A fireman climbs the ladder to the roof of South Dining Hall to assess damages after a small fire began in Reckers Saturday morning.

**Reckers heats up early Saturday**

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Emergency crews were dispatched to South Dining Hall in the early hours of Saturday morning after smoke was reported to be coming out of the chimney connected to Reckers, the 24-hour eatery attached to the back of the building.

There were no injuries, and the building sustained minimal damage. Notre Dame Fire Department (NDFD) Captain Tim Hoeppner said on the scene Saturday.

Hoeppner said NDFD received a call from concerned Reckers staff between 3 a.m. and 3:15 Saturday, and sent a unit to investigate claims of "flames coming from the roof."

Hoeppner said the building's fire alarm was tripped soon thereafter, when firefighters were already responding to the situation.

Once NDFD confirmed the fire, it called in the South Bend Fire Department (SBFD) for additional support. Hoeppner said, according to Hoeppner, SBFD came with three fire engines — including two ladder trucks — an ambulance, a fire chief and a safety officer. One ladder truck was used to approach the fire from the outside, Hoeppner said, while two crews approached the situation from inside the building.

Notre Dame Security/Police officers were also on the scene, and the presence of a unit from the South Bend Police Department (NDFD) Captain Mike Delaney said he coordinated efforts from both teams.

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NCAA Men of Genius

Last Thursday night's round of Sweet 16 games was just ramifications. Between Duke forgetting to box out, Texas' prayer being answered and Adam Morrison but not losing it after Gonzaga's heartbreak-deflating defeat, there was plenty to keep viewers entertained.

Yet, there was something other than all the drama that stuck in my mind. After Kenton Paulino sank his buzzer beater that put Texas through to the Elite 8, the obligatory pile-up ensued.

The funny thing, though, was the first person to reach that pile-up. It wasn't A.J. Abrams, who had passed the ball to Paulino right before his shot. It wasn't LaMarcus Aldridge, who had carried Texas with 26 points. In fact, it wasn't even a player. It was a guy who completely loses it during the game winning shot is made, he will be the first person to reach the Paulino warmers make fools of themselves all the time. It wasn't A.J. Abrams, either. It was a guy who completely loses it during the celebration. Is it just me or are these guys straight out of a Real Men of Genius commercial? I'll even go out on a limb and say he made the game winning shot is made, he will be the one to reach the pile-on. It wasn't A.J. Abrams, either. It was a guy who completely loses it during the celebration. Is it just me or are these guys straight out of a Real Men of Genius commercial? I'll even go out on a limb and say he made the game winning shot is made, he will be the one to reach the pile-on. It wasn't A.J. Abrams, either. It was a guy who completely loses it during the celebration.

The first person to reach the Paulino pile-up was some skinny sub-six-foot white kid still wearing his warm-ups. Why in the world was he that excited? It was obvious he hadn't played a single minute all game. I'll even go out on a limb and say he made no contribution whatsoever to Texas' win over West Virginia. Yet there he was, celebrating like this was the defining moment of his career.

The more I thought about it, though, the more I realized that the behavior of "Mr. Anonymous Texas Player" wasn't really that unusual. We see benchwarmers make fools of themselves all the time in NCAA tournaments.

When the game is on the line, he's the guy on the bench who looks more nervous than the guy standing at the free throw line. During a timeout, he's always the first guy off the bench rushing to high five and re-hydrate his teammates. And you can take it to the bank that when a game winning shot is made, he will be the guy who completely loses it during the celebration.

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But do you let that stop you from making a chance to get to the top? No, sir. And when your team comes out of a pile-up, you do it for them. Call it my ode to the benchwarmer.

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sophomore
Lyons

Elizabeth Elliott
sophomore
Welsh Family

Ben Clarke
sophomore
'O'Neill

Mark Hinken
freshman
Alumni

Alan Bauer
sophomore
Fisher

Victor Villarreal
junior
Fisher

"With a name like Erin O'Neill, how could I not go somewhere Irish?"

"It was, until I found out Ben Clarke was going here."

"Yes, because Elizabeth Elliott was coming here."

"No, it's not, because it's in South Bend."

"Yeah. If I didn't come here, I'd be a failure to my family."

Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney prepares to be dunked by students at Friday's Midnight Madness celebration. Students paid $1 for a chance to get various professors and administrators wet in the dunk tank.

OFFBEAT
Drunks busted — in bars
SAN ANTONIO — Texas has begun sending undercover agents into bars to arrest drinkers for being drunk, a spokeswoman for the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission said Wednesday. The first sting operation was conducted recently in a Dallas suburb where agents infiltrated 36 bars and arrested 30 people for public intoxication, said the commission's Carolyn Beck.

"In a bar does not exempt one from the state laws against public drunkenness," Beck said. "We feel that the only way to get at the drunk driving problem and the problem of people hurting each other while drunk is by crackdowns like this," she said.

