without doubt most of the vital issues.

Education, after all, is a basic social good. Bush might even concede this much. What he cannot concede on his next “Meet the Press” is that his policy acknowledges this — education’s vital importance. Fealty to the market, or the party line, or God knows what, trumps education for Bush. But where Prime Minister Tony Blair faced a firestorm of resistance to university tuition hikes in England, Bush gets a free pass. Tellingly, one charge leveled against Blair’s plan is that it will reshape the British system in the image of the American — as costly and inaccusable.

Let’s begin with one of the Bush’s proudest accomplishments: No Child Left Behind (NCLB) law. “Ironic” doesn’t quite convey the scale of inaccuracy of the law’s name. This year, the administration is giving $9.4 billion less than what is needed to fully fund NCLB. Both Education Week and Harvard’s Civil Rights Project testify that poor students aren’t getting the tutoring promised by NCLB, due to poor implementation and underfunding. Urban minorities, of course, are hardest. The de facto title would be No Wealthy White Child Left Behind. Doesn’t quite have the same ring.

Wait until the kids grow up. This is the third straight year that Bush either froze or cut the maximum Pell Grant — quite the volte-face from his old campaign promise to increase the maximum, to help make college more affordable. And last year, Bush sought to eliminate Pell Grants entirely for 84,000 students, slashing aid to thousands more. An amendment backed by Democrats Luckily prevented this.

Republicans have exerted curious special effort in slighting and burdening college students. Ten days ago, to counter GOP misinformation. Rep. George Miller issued a letter to demolish their untruths, point by point.

First he reminded the House that the GOP has “failed to do anything meaningful this Congress” to help students of lesser means afford college. He added to Bush’s record, with Pell Grants, that last year’s maximum grant, adjusted for inflation, was worth $500 less than the maximum in 1975. And he wondered why nothing has come of Bush’s promise to help community colleges.

In a March 17 Washington Post article Miller quoted a line that nicely captures the GOP agenda: “House Republicans are considering legislation aimed at reducing government subsidies for a federally supported student loan program, a step that critics say could lead to sharp increases in the long-term cost of going to college.” Finally he drew attention to Republican support for a banking industry-backed plan to eliminate students’ ability to lock in low interest rates over the life of their loans. This plan would force the average student borrower to pay more than $6,600 in extra interest, doubling the cost of loans for millions. There’s no room for interpretation here.

Vigilant compiler of the Harper’s Index add two worrying stats: America’s total private-loan debt for college tuition has increased by a factor of four since 1995; and a minimum of seven states will raise tuition by 20 percent or more at least one public university. You needn’t be one of the eggheads in sweater vests at the Brookings Institute to spy a trend here. It’s all kinds of wrong. It’s in-your-face wrong. Barbara Ehrenreich in “Lies, Struggle 101” broke down university financing into a two-pronged approach — raising tuition and lowering staff pay. Notre Dame doesn’t stray too far from this approach. The latest tuition hike here at Notre Dame was 6.9 percent. In Latin America, according to a comparative politics professor, students would take to the streets in protest, railing against a patent injustice. Here we’ve accepted extortion as the norm. And Notre Dame’s record with its staff isn’t exactly pretty — sending workers home early, not hiring replacements for striking workers and vigorously fighting unionization.

Noted in these pages by Kamaria Porter last week, Harvard’s bucking the trend, proffering substantially more aid, for many existing of tuition altogether. This is on top of such admirable efforts as its successful campaign and sit-in demanding a living wage for Harvard employees. Harvard is blazing the trail to a nobler place, showing schools like ours that there’s a better way.

But first this apathetic administration has got to go. For Bush and company, students — especially those from below the upper class — are the last priority. Regardless of what side you’re aligned with, free-education radical or conservom moderate, the fact is that Bush has failed students comprehensively. Moreover, he shows no signs of switching directions. Moral epiphanies are as rare as candy in this administration. Along with the rest of the GOP, Bush is dedicated to indifference. We have to dedicate ourselves to ousting him.

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International Festival Week brings two acclaimed foreign films to campus

Films in English increase accessibility of foreign cinema for students

By MOLLY GRIFFIN

The phrase "foreign film" has the ability to quell the desire to see the world in the hearts of many people. Those two little words can conjure up images of bored French existentialists smoking and discussing the meaninglessness of life, or a group of weepy peasants suffering in some unknown ex-Soviet satellite nation until every one of them dies. Fortunately, these stigmas are beginning to die off as more and more films, as well as better ones, are coming to the United States, and are being made in English - without subtitles or dubbing. "Fire" and "Whale Rider" are two foreign films made in English that received international acclaim. Such films could help to gradually ease a foreign-film-phobic into the world of international cinema. Both films are being shown at Notre Dame this week as part of the International Festival Week, which runs from March 27 to April 2 and is sponsored by the International Student Services and Activities Office.

"Fire" and "Whale Rider" both offer glimpses into cultures that are vastly different from our own, but the fact that they are in English makes them a little bit more palatable to the average movie goer. Each of the films is an interesting departure from both your typical American movies and the types of movies that you might expect to come out of India or New Zealand.

