ND junior injured in Naples fall

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

Eric Morin hospitalized after serious accident during Architecture program spring trip

Professor accused of plagiarism

University declines comment on situation

By KAREN LANGLEY
Assistant News Editor

Only weeks after the theology department dismissed the Cardinal Newman Society's (CNS) complaint of plagiarism against Notre Dame theology professor Father Richard McBrien, the national conservative Catholic organization again presented the university with an allegation of plagiarism leveled against McBrien's work.

In a March 13 letter sent by fax to University President Father John Jenkins, CNS president Patrick J. Reilly asked Jenkins to pursue an investigation into McBrien's 1997 book, "Lives of the Popes"—a work that Reilly said contains passages that paraphrase or directly copy portions of J.N.D. Kelly's 1986 work, "The Oxford Dictionary of Popes."


University spokesman Dennis Brown confirmed Monday that Jenkins had received the CNS letter.

"We take such allegations seri­

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Senior wins the 'Showcase Showdown'

Glee Club member profits off L.A. trip

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

What do Los Angeles, a camper, Bob Barker and the Notre Dame Glee Club all have in common? They were all part of "The Price is Right" on March 16.

Senior Kevin Keller, tour manager for the Notre Dame Glee Club, was called from the crowd of the popular game show and went on to win the Showcase Showdown and the show's grand prize valued at almost $20,000.

Fifty-four members of the Glee Club went to California over spring break to perform, and Keller managed to get 25 tickets to "The Price is Right." He took a group of seniors, juniors and several sophomores to the taping of the show, while the other members of the Glee Club explored Los Angeles. The show will air April 3 on CBS.

"I decided that I wanted to take the guys to do something cool and different," said Keller.

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Programs attract prospectives

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Marys Editor

Campus vacancies left by the mass exodus of seniors at the end of the spring semester are quickly filled during the summer months by a variety of pre-college programs that bring over 300 young students to Notre Dame.

Director of Pre-College Programs Joan Ball said Monday that the Office of Pre-College Affairs organizes four primary academic programs over the summer.

Summer Experience — its largest program — is an academic program that sub­merges academically out­

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

Members zero in on event programming

Academic freedom discussion continues

By KATLYNN RIELY
News Writer

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Prospective student Julianne Conotto from Columbus, Ohio, looks at brochures outside of the ND Vision office on Monday.

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INSIDE COLUMN

The world’s gone mad

I got to the Fort Meyers airport serving Southwest Florida almost two hours before my flight to return to South Bend after spring break. Having a little time to kill in an airport generally isn’t a bad thing—between the latest Cosmos and my cell phone, I can usually keep myself entertained for hours.

This wasn’t any ordinary Saturday, though. This was NCAA Tournament time. I wandered my terminal, looking for a television that would be showing George Washington’s attempt to stun the infamous Duke Blue Devils.

After I scouted in to watch the game, I amused myself during commercials by observing my fellow basketball aficionados. A few teenage boys—youir usual suspects for being glued to a TV sporting a basketball aficionados. A few teenage boys—who glowed when they talked about the game—were in the audience.

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I blinked. They were talking about the game. They had been paying attention to what happened.

But apparently, March Madness has no effect on everyone’s imagination. Four teenage girls decked out in Lacoste and Vera Bradley were sitting near me, discussing the game.

“I thought Duke was in my Final Four,” the first girl continued. “I really think I could win my pool this year.”

“That’s when I realized that no one is immune from March Madness, it doesn’t matter how old or young you are. It doesn’t matter what school you went to or where you live or what you do. It doesn’t even matter if you’re a sports fan. March Madness captures the attention of our nation to the point where the Olympics, the presidential elections and the Oscars can only hope to come in second.

Challenging, Gray & Christmas, a Chicago research firm, put the cost of lost productivity during March Madness at almost $4 billion. As a business major, I can tell you—that’s a lot of money. But at the same time, it seems like a small price to pay to bring our country together. Every TV in Midway Airport was tuned to CNN on the way home. Granted, Illinois was playing their loss was a major hit to my team, but that’s how it goes in March. But people clustered around TV’s and watched, fascinated. Everywhere I went, I heard people talking about their brackets. When I called my brother—a Penn State freshman —on St. Patrick’s Day, the first thing he did was tell me that our dad’s bracket was shot due to Iowa’s loss.

So no one’s immune to March Madness. But if the world’s going to go mad about something, there are worse things to pick than college basketball.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WAS THE HIGHLIGHT OF YOUR SPRING BREAK?

Bridget Galvan sophomore Holy Cross

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Associate Sports Editor

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OFFBEAT

British government cat Humphrey dies

LONDON - Humphrey, the black and white cat who saw at close quarters the comings and goings of three British leaders, has died, a spokesman for Prime Minister Tony Blair’s London residence revealed.

The cat, age unknown, was adopted by staff at Number 10 Downing Street after wandering into the building as a stray in 1989 while former Conservative prime minister Margaret Thatcher was in power.

He stayed throughout the leadership of Thatcher’s successor, John Major, but disappeared shortly after Labour Party leader Blair took over in May 1997, amid persistent speculation that Blair’s wife, Cherie, was not like the animal. The disappearance prompted official questions in the lower House of Commons and proof of that he was still alive.

Cuban on hunger strike for Internet access

CARRAS, Venezuela — More than 1,500 Venezuelans shed their clothes on a main city avenue Sunday to pose for American photographer Spencer Tunick, forming a human mosaic in front of a national symbol: a statue of independence hero Simon Bolivar.

As Tunick shouted commands through a megaphone, nude people of every shape, size and skin tone gathered on the avenue and stairs in front of the statue just before dawn.

Information compiled from the Associated Press

IN BRIEF

The Freshman Class Council will host a campus-wide rock-paper-scissors tournament at 7 p.m. and 8 tonight in the LaFortune Ballroom. Participants must pay $2 and all proceeds will go toward Holy Cross Missions.

A Town Hall Meeting will be held in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium tonight at 7 p.m. to discuss a proposed site for the Family Justice Center of St. Joseph County.

Professor of Slavic Studies and Lecturer in Architecture, Talulah University William Brunofield will give a lecture titled “Church and Identity in Russia: The Tikhvin Dormition Monastery and the Return of the Tikhvin Icon of the Th斯顿sk” at 4 p.m. today in the Annenberg Auditorium of the Snite Museum of Art.

A conference titled “The Liturgy of the Hours: Public Prayer of the Church as Foundation of Christian Spirituality” will take place from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in rooms 100-104 of McKeen Hall.

The Notre Dame Accounting Department will host a Recruiting Workshop for faculty from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday in room 329 of the Mendoza College of Business.

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Israeli discusses religion and state

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

The positive association of economic development with a religious population is a trend Jonathan Fox, senior lecturer in political science at Indiana University, sponsored by the Kellogg Institute and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies held in DelMar Ballroom.

In his project "Religion and State in the Post Cold War Era," Fox created a data set that measures the degree to which a government is involved in the religious life of its citizens. By creating scales on such topics as freedom of religion clauses, Fox said he was shocked at the wealth of data he collected. He noted time and economic development as two variables that must also be considered in this particular situation. Nevertheless, people are more likely to be religious, this data shows, in states that are wealthier — a controversial conclusion, Fox said.

Fox also pointed out the consistency in state involvement, his research shows. In states that are wealthy, official state religions, but should not always follow their Constitution. There is a consistent pattern of reshaping traditional state-religion ties. In states that are wealthy, where the government is involved in the lives of its citizens, Fox said, "It's not always true that government is involved in the religious life of its citizens. But it's certainly not clear cut. Does a country support a religion or not? It's not black and white," Fox said. "Look at the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia, for example. Both have official state religions, but should really be classified in the same category?" The official role of the state down through aspects of religious discrimination and regulations, researchers can apply Fox's data to a variety of disciplines.

Unlike previous projects that included only developed nations, Fox made an effort to collect data from 175 countries. Every nation with a population of 250,000 or more is included, along with a sampling of a few other countries. Data collected was from 1990-2002.

Fox said he was shocked at the breadth of state involvement. "Almost 80 percent of countries do not have separation of religion and state," Fox said. "Really did not think that existed from 1990-2002. Nevertheless, people are more likely to be religious, this data shows, in states that are wealthier." A controversial conclusion, Fox said. Since the January release of the research, there are already 20 scholars in five nations applying Fox's data to their particular fields. In response to a question of the implications of his research, Fox emphasized the importance of collecting data from which to work.

"Much of this data is defining what is new," Fox said. "From a clear set of data, the trends? The 'what' is as important as the 'why,'" Fox said. "From a clear set of data, the possibilities for knowledge are endless."

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Standing students into Notre Dame’s collegiate atmosphere through academic, social and spiritual experience, these programs offer an outreach experience to students from around the country and the world, and (are also used as a) recruiting tool,” she said. “We work hard to give them the community feeling and a sense of what it is like to be a student here.”

Pre-college program participants live in residence halls and have access to all campus facilities during their stay to replicate the feeling of being a University undergraduate student, she said.

Unlike the Summer Experience, the University invites a select number of talented students to participate in The Office of Pre-College Programs’ three individual week-long seminars.

Forty Latino students will be invited to campus July 16-23 to participate in the Latino Community Leadership Seminar. The academic forum allows students to examine personal experiences to develop new skills and experiences, Ball said.

These are important University initiatives to really reach out to targeted groups of students and give them an opportunity to experience Notre Dame, Ball said.

Similar to the Latino Community Leadership Seminar, the African-American Scholars at Notre Dame allows Catholic African-American high school students one week to reflect upon African-American leadership while enriching their own leadership skills.

According to Ball, approximately 90 percent of The Office of Pre-College Programs’ summer programs participants apply to the University.

Former African-American Scholars and Global Issues Seminar participant and counselor senior Tina Boyd said her work with the seminar influenced her decision to attend Notre Dame rather than Yale University.

“My decision was largely due to the time I was able to spend on campus really getting to experience the way in which Notre Dame embraces educating the whole person — mind, body and spirit,” she said.

Boyd now works as a research assistant in the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies and said the summer pre-college programs continue to offer special opportunities in her heart.

“I enjoy sharing my ND perspective with the wonderfully talented, enthusiastic and delightful students that are chosen to attend these seminars,” she said. “They have so much to add to the ND community — it is an honor to work with them in the hopes that they may someday be a part of the ND family.”