"There are a lot of dangerous and stupid things people do when they're intoxicated, other than get behind the wheel of a car." Beck said, "People walk out into traffic and get run over, people bump off of balconies trying to reach a swimming pool and more."

Public urination ruled illegal
SAN FRANCISCO — Emptying one's bladder in a public place is a crime, even if there is no specific law prohibiting the practice, a state appeals court ruled.

"Urination on or near a busy commercial street interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of both life and property," Presiding Justice J. Anthony Kline wrote in an opinion that concluded public peeing qualified as "a public nuisance."

"The sight and smell of urine are vile and offensive, and those who use the public streets and sidewalks cannot be freely subjected to such unpleasantness," Kline continued.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF
Harvard University professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "A Midwife's Tale," will be giving a lecture on "Well-Behaved Women Seldom Make History" Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. as part of the Provost's Distinguished Women's Lecture Series.

Internationally acclaimed collage and montage artist Winston Smith will be Visiting Artist in the Saint Mary's Art Department Wednesday through Friday. He will be giving a public presentation of his works at 7 p.m. Wednesday in room 202 of the Monroe Center for the Arts.

O'Neill Hall will host the "O'Neill Spotlight" — a faceoff with McGinn — Thursday at 8 a.m. The event will feature singers, comedians and dancers from Notre Dame as well as karaoke and free food.

Saint Mary's seniors Emily Fannon, Sinnamon Wolfe, Amanda Caddy and Amber Painter will host a senior compre­hensive set gallery opening Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Famed Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz will give a lecture on "Catholicism and Competition" Friday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 in the Stierman Center. The event is sponsored by Student Government as part of the Catholic Think Tank of America Lecture Series. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students must present student ID at the door for admittance.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about event to obsnews@nd.edu.

Corrections
Due to an editorial error, Saint Mary's College President Carol Ann Mooney's name was misspelled in a pull quote in the March 21 edition of The Observer, and she did not actually accept any of the N.C. acceptances. Notre Dame students were one of all N.C. acceptances.

The Observer regrets the errors.
McIluddy, Siefert name Wallach chief of staff

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's student body president Susan McIluddy and student body vice president Maggie Siefert have appointed College junior Kate Wallach to serve as the Board of Governance's (BOG) new chief of staff. Wallach — a nursing major from Hinsdale, Ill. — is the third person to fulfill the newly created executive position. The chief of staff serves as the executive assistant to the president and vice president, meets regularly with BOG commissioners to maintain communication and helps execute goals.

McIluddy said Wallach is "extremely qualified" for the role, citing her previous contributions to student government as an example of the hard work and dedication she will bring to the position.

"She best exemplifies a Saint Mary's woman through her participation in cross-country, BOG and student role in Student Nurses' Association," McIluddy said. "She is extremely qualified in all areas — both academically and extracurricular — of Saint Mary's."

Wallach previously served as the publicity chair of the sophomore class board, and most notably as the newly created student services commissioner during her junior year. In this position she has worked to make several improvements to the campus food services and dining options.

"I felt good placing Kate in this position because I have heard all the work she has done is above and beyond," Siefert said. "She is always trying to improve every thing that needs to be improved when it comes to student services."

Wallach said she hopes to mirror the leadership of all past student leaders — not just those in the chief of staff position — to guide her in accomplishing goals.

"I think in some ways [and] creating [my] own path, but also looking at the leadership examples of everyone else," she said.

According to McIluddy, the chief of staff will no longer have to be a part of the Student Academic Council, allowing Wallach to have more time to dedicate to being the "commissioner's cheerleader."

Wallach said she is anxiously anticipating taking over her own role; a position she had her hopes set on achieving since her sophomore year. She said, "I know what I do," Wallach said. "I think that so many people have ideas but most aren't willing to step up and execute them, which is something I hope to help [BOG commissioners do]."

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Fire

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Department was reported, but unconfirmed

Heepasser said initial assessments indicated the fire originated in the chimney flue for Reckers' wood-burning oven used to make pizzas. It then spread to the ventilation equipment at the top of the chimney and remained confined in that area, he said.

Heepasser said the fire was possibly caused by a build-up of creosote in the chimney — a common problem with wood-burning ovens. NDND will carry out an investigation into the exact cause of the fire. Heepasser said.

"If Reckers had experienced a similar fire in the past, 'at least a few years ago,'" he said. "But we went out to see, and sure enough, there were sparks and smoke. We do get that from time to time with the pizza oven, but this did seem unusual."

Roberts said there were seven employees and approximately 20 students in the eatery at the time. "The kids were so cooperative, everyone evacuated calmly. There was never any danger," she said.

Roberts and several adult employees waited outside for just over an hour until they were allowed back in the building.

"It's pretty cold out here, but I don't want to go too far away from the register," Roberts said at the time. "But these nice kids brought us jackets, so we're okay."

Reckers reopened Saturday with a reduced menu. Damage costs are not yet available.