"Fire"

The Indian film "Fire" follows a newly-married woman Sita (Nandita Das), a naive and child-like woman who is forced in India to be the wife of her new bridegroom, Jalin (Jaaved Jaaffery). His family displays little regard for Sita, and her husband Ashok (Kulbhushan Kharbanda) takes a vow of celibacy, found a swami and is frequently gone as he seeks spirituality. In the midst of the empty marriages in which the women find themselves, they fall in love with one another and forge a deeper relationship than that which they experienced with their husbands. Deepa Mehta's film depicting lesbian love created a firestorm of controversy in India, with conservative groups like the Shiv Sena protesting its release and vandalizing theaters that showed the film. Indian censors are known for being tough - cutting things that Americans would consider innocuous, such as kisses - but this movie presented different and more difficult challenges. Many critics believed that this was an inappropriate and inaccurate display of Indian culture, and one critic even responded that the movie should have been about Muslims instead of Hindus, because Hindus did not have lesbians in their culture. The fact that the two women are named after prominent Hindu goddesses only fueled the controversy.

Despite the conflicted reception in Mehta's homeland, the film went on to win the praise of critics internationally. The movie calls attention to the tension between East and West, old and new and surrounding the release of "Fire" in India is living proof of the dichotomy between East and West, old and new and conservative and liberal that the film itself deals with. "Fire" plays Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre.

"Whale Rider"

The New Zealand film "Whale Rider" tells the story of Pai, an 11-year-old girl born into the Maori tribe that traces its ancestry back to Paikea, the Whale Rider, who according to legend escaped death by riding to shore on a whale. Leadership is passed down through the males in the tribe, in concurrence with the legend. This standard of passing on power comes into contention when twins are born into the leader's family, and the male child dies while his sister survives. Koro (Rawiri Paratane), the leader of the tribe, will not accept his grandson daughter Pai (Keisha Castle-Hughes) as the heir to the tribe's leadership because she is female. He is also convinced that the tribe has been experiencing misfortunes ever since Pai's birth, and so he asks the members of his tribe to bring their sons to him in the hope that the future leader of the tribe is among them. Pai must stand up to her grandfather, as well as thousands of years of tribal history, to convince everyone else that she, and not another male, should lead the tribe in the future. She learns tribal rituals without her grandfather's knowledge. She must ultimately prove herself to the tribe, and more importantly to her grandfather, to show them that tradition sometimes needs some tweaking in order to be updated for the present.

Castle-Hughes received a great deal of acclaim for her performance as Pai, being chosen as the Chicago Film Critics' Best Actress and nominated for a Screen Actor's Guild award. She was also the youngest actress to be nominated for an Academy Award for her performance as Pai in "Whale Rider". The film was shot in Whangara, New Zealand, and perhaps the greatest testament to the film's impact and popularity is the fact that there are now being offered in the area where the movie was shot. "Whale Rider" plays Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in room 117 DeBartolo.

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International Festival Week

Monday, March 29, 2004

"Fire" film presentation
Montgomery Theatre
7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

"Whale Rider" film presentation
DeBartolo Hall Room 117
7:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Wednesday
Samba and Forro Dancing
Pasquerilla West
7 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Thursday
International Children's Festival
University Village Community Center
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Friday
African Cultural Night
Hesburgh Library Auditorium
6:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.
By CLAIRE HAGEN
Some Notes

Al Franken became famous as a Saturday Night Live cast member and Emmy-winning writer, playing characters like Stuart Smalley. Since leaving the show, however, he has turned his attention towards politics. He officially came out as a liberal with "Bush Limbaugh is a Big Fat Idiot" in 1999, and has again used his satirical wit to criticize conservatives and the Republican Party with "Lies, and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them." Harvard's Kennedy School of Government offered Franken a fellowship in their Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy. Using a Harvard research team, Franken wrote this book. This Harvard fellowship and research team lend credit to the book's accuracy, especially as Franken constantly reveals the lies of conservative writers. Franken also points out that only one mis-
take was found in Rush Limbaugh, and Franken found that mistake himself.

According to Franken, God told him to write "Lies" in response to individuals who claim the media has a liberal bias. Franken works to prove otherwise, attacking conservative media, especially characters like Ann Coulter and Bill O'Reilly, though Franken prefers to call them "Nutsauce" and "Bill O'Lie-ly." By pointing out their blatant lies and conservative propaganda, Franken broadens his criticism to the entire Bush administration.

For example, in his chapter entitled "Operation Ignorance," Franken addresses both the conservative media's claims that President Bill Clinton was partly to blame for Sept. 11 and that the Bush administration worked to prevent any terrorist attacks. In refuting these claims, Franken first addresses how Clinton's administration had actively fought terrorism, especially from Al Qaeda, and had successfully subverted several attacks. Franken then traces the George W. Bush administration's reaction from inauguration through September 11, emphasizing not only how little attention the administration paid to terrorism, but also how little Bush worked.

Franken also often adds a creative spark to his satire. To point out the flaws of the "No Child Left Behind Act," Franken writes his own standardized test, which calculates what percentage of children actually have been left behind because of Bush's reluctance to financially support the program. Franken also attacks general conservative ideology with a cartoon about "Supply-Side Jesus," showing how the Lord's teachings would have differed had He been a profit-hungry capitalist.