The Global Issues Seminar gives 40 pre-college students the opportunity to embark on a week of discussion regarding the challenges faced by young Catholic leaders in today’s society.

In an effort to allow pre-college students to experience career options, the School of Architecture and College of Engineering both offer summer internships into their respective fields.

The week-long School of Architecture Career Discovery program allows high school juniors and seniors and recent graduates the opportunity to learn more about the major prior to beginning college, while the three-week Intro to Engineering program allows high school students to discover the opportunities available within the field.

The University’s Institute for Church Life’s Notre Dame Vision program creates an increased sense of vocation and realization of faith in the everyday lives of high school students during four-week-long sessions in June and July.

Vision counselor and senior Jill Gaidtinski said she was lured to spend the majority of her summer on Notre Dame’s campus because of her belief in the mission of the program.

“Because of the time consuming nature of Vision, my experience of being on campus was entirely encompassed by the programs and events of the program,” she said. “That was one of the appeals of ND Vision in general — being surrounded by an incredibly strong, vibrantly prayerful community.”

Vision counselor senior Nick Match said the program not only fosters spiritual growth among pre-college students but with the college counselors as well.

“Getting away from home and living at Notre Dame apart from all of its school pressures, can clear your mind, and open it up to new possibilities, and ways to grow closer to God,” he said.

“For me, ND Vision was a life-changing experience where I learned to love my faith as I never had before.”

Nick Match Vision counselor

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Ultimate Frisbee team attended the Mass for Morin in the Siegfried chapel, Crutchfield said.

"Some of the freshmen [on the team] came to Mass who met him for maybe a week at the beginning of the year because they had to do the same for them," Crutchfield said.

He described Morin as “one of the most dedicated players on the team.”

Junior Cole Hundt, who was Morin’s freshman and sophomore year roommate in Siegfried, called Morin one of his best friends at Notre Dame.

“You have to be optimistic, otherwise you’ll heat yourself up," Hundt said. "I’m worried, but you have to be optimistic in any situation like this.

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Food for Thought
Preserving the dying art of dinner-table discussion

Food for Thought is a student-run book club which invites faculty and students alike to read and discuss the fictional works of forgotten Catholic authors over dinner. Students will receive free copies of the books we read.

Informational Meeting: FREE PIZZA dinner Room 230 in Coleman-Morse Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 PM

If you plan on attending the meeting, please email us at ethics2@nd.edu

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Palestinian turnover incites violence
Gaza City — Palestinian gunmen from the conservative Fatah Party stormed government buildings, briefly took over a power plant and bloodied 25 Israeli soldiers in the Gaza Strip Monday, creating more chaos as Hamas militants refused to take power.

Nine people were wounded in five separate firefightes with Palestinian police. The violence was a forecast of what might happen if Hamas tries to impose its will on Fatah gun-

Jane blood runs deep between Hamas and Fatah, and many Fatah activists — including nearly 60,000 members of the security forces — fear for their government jobs once Hamas takes power. The handover draws nearer Sunday, when Hamas presented its new Cabinet to Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas for approval.

Lithuanian denies Nazi collaboration
VILNIUS — An 85-year-old man deported from Florida on trial Monday in his native Lithuania on charges of helping Nazis round up Jews during World War II.

Agimantas Dailide is accused of being a member of the Nazi-sponsored Lithuanian Security Police, known as the Saugumas, which took part in the arrests of Jews during the war, running the Nazi's European-wide Holocaust.

Dailide, who moved to the U.S. in 1955 and lives in Orlando, was deported in 2003 for lying about his wartime past, denied the charges in the Vilnius District Court.

Judge delays Yates murder trial
EVANSVILLE, Ind. — A judge Monday postponed Andrea Yates' murder retrial until June because of a scheduling conflict, setting a new trial date blocked a vital road in the Gaza Strip on buildings, briefly took over a power plant and

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CAIRNS — The most powerful storm to hit Australia in three decades lashed northeastern Queensland Monday, mowing down sugar and banana plantations with 180 mph winds but causing no deaths or serious injuries.

A man was killed when his powerline truck hit a hanging powerline. The 38-year-old driver was crushed to death after the truck hit a tree and flipped over.

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AUSTRALIA

Cyclone hits Land Down Under

Storm deals massive structural damage, sound evacuation plans prevent deaths

The president was asked why he aired the issue — which turned out not to have weapons of mass destruction — as enough of a threat three years ago to launch an invasion, in contrast to nuclear-ambitious Iran today.

"One difference was that, in Iraq, there was a series of unanimous (U.S. Security Council) resolutions that bazi-

The president said he was concerned, on the question of nuclear weapons and on its role in Iraq. The White House has accused Iran of meddling in Iraqi politics and of support-

A small group of people huddle in a house in Bundaberg Wednesday after Cyclone Larry battered coastal towns.

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"Most of the casualties and deaths resulting from cyclones happen after the storm has passed," he warned. "Keep your kids away from flooded drains, be aware of snakes and crocodiles. Those guys will have had a bad night, too."

Bush defends war policies at forum

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Coughlin cited yearly repetition as one of the reasons "The Vagina Monologues" has come under fire in recent months. He said the "Monologues" is not the only activity the repetition standard applies to. All campus groups, he said, are encouraged to change the content of their programs annually.

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Coughlin said regardless of whether an event is popular during its initial performance, it should not be performed repeatedly. He said even though the Student Union Board's (SUB) recent showing of "RENT" was extremely popular, Student Activities would not support subsequent repeated showings — but would instead encourage SUB to bring in new movies.

"There are hundreds of programs on sexual assault available out there," Coughlin said. "They department groups sponsoring or supporting "The Vagina Monologues" should explore different things."

History professor Call Bederman challenged Coughlin's position by bringing up an observation she said was made at a recent faculty meeting.

"People have a sense that football is an activity that is repeated year after year often with the same teams, and often the same players," Bederman said. "If football can be repeated year after year, why can't student groups?"

Coughlin suggested the CLC listen to any statements Jenkins makes in the coming weeks regarding a firm University policy on controversial campus events like "The Vagina Monologues."

In other CLC news:

- All Wishon, chair of the Senate Committee on Gender Issues, introduced a resolution to the Council in support of Notre Dame Health Service's hiring of a physician. The physician will

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Labour organizations and students call for stoppages in response to youth labor laws

Associated Press

PARIS — French unions and student groups called Monday for a national day of strikes to protest new youth job laws that have already provoked huge street demonstrations and been condemned by many universities.

Labour unions had met Monday evening to set a Monday nationwide deadline for Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin to drop the job plan or face a possible general strike. But he chose a simple sign of backing down.

Meeting student groups, Villepin calmly urged dialogue.

"There are problems and worries being expressed," Villepin said after the talks, which were attended by the largest student group, UNEF. "Let's get together around a table in the near future and find solutions and responses.

The law, passed by parliament Monday, is designed to reduce youth unemployment by making it easier for companies to hire and fire.

But critics fear it will hurt job security.

Another day of student protest is planned Thursday ahead of the national strike expected to affect sectors from travel to industry to schools.

Individual universities were to offer more details in the coming days.

President Jacques Chirac acknowledged Monday that concerns about the plan are legitimate, but said high youth unemployment in France requires action.

He made a new appeal for talks between opponents and the government.

"The stakes in the next few days are high for a country with a dynamic and conscientious dialogue that could improve the law," he told reporters.

Chirac said the law must sign the law for it to take effect next month.

Students are angry the law was passed through quickly.

"They (the government) imposed the job plan without consulting anyone," UNEF leader Bruno Julliard told The Associated Press.

"They only agree to talk when a million people go into the streets to demonstrate, so we refuse to talk to them until they withdraw it."

Opponents were riding a swell of protest culminating in marches across France on Saturday that drew at least a half-million people.

Organizers said 1.5 million took part.

The largest march, in Paris, ended in violence and skirmishes between youths and police at the famed Sorbonne university. Cars, buses shelters and 10 shops were damaged — including a McDonald's restaurant.

A total of 167 people were arrested. Police said Sunday that 52 people were injured — 18 of them demonstraters.

One man injured at the Paris protest was unconscious and in serious condition Monday, police and hospital officials said. The PTT-SUD union claimed the 39-year-old man had been "violently trampled by a police charge."

The unrest continued in pockets across France. At least 300 students burned stands and set garbage bins on fire.

Wal-Mart pursues growth in China

Associated Press

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. plans to hire up to 150,000 new employees in China over the next five years, five times its current work force there, as it expands its number of stores, the company said Monday.

Wal-Mart has targeted China, which has long been a major supplier of its products, as a key region for its international growth. It now has 56 stores in China with about 30,000 employees and plans to open 20 more stores there before the end of this year.

Wal-Mart spokeswoman Amy Wyatt said March 26 that Wal-Mart has already increased its Bentonville-based retailer will add bigger stores. Wal-Mart generally only makes public projections one year at a time for its new store plans in the U.S. and internationally.

"We could hire as many as 150,000 (new employees) in the next five years," Wyatt said.

The news comes less than a week after Wal-Mart moved to expand in another fast-growing region, Central America, by taking a majority stake in a regional retail chain that it first bought into last September. Wal-Mart took over Central American Retail Holding Co., also known as CABRILLO, for an undisclosed price.

Wal-Mart bought about $18 billion in goods from China in 2004, the last year for which it has released numbers, Wyatt said.

The region is a key part of Wal-Mart's strategy of growing internationally, where it is active in 15 countries including China, Japan and Korea in Asia, Britain and Germany in Europe, Canada, Mexico and eight countries in Latin America.

Wal-Mart does not provide a country-by-country breakdown of international financial results. The total international division accounted for about 20 percent of last year's overall net sales of $312.4 billion.

But Wal-Mart's international division is growing faster than its larger U.S. operations. In 2005, the international business saw net sales and operating income rise 11.4 percent, compared to 9.4 percent for sales and 8.2 percent for operating income at the U.S. division minus Sam's Clubs.

Late last year Wal-Mart extended its global business by buying 140 Sonae stores in Brazil and increasing its stake to a majority in Japan's Seiyu Ltd., which has 405 stores.