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Pope-Davis appointed NCAA rep

Special to The Observer

Don B. Pope-Davis, associate vice president for graduate studies and professor of psychology at the University of Notre Dame, has been appointed chair of the University's Faculty Board on Athletics, and its NCAA faculty athletics assistant by Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., Notre Dame's president.

As a member of the Faculty Board on Athletics since 2002 and the Provost Advisory Council since 2004, Pope-Davis has a distinct understanding of and appreciation for the blend of athletic and academic excellence that we seek at Notre Dame," Father Jenkins said. "I am pleased that he has accepted this appointment and look forward to the leadership he will bring in this area."

Pope-Davis succeeds Fernand N. "Tex" Dutile, professor of law, who had served in both positions since 2000.

A member of the Notre Dame faculty since 2000, Pope-Davis studies in the areas of multicultural psychology, counseling and education. Specifically, he is interested in cultural and racial identity development, cultural competence training, development, and assessment.

Other areas of research include multicultural supervision in professional psychology, development of multicultural measures for assessing environments and supervision, issues of mental health of people of color, and cross-cultural communications.

Pope-Davis is the co-author of three books, "Multicultural Counseling Competencies: Assessment, Education, and Supervision," "The Intersections of Race, Class, and Gender in Multicultural Counseling," and, most recent ly, "Handbook of Multicultural Competencies in Counseling and Psychology."

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French unions slow transportation
PARIS — French students and unions insisted Sunday they will go ahead with a one-day national strike and more street protests unless the government withdraws a youth labor law that has sparked violent demonstrations and shut down universities.

The strike Tuesday is expected to leave some air travelers stranded, disrupt train traffic and slow subway travel in Paris and the provinces. Union leaders said they would meet Wednesday to decide on the next step, and one threatened to extend the strike.

"If there is not a positive response from the government Tuesday night, we will continue the demonstration," Jean-Claude Mailly of the Workers Force union told The Associated Press.

The National Student Coordination, a loose grouping of university students, urged a big turnout for the strike. Abdul-Zahra al-Suaidi, head of al-Sadr's office in Baghdad, said U.S. forces and Iraqi soldiers opened fire at the al-Moustafa Shiite mosque in the Ur neighborhood, killing 18 people in what he called an unprovoked attack.

Protests continue in Ukraine

KIEV — A pro-Russia party wins most votes in presidential election

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shocking.
"It's no surprise," he said. "We're always going to be up there for the same reasons you and I are here — it's just a great place."

Saracino said comparable studies have made similar conclusions. Two years ago, a survey asked high school guidance counselors "If you had to do it all over again, which school would you go to?" According to Saracino, Notre Dame was the No. 1 school — and for the right reasons.

"What's really neat and humbling is that students are coming to choosing Notre Dame because it's in a New York or D.C. ... Kids are coming to Notre Dame because they really want to be a part of this place," he said. Notre Dame has just got so much going for it. The place is just quietly each year getting stronger academically, and the students that come here just want to be here."

Despite Notre Dame's reputation, students nationwide are not rating the University above schools like Yale, Brown and Duke — even though their parents are, according to the survey.

"I guess for parents, they're looking at it for safety and in the long-term what a Notre Dame education would mean," Saracino said. "I think students don't have that perspective yet."

Freshman Dan Perkey said there are serious differences between the perspective of parents and that of students.

"Parents are looking for what will get you a good job or make you a good person," he said. "Students go after Ivy League schools, party schools and schools that are in Florida and California, depending on the person."

But Saracino said the discrepancy between students and parents is not a major issue, and the survey will not affect Notre Dame's admissions.

"We'd be most interested in surveys if it be the type of students who would be good matches for Notre Dame," he said. "What we do in admissions is not sell Notre Dame — far from it. What we do is we tell the story of Notre Dame."

The admissions numbers tell a more important story. Saracino said the national average for yield (whether or not a student will come to a university if admitted) is around 30 percent. But Notre Dame's yield is over 50 percent, meaning most students who apply to Notre Dame really want to attend the University, Saracino said.

According to freshman Paul Oddy, Notre Dame was not just any school on his application list.

"If you really want to test yourself you'll apply to Ivy because there's no way of knowing what kind of students are being surveyed and whether or not they would match the profile of a Notre Dame student," Saracino said. "I would match the non-academic profile of our students against any college in the country in terms of extracurricular activities ... Our kids are second to none," he said.

"Then when you look at that in addition to the academic profile, that would be the kind of student that I would want to survey."

The survey told parents and students not to factor in chance of admission or cost when ranking their dream colleges. Cost is becoming less and less of an issue any way, Saracino said.

"Money is not a concern for the students and the parents that know that financial aid is available," he said.

In recent years Notre Dame has significantly increased financial aid, currently offering over $64 million in undergradautes, Saracino said. This week, admissions for the class of 2010 are "down to the wire," Saracino said. Admissions decisions will be mailed to students at the end of March and will likely be making quite a few dreams come true for both students and parents.

Oddy said he knew the feeling of realizing that dream when he was accepted a year ago.