The book is consistently informative and funny, as Franken takes the reader through his own personal search for weapons of mass destruction, tells about his less-than-friendly encounter with former First Lady Barbara Bush, recounts a trip he took to the ultra-conservative Bob Jones University and freely attacks the long career of Karl Rove, a Bush strategist. Readers learn a lot about politics and the players who currently dominate it, but the book is never dull. Franken's sharp humor keeps the book light and the reader laughing. "Lies" has received great reviews by liberals since its publication. However, conservatives probably want to avoid this book, as it blantly mocks their ideology and leadership throughout. Franken attacks basically every member of the Bush administration and of Fox News. While he does make a point to be accurate and not resort to "lies," as he claims his opposition does, Franken's liberal agenda is clear and pronounced — ultimately limiting his audience.

Overall, the book stands out because Franken blends his researched political statements with his dry humor, making "Lies" a great read, especially in the election year. Luckily, those interested in hearing more of Franken's witty political observations can catch his upcoming show "The O'Franken Factor" (a spin-off show of the ultra-conservative "The O'Reilly Factor") on the new Air America Radio, which will begin March 31. Franken's show will run Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m., and promises to point out and criticize more lies in conservative media and political platforms.

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The Bucks were hoping to extend their current fourth-place in the Eastern Conference. But the Bucks failed to convert on the inbounds pass, which would have been called for fouling Desmond Mason.

"It's been more than six fouls tonight," Porter said. "After the fifth, sixth, or four five that were very obvious."

But the Bucks failed to convert when they had the chance. Their defense allowed just 20 of 36 free throw attempts compared to Houston, which went 26-for-36.

"That might be the tale of the game," Redd said. "They had a decisive free throw advantage over us for most of the game, so that was the main thing.

Redd had 36 points and a career-high 14 rebounds for the Bucks while Joe Smith scored a season-high 25 points. Milwaukee was without Keith Van Horrn, who sprained his left ankle and bruiscd his left calf, left call for Friday against Chicago.

The Bucks were hoping to rebound from a tough road trip where they lost three of five. But they lost their fourth straight at home for the first time since February 2000 and missed a chance to tie New Orleans for fourth place in the Eastern Conference.

Milwaukee has a one-game lead over Miami for the fifth playoff spot. Pacers 87, Heat 80

Jermaine O'Neal proved his knee was strong enough to carry the Indiana Pacers to victory. The All-Star forward returned from an injury and had 23 points, 14 rebounds and four blocks to lead the Pacers to an overtime win over the Miami Heat.

"I think he proved to Jermaine O'Neal for stepping in there and playing today," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "His 11-point second quarter was very important to us. He's a big knee, but it's still a little sore, and it's tough to come in there missing a couple of a game." O'Neal made the start for Indiana after missing the past two games with a bruised left knee, injured in a win over the Chicago Bulls last Monday. O'Neal played 35 minutes, scor­ ing 10 points in the third quar­ ter and fourth quarter.

"I didn't shoot as well as usual," said O'Neal, who finished 4-of-21 from the field. "I think it's rust. Hopefully, it'll come with a day of practice and two games and maybe with Milwaukee.

Caron Butler, Eddie Jones and Dwyane Wade each scored 14 points for the Heat, which had won their season's winning streak.

Ron Artest added 18 points and 12 rebounds for the NBA-leading Pacers despite having to foul out of the game with four fouls, including four technicals and two flagrant.

Artest will have his X-ray examined Monday to see if it's broken.

"They play hard we go hard," said Artest, who also finished with six steals and four assists.

"We just had to keep going up the basket."

"I didn't play the best, but we won," said Milwaukee committed five fouls in the first half, whereas the Pacers made their first seven shots from the foul line and finished 17-of-18 for the game.

The Heat Committcd 11 turnovers for the game, which had the Pacers quickly converted into 15 points.

"The fact that they are our most physical defensive team in the league and never feel, that's a helluva team," Milwaukee coach Stan Van Gundy said. "It wasn't me being upset about the fouls called on us. I just thought we were attacking pretty darned good, too. They'll have to look at [the films]. Their technique must be great because they lean on you and never feel.

Indiana, which shot 35 percent from the field and 67 percent from the foul line, made its first 19 field goals of the first half, led 50-40 at halftime after青年 was forced to the bench. But the Heat opened the third quarter on a 9-4 run to pull within 63-62. Miami held the Pacers to 27 percent shooting in the second half.

Celtics 98, 76ers 65

Philadelphia coach Chris Ford called five personal fouls, should arguing that Yao, who committed five personal fouls, should have been called for fouling on the inbounds. He got more than six fouls called on him after missing a couple of shots in the fourth quarter after Artest was later hit in the face and arm.

The Mavericks shot 57 percent from the field and 20 percent from three-point range. The Mavericks moved ahead of Cleveland into the fifth place in the Eastern Conference. The Heat committed five personal fouls in the game. The Heat also committed five personal fouls in the game.

"It's been a disaster," said Nash, who led the Mavericks with 27 points, 13 rebounds and five assists, while Maurice Taylor had 18 and Kyle Korver 15.