Wal-Mart's international side had more than 450 employees last year, compared to more than 1.3 million in the U.S. stores in the United States.
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'The committee has been so prepared every time they come in here,' Mitrone said before the group approved the extra donation.
Following the vote, technology commissioner Ashley Enright said the Writing Center computer cluster in LeMars Hall had been moved to the SUN center in 20 LeMans Hall. She said this cluster does not have a printer.
A discussion about printers on campus ensued, with questions arising about the potential for a future print quota — such as putting a cap on the number of pages each student can print.

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fertant that we don't normally get.
The tapping started in the afternoon as producers talked to audience members in groups of 12, a process Keller described as a "personality-type screening."

During one of the breaks, show host Bob Barker asked the Glee Club to sing.
"We got to go up there on contestants row and sang the end of the ["Notre Dame Fight Song"] on TV," Keller said.
However, it was not until the words "Kevin Keller, come on down!" boomed over the audience that the 25 members of the Glee Club became thoroughly gleeful.
"When they yelled it, it was the greatest party," Keller said. "We just went crazy — everyone was running around and jumping all over each other."
Keller said the celebration was especially unique.
"When they normally call people down they're in their 30s so they get to celebrate, but not nearly as much," he said.
"We were in the aisle so we were just jumping around and running — it was a free-for-all."
Keller won $800 worth of camping equipment through his accurate guessing in the initial bidding round. But he said he did use some form of strategy.
"The lady next to me guessed $800 on the bidding and I said $801," he said. "I was that guy for a round."
After failing to win a golf cart in a game called "Coming of Age," Keller moved on to the "Big Wheel." As the wheel spun, Keller and the 24 other Glee Club members circled their fingers in the air for the "Go Irish" chant.
The object of the "Big Wheel" is to get as close as possible to one dollar. Keller ended up with 95 cents, landing him a spot in the Showcase Showdown.
In the Showdown, Keller found himself guessing at the price of a camping set.
"When you actually see the stuff and the cameras are on you and everybody's yelling out prices and stuff I couldn't think of anything," he said. "I was just sitting there like 'Whatever, I can't believe I'm up here right now.'"
Keller bid $18,500 on the package that included a camper, a dirt bike, an oven, a refrigerator and a dishwasher.
"I just tried to think about when I watched the show — usually the big showcases were like $23,000 and the smaller ones were like $17,000 so I tried to pick in the middle of that," he said. "My mind was everywhere."
When he made it to the Showdown and was asked if he wanted anyone on stage to celebrate with him if he won, Keller's answer was simple.
"Yeah, the Glee Club," Keller said. "When I won, all 25 guys got to run up and we were just jumping around and had the greatest party."
The celebration will likely continue on April 3 when the show airs, Keller said.
And while the Glee Club had their afternoon off during the week — most of which Keller said were spent relaxing at beaches — only one of the spring break days included nursing iconic "The Price is Right" host Bob Barker.
"He's a witty guy," Keller said. "He's talking about a five-year contract extension that he's thinking about, which would put him at 87 years old when he's done."
Despite his age, Barker knows how to have fun, Keller said. During one of the breaks in filming, someone from the audience asked Barker to recite a line from his role in "Happy Gilmore."
"He was just like, 'We'll let me ask my personal assistant if it's okay, I don't want to do anything bad... so he walked over to his assistant with his microphone still on and he's like 'They want me to say, The price is right, cows bro'" and the whole place just started cracking up laughing," Keller said.
Keller said his time on "The Price is Right" was a wild experience he will never forget.
"It was so quick. We were in and out — they were like 'Sign this, sign this and you're done,'" he said. "At the end I had my arms around two of Barker's Beauties and I was just like, 'This is unreal.' I'm never gonna have this opportunity again."

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CORE COUNCIL FOR GAY & LESBIAN STUDENTS
The former "Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs" is expanding and seeking new undergraduate student members, regardless of sexual orientation. The newly structured council, the Core Council for Gay and Lesbian Students, is now accepting applications.

Applications are available in the Office of Student Affairs (316 Main Building) or on the Core Council web site
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WASHINGTON — After a spurt of good fortune, the fledgling U.S. ethanol industry is anticipating some growing pains that could bring it unwanted attention this summer.

Ethanol's public profile rose significantly for the better last July when Congress passed an energy bill that mandated the doubling of biofuels output by 2012. In January, President Bush gave the industry a further boost with a strong endorsement in his State of the Union speech. And with the imminent phasing out of a petrochemical added to gasoline to reduce tailpipe emissions, more U.S. motorists will depend on the corn-derived fuel than ever before.

But there's trouble looming:

The ethanol industry might not be ready to satisfy the expected summertime jump in demand. And by crimping the overall supply of motor fuel, this could contribute to a spike in gasoline pump prices at the start of the country's peak driving season.

There are other factors behind higher gasoline prices, too, but ethanol producers face an extra obstacle. They are building new plants and ramping up production during the same time frame that gasoline demand is expected to peak. With many new refineries scheduled to come on line in the first half of 2006, the correction will come after Memorial Day rather than when it did last year — right before schools let out for the summer.

The Renewable Fuels Association, a trade group representing ethanol producers, says the industry's challenges and its influence on gasoline prices are being overblown. The association sent an angry letter to the Energy Department last April protesting the thoroughness of its research and accusing it of creating "unnecessary fears in the marketplace.

Still, ethanol-related worries hang over the U.S. market, contributing to a 42-cent-per-gallon increase in unleaded gas futures since mid-February. There are other factors behind the recent wholesale gasoline price spike, including soaring oil prices, strong demand and persistent strains on the U.S. refining system.

The average retail price of gasoline in the United States is $2.51 a gallon — the highest level since October — and some analysts say $3 is a possibility by summer.

Wholesale prices for ethanol, meanwhile, have surged to roughly $2.75 a gallon, or about 50 cents per gallon higher than usual, according to the Oil Price Information Service of Wall, N.J. Because ethanol makes up one-tenth of every gallon of unleaded gasoline with which it is blended, this windfall for ethanol producers ends up costing motorists an extra 5 cents per gallon at the pump.

High prices will spur more ethanol production — there are 33 new plants under construction — but some minor near-term complications can be expected due to the rapid increase in demand, said Bob Dinneen, president of the Renewable Fuels Association and the author of the letter sent to the Energy Department.

Dinneen said the industry is taking steps to mitigate the problems, such as filling ethanol storage tanks on the East Coast before summer arrives and contracting barges that can ship up the Mississippi River and then up the Atlantic seaboard.

Ethanol producers are keen to ensure a steady supply of motor fuel, particularly during the Midwest's peak driving season. Some 33 new plants are under construction, tapping the country's total gasoline supply, which accounts for about 10 percent of the total volume every gallon of gasoline with which it is blended.

"When it comes to ethanol, Congress is guilty of more irrational exuberance than on any other issue," said Rob Slaughter, president of the National Renewable and Refiners Association.

California, New York and Connecticut have banned MTBE in recent years, but consumers from Virginia to New Hampshire, as well as in Texas, still depend on it.

MTBE, a natural gas derivative, has been the oxygenate of choice since the mandate was established roughly 10 years ago as a byproduct of the Clean Air Act. But MTBE also has been found to contaminate drinking water supplies and it may cause cancer, exposing the petroleum industry to lawsuits filed by water districts and municipalities on behalf of their citizens.

After Congress refused to grant the industry protection from such lawsuits, refineries made clear their intention to stop using MTBE.

Valero Energy Corp., Exxon Mobil Corp. and Shell Oil Co., the U.S. subsidiary of Royal Dutch Shell PLC, all plan to cease using MTBE in gasoline by May 5. That is when an obscure provision of the energy bill goes into effect, eliminating the need for a so-called oxygenate in gasoline.

Now it is up to ethanol producers to bridge the gap. While U.S. ethanol producers have the capacity to produce roughly 4.3 billion gallons — or 280,000 barrels per day — in 2006, the near-term crunch means more imports will be needed from Brazil. Dinneen said.

The United States imported more than 150 million gallons of ethanol in 2005.

Dinneen said part of the problem for the U.S. ethanol industry right now is that it was caught off guard by the oil industry's faster-than-expected phaseout of MTBE. "Refiners made the decision to accelerate the removal of MTBE, not ethanol producers," Dinneen said.

Perhaps the biggest issue is distribution. Gasoline with or without MTBE can be shipped in large quantities through an extensive network of pipelines. But ethanol, which tends to corrode pipelines, must be transported on trucks, trains and barges in relatively small batches to storage terminals where it is then blended with gasoline.
BELARUS

Protesters defy government authorities during elections

Associated Press

MINSK — Pavel Gorbunov burst through the crowd, unsheathed a tent and started setting it up on the cold stones of Oktyabrskaya Square.

Six other small tents already stood in a rough circle, and by midnight Monday there were a dozen. Most were draped with nationalistic flags favored by critics of authoritarian President Alexander Lukashenko, who has scrapped them for a Soviet-style version.

"This is our last chance," said Vladimir Fivsky, a 20-year-old student who had wrapped one of the red-striped white flags around his shoulders and wore a pin in the same colors saying: "For Freedom!" He said he came to the square to protest because he "had enough" after 12 years of Lukashenko's repressive rule.

Fivsky and Gorbunov were among thousands of opposition supporters who gathered in the center of the Belarus' capital for a second night, hoping their protest would help overturn a presidential election that the U.S. said was flawed by a "climate of fear."

Their numbers were smaller than an election night Sunday, and prospects for a Ukraine-style "Orange Revolution" seemed remote. But with overnight temperatures at 28 degrees Fahrenheit, protesters vowed to turn the demonstration into a round-the-clock presence.

Still, Gorbunov wondered how long the authorities would let the tents remain. Officials put on a show of force, with busloads of riot police fanning out into nearby streets and courtyards and preventing people from approaching the main square.

Police had only a small and unobtrusive presence at the protest the previous night, when an estimated 10,000 people braved the freezing cold and snow to register their outrage against Lukashenko, who has ruled with an iron fist since 1994, won a "convincing victory" with 82.6 percent of the votes — a number Milinkevich called "monstrously inflated."

"Who's the boss in Belarus? "The revolution that was talked about so much has failed," he told a nationally televised news conference.

The election result, if it stands, would entrench the status of Belarus as one of the least independent of the former Soviet republics.

Some 5,000 gathered in Oktyabrskaya Square in the capital, about half the number that came out Sunday night for a protest whose size was extraordinary in a tightly controlled country where police have cracked down swiftly on unsanctioned opposition gatherings.