"My parents were tremendously proud and felt secure about me coming to Notre Dame," he said. "It was definitely a dream school for them. It's a dream school for me too — you can't really ask for more than what Notre Dame offers."

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Market Recap

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Medical devices collected for defect

MINNEAPOLIS — Law firms pressing legal cases against medical device maker DePuy said the company's quest for evidence to an unusual place: a crematorium.

Hennepin County sheriff's deputies collected 42 defibrillators and pacemakers from Cremation and Trade Services, Inc., on hand when the devices were collected. Clark said. Medtronic said it was in talks with French telecommunications equipment maker Alcatel SA about a possible merger. Alcatel added 25 cents to $15.70.

Specialist John Lawlor, right, directs trading in shares of Lucent Technologies Inc. in New York Friday. Shares of Lucent climbed nearly 10 percent after the confirmed merger.
**Reilly**

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pool to campus and show them Notre Dame, Office of Admissions counselor Jacob Baska said.

"Stiff Reilly Weekend participants are literally the best of the best from early action, in all fields," Baska said.

Of the 1,200 students who were mailed early action acceptance letters in December, approximately 120 were invited to attend the weekend. The invited students average in the top one to one percent of their high school class, Baska said. Their SAT averages are in the mid-1,500s, and they average a 3.4 or above on the ACT.

The students also boast an impressive array of extracurricular activities — Eagle Scouts, athletic team captains and computer programmers make up the group this year.

William Reilly, a Notre Dame alumn and Board of Trustees member and founder of A u r e l i a n Communications, set up a scholarship program years ago for students who had "amazingly high talent," Baska said.

"Unfortunately that scholarship was not so easily used simply because that kid was also bright enough to get a full ride at many other great institutions," Baska said. "So there were many years that that money just sat there.

But marked the fourth year the Reilly trust has been used for a weekend visit for many of the top admitted students. Baska estimates that more than half of the Reilly Visitation students will decide to attend Notre Dame next year.

According to Office of Admissions counselor and event coordinator Katherine Cardinali, the weekend’s events are designed to show students who have been accepted to several other top-tier schools how Notre Dame is unique.

"The goal is to give a portrayal of Notre Dame life," Baska said.

During the four-day weekend, the admitted high school seniors toured the campus and the stadium, attended Mass at the Basilica and met with current students to discuss life at Notre Dame. Today they will attend classes, talk with professors and learn about the various programs offered.

The high school seniors stayed mostly with past Reilly Weekend participants. Freshman Margie Rosmonowski, who came to Notre Dame for the Reilly Weekend last year, hosted a participating student. She said the event is a good program for undecided prospective students.

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"The threat cannot be ruled out. Some of the region’s Islamic militants are believed to be interested in acquiring disease-causing agents or toxins, and any nation allied with the United States is said to be a potential target. That is why Interpol is hosting a workshop on the threat of bioterrorism in Singapore next week, gathering senior policy and government officials from 37 countries around Asia. A similar conference was held in South Africa in November, and another will be held in Chile later this year.

The United States, which adopted the Bioterrorism Act in 2002 after anthrax attacks through the mail killed five people, wants Asian nations to craft similar laws that mandate stricter controls on access to biological agents and toxins. So far, militants in Southeast Asia have used conventional terror weapons. Jemaah Islamiyah, a group linked to al-Qaeda, is accused of deadly bombings, including blasts on the Indonesian resort island of Bali in 2002. The Abu Sayyaf group has carried out bomb attacks and kidnappings in the Philippines. But detained suspects include Yucid Basataya, a former Malaysian army captain and a U.S.-trained biochemist linked to al-Qaeda’s attempts to produce chemical and biological agents. Yucid was arrested in late 2001 as he returned to Malaysia from Afghanistan.


"It demonstrates serious intent, but not capability," Gunaratna said. Tentatives need expertise to acquire pathogens from nature and transform them into a potent weapon. Japan’s Aum Shinrikyo cult, whose homemade sarin chemical agent killed 12 people in 1995, was unable to isolate a virulent strain of anthrax.

But more Asian countries are pursuing biomedical research, which can lead to new treatments, and concern is growing that laboratory materials could fall into the wrong hands.

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U.S. rallies protest potential laws

Nearly half a million unite in Los Angeles to refute Bush's plans

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Immigration rights advocates said Saturday they had mobilized more than 500,000 strong to march in downtown Los Angeles, demanding that Congress abandon attempts to make helping illegal immigrants a crime and to build more walls along the border.

The massive demonstration, one of half a dozen around the nation in recent days, came as President Bush praised Republican congressional leaders to give some illegal immigrants a chance to work legally in the U.S. under certain conditions.

Saturday's march in Los Angeles was the largest in a series of demonstrations across the country. Police Cmdr. Louis Gray Jr. said aerial helicopters estimated the crowd.

Many marchers wore white shirts to symbolize peace and waved U.S. flags. Some carried the flags of Mexico and other countries, and wore them as capes.