"We missed a lot of wide open looks," Nash said. "We didn't take care of business." Nash made 5-of-12 shots in the second half.

It was 2/2 points fewer than three points against the Pacers.
New York's Hideki Matsui hits a home run in the the Yankees' exhibition game with the Yomiuri Giants in Tokyo Sunday.

Associated Press

TOKYO — Over and over, Hideki Matsui kept saying this was just another night. But, of course, it wasn't. It was his first game back in Japan since leaving after the 2002 season. And when he deposited a hanging curveball into the right-center field seats in the second inning Sunday, the enormously popular player they call Godzilla couldn't rein in his emotions.

He cracked a wide smile after he crossed the plate and returned to the New York Yankees' dugout.

Matsui homered in his first at-bat back in Japan, starting an evening when the Yankees showed why they're called the Bronx Bombers back home.

Jorge Posada added a tiebreaking three-run homer and Derek Jeter hit a solo shot, leading the Yankees over the Yomiuri Giants 6-2 in New York's first game in Japan in 49 years.

And after it was over, Matsui walked to a microphone at home plate and addressed the admirers who were so sad to see him depart Yomiuri 15 months ago to sign with the Yankees.

"What I did out there was to show my deepest appreciation for the fans," he explained later through a translator. "Most importantly, however, at the same time I didn't feel melancholy about it. I didn't have any special attachment toward it, looking back at my Yomiuri Giants days. No, that didn't happen. I just wanted to show them my gratitude."

"He knows how to rise to the occasion. I really feel that way," Torre said.

White Matsui plays left field for the Yankees and his spot in the batting order changes constantly, with Yomiuri he received Japan's positions of honor — center field and cleanup in the batting order. That's where he played on Sunday night, the next-to-last exhibition for New York before Tuesday's opener against Tampa Bay.

"You're allowed to be bigger than the game tonight," Torre told him.

Matsui already had a clue, thanks to Kenny Lofton, who gave him the heads-up during batting practice. Ever the perfectionist, Matsui shagged fly balls in center field.

"I hadn't played center field in some time now," Matsui said. "I needed to practice, I needed to get a feel for the position again."

With flashbulbs popping and small orange flags with his number "55" waving, Matsui stepped into the batter's box leading off the second inning to cheers of "Go Matsui!" Then, just after he fouled off a 2-2 pitch, the chant changed to, "Home run, home run, Matsui."

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BASKETBALL

Duke, Georgia Tech earn Final Four bids

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Too much history. Too much Duke.

The Blue Devils ended Xavier's remarkable run in the NCAA tournament and headed to their 14th Final Four, holding off the Musketeers 66-63 Sunday to win the Atlanta Regional.

Xavier (26-11) had already chopped down the second- and third-seeded teams in the region, but couldn't make it 1-2-3-4 Duke (31-5). The Blue Devils will be the only No. 1 seed in San Antonio, advancing to meet Connecticut next Saturday in the national semifinals.

The seventh-seeded Musketeers had never been far in this tourney, and it showed in the closing minutes against postseason-hardened Duke.

With the score tied at 56, Chris Duhon drove to the basket and missed, but Luol Deng grabbed the offensive rebound and passed out to J.J. Redick, who swished the 3-pointer that put the Blue Devils ahead for good with 2:55 remaining.

Xavier couldn't overcome the loss of Anthony Mylchreest, its only big man player, who fouled out with 12 1/2 minutes remaining after scoring 19 points and grabbing 10 rebounds. His absence was especially telling at the end.

After Redick's trey, 6-foot-1 Dedric Frior drove the lane, only to have his shot swatted away by 6-9 Sheldon Williams. Duhon sped the other way and missed again, but Deng tapped in the rebound to give the Blue Devils a five-point lead with 1:55 to go.

Duke then held the Musketeers without a field goal for the rest of the game.

Deng had 19 points and was named MVP of the regional. Williams also came up big, scoring 12 points to go along with 13 rebounds. His offensive rebound and pass out to Redick with 47 seconds to seal the win.

Lionel Chalmers led Xavier with 17 points.

When the final buzzer sounded, the entire Georgia Tech team rushed together to pile into a group hug on the floor.

How fitting.

With top scorer B.J. Elder hobbling by a badly sprained ankle, someone else had to step up. Jarrett Jack and the rest of the Yellow Jackets did better than that, beating Kansas in overtime to advance to their first Final Four since 1990.

"A lot was on the line," said Jack, who scored eight of his career-high 29 points in overtime. "B.J. being out, we all knew we had to step up. I just really got it going and kept attacking until the game was over."

No team had more tight games on its road to the Final Four than the third-seeded Yellow Jackets. Their first three games in the St. Louis Regional were decided by a total of 13 points.

But Georgia Tech (27-9) has been unflappable all season, beating Connecticut when the Huskies were ranked No. 1 and winning at Duke and Wake Forest. So facing the favored Jayhawks, even without Elder, was no big deal. Even when the game went to overtime.

After little Billy Runyon hit a big 3-pointer to break a 71-all tie, Jack went 4-for-4 from the line in the last 47 seconds to seal the win.