The diminished crowd suggested to many that the opposition was losing momentum. "There aren't enough people," a young man huddled into a cell phone amid the din of the rally. "There aren't enough people" a young man huddled into a cell phone amid the din of the rally. "This is our last chance."

"Our protest will be long and strong," he vowed. "We will never recognize this election. It's not an election but an anti-constitutional seizure of power."

The crowd thinned as hours passed, but many shared a determination to go to the bitter end. "We plan to stay here overnight and to stay until the moment when the vote is pronounced falsified, when the authorities admit this and a new election is announced," said a 21-year-old student who gave his name only as Alexander, one of a dozen people sitting among the tents.

A few tents "may not change much, but if people lose their fear they will join us," he said.

Milinkevich visited the growing makeshift tent camp, taking sips of tea from a cup he was offered and saying: "We're together."

As the rally was about to begin, busloads of riot police streamed into Karl Marx Street near the square. Security forces in helmets and camouflage uniforms disembarked from the buses, jogged into neighborhood courtyards and prevented pedestrians from walking toward the square.

On the square, a 45-year-old woman who gave her name only as Irina said she was scared about the prospect of bloody police action, but "if Lukashenko stays in power, it will be even worse."

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the election was flawed by a "climate of fear," and hinted that penalties such as travel restrictions "are things we will look at."

"Support the call for a new election," McClellan said. "The United States will continue to stand with the people of Belarus."

A cheer went up from the crowd in the square when a speaker reported the U.S. statement.

By contrast, Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday congratulated Lukashenko in a telegram and said the results would help strengthen the alliance of the two former Soviet nations.

The chief electoral official said Monday that Lukashenko, who has ruled with an iron fist since 1994, won a "convincing victory" with 82.6 percent of the votes — a number Milinkevich called "monstrously inflated."

Lukashenko scoured the opposition, saying voters had shown "who's the boss" in Belarus. "The revolution that was talked about so much has failed," he told a nationally televised news conference.
New Orleans mayor endorses rebuilding plan

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Mayor Ray Nagin on Monday offered a plan to rebuild New Orleans, endorsing a proposal that would let residents, not large corporations, reconstruct their homes in neighborhoods shattered by Hurricane Katrina.

The mayor's advisory commission, formed after Katrina struck Aug. 29, recommended in January that some flooded areas be replanted with parks and that the city take a go-slow attitude in rebuilding low-lying areas. But that suggestion was greeted with skepticism by neighborhood public meetings.

Nagin, who is running for re-election April 22, distanced himself from that plan, which included a proposed moratorium on building permits in some parts.

On Monday, he offered to let residents rebuild anywhere they want and warned that homeowners in flood-prone neighborhoods would have to do so on their own risk.

"I'm confident that the citizens can decide intelligently for themselves," the mayor said.

The report also recommended that the city stop revamping schools to consolidate them into fewer offices. The wish-list of projects included new light-rail systems, new riverfront development and better flood protection.

"We have worked tirelessly," Nagin told hundreds of residents who attended a meeting to hear about the plan. "It has been an exhaustive process in some respects, but I am pleased by the results."

Residents lined up to speak against the proposal during a five-hour comment period. One of them, an activist named Chui Clark, called the commission "a rare chance for a civic forum," criticizing many black residents who say they were being discouraged from returning.

Babatunji Ahmed, a craftsman, charged that construction inspectors are going to major corporations like the Halliburton Co. instead of to local workers.

"Somebody is trying to keep us away from this economic plan," Ahmed, who also spoke against suggestions that the city refund water size or "footprint."

The smaller footprint means you don't have my mamma back! You don't want my grandchildren back" he said.

But the plan has been warmly received in many circles. Ron Forman, a strong mayoral candidate and prominent businessman, applauded the commission's work and the breadth of the report. But he said it is still short on specifics.

"The only problem I see with the plan is that I don't see an implementation plan, an action plan, based on dates on when we can expect to be done," Forman said.

Nagin turned the plan immediate into fodder for his re-election campaign, poking fun at a prominent opponent and using the spotlight to make light of minutes on which he said God intended New Orleans to be a black-majority city.

The release of the report came after civil rights groups took aim at the state's plan for rebuilding, which includes spending billions of federal dollars to buy flood-damaged homes.

Groups including the NAACP, the Advancement Project and the New Orleans-based People's Hurricane Relief Fund complained that the plan gives short shrift to poor and low-income residents.

In a letter to Gov. Kathleen Blanco's administration, the groups cited evidence that only 126,570 rental units without insurance were flooded last year. By contrast, they said, only about 25,180 uninsured homes were damaged, which is about 20 percent of all the ruined homes.

"This is really like the opening salvo, if you will, of attempts to get a fair share of that money for low- and moderate-income people," said Bill Quigley, a lawyer and civil rights activist.

The state plan still needs approval by the Legislature, but the city leaders say they want to make sure that the plan meets their goals.

"We want to make sure that we get as much input from citizens as we can," said Suzie Ekin, director of the Office of Community Development, which also reviewed the rebuilding plan.

More busnegs as strife

Former detainees and their attorneys criticize much-maligned Guantanamo Bay prison, allege U.S. tactics of humiliation, torture

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America risks convicting the innocent and letting the guilty evade justice for how it handles detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, the most prominent example of a visionless Australian terror suspect held at the U.S. prison camp said Monday.

Maj. Michael Murai, a Marine Corps lawyer, told an audience at George Washington University that the Bush administration would accept "information being acquired potentially under torture or questionable methods."

Moor spoke after several former detainees recounted their experiences in the camp, which holds roughly 300 prisoners. Moore was taken in the aftermath of the U.S.-led invasion of Afghanistan following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Moor's client, David Hicks, was caught in Australia in May 2002 and allegedly while fighting alongside Afghanistan's ousted Taliban while wearing a U.S. military uniform. He was charged with plotting to attack U.S. military bases, although the charges were never pressed.

"When you use an imbalanced spy law like that, you risk convicting the innocent and providing someone who may be truly guilty with a valid complaint to challenge their conviction," he added.

He added: "There are no rules. They change every day," and only a handful of Guantanamo prisoners have been charged.

Others have been released, usually to their home countries. Tarek Dergoulo, who spent two years in prison at Guantanamo, said he was forced to admit to appearing on a video with al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

"I was going crazy," Rasul said. "I have to get out of isolation because I can't back it up anymore."

"Guantanamo was a shambles ... it's doing no justice for America; there's no information being extracted."

Tarek Dergoulo, former detainee

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chemical plants with lax protections from attacks and accidental leaks are being targeted by the Homeland Security Department — before they can be targeted by terrorists.

"Progress on this has stalled for four and a half years after 9/11, they still don't have that," said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Monday his department will crack down on chemical manufacturers and storage facilities that he described as "poorly run plants" that have largely ignored beefing up security measures.

"They're counting on the fact that the industry in general has a good level of investment, and they figure they'll hide among the leaves and essentially freeload on this security work done by others," Chertoff said.

"That's not acceptable," he said. "Progress on this is going to take too long." Counterterror experts put the chemical industry at the likely target for terrorists. Congress and investigators have revealed spotty results in how well the chemical industry is prepared to respond in the event of an attack.

At issue is federal regulation of security plans at the nation's 15,000 privately operated chemical plants — one-fifth of which are close to cities and other heavily populated areas.
Libertarian theology?

Recently, I had the pleasure of giving a brief talk on the connections between libertarianism and Catholicism. I had five minutes to talk about it, and made it up entirely as I went along. It was probably pretty entertaining, so maybe this column will be entertaining as well — though slightly more informative.

First, let me wholeheartedly say: I am not Catholic. But I do believe the Libertarian Party offers a viable alternative for Catholics who are disturbed by the direction of this nation.

So let’s be clear. If elected, the goals of the Libertarian Party are simple: stop massive government expansion and waste and support the obvious process of shrinking the federal government back to Constitutional size. If you believe that the government takes too much of your money, wastes it and then tries to control too much of what you are free to do, you are already 89 percent Libertarian. The devil, of course, lies in the details.

Many Christians are attracted to the Democratic Party because it is supposedly the party of the “little guy.” The Catholic dedication to the fantastic buzzword “social justice” keeps many good Catholics ensnared by the tenets of the left. If “social justice” rests on positive rights (which most of it does), then it is not justice at all. Justice is about equality. Jailing a murderer is justice. Jailing someone who refuses to be charitable is not.

Then, of course, there is the other side of the coin. Many Catholics fall under the conservative Republican label, generally following the “right to life” and War-on-Terror-Defense-on-the-Great-Barrier-Reef positions. Does the Catholic Church have an opinion on abortion? Does the Church support war? Does the Church support welfare? Does the Church support the imprisonment of someone who refuses to be charitable?

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

Problems greater than they seem

If Catholicism were strong at Notre Dame, the sponsorship of events even perceived to be at odds with the Catholic character of the University would be of little concern. It is insecurely that breeds fear, fear that breeds intolerance and intolerance that breeds censorship.

Declaring the Catholic nature of the University as a reason to impose “appropriate limits” on academic freedom is a tacit concession that Notre Dame is insecure. It is an admission that you lack confidence in the effectiveness of the Catholic message of the University and its ability to refute attacks on the basis of its beliefs and provide an alternate and acceptable viewpoint. If Catholicism were strong at Notre Dame, it could hold its own in the academ-
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

That grinds my gears

Last week, I saw dozens of little kids, no more than five or six years old, walking around University Grounds. Surely, the Rotunda had been turned into a new O-Hill, or maybe the department have an idea for an event, say, to be sponsored by the University of declining to sponsor some event is an act of censorship, then censorship is rampant in this university. I have taught at Notre Dame for 39 years and have never felt that my academic freedom was infringed upon. But it never occurred to me that I have a right derived from academic freedom to demand that University funds be allocated to sponsor any event dear to my heart. Suppose that the department approves by a vote of seven to five, but the president of the University vetoes that decision. Has the decision by the president now risen to the level of an assault on academic freedom? There is room for debate about the appropriate focus of decision making in the University, but that does not seem to be a debate about academic freedom. It may be reasonable to argue that most decisions about how to spend University funds allocated to a department should generally be made at the departmental level. On the other hand, if the issue is simply whether the department has畢 and no particular attachment to Catholic values and, in some cases, quite sincerely and openly antagonistic to certain official Catholic teachings, would be in a poor position to judge. It is inevitable that there will be vigorous debate about which events deserve University sponsorship since not all events can be sponsored or are worthy of being sponsored. It is misleading and un Rating the information they approved for a credit card. Having signed up for a card earlier in the week, I willingly provided the information they needed. Most of it was cut and dry, such as my current address and place of employment, but when they stated they needed my bank’s routing number and my checking account number for a draft, things started getting fishy. They said that due to some marks on my credit history they would need $200 up front as collateral, which I would then get back in the form of payment vouchers. Since my credit report did indeed have some blemishes on it, I gave them everything they wanted.