Judiciary Chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., also supports the idea and has vowed that his committee will advance a bill to the full Senate on Monday, even if they have to work "very, very late into the night."

"They're prepared to work to become American citizens in the long line traditionally of immigrants who have helped make this country, we can have both a nation of laws and a welcoming nation of workers who do some very, very important jobs for our economy," Specter said Saturday on ABC's "This Week."

UFW members and their supporters rally Sunday in downtown Los Angeles to protest pending federal legislation.

President Bush on Saturday called for legislation that does not force America to choose between being a welcoming society and a lawful one.

"America is a nation of immigrants, and we're also a nation of laws," Bush said in his weekly radio address about the emotional immigration issue that has driven a wedge into his party.

Bush sides with business leaders who want legislation to let some of the estimated 12 million undocumented immigrants stay in the country and work for a set period of time. Others, including Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., say national security concerns should drive immigration reform.

"They say we are criminals. We are not criminals," said Salvador Hernandez, 43, of Los Angeles, a resident alien who came to the United States illegally from El Salvador 14 years ago and worked as truck driver, painter and day laborer. "I'm a hard worker."

Francisco Flores, 27, a wood flooring installer from Santa Clarita who is a former illegal immigrant, said, "We want to work legally, so we can pay our taxes and support the country, our country."

In Denver, police said over 50,000 people gathered downtown at Civic Center Park next to the Capitol to urge the state Senate to reject a resolution supporting a ballot issue that would deny many government services to illegal immigrants in Colorado.

Elsa Rodriguez, 30, a trained pilot who came to Colorado in 1999 from Mexico to look for work, said she just wants to be considered equal.

"We're like the ancestors who started this country, they came from other countries without documents, too," the Arsvida resident. "They call us lazy and dirty, but we just want to come to work. If you see, we have families, too."

On Friday, tens of thousands of people were estimated to have joined in rallies in cities across Los Angeles, Phoenix and Atlanta and staged school walkouts, marches and work stoppages.

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Catholic Church names 15 new cardinals in Vatican City

Pope Benedict XVI welcomes religious dignitaries, reflects on Pope John Paul II’s life during traditional ceremony

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VATICAN CITY — From traditional crimson robes to the rare sight of the red flag of China, St. Peter’s Square was a study in scarlet on Friday as Pope Benedict XVI elevated 15 new cardinals in a ritual-filled ceremony that displayed the worldwide clout of the Roman Catholic Church.

In a poignant moment, tears welled in the eyes of the Polish Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, who faithfully served his predecessor for 40 years.

The tribute to Pope John Paul II drew long applause from the crowd in St. Peter’s Square as Benedict elevated Archbishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, the late pope’s personal secretary, as well as key churchmen from Hong Kong, Boston, Venezuela and the Philippines.

There are now members of the elite group who will eventually choose the German pope’s successor.

Coming from North and South America, Europe and Asia, they showed the global power of the 1 billion-member Roman Catholic Church.

One by one, they walked up to Benedict, who was seated in a study in scarlet on Friday.

The new cardinals also included Hong Kong Bishop Joseph Zen, a champion of religious freedom in China, Archbishop Jorge Liberato Urosa Savino of Caracas, Venezuela, who has sought to reduce tensions between the church and President Hugo Chavez, and Archbishop Gaudencio B. Rosales of Manila, Philippines, the Catholic bastion of Asia.

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Prom survives hurricane

Associated Press

PASS CHRISTIAN, Miss. — Wearing a canary yellow strap-named the prom queen other Gulf Coast students whose her petticoat to keep it out of remains of her home, raising less evening gown, Jessica Agency. Her parents and would bother you before the Saturday. "Things that you Prom survives hurricane older sister Leah share a trailer near the local elementary classrooms set up on the nearby lot.

420. bulldozer cleared debris from a FEMA trailer," she said. She and her classmates from other senior classes from Pass Christian shared one trailer, with other senior classes from Pass Christian and Long Beach high...
Sex and politics: in the past half-century, the two have become as intricately linked as green beer and Americanized religious holidays. For starters, there have been the politicized adultery cases of national figures like Bill Clinton, and Gary Hart, all of whom managed to prove that in Washington, DC, pimpin' is, in fact, easy. There is also the curious tendency of the religious right to use legislated religion—like gay marriage and abortion laws—at the top of the national agenda. What’s more, as Dole awkwardly shown in his infamous Viavona commercials, even retired politicians still try to keep a little spunk in their Washington Monuments after they leave the DC spotlight.

The real shocker in this twisted web of politics and fascism, though, has been the onslaught of debate over sexual prowess and ideology that has captivated everyone from GQ magazine to MSNBC's brainchild of bowties, Tucker Carlson. In other words, who does it better? Are Republicans really an elephant in the bedroom, or are Democrats the more desirable piece of... donkey? The answer, according to most reliable sources available online (author's note: may God strike me down in ever again refer to "feministing.com" as a reliable source), is actually quite surprising.