Jack finished 6-of-12 from the floor, and had nine rebounds and six assists. Luke Schenscher added 15 points and Clarence Moore matched his season high with 14 for the Yellow Jackets. As the final seconds ticked off the clock, coach Paul Hewitt threw his hands in the air in triumph.

**IN BRIEF**

Adam Scott wins Player's Championship

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The guy who swings like Tiger Woods nearly finished like Greg Norman.

Ultimately, all that mattered to Adam Scott on Sunday was making a 30-foot bogey putt on the final hole to win the Players Championship, making the 23-year-old Australian the youngest champion of golf's richest tournament.

Scott turned a command performance into a comedy of errors on the treacherous 18th hole at Sawgrass. From the middle of the fairway, with a two-shot lead, he pitched his approach into the water and looked as if he had thrown it all away.

Needing to make bogey to avoid a playoff with Padraig Harrington, Scott finished with a putt that was true from the time it left his blade. Scott thrust his fist into the air twice, and threw his cap down in relief.

He closed with a 2-under 70, winning $1.44 million from the record $8 million purse.

Angels' pitcher hospitalized

Beverly Hills, Calif. — Anaheim Angels reliever Brendan Donnelly has been hospitalized because of severe nosebleeds while recovering from being hit in the face by a fly ball.

Donnelly returned to a Scottsdale hospital late Saturday and underwent a third surgery on his fractured nose, which was broken in 20 places on March 9 while he shrugged flies during batting practice.

"They told me I lost half the blood in my body," Donnelly said Saturday, adding that he'd lost seven pints of blood. "I didn't realize how serious it was."

"He's concerned about his safety, it's dangerous to lose that much blood," Donnelly will start the season on the disabled list, the team said Sunday. He still remains in the hospital three or four days.

O'Neal returns to Pacers' lineup

INDIANAPOLIS — Jermaine O'Neal returned to the Indiana Pacers starting lineup Sunday after missing the past two games with a bruised left knee.

O'Neal is averaging a team-leading 20.3 points, 10.1 rebounds and 2.65 blocks a game for the Pacers (33-19), who were playing Miami (35-37).

The All-Star forward injured his knee in win over the Chicago Bulls last Monday. He collided with Bulls guard Ron Harper during while trying to set a pick on the baseline and immediately crumpled to the floor.

Al Harrington, who is averaging a career-best 13.1 points and 6.4 rebounds, had started in place of O'Neal. The Pacers are 4-0 this season without O'Neal.
Federer knocked off by Spanish teenager

Associated Press

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Under siege from a 17-year-old Spaniard, Roger Federer waited for his opponent to show some nerves and make a few mistakes.

It never happened. Rafael Nadal coolly closed out the biggest victory of his young life Sunday night by beating the top-ranked Federer 6-3, 6-3 in the third round of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

Federer, the reigning Wimbledon and Australian Open champion, lost for only the second time in 25 match-up

"I never felt as if I was going to lose," Williams said. "I just felt... when I was going to win." 

During the round, the tournament will be completed before the end of the year. This year's tournament will be played in August in order to allow time for the main players to recover from the due to the playing injured. The tournament was also shortened to five sets per match in order to speed up the tournament.

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New York's Mark Parrish tries to get out of the way of the puck in front of Devils goalie Martin Brodeur in the first period Sunday.

"It was another whiff," Savage said. "I got the second one, though."

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Thre...
**ROWING**

ND faces tough competition

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

The Irish had a strong showing in Ann Arbor, Mich., Saturday, finishing in fourth place in a varsity four and a varsity eight. The eight placed second behind Michigan, the defending national champion, and rivalry powerhouse Michigan State. In addition to racing the No. 2 Wolverines, Notre Dame rowed against Clemson, No. 8 Michigan State and Michigan, the defending national champions.

"That early lead put us in a great position to win the race," Jefson said. "We raced a great start, and that really promising knowing that with some changes to our strokes we can really make this boat go even faster," Stealy said.

"We definitely have some technical work to do, but that really promising knowing that with some changes to our strokes we can really make this boat go even faster," Stealy said.

In the second varsity eight race, Michigan won in 6:32.0 and with a time of 6:48.0, Clemson took second. Coxswain Kacy McCaffrey Jessica Guzik, Kathleen Welsh and Kathy Seddon, Jenna Redgate, Elizabeth Specht, Andrea Long, Katie O'Hara, Danielle Dixon were all recognized as honorable mention All-American coxswains.

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Though the races were difficult, the Irish had a perfect 7-0 (2-0 in Big East) record and that early lead put us in a great position to win the race, Jefson said. "We raced a great start, and that really promising knowing that with some changes to our strokes we can really make this boat go even faster," Stealy said.

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**WOMEN’S LACROSSE**

Hot Irish remain undefeated

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

To say that the Irish are off to a good start would be an understatement.

Rising its season mark to a perfect 7-0 (4-0 in Big East) and stretching its overall win streak to a school record 11 games, the No. 2 Notre Dame knocked off a pair of Big East rivals over the weekend, defeating Virginia Tech (3-3) Saturday and Ball State (4-3) Sunday.