A month later, I received a charge card in the mail from a company called CapitalOne and along with a catalog of products that the card as well as the $200 in payment vouchers could be used towards, and ONLY towards their catalog. I’d been ripped off, and I felt it for hook, line and sinker. What didn’t come as a surprise to me though, was the fact that CapitalOneIncard had gotten my information via something I’d signed up for on the Internet. Because of events similar to these, protecting oneself while on the Internet has become a major source of discussion these days. Large Internet corporations such as MLL and Earthlink are spending millions in advertising dollars to keep people safe from phishing and other types of Internet scams. So why is it such an issue today, and more importantly, why do you need to know about it for starters, you’re reading this you most likely use either MySpace or Facebook. Both of these services, especially Facebook, have become a popular topic amongst collegiate journalists these days, and for good reason: it’s often amusing, shocking and/or baffling to see what kinds of information people willingly put on their profiles. However, and unfortunately, Facebook is just one of the more obvious examples of how easy it is to get information about someone on the Internet, and it’s going to become all too apparent to many students just what can happen when certain people get that information.

Watch out on the Web

Going to the bank and explaining fraudulent charges is not fun. I can say this from personal experience. In early December, I received a phone call from a company claiming to be CapitalOne and they said something to me from which I’d been approved for a credit card. Having signed up for a card earlier in the week, I willingly provided the information they needed. Most of it was cut and dry, such as my current address and place of employment, but when they stated they needed my bank’s routing number and my checking account number for a draft, things started getting fishy. They said that due to some marks on my credit history they would need $200 up front as collateral, which I would then get back in the form of payment vouchers. Since my credit report did indeed have some blemishes on it, I gave them everything they wanted.

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Paula (Sarah Jessica Parker) and Tripp (Matthew McConaughey) enjoy some smooth sailing during the romantic comedy "Failure to Launch."

Kathy Bates is in an unspectacular role as Tripp's mother. The actress never gets to show her comedic chops or why she won an Academy Award. Meanwhile, Terry Bradshaw depicts a father that seems to care little for his son, and seeing his butt that much isn't particularly pleasant.

It's another strike-out for Parker after "The Family Stone." The actress is trying to find her niche in Hollywood after "Sex and the City." If she keeps this up, her success at HBO will mark the peak of her career, and then there's no place to go but down.

"Failure to Launch" lives up to its title. It never quite makes us care and it never quite makes us laugh. Parker and McConaughey fans will see it anyway, but it isn't any better than another McConaughey romance, "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days." Romantic comedy fans will only be disappointed and should rent a classic instead of wasting money on a bad movie with an even worse title.

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One of the most complex issues of modern society is the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "Paradise Now," directed by Hany Abu-Assad, attempts to explore this controversial topic through the eyes of two Palestinian men who decide to become what some people would call terrorists, but others would term martyrs.

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The film involves life-long friends Said and Khaled who have grown up in Nablus, a town on the West Bank. They are Palestinians who both have stories about the involvement of Israeli forces in their lives. Recruited to become suicide bombers, they are sent on a mission to Tel Aviv.

In the plans go awry when they cannot meet their contact on the Israeli side and the emotional force of the story then moves into full swing. The daughter of a fallen Palestinian hero returns from the West and tries to sway the two men from their mission, stating that there are other ways to accomplish their goals. At the same time, the men who recruited them are calling them martyrs for the cause and great heroes who will soon be in heaven. The strength of this film is that neither side seems completely right or completely wrong. There are reasons given for why the men are doing what they are doing. The humiliation they experience at the hands of the Israeli military is poignantly described but does not justify what the friends are doing — although the film does give a reason that should not be ignored. It pays close attention not only to the characters but also to the Palestinian situation as a whole.

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The humiliation the character experiences cannot be ignored, but neither can the innocence of the everyday Israelis who are in mortal danger from terrorist attacks.

This film refuses to give the audience any answers. It does not say one side is better than the other. However, what it does do is underline the need for change. There is violence on both sides of the fence and there are issues that must be addressed. The tagline of the film, "From the most unexpected place, comes a bold new call for peace," not only pertains to the story of the film but also to the film itself. The movie calls for reconciliation, but fully acknowledges that the avenue is fraught with hardship and that each side must address aspects of the conflict it would rather not. The path to peace is never easy, but "Paradise Now" invites us to at least make an attempt to walk down it.

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Said (Kais Nashef, left) and Khaled (All Suliman, right) star as childhood friends turned Palestinian terrorists in the provocative film "Paradise Now."

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Doug Bukowski (Aaron Stanford) takes a break from whacking mutants in the film "The Hills Have Eyes." The film is a remake of a 1977 Wes Craven horror movie.

Although Craven did a better job in the 77 version, there is a level of sympathy felt for the mutants. These mutants are the children of the miners who did not leave, so to a certain extent they did not choose to be this way and are also validated in their way of life.

There is also Ruby, the little mutant girl who helps the stranded people on numerous occasions. At the same time, the audience also feels for the family, which is innocent in the matter. It's hard not to cheer on the techno-geek as he fights, hacks, and impales a mutant with an American flag in order to get his baby back.

Even though the movie is thought-provoking at times, it is certainly not easy to stomach. Even though the most gruesome parts were cut out to receive the R-rating, Aja is a master at creating new and horrifying scenes. It is highly recommended not to eat popcorn or have a beverage when viewing this flick.

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**NBA**

**Bryant carries Lakers to crucial road win over Celtics**

Pistons clinch fourth consecutive Central Division title with win over reeling Hawks, move to games over .500

Associated Press

**HUSTON —** After missing 3-pointers at the buzzer in consecutive games, Kobe Bryant settled matters early against the Boston Celtics.

Bryant had 43 points, five rebounds and five steals and the Los Angeles Lakers salvaged the finale of a three-game road trip with a 105-97 win over Boston on Monday night.

Bryant shot 18-for-39 and Lamar Odom added 17 points and nine rebounds for the Lakers, who never trailed and pulled a half-game ahead of Sacramento for seventh place in the Western Conference.

The Lakers avoided falling below .500 for the first time since a loss to Utah on Jan. 3, dropped their second straight game.

"This was a must win for us," Bryant said. "We played well through the entire trip, but it's just that we weren't able to close things out. Tonight was a win that we desperately needed."

Paul Pierce scored 26 and Tony Allen added a season-high 18 points for the Celtics, who have lost four of five to drop the entire trip, but it's just that they have been desperate to win the division," he said. "Now we have to get homecourt in the East, homecourt in the league, and then we have to win the championship."

Detroit Pistons forward Rasheed Wallace, left, shoots over Atlanta Hawks center Zaza Pachulia during the first half of the Pistons' 91-84 win Monday night.

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NFL

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue gives his State of the NFL remarks in Detroit Feb. 3. Tagliabue announced Monday that he is retiring in July, after more than 16 years as commissioner.

NEW YORK Paul Tagliabue is leaving the NFL, and he's leaving it both peaceful and prosperous.

The 65-year-old commissioner will step down in July after 16 years, his tenure marked by labor harmony and unprecedented riches through television deals.

Tagliabue has been in charge since 1989, when he succeeded Pete Rozelle, and agreed last March to stay to complete the TV deal and a long-term contract with players.

He finally got that done 12 days ago, finishing the most serious labor negotiations since the league and union agreed on a free agency-salary cap deal in 1992.

"I really want to emphasize how much of a privilege it is to spend most of your adult life with the NFL. This is not an easy decision for me," Tagliabue said on a conference call Monday.

"As difficult as this decision is, I also know it's the right decision. Right for me. Right for the league," he said.

Roger Goodell, the NFL's chief operating officer, and Atlanta general manager Rich McKay are the two leading candidates to succeed Tagliabue. Baltimore Ravens president Dick Cass also is considered to have an outside chance and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice has said she would like the job.

"Ask her," Tagliabue said when quizzed about Rice's candidacy.

Tagliabue said the search is wide open and that he will stay on beyond July to avoid the kind of seven-month deadlock that occurred between him and the late Jim Finks after Rozelle stepped down in March 1989.

In Brief

Lions release Harrington

ALLEN PARK, Mich. — The Detroit Lions parted ways with Joey Harrington on Monday after four turbulent seasons during which the quarterback went from franchise savior to franchise goat.

Coach Rod Marinelli declined to say whether Harrington was released.

"I've decided to move in a different direction with the quarterback," he said.

Harrington, drafted No. 3 overall in 2002, was 18-37 as a starter with the Lions under three coaches: Marty Mornhinweg, Steve Mariucci and Dick Jauron, who took over when Mariucci was fired during the 2005 season. Harrington started 55 games, throwing for 16,242 yards with 60 touchdowns and 62 interceptions and a mediocre 61.6 passer rating.

Last month, Marinelli and team president Matt Millen indicated the Lions considered Harrington their top quarterback for 2006.

Red Sox trade Arroyo to Reds for OF Pena

Boston Red Sox traded reliever Arroyo to the Cincinnati Reds for OF Pena on Monday in a swap of talented young players that could fill a major need for each team.

Arroyo was headed to the bullpen because of Boston's deep rotation, but the right-hander now figures to help Cincinnati's mediocre starting staff. The 24-year-old Pena had more strikeouts at the plate last season (116) than Arroyo did on the mound (100). But Pena also hit 19 homers in 311 at-bats.

"This guy has some crazy power, man," said Boston DH David Ortiz, who rated Pena's strength above his own.

Seattle likely to lose All-Pro Hutchinson

SEATTLE — The Seahawks must match the guaranteed provision in the $49 million, seven-year deal offered to All-Pro guard Steve Hutchinson by the Minnesota Vikings if the NFC champions want to keep their transition player.

A league spokesman and an attorney for the NFL players' union confirmed Monday that a special master ruled against Seattle, saying an unprecedented provision guarantees all of the $49 million in an offer sheet Hutchinson signed with Minnesota should he not be the team's highest-paid offensive lineman is valid.