"Republican," reports an anonymous article in the latest edition of the Wall Street Journal, "are infinitely better to... have sex with." The woman who penned the piece, while seemingly employing her wealth of personal experience on the topic to give credence to her assertions, explains that

"Democrats need something incredibly erotic-like 'Meet the Press' to get revved up... Democrats, on the other hand, don't even need Fox News to get it up. They understood that foreplay is about sex. And lots of it. Democrats are too busy checking if the condoms you keep in the jar by the bed are good for the environment.

"(Author's note: As an intern at 'Meet the Press,' I am legally obligated to inform you that the show is in no way meant to be viewed as left-wing pornography. Also, keeping a jar of environmentally safe condoms by your bed is a great way to make friends.)"

"Interview with Tucker Carlson to elaborate upon this empirically suspicious article. GQ deputy editor Michael Haljez added, "I think she also makes the great point that... Republicans, when they go on dates, because... they'll just spend... and they worry about it later." This certainly explains the record deficits under President Bush—and apparently he's just getting a little bit too optimistic, and getting it drunk so that he can take it back to the Lincoln Bedroom to make sweet, slickly irresponsible love to it while Laura is out of town.

Still, you have to say that Republicans at least have taste when it comes to the public's views on sex. In the study, they found that Republicans are around 10 points more likely than Democrats to think about sex daily, to be very satisfied with... sex lives, and to wear something sexy to spice things up.

"(Author's note: For anyone else who instantly pictured Dick Cheney queally hunting in sexy black lingerie, please wipe this image from your mind before proceeding. Thank you.)

Of course, there is another side to this whole debate, and the same ABC News poll touched on it as well.

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Zahm House resolution out of context

I am responding to Katie Perry’s March 24 article contrasting dorm life and fraternities ("Domers defend dorm life at Notre Dame").

I dispute Perry’s opening thesis that the Nov. 16 Student Senate Resolution SGS056-14 Recognizing Zahm Hall as Zahm House “demonstrated the desire of our representatives for an officially recognized Greek system at Notre Dame.”

The resolution did not support that end. No references were made to fraternity or Greek life, either in the resolution itself or in the question and answer period that followed its introduction. The majority of the meeting support this claim. Furthermore, the scope of the resolution was limited to student recognition. It did not seek administrative or other approval for a Greek or fraternal status because there were no such references.

Democrats or requests for Greek or fraternal status, implied or otherwise. Perry helps to justify her claim by stating, "Billions of dollars have been spent opposing the resolution and said Zahm was 'trying to buy the impression that the resolution is correct.'" Bowen followed that statement by invoking the memory of George Fitzsimons of SFI’s link to the American public’s views on sex. In the study, they found that

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Take action on domestic violence in OUR community

By the time you are finished reading this column, three people will have been threatened or abused in the place where we all expect to feel safest — our homes. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, estimates that only 54 percent of intimate partner violence is even reported. Yet, at this gathering, certain members of the community were visibly missing — Notre Dame students and administrators. I find this deeply disappointing. 

Last Thursday, over 80 members of St. Joseph County came together for a town hall meeting to discuss a national initiative to respond to this situation. The event took place at the St. Joseph County Justice Center, providing “medical care, counseling, law enforcement, social services, employment assistance, and housing assistance together in one location.” Thursday saw the community come together to turn the tide on domestic violence. 

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This letter is in response to the recent letter and article about the racial nature of the term “Fighting Irish.” Make no mistake — the stereotyping of the Irish people that exists at Notre Dame is not only insulting and racist but portrays a completely inaccurate representation of the Irish people.

For these reasons I send the view of Paul Richards, the “Fighting Irish” moniker is offensive to Irish people ("Fighting Irish" founder), 

This year marks the 90th anniversary of the establishment of the Irish Free State. It is time for the Irish nation to reflect and acknowledge our country’s origins, origins rooted in a determined and dynamic struggle for emancipation and sovereignty. The Irish men of 1916 envisioned a free and independent Ireland, one that the service industry, is completely reliant on tourists, many of whom are American. Thus, the "Fighting Irish" brand, the "authentic" leprechaun. While I acknowledge that Irish people’s voices in order to maintain the economic support of America. We have essentially sold ourselves to the devil.

The center needs volunteers to help organize mailing lists and facilitating public events. Most of all, the center needs us to personally contact our county council members to ask for their support.

Monday, March 27, 2006
**Movie Review**

'Ballet Russes' entertains with real-life drama

**By MICHELLE FORDICE**
Scene Critic

Filmmakers Dan Geller and Dayna Goldfine present a beautiful documentary in "Ballet Russes" revealing the way art can mold the lives of those it touches. Its raison d'être is to bring the stunning dance troupes of the early to mid-20th century that made up the Ballet Russes. The story revolves around Jerry Travers, played by Fred Astaire, and his romantic partner Mark Sandrich who, after declaring he never would do it, allows his name to be "Russianized" into Platoff, so that he, the better dancer, his voice leaves a bit to be desired. The beautiful Rogers — while an excellent dancer — truly shines when she sings. Perhaps the most famous scene of the film is the "Check to Check" dance sequence. The song was written by Irving Berlin and garnered an Academy Award nomination for best original song. This sequence sums up the film's themes of romance and dancing as both are displayed here. Astaire inappropriately sways while Rogers swowns. It may not be politically correct, but the relationship between the two adds a classic feel to the film.