While several individual players have stood out thus far this season — attack/middle Meredith Simon, attack Abby Owen and goalkeeper Carol Dixon were all recognized as Big East Player of the Week at one point — Irish coach Tracey Coyne points to the team's overall cohesion and chemistry as the key to its success.

"We’re really a team," Coyne said. "Different people are stepping up at different points to make things happen. The seniors have a lot of pride and determination, they’re focused and they’ve done a great job leading the team.

That teamwork was on display once again Friday afternoon.

Attack Jackie Bowers netted a career-high five goals and four other Irish players notched at least a pair of scores as Notre Dame finally put away a pesky Virginia Tech squad with a 5-0 second-half run en route to an 18-11 victory.

Falling behind 25 seconds into the contest, the Irish posted the next four goals for a 4-1 lead a little over four minutes into the game. While the Hokies managed to answer back with a pair of their own, rolling with a 7-4 lead at 22:35 remaining in the first half, the Irish netted four of the next five goals to head into the half with an 8-4 advantage.

Virginia Tech once again struck first to open the second half as the Hokies’ Kate Threadgold picked up her third straight point in the second half to bring Virginia Tech within a goal. In addition, the Hokies fired a pair of goals in the third quarter to cut the Irish lead to 10-9.

The barrage continued in the second half as Notre Dame rattled off seven of the contest’s next eight goals to take a 17-4 advantage with 12:32 left.

Simon and Owen continued their season-long dominance as Simon found the back of the net on four occasions for the second time in three days and netted a career-high five goals and an assist.

In addition, Owen scored four goals and Fischer picked up a score and three assists in the contest.

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**MEN’S TENNIS**

Kecklel helps seal victory at Ball State

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Talent. Poise. Youth.

No. It’s not the Miss Teen USA pageant, it’s the bottom of the men’s tennis lineup. Three freshmen and a sophomore came through for the Irish Saturday, rallying from a deficit in doubles and the sinewy two top players to win the match 4-3 against Ball State.

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The underclassmen have added depth to an experienced Irish lineup and have contributed to the 12-7 record of the team.

"Ryan Kecklel clinched the match and deserves an awful lot of credit," Baylis said of the freshman, who plays at No. 5 singles. "He really played well under pressure.

The Irish dropped the initial point of the match, with only adding Luis Haddock and Matthew Scott able to claim victory at No. 2.

"We did not play a very good doubles point," Baylis said. "I wasn’t very excited about our level. ... I felt we could win the doubles point and I still think we probably should have.

That early lead put us in a great position to win the race, Jefson said. "We raced a great start, and that really promising knowing that with some changes to our strokes we can really make this boat go even faster," Stealy said.

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"Hanoi To Hollywood: One Woman’s Triumph"**

Considered the biggest tourism draw in Hanoi before the fall of 1975, the title character, Mary Tran, has gone on to be featured in a recent film and for an upcoming tour. The former top model and beauty pageant winner, who will be speaking at the Notre Dame event, will discuss her life's journey from model to movie star to political figure.

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Bass is on a burst, wining of his last 10 last matches and improving to 14-4 in the dual-match season. He is 20-6 overall in his first season at Notre Dame.

Baylis has a hard time normally finishing someone off early, and he did a great job with Patrick Thompson, who usually plays No. 2," Baylis said.

Barry King and Eric Langenkamp went in straight sets at Nos. 4 and No. 6, respectively.

"What is probably good to see is the ability to rally while we’re down a point," Baylis said.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish capture Hoosier Classic with 3 wins at IU

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Editor

When Irish coach Deanna Gumpf and Western Kentucky coach Leslie Phelan decided not to play the championship game of the Hoosier Classic, no one was too upset.

"We were definitely happy to come home," Irish left fielder Nicole deFau said.

Notre Dame (23-9) came home after winning the Hoosier Classic because they beat Western Kentucky (21-8) in the contest. She gave up just three hits, while striking out eight. But it was a team effort for the Irish.

"We did a good job hitting the ball," deFau said. "Our pitchers really did a good job shutting the teams down." 

On Saturday, Notre Dame went head-to-head with the tournament host, Indiana (17-17). Heather Booth, who pitched the Irish to a win, led the Irish in the contest. She gave up just two hits, and despite only striking out one, allowed no runs. The Irish defense supported her the entire game.

"Defensively, we've been playing very well," deFau said. Meanwhile, the Hoosiers were getting little support from their defense. After a Ruffruth home run in the second, Notre Dame hit safely just twice over the next four innings.

But in the top of the seventh, the Irish broke it open. Sara Schoonnaert earned a leadoff walk and Nicole Wicks bunted her to second. Brown then struck out, but reached on a dropped third strike, on which Schoonnaert moved to third. deFau drew a walk, and Megan Ciolli nailed a single, scoring both runners, to put the Irish up 4-0.

After two games Saturday, the Irish were back in action bright and early Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. when they faced the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers. This game proved to be a duel between Booth and Western Kentucky's Adrienne Lathrop. Booth struck out 10, her fourth time in double digit strikeouts this season. Notre Dame took the lead in the fourth inning with a solo home run by Ciolli.