League spokesman Michael Signora said Monday evening that the Seahawks had until midnight (EST) Monday to match the Vikings offer or lose Hutchinson to Minnesota. The Seahawks and Vikings each said they had no comment.

Women's NCAA Basketball

Boston College at Purdue, 11:11 a.m. ESPN

NBA

Houston at Dallas, 8 p.m. TNT

Phoenix at Utah, 10:30 p.m. TNT
Washington Nationals player shirks left field, wants to play second

Soriano refused to play the outfield for Washington in what was supposed to be his spring training debut Monday night, and general manager Jim Bowden said his biggest offseason acquisition could go on the disqualified list if he doesn't agree to switch positions this week.

"The player refused to take the field, which we believe is a violation of his contract," Bowden said.

Soriano, a four-time All-Star second baseman, was listed as batting leadoff and playing left field on a lineup sheet posted in the Nationals' clubhouse before Monday night's 11-5 loss to the Los Angeles Dodgers.

But when the Nationals took the field in the top of the first inning, Soriano wasn't out there. With play just about to begin, nobody on the Nationals seemed to know where he was.

Confused players and fans looked toward Washington's dugout. The only person to emerge, however, was manager Frank Robinson.

He approached plate umpire Mike Eidak, and made a defensive switch, moving Ryan Church from center field to left and putting Brandon Watson in center to replace Soriano in the lineup.

"I was setting out there ready to warm up, but nobody was out there. And the next thing I see Watty running out there, so I kind of figured what happened," Church said.

The Nationals already have an All-Star second baseman in Jose Vidro, so they told Soriano they want him to move to the outfield. He indicated he doesn't want to do that, and Monday provided his most visible objection.

When Soriano first reported to camp last month, the question of whether he would accept the switch was left open until his return from the World Baseball Classic.

Soriano played for the Dominican Republic, which was eliminated in the tournament semifinals Saturday. He joined the Nationals on Monday and worked out with teammates at second base in the afternoon, but wouldn't speak to reporters.

He wasn't in the clubhouse after Monday night's game.

"It's a difficult situation for the organization and for him personally," said pitcher Mike Stanton, Soriano's teammate on the New York Yankees from 1999-02. "I don't really think anything good can come out of this.

The Nationals acquired Soriano from Texas in a December trade that sent outfielders Adrian Gonzalez and Terrmel Sledge and pitcher Armando Galarraga to the Rangers. After the deal, Washington made it clear that Vidro would keep his spot at left field.

Soriano refused to sign arbitration case this winter and is due to be paid $10 million this season, still making him the highest salary awarded in arbitration.

The Nationals are off Tuesday, then travel to play the Los Angeles Dodgers against the Baltimore Orioles on Thursday. The Nationals will take action.

"We told him if we get to Wednesday, and he refuses to play left field, we told him at that point, we will request that the commissioner's office place him on the disqualified list, at that time — no pay, no service time," Bowden said.

"If he refuses to play and just goes home, and the commissioner's office accepts our request to place him on the disqualified list, then at that point, if he were to sit out this year, he would not be a free agent,

Robinson said the meeting with Soriano was civil, but that the situation is very sensitive.
Brophy is one of few in the field of 18. As she finished 16th among (74-70-74), seven shots ahead par three round to total of 218. The Irish closed the event as host Texas, Notre Dame women's Obergkirch is one of the team's most well-known and popular players, and her performance in the event was a testament to her skill and dedication. The Irish earned eight individual and one team victory over Alyssa Schaffer in the NCAA Midwestern qualifying match. Later that day, Saint Mary's of the season. "I think everyone did really good," Fraga said. "We all went out there and did our best that we could, and got a lot of good marks for us." Despite her individual performance, the Irish at the Cal Poly Invitational were senior Ryane Postel in the 400-meter dash.

**SMC TENNIS**

Belles end week with three straight victories

The Belles bounced back over the week. The next day, Bentley College had a good start." Ehrig said. "We all did really well in this event, which will be held at the par-72 Kaneohe Klipper Golf Course.

**WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC**

Japan captures inaugural tournament

ichiro Suzuki was the only MLB starter to play in WBC final

The Belles had a much tougher time March 12, falling to Michigan State 4-2. The Belles had two of the three doubles points but lost four of six singles matches in the contest.

For that day, Saint Mary's suffered a 4-3 defeat at the hands of St. Scholastica.

**TRACK AND FIELD**

Small squad makes big mark

BY JASON GALVAN

Sports Writer

The Notre Dame track and field team began its season at the Cal Poly Invitational in San Luis Obispo, Calif. this weekend. A small group comprised of runners, throwers, and sprinters was sent to kick off the outdoor season with the hope of regrouping to begin their outdoor season in two weeks at Stanford.

"We didn't send the full team... and we were able to get a couple of runners out of the way," Irish head coach Dave Land said. "It was a good start.

The Irish earned eight individual victories, posted 18 Big East qualifying marks for the conference championship and added two Mid-Atlantic Regional qualifying marks.

Land said he began her javelin career with a school record of 146 feet, 9 inches, imaginary than her personal mark of 142 feet, 11 inches. "I was expecting, I was having some good practices... to see how far I could throw..." But we can do better," King said.

"We had a pretty decent week, we will do pretty good and it would be very good if we could get 218... We only played one of the seven matches..." Fraga said. "We just won one other in the singles competition..." Much of the same followed March 15 in a 6-3 loss to Southern Arizona.

The Belles bounced back over the next two days with dominating wins. Saint Mary's topped Morehead State 8-1 March 16. McDavitt's 6-0, 6-1 victory over Alyssa Adkins highlighted the match. The next day, Bentley College won just four sets against the Belles as Saint Mary's rolled to a 7-2 victory, taking all three doubles points. The team's afternoon match against Milbas was more of the same, as the Belles captured every singles set and one of the three doubles points.

"We only played one of the seven matches with our regular starting lineup..." that showed us we have a lot of depth..." Ehrig said. "I knew what the record was going out there," said. "It took until my last throw to hit the mark, and when I got it, I was really excited and just turned to my dad..." The Irish went on to win that event to the pole vault - her featured event - this weekend at the Mideast Regional Invitational this weekend.

The Irish had a pretty decent indoor season in the pole vault, and I'm excited to go outside and jump underneath the sun," Huarte said. "I know our vaulters will all be competing in our regionals meet, and the other places..." We are seeing higher expectations for ourselves.

Junior Maryann Erghis earned first-place finishes in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, posting qualifying bids for the Big East Conference meet and the NCAA Mid-Atlantic qualifying match. Land said he thought the hundred was pretty good, but the 200 was too good, and I'm happy I was able to get a good start.

"I think everyone did really good," Fraga said. "We all went out there and did our best and we got a lot of good marks for us." Despite her individual performance, the Irish at the Cal Poly Invitational were senior Ryane Postel in the 400-meter dash.

**Women's Golf**

Bright spots for team

By FRAN TOLAN

Sports Writer

Before last week's 'Mo' Mortal Tournament in Bryan, Texas, Notre Dame women's golf coach Debby King said that she was hoping for a top six finish for her team among the field of 18.

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**MEN'S SWIMMING**

Bulfin qualifies for NCAAs with record dive

By CHRIS HINE

Freshman diver Michael Bulfin qualified for the NCAA National Championships March 23-25 in the three-meter dive. His score of 323.20 in the final round set a school record.

Bulfin, who placed ninth in the Zone C region, was the third Irish diver to qualify for the NCAA National Championships this year. Freshman diver Michael Bulfin qualified for the NCAA National Championships with a record dive.

**MEN’S LACROSSE**

Road tripping: Irish cruise to three wins over spring break

Twelfth-ranked squad defeats No. 20 North Carolina, Villanova

By TIM DOUGHERTY

Notre Dame broke open a 3-3 game in the second quarter with five straight goals. Walsh had four assists in the quarter and senior attacker Pat Walsh sparked a struggling Irish offense, registering two goals against the Tar Heels with one goal and five assists.

**Defensive James Severin advances the ball during Notre Dame's Feb. 26 victory over Penn State.**

*PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer*

**Attacker Duncan Swezey beats his opponent during Notre Dame's 8-4 victory over Penn State Feb. 26.**

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**The Observer ◆ SPORTS**

*Tuesday, March 21, 2006*

**ATTACKER DUNCAN SWEZEY BEATS HIS OPPONENT DURING NOTRE DAME’S 8-4 VICTORY OVER PENN STATE FEB. 26.** The Irish defeat Penn State 8-4 at Alumni Hall in Atlantic City, N.J., March 22.

**DEFEATER JAMES SEVERIN ADVANCES THE BALL DURING NOTRE DAME’S FEB. 26 VICTORY OVER PENN STATE.** Over spring break, the Irish defeated North Carolina, Villanova and Bellarmine.

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*BULFIN QUALIFIES FOR NCAA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MARCH 23-25 IN THE THREE-METER EVENT BY SCORING A SCHOOL-RECORD 323.20.*

*THE OBSERVER ◆ SPORTS*
Irish continue rocky season with 4-3 mark during spring break

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

The Irish showed they could play with some of the best teams in the country over spring break, as the squad earned a win over No. 12 Arizona State and dropped a pair of one-run games to No. 3 Texas and No. 6 Malhomas.

Notre Dame began its West Coast trip by sweeping a doubleheader against Cal Poly SLO (9-10) — games five and six of the season with 4-3 mark — over Northwestern at Ivy Field April 26, 2005.

In the first game, a 3-1 victory for the Irish, Booth surrendered just one run on five hits, while striking out eight in the win. Cal Poly’s lone run came in the bottom of the third, when a Lisa Modglin double left fielder Kelly Camstock to give the Mustangs a one-run lead. The game continued on scoreless until the top of the seventh, when right fielder Stephanie Brown knocked in two runs on a two-run single to the middle to give the Irish the lead. Shortstop Sara Schoenaert provided some insurance with a single to right to drive in Brown. Booth took the win over the Wildcats.

The second game was a 10-0 victory over a perfect game from Booth. The Irish had their way against the Titans, hiking the game by an 8-2 final score.

The third game was a 6-5 win over Arizona State's (8-8) at Tempe, Arizona, as they matched a one run lead. The game began at No. 3 Texas to earn a one point advantage as they thinking that we will be competing again against some of the top teams in the nation, but many want to stay focused and played some of our best tennis this season.