Two other memorable scenes occur near the opening of the film. When the character of Travers and Tremont are first introduced, Travers wakes Tremont with his impulsive dancing and then falls to sleep as he dances on sand above her room like a true gentleman. The next is when a storm stands both of them on a gazebo. From that time Rogers displays her capable dancing and singing skills. Travers begins the dance and Tremont follows his lead. She ultimately ends up adding her own parts of the dance in an elaborate and obvious courtship scene where Travers steals her heart.

While the dancing is top notch throughout the film, the production value is not. The parts of the film that take place in London look like sets from an older film — appropriately glamorous while classically reserved. However, when the film shifts to Venice, the production value drops. The bridges and canals of Venice are surrounded by sets that look like they belong more in children's fantasy than a film featuring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers film. While the acting and dancing does not suffer, this brings the film down from what it could be.

The old saying about the two stars, "He made her classy, while she made him sexy," applies to this film. Rogers brings the voice and very good dance skills, while Astaire plays the reserved lover who steals the show with his dancing. The entertainment value is very high and the dancing excellent — but do not expect a particularly developed plot.

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'Top Hat' offers fantastic dancing, little plot

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Success no 'Flook' for inventive Irish folk band

By SEAN SWENY
Nurse Writer

The internationally acclaimed Anglo-Irish band "Flook" captivated their audience at the Leighton Concert Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center (DPAC) Saturday night with their energetic tunes and melodies.

The recipient of numerous international awards for Celtic folk music, "Flook" is known for its innovative style of Celtic, Scottish and English folk music. The music revolves around two flute and whistle players, Sarah Allen and four-time All-Ireland champion Brian Finnegan. They are joined by guitarist Ed Boyd and bodhran player John Joe Kelly. A bodhran is a traditional Irish drum.

The Glee Club celebrates the talent of flautists and sets the tempo opening to the show and showcases their vocal abilities. The Glee Club spring concert blends modern, traditional and contemporary music to a higher level. The first song was "Flook" CD for singing the intro to "Hotel California." For another song called "Granny," the entire audience joined the band by sounding the trumpets like trumps to provide musical accompaniment to the band. "Flook" also had a humorous stage presence, led mostly by guitarist Ed Boyd, Boyd kept things lively between sets with his jokes and commentary about everything from being in Indiana to his grandmother. The other band members seemed to warm to the audience as the concert progressed, especially after intermission.

Not surprisingly, as the band became more at ease, it took its music to a higher level. The first song after intermission, called "Flutopia," featured Allen and Finnegan using their flutes in unconventional ways to create a catchy, staccato sounds. In a later song, "Flook" was joined by two Irish dancers, both of whom are Notre Dame students. The talented dancers mesmerized not only the audience but also the band members, who said they do not perform with dancers often.

Not wanting to be left out of the action, the bodhran player Kelly, who seemingly always had a full beer in front of him, played an amazing drum solo. Kelly is regarded as one of — if not the best — bodhran players in the world and demonstrated his incredible talent in his lengthy solo. As the band rejoined him, it ramped up the tempo once again in its final songs to bring the concert to an energetic close. A thunderous standing ovation from the audience brought "Flook," along with the Irish dancers, back to the stage for an exciting encore that left audience members tapping their toes all the way home.

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Glee Club spring concert blends modern, traditional

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
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After their successful concert tour of California over Spring Break, the Glee Club performed their annual spring concert on Friday at the Leighton Concert Hall.

The show opened with two African-inspired songs, "Welcome Song" and "Beautiful Rain," which provided an up-tempo opening to the show and showed the vocal abilities of the Glee Club well.

The performance balanced classical pieces with more contemporary numbers, and the songs tended to emerge in groups centered around a common musical theme. The songs crossed lines of language, style and arrangement, and allowed the diverse musical talent of the Glee Club, which included proficiency on musical instruments for some performers along with vocal ability, to shine.

The show contained a number of special, more somber religious pieces. This group of songs began with the powerful "Dirge from Cymbeline," which featured a trumpet solo from Steve Feutz. From there the group moved to Rachmaninoff's "Nava Vishnish Bogu" and the stirring "Abasudo fill Mi." The Gregorian chant "Alma Redemptoris Mater" finished out this section of the performance.

The next section of the show featured a selection of Celtic songs, beginning with the slow and beautiful "Ave Maria," a Glee Club standard, ended the first half of the evening's performance. Interwoven throughout the performance were songs performed by small groups, which provided some musical diversity — as well as humor — to the evening.