The Irish added to the lead in the sixth when deFau hit a double to the right-centerfield gap and scored on a Ruffruth double. But Western Kentucky came up in the bottom of the seventh with a rally that almost tied the game. After a one-out double and a walk, the tying run was at first. A ground ball to Schoonnaert allowed one run to score as her throw was wide, but that was all Western Kentucky would get.

Booth stepped up and struck out the last batter to end the game.

The win catapulted the Irish into the championship game. However, since they would have to face Western Kentucky again, and because the game was scheduled to end around 4:30 p.m., the teams decided not to play the game.

"They weren't the prettiest wins, but the bottom line is we tested our corps," deFau said. "We got the job done."

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SPORTS

MIAA powerhouse Almas sweeps Belles

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

Over the weekend, Saint Mary's played host to MIAA powerhouse Alma College (20-2). Last year the Scots shutout the Belles in both games after jumping out to early leads.

"We knew that the Alma was going to be not only our toughest competition in the conference, but two of our hardest games this season, seeing as how they are ranked 11th in the polls," Saint Mary's outfielder Erin Sullivan said. "We knew that we needed to not make mistakes and just capitalize on their mistakes."

"Also, our intensity and focus was key. We knew that we needed to jump on them early and not dig ourselves a hole," Sullivan said.

In game one of the doubleheader, the Scots started strong by singling to left field and third. The second game of the day went the same way, with the Belles and held the Scots scoreless. The second inning when Katrina Tobe single up the middle. The Scots were not done yet. They scored their second run. However, the Scots scored their second run. However, the Scots scored their first run. In the second, Alma College struck again with a hit to left field. The runner on first then advanced to second on a sacrifice, and the next hitter reached safely on an error, helping Alma score their second run. However, the Scots were not done yet.

The runner on first stole second and finally scored on another error giving Alma a 3-0 lead in the top of the third inning. In the third, Saint Mary's gave up another run when Laura Rachen of Alma scored on a two-base hit to left field. The last two runners on the bases scored on a two-base hit to left field.

The Belles were only able to manage just two hits, the first coming from Angell Elliot in the second inning when she singled to left center and the second occurring in the seventh inning when Katrina Tobe singled up the middle.

The second game of the day was a much closer battle, but the outcome resulted in another loss for the Belles. In this game, Kate Sajewich took the mound for the Belles and held the Scots scoreless through the first three innings.

In the fourth inning, however, the Scots reached first on an error and capitalized on that chance to pull to within one. The next batter doubled and both runners scored putting Alma up 2-0.

In the fifth, the Scots scored their third and final run, which began with a Lindsay Powers double and scored on a single by Laura Helene. The Belles were able to collect six hits in the contest, but were not able to capitalize when it mattered the most.

Saint Mary's threatened in the seventh when Sullivan stared the inning off with a single to left center and Jean Downes doubled, but the next two batters struck out ending the Belles' chances of making a comeback.

This week's losses mean the Belles 5-11 on the season as they prepare to take on Tri-State University at home today at 3 p.m. The Thunder are 5-8-1 on the season.

"The only thing we need to do differently is be more aggressive at bat," Sullivan said. "We are focused on scoring first. We played a great game defensively on Saturday, and if we bring the same intensity and energy in the left center, we will take two tomorrow."

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After catching the Irish Block Friday, Ohio State used the start of the men's -competition to open the floodgates. The combination of a strong and deep team — too few star performances and too much talent from Ohio State and Notre Dame — wore down the Irish efforts from the start.

"I thought they could be up and down, and we were in," Bednarski said. "With a young team with emotions, with pressure, it happens, and fortunately it was really hard to stop.

By the end of the day, Ohio State broke away from the pack to hold a comfortable 159-132 lead over Notre Dame. With just three red-card penalties left in the men, the only issue that remained in doubt was which team would finish second.

The Irish, with one of the shortest of 12 participants, could not compensate for the loss of injured heavyweight Derek Snyder to injury. Snyder broke his hand last week in practice and did not compete in the national championships. Frankie Bontempo, who replaced Snyder as an alternate, led Ohio State with a disappointing 7-16 record.

Bednarski knew his team would be fighting an uphill battle in the team event.

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Fencing

Irish are ready for next title run

WAITHAM, Mass. —

Former Ohio State football coach Woody Hayes once said about his team that "We don't rebuild. We reload."

While the Notre Dame fencing team is undoubtedly pleased that coach Janusz Bednarski does not share Hayes' more "colorful" perspective, the Irish believe Bednarski only strikes a player when he takes part in fencing practices — they should also be happy to know that he does say Hayes' approach regarding "next year."

The Magnificent Seven that comprised this year's freshman class (38.9 average wins) are proof positive that Bednarski's "reloading" with the best of the team. His personable charisma and his aloof, Class-like physique make him likeable for all ages.

But despite hisMultitalentiness, Bednarski only uses his work hard to keep Notre Dame atop the fencing podium. His words — endorsed by the University’s well-documented recruiting abilities and all the hours of paperwork that accompany bringing in overseas recruits.