"I was behind in the first set and knew that our team needed every win we could get [in singles] to pull out the match," Potts said. "I’m glad we’ve been able to contribute to the team this season.

In doubles, the team registered two wins to earn the doubles point against the runner-up at last year's NCAAs," Potts said. "With each meet, we’re building confidence.”

In singles, No. 32 Catrina Thompson secured the third-set breaker to earn the 7-5, 6-4, 1-0 (11-9) win over No. 71 Marovic.

No. 2 Notre Dame 4
No. 48 Texas A&M 3

The Irish earned their second consecutive 4-3 victory with the help of Matt Potts March 18.

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Men's Tennis

Irish finish strong week, post 4-1 mark over spring break

Notre Dame loses in Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic finals

By KATE GALE
Associate Sports Editor

Despite a loss in the finals of the Blue-Gray National Tennis Classic, the Irish had a successful spring break, ending with a record of 4-1 to improve to 13-5 overall.

No. 20 Notre Dame topped No. 30 Florida State 4-3 March 14 on route to a crucial win. They then knocked off William and Mary, Fresno State and Boise State before losing to No. 26 Florida State and having a close 4-2 March 17.

"It was a fun atmosphere in which to play," Bobby Bayliss said.

No. 20 Notre Dame 4, No. 30 Florida State 3

Before a raucous Seminole crowd, Eric Langenkamp clinched a win for the Irish as they topped No. 30 Florida State 4-3 March 14.

The Seminoles recently toppled Clemson, then ranked No. 16. "It shows you the quality of that win," Bayliss said of his team's victory.

The Irish lost a hard-fought doubles point as all three pairs fell in close matches. Brett Helgeson and Andrew Roth, playing at No. 3, lost 6-4 to Sam Chang and Jonathas Soreopis in the first match to finish. The Seminoles clinched the match as Andrew Bailey and Maciek Sykut topped Barry King and Langenkamp 6-4 for the point.

Ryan Kcckley and Sheeva Parhbu lost 6-5 at No. 1 to T'ai Abebugir and Chris Westerhof, ranked No. 26 nationally.

But the Irish took four of the six singles matches to pull out the win.

"That was a pretty solid win in fairly hostile territory," Bayliss said. "I'm very proud of the guys, the match — it was a big match for (Florida State), they had their hands out playing during the match and a lot of professional presence and they had a big crowd. It was a fun atmosphere in which to play."

Kcckley — one of the most consistent players for the Irish this season — tied the score at one with a 6-2, 6-2 win over No. 109 Sykut. Parhbu, playing at No. 2 and ranked No. 33 nationally — won 7-6, 6-4 over Sucupira.

But the Seminoles tied the score again with wins at No. 3 and No. 1, as Helgeson lost 7-6, 6-4 and Bass fell 3-6, 6-4, 1-6.

"The match came down to No. 6, and Eric Langenkamp played a terrific tiebreaker to win the match for us," Bayliss said.

Langenkamp won 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (7-11) for the Irish victory. "I think the match took a lot out of him physically but he was able to get the job done," Bayliss said. "Several of our guys played extremely well. Sheeva Parhbu had a great win at No. 2. Ryan Kcckley kept his terrific streak alive. Barry King had a big win at four over Chris Westerhof."

Blue-Gray National Tennis Championship: Runner-Up

The second-seeded Irish cruised to a 4-0 victory over William and Mary in the first round with wins at the four, five and six positions, as Kcckley and Roth all won. Helgeson clinched the match at No. 3, and Bass and Parhbu were leading at the top two positions when the match was abandoned.

Next, the Irish topped Fresno State 4-2 to advance in the tournament.

"Then we played Fresno State and had a close 4-3 with them," Bayliss said. "Stephen Bass deserves a great deal of credit for that match."

Wins in doubles by Kcckley and Parhbu at No. 1 and Langenkamp and Roth at No. 2 put the Irish up 1-0 going into the singles. King won 6-1, 6-2 for a 2-0 lead, but Helgeson fell 6-2, 6-3 as Fresno State battled back. Parhbu won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 2, but Kcckley fell 7-5, 7-6 (7-3) in an extremely close straight-set loss.

Bass clinched the match at No. 1 with a win over Jacob Cech.

"That set up a semifinal showdown with Boise State," Bayliss said. "They won a hotly contested doubles point and took a 1-0 lead."

Helgeson won 6-4, 6-1 at No. 3 to tie the match, but Boise State won at No. 6 to put all the pressure on the No. 1 match.

"We played exceptionally well at No. 2, 3 and 4 to give us three points and then the entire match fell on Stephen's shoulders at No. 1 singles," Bayliss said. "Stephen fought off that game, broke serve, and then played a great tiebreaker.

This gave the Irish a berth in the finals against Virginia Commonwealth (VCU). VCU [was] a much older, more experienced team," Bayliss said. "I'd say the average age is 23, 24 years old. They're all international players, they didn't have an American on their team, and they're all very good."

Officials decided singles would be played first, as weather forecasts were questionable and calling for rain.

"It was very hard fought — we did have opportunities we didn't capitalize on," Bayliss said.

The Irish went up 2-1 with wins by Kcckley and Parhbu, but four losses by Buchanan, King, Bass and Helgeson gave the tournament title to VCU.

"That's a pretty big national event and we felt fortunate to get to the finals," Bayliss said. "We'd hoped to win but I think we gave a pretty good accounting for ourselves and we're ready to go to Texas next weekend."

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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 art criticism for consideration in the competition. Essays must deal with the visual arts. They may be 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 5:00 PM, Monday, March 27th to be eligible.

A student may only submit ONE entry.
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so it really felt like a home game. The Irish won their third straight game March 16 against the Hawkeyes, 7-5, but could not complete the four-game sweep, falling 10-8 in the second game of a doubleheader March 17.

While playing a non-conference team like Iowa four times in one week was a strange scheduling quirk, Mainieri said facing the same opponent in multiple games during a short period of time is not uncommon in college baseball.

Typically during conference weekend we play a team three times," he said. "It’s not that unusual in baseball to play a team that many times. I didn’t mind playing them because they were a good team and well-coached."

The Irish had struggled at the plate before their trip to San Antonio, scoring just one run in three games at the Dairy Queen Classic in Minneapolis March 3-5. But the bats came alive during spring break, as the Irish aged 7.75 runs over the eight games in Texas.

"Baseball is a game where you get better the more you play," Mainieri said. "Sometimes it takes 30 to 40 at bats to get into the rhythm. Now that we’re in the swing of things, you can see the players' confidence grow."

Notre Dame’s pitching staff also played well in San Antonio. From Thornton to Harris, the Irish earned two wins, including an 84-pitch, 5-hit complete game shutout of the Salukis. Junior Jef Manship earned his first win of the season in the 16-2 win over Iowa, and junior Jeff Samardzija allowed just four earned runs in 13 innings over the course of the week.

"All three of them have really been phenomenal," Mainieri said of his top three pitchers. "I think they’re trying to outdo each other."

After opening the season with 15 road games, the Irish began their home schedule today at 5:00 p.m. against Wright State (7-8) at Frank Eck Stadium.

Michigan’s Dion Harris, top, gets lifted up by his teammates after hitting the game winning shot at the buzzer to give Michigan a double overtime 87-84 win over Notre Dame Monday in the NIT.

Senior Alex Netty swings at a pitch during an April 17, 2005 game against Connecticut.

Wade Korpi will start on the mound for Notre Dame. The sophomore is 1-0 this season, earning a win in the team’s 6-2 victory over Iowa in San Antonio.

"My favorite day of the year every year is the day we play our first home game," Mainieri said. "It doesn’t matter what the weather is or how many people are in the stands or what the field condition is. It’s just so nice to be back at Frank Eck Stadium and sleeping in our own beds.

Notes:
Mainieri said while the Irish have not played Wright State in 12 years, he has a personal reason to want to beat the Raiders.
"My only experience with Wright State was my very first year at Notre Dame where we lost the Midwest Collegiate Conference tournament championship to them [at home]," Mainieri said. The weather forecast for game time is 34 degrees and cloudy. No rain is forecast.
"It’s the same weather they’re going to have at Wrigley Field and [U.S. Cellular Field] and Fenway Park when the major leagues start up in a week or so," Mainieri said.

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Loss

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Norton pass well beyond the 3-point line after Notre Dame smoothed Harris on his drive to the basket with time running out during the second overtime. He faded away over the Irish perimeter defense and nailed the game winner before 8,554 fans at Crisler Arena.

"We laid it all on the line, which has been our style," Irish coach Mike Brey said in a press conference following the game. "But they made some key plays. They made more key plays than we made."

Harris finished with 15 points on 6-of-15 shooting. Norton led all scorers with 29 points on 10-of-19 shooting and added eight assists and three steals.

Irish coach Tommy Amaker — now 5-0 in games against Notre Dame coach Mike Brey — greeted Brey at center court with a hug. The two were assistant coaches together in the late 1980s and early 90s.

"I think now their staff, we have empathy for what they’re going through, what they’ve gone through all season," Amaker said in a press conference following the game.

Irish guard Chris Quinn had a chance to put Notre Dame ahead with 16 seconds remaining and Notre Dame trailing 84-83. But the 88-percent free-throw shooter missed the second of two shots from the foul line. Quinn led Notre Dame with 18 points on 7-of-17 shooting, including a layup that tied the game at 70 in the final seconds of regulation. Norton hit a 3-pointer on the previous possession in regulation when he curled off a screen and received a Harris pass at the top of the key beyond the 3-point line. The shot put the Wolverines up 70-68, leading to Quinn’s baseline layup.

Notre Dame controlled early on, including a 16-4 run after trading baskets with Michigan to start the game. Irish forward Torin Francis led Notre Dame in the opening period, scoring six points in the first eight minutes of play. But Francis calmed down after his quick start and finished with 14 points on 5-of-6 shooting from the floor and 8-of-10 from the line.

Notre Dame guard Colin Falls also got off to a strong start, scoring 11 points in the first half. Falls finished with 13 points on 5-of-9 shooting. Irish forward Luke Zeller into the game for a brief stint.

Turnovers and fouls hurt Notre Dame in the second half as Michigan slowly crept back into the game. The Irish led 41-33 at the break, but opened the second half with four turnovers that led to a quick 6-0 Wolverines run.

Quinn (seven) and Irish guard Colin Falls (six) combined for 13 of Notre Dame’s 19 turnovers in the game. Quinn made a costly turnover in the first overtime period — one that led to a Harris layup that gave Michigan a 75-73 lead.

Five Notre Dame players had four or more fouls in the game. Irish forward Rib Kurz fouled out and Francis, Falls, forward Rick Cornett and guard Russell Carter all had four fouls each.

The loss marked the final college game for Quinn, Francis, Cornett, who will all graduate in May, Brey said after the game, and in proud of his team give the season the Irish had.

"I love this team, and I am really going to miss not going to practice tomorrow," Brey said. "They did not win a championship, they had to grind it the whole time, and I am very proud of how they have always battled." But Quinn saw it differently. The Irish point guard, who was named to the All Big East first team, had to handle much of the pressure this season as Notre Dame struggled in close games.

"It kind of signifies our whole season, really," Quinn said following the game. "Coach Brey was trying to talk to us and put things in perspective, but it is kind of hard to do that right now. It is personal. For me, it is last season.

"It truly is a tough loss — it’s disheartening."

Wright State was my very first weekend we play a team three times, he said. "I It's the same weather they're going to have at Wrigley Field and [U.S. Cellular Field] and Fenway Park when the major leagues start up in a week or so," Mainieri said.

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Wildcats snap streak at seven, Irish move on

By CHRIS WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

All good things must come to an end.

Notre Dame's seven-game winning streak to start the season reached this conclusion Sunday, as the Irish fell the pain of defeat for the first time this season in a 21-12 loss to Northwestern.

The Irish came out of the gate fired up, quickly gaining 6-2 and 8-4 leads early on in the game. But the defending NCAA champions fought back to take a 10-9 lead 1:30 into the second half and outscored Notre Dame 13-3 in the final 30 minutes to hold onto their national No. 1 ranking.

Northwestern unleashed an offensive fury in the second half, executing its offense with flaws few and far between.

Senior attack Crysti Foote continued her strong play as a captain, scoring six goals including four in the first half — to bring her season total to 35 goals in eight games this season.

"I definitely thought we played really well in the first half but fell apart in the second half," Foote said. "We just weren't choosing the right way to get our ground balls. Those are two of the most important parts of the game."

With their win over the Irish, the Wildcats extended their winning streak to 27 consecutive games.

Wildcats standouts included Lindsay Monday, who had two goals and five assists, Aly Joseph, who scored six goals, and Kristen Kjellman, who added four goals and two assists.

The goals on both sides of the ball — Irish goalkeeper Carol Dixon and Wildcat Morgan Lathrop — had 12 and six saves, respectively. While the Irish came away with a loss, Foote said it was a good test and an excellent experience for an up-and-coming women's lacrosse program.

She said her performance this year is motivated in part because she wants to make her senior season a memorable one for the team. "I know this is my final year to play," she said. "I have been more confident and being a captain, I know that my teammates are always looking to me to make plays and get the team going, so I have a lot more responsibility this year. Basically, I have been taking more risks and just letting the game come to me."

Before the loss to the Wildcats Sunday, Notre Dame fared well in its previous two contests against James Madison University and Loyola (Maryland), both ranked opponents.

The Irish showed physical and mental vitality with their win over No. 16 James Madison as they rallied in the final minutes of the game to secure a 12-11 win. It was again Foote's stick that united the team, as the senior scored three crucial second-half goals against the Dukes.

The 13-9 victory over No. 19 Loyola proved to be less harrowing, as the Irish swept the Greyhounds before a crowd of 1,492 at the College Sports Television's annual "Spring Fling" tournament.

Caitlin McKinney led the Irish assault with three goals and two assists. Jillian Byers continued her strong play as a freshman with three goals in the contest.

"It was awesome, I mean, to play the way we did, with such heart in front of two thousand people and on TV," Byers said. "It was just a great way to end our week in Florida." Notre Dame will try to regain its winning ways Saturday at 1 p.m. in a home game against Canisius.

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sabre Valerie Providenza and the
freshmen day of foil Addi Nott and
soprano Madeleine Stephon, Notre
Dame climbed into second on the
second day of competition.

Still, St. Patrick's Day belonged
to Zagunis.

After finishing fourth in the
round-robin, the Olympic gold
medalist rallied from a12-6 deficit
to defeat Columbia's Emma
Baratta 15-14 before dispatching
Olympic teammate and friend
Emily Jacobson of Columbia.

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head coach Muffet McGraw said, "I knew she would be ready, because she had some great practices the past few weeks. It's unfortunate the rest of the team didn't help out so much today." Boston College took a 37-26 lead into the half thanks to 52 percent shooting and strong rebounding for the first 20 minutes. In the opening frame, the Eagles had 26 rebounds — including eight on the offensive glass — to Notre Dame's seven. Queenan alone equaled the Irish rebounding in the period, finishing the first half with seven boards.

"We definedly came into the game with controlling the rebounds as a goal of ours," Queenan said. "I think we did a really good job of sticking to that game plan, especially getting some offensive rebounds." The Irish were held to just 16 rebounds in the second half as senior forward Courtney LaVere sat out the final 21 minutes of the game with a concussion. Queenan hit LaVere in the face while going for a rebound with a little over a minute remaining in the first half. Eagles forward Aja Parham led the Boston College attack to start the second frame and finished with 16 points and four assists.

The senior scored six points in the period before Notre Dame finally got on the board. The Eagles held the Irish scoreless for the first 4:56 of the second half. Queenan capped the 9-0 run by hitting a jumper with 15:24 left in the game to give the Eagles a commanding 46-26 lead.

Notre Dame chipped away at the lead over the next six minutes, using a 9-1 run capped by a Duffy fallaway layup with 9:46 remaining to cut the deficit to 55-44. But foul trouble prevented the Irish from getting any closer.

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Notre Dame committed 18 fouls in the second half alone and 26 in the game.

"It shows what kind of team we are when a lot of people finish with double figures in scoring," Cathy Inglese Boston College coach.

"I thought we were really going to make a serious run," Notre Dame head coach Muffet McGraw said. "I know Megan had to be tired after all the pressing she was doing.

But that's just giving them easy points. Notre Dame sent the Eagles to the foul line 29 times in the second half, and Boston College converted 22 of those attempts. Five Eagles finished the game in double figures. Center Kathrin Reiss scored 15, guard Kindyll Dorsey netted 10 and center Lisa Maczka added 10 points of her own off the bench.

"I think we were the exaggerated embodiment of an entire season of outcomes. Like in so many other games, the Irish struggled badly on the boards, getting outrebounded by 17 in the first half. Boston College forward Brooke Queenan led the Eagles with seven first-half rebounds — a number that matched Notre Dame's team total for the half.

Like in so many other games, Notre Dame went on prolonged scoring droughts, getting outscored 14-6 in the final six minutes of the first half before allowing the Eagles to open up the second half on a 9-0 run.

"In the first half we just really, really weren't playing well on either end," McGraw said. And like in so many other games, Duffy was called to put the team on her shoulders, to pull the team back into the game.

But there was one notable difference — Duffy was not alone as the team fought back. In a symbolic performance, freshman Lindsay Schrader had of her young career in the failed comeback effort. Schrader scored a career-high 29 points, combining with Duffy to score all but 17 of Notre Dame's points.

"It's great for the future of our program to see a freshman come in and break some records," McGraw said. "She knew she was ready. She'd had a great practice the last couple weeks."

In contrast, no other Irish player had more than one field goal. This season, Duffy, the Big East Scholar Athlete of the Year, has been the face, voice, and heart of the Notre Dame team. As she prepares to walk away from Notre Dame, she, along with senior forward Courtney LaVere, will leave an even bigger hole in the locker room than on the court.

"Courtney and Megan have done great things for our program over the years," McGraw said. "They help out in any way they can. They're smart, they know where they're supposed to be, they're great students. They're just great kids, and it's truly been a pleasure coaching them."

As the Irish begin to prepare for next season — a season without the star point guard — Schrader seems poised to step into the light and cast a shadow of her own.

"What's interesting is that a week ago we talked about next year and I told her that next year she was going to be the go-to player," McGraw said. "I wanted to get her feedback on how she felt about that... It's great for us to know we can count on her next year.

Duffy, however, will leave the Notre Dame program with a heartbreak as a coach and former teammates search for superlatives to describe her tenure at Notre Dame. She's just an amazing player, person, leader," McGraw said. "I don't know what you say about Megan Duffy that hasn't already been said.

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ND Women's Basketball

Grounded by Eagles

Irish outmatched by Boston College, lose in NCAA first round

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Senior forward Brooke Queenan scored 18 points and added 11 rebounds as No. 8 seed Boston College ended No. 9-seed Notre Dame's season Sunday with a 78-61 victory over the Irish in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at Mackey Arena.

Irish freshman Lindsay Schrader scored a career-high 29 points on 12-of-23 shooting and senior point guard Megan Duffy netted 15 points and five assists in her final collegiate game, but Notre Dame never found an offensive rhythm to counter the Eagles and dropped its first opening-round NCAA Tournament game since 1995. "Obviously, this isn't the way I wanted to go out, and this isn't acceptable for the Notre Dame program," Duffy said.

Schrader and Duffy were the only Irish players in double figures, with no one else for Notre Dame scored more than three points. "I thought Lindsay Schrader was outstanding today," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said.

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SPORTS

Baseball
Irish bats come alive over break

By CHRIS KHOREY
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Notre Dame spent spring break turning around its season. After a rocky 2-5 start, the Irish (9-6) made the best of nine days in San Antonio, capturing two tournament titles at Wolff Stadium. Notre Dame won four games at the Texas-San Antonio Express Baseball Classic, including a 9-4 upset of Texas A&M March 10, then earning two victories over Iowa by scores of 16-2 and 6-2 March 11 and 13 and defeating Illinois 4-2 March 12.

Later in the week, Notre Dame hosted its own tournament at Wolff Stadium. The Irish Classic has been a Notre Dame schedule staple for ten years now. While the games were played in San Antonio, Irish players were able to use the stadium's home locker room, creating what Maimieri called "a home away from home."

"For being on the road it's as good a situation as we can ask for," Maimieri said. "For the second half of the week we got to move into the locker room, to Irish outmatched by Boston College, lose in NCAA first round