Even though he could only perform magic much at a time, and his team did not successfully defend its title this year, it is only a matter of time before the Irish fencers are again being fitted for national title rings. Ohio State had best back in its glory this year, because the fencing spotlight will shift back to South Bend starting as early as next year.

Of the 11 competitors the Irish brought to Waltham, Mass., for the national title meet, they will lose only one to graduation — fifth-year senior Forest Walton. His spot will be taken by Derek Snyder — the strongest men's foilist in the nation — and two experienced fencers. Ghattas and Stearns will be taking the baton.

Headlining the returnees is National epee runner-up Angela Vincent and national champion Valerie Providence, who combined for a sparkling 71-13 record during the regular season, could only muster an even 23-23 record over the weekend. Ghattas failed to post a victory (0-4) against either Ohio State or Penn State.

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Track and Field

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By MIKE GILLOON

Two separate meets yielded two strong performances for the Notre Dame track and field team competed in its first full weekend of outdoor competition.

Most of the distance runners and sprinters traveled to Palo Alto to participate in the Stanford Invitation, while the remainder of the team stayed closer to home and took part in the Purdue Invite.

Selim Nurudeen and Kristen Dodd set the pace for the Irish at the national championships with a 56:26.5 finish in 10th place.

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Muffet McGraw was familiar with Petka, as her father, Rene Portland and assistant coach Troyan, played for McGraw at Saint Joseph’s during her senior year, when they attained a No. 3 national ranking. Troyan, meanwhile, played for McGraw at Archbishop Carroll High School in Radnor, Penn., when McGraw took over after graduating from Saint Joseph’s.

PENN STATE 55, NOTRE DAME 49 at the HARRISON CIVIC CENTER

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PENN STATE (28-5, 15-1)
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The game went back and forth, with the lead switching hands. Notre Dame held the lead for 53 seconds remaining and then the game tied at 49, the Irish had their chance. But honorable mention All-American forward Jacqueline Batteast missed a jump shot, and Courtney LaVere missed a jumper of her own. Penn State—All-American Kelly Mazzante hit a baseline jumper with 46 seconds to play, and Penn State was on its way to the Elite Eight.

Batteast finished with 22 points (8-for-22 from the field) and 12 rebounds, for the Irish, who claimed a good game against the first, and last, time this season.

And the Irish responded to the change in uniform by playing outstanding basketball all the way. They turned the ball over just six times in the first half and 10 times in the game—a season-low.

But when Notre Dame did turn it over, Penn State made them pay—causing in 17 points off turnovers.

It’s not a whole lot of turnovers that hurt us,” McGraw said. “It’s not a lot of points, but when you look at the number 10, that’s really great for us.”

Starting after slow, the Irish settled down to go almost 14-13 on a Kelly Flecky 3-pointer with 4:45 to play in the first half. The game went back and forth until halftime, with Notre Dame holding as much as a five-point lead. Before the halftime buzzer, a pair of threes to go up 23-22 at the half.

In the second half, it was much of the same, as the Irish played outstanding defense. They forced the guard-oriented Nittany Lions out of their comfort zone, forcing turnovers by keeping the guards well behind the three-point line.

(The zone) certainly did what we needed it to do,” McGraw said. “They’re a very good team,

Still, the Irish were unable to corral the rebound. Notre Dame was down by four with 28 seconds to play and didn’t score the rest of the way.

“Aside from the ball not going in the basket for us, I think we played about as well as we can play, and I’m proud of that to see,” McGraw said.

Severe finished with nine points, five rebounds and six steals. She had more than just 12 points of the entire Penn State team. Meanwhile, LaVere added eight points on four-for-four shooting. As a team the Irish shot 42.2 percent from the field, compared to Penn State’s 37.5 percent. But for Notre Dame, it was arguably the best game they played all season, especially on the road.

“We came a long way since we were 7-6,” McGraw said. “We’ll be back next year.”

Notes:
• With the loss, Notre Dame has yet to win in the Hartshíford Civic Center in four appearances. Their last loss came in the Big East Quarterfinals to Rutgers Mar. 3, 61-55.

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It's time for Irish to move on after tough second round loss

HARTFORD, Conn. — The "ifs, ands and buts" are meaningless now. No matter what could have happened in Notre Dame's regional semifinal game against top-seeded Penn State, the Irish still lost 55-49 and their season is still over for good.

"But instead of dwelling on the fact the team had chances, the Irish must look forward, with the way they took one of the best all-around teams in the nation to the last minute and nearly pulled off the upset," Irish coach Muffet McGraw couldn't have asked for a better scenario — the game tied with less than a minute left and the ball resting in the hands of Notre Dame's best player, forward Jacqueline Batteast.

The Irish had worked their way through 39-plus grueling minutes of basketball to reach this pivotal point. Penn State's boisterous student section, which had harassed Notre Dame all afternoon, stood in concerned silence as Batteast took the ball and began her shot.

But the shot wouldn't fall for Batteast, the Irish couldn't stop it. And nearly pulled off the upset.

Despite a valiant effort, fifth-seeded Notre Dame (21-11) was unable to knock off top-seeded Penn State (28-5) in a 55-49 loss in the NCAA Regional semifinal game.

"I was really proud of our team," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought we competed, I thought we battled."