The small group called the Wolvesies chose a more contemporary piece and sang "It's Alright." Later in the evening another group, the Axis of Octave, chose the classic: "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." The final small group, the Undertones, performed the Matchbox 20 hit "3.a.m."

A group of spirituals opened the second half of the show. The beautiful "Little Innocent Lamb" and the joyous "Ye Ke Onu Mi" engaged the audience and immediately brought them back to the show after intermission. One of the highlights of the whole evening was the following songs, "Marry a Woman Uglier Than You," which added some humor to the show while still being vocally well-executed.

The next section of the show featured a selection of Celtic songs, beginning with the slow and beautiful "Ave Maria," which was followed by another Glee Club standard "Loch Lomand." The final Celtic song of the evening was the beautiful "Ode to joy," which was arranged by current Glee Club member Tom Schumacher.

The biggest crowd-pleasers of the evening were, naturally, the final songs of the show. A selection of songs from the musical "The Music Man," which included "Trouble," "Lida Rose" and "76 Trombones," were one of the evening's highlights. "Trouble" allowed the group to showcase their humor skills once again, which provided some contrast to the love song "Lida Rose." The final selection from the set, "76 Trombones" was one of the evening's highlights and revealed the unique barbershop spin that the group gave to songs from a musical.

Finally, the show moved towards its finish with the classic Irish tune "Danny Boy." The Glee Club finished with the three Notre Dame songs that close all of their shows — the Glee Club alma mater "Notre Dame, We Hail Thee," the University's alma mater "Notre Dame, Our Mother" and the University's fight song "The Notre Dame Victory March."

The Glee Club's spring concert provided a great blend of music that showed the group's skills effectively. The appropriate mix of slow songs with up-tempo ones and traditional music with more contemporary pieces made it an enjoyable performance for any and all audience members.

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NBA

Redd leads as Milwaukee defeats Toronto in overtime

Cavs outlast Rockets; T-Wolves beat Knicks

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — The best game of his NBA career couldn't save Sunday for Charlie Villanueva.

Villanueva scored a career-high 48 points, but the Milwaukee Bucks got 35 points from Michael Redd to beat the Toronto Raptors 125-116, in overtime Sunday.

That came less than an hour after Connecticut, Villanueva's college team, was upset by George Mason in the NCAA tournament.

"Right now I am little disappointed and frustrated," Villanueva said. "We lost. If we won, it would have made my night even bigger. UConn lost, too. That's 0-6-2 for us."

Toronto played much of the way without injured All-Star Chris Bosh, but stayed in the game behind Villanueva, who shot 20-of-32 and had the highest point total by an NBA rookie this season.

But it was Redd, Charlie Bell and the Bucks who stole the show. Bell filled in for the injured T.J. Ford and added a career-high 18 points and 11 assists in 47 minutes.

Reserves Joe Smith had 19 points and Dan Gadzuric had 17 for Milwaukee, which was also playing without the injured Mo Williams. Gadzuric added nine rebounds.

"I am starting to play a little better. My confidence is coming," said Bell, who joined the Bucks this season after playing overseas. "I just try to make the best of it because you never know what is going to happen in the future. I am getting a chance to go out there and show other teams and this team what I can do."

Busby Simmons added 15 points for Milwaukee. He was quick to credit the bench, led by Tony Kakok, who had nine points, six rebounds and seven assists in 30 minutes.

"It was an unbelievable effort for those guys," Simmons said.

The Bucks shot 55 percent and made 34 of 45 free throws in 12-of-17 for Toronto.

Bosh entered playing average 22.7 points and 9.4 rebounds. He played just 7 minutes before injuring his left thumb while going after a loose ball with teammate Pape Sow. X-rays were negative, and the injury was listed as a mild sprain.

Cavaliers 104, Rockets 102

The Cleveland Cavaliers got their second overtime win of the week and LeBron James took down his former NBA team he'd yet to beat.

James scored 36 points, including the go-ahead dunk with 3:24 left in overtime, to lead Cleveland's victory over the Houston Rockets on Sunday.

Four days after hitting his first game-winner in the final second of a 108-103 overtime victory over Charlotte, James broke his five-game losing streak against Houston.

The win is Cleveland's fifth straight that helps the Cavs move closer to their first playoff berth since 1997, said a team spokeswoman.

"We did a great job. Yao's (Ming) talent should really help us to be able to beat this team. To get a win on their court is even better," said James.

The Cavaliers were ahead 103-101 when Danyes Jones hit the second of two free throws to stretch the lead.

Houston's Rafer Alston made the first of two free throws with less than a second left and intentionally missed the second, but the Rockets didn't lead in overtime, tied the game twice on baskets by Yao before the teams went to the locker rooms.

"Going through games like this should really help us to be able to close it the right way," Cavs coach Mike Brown said. "To execute offensively and defensively at the end is huge."

Timberwolves 96, Knicks 94

After the Minnesota Timberwolves avoided their biggest collapse in franchise history, Kevin Garnett made it clear he doesn't want to go through another season like this one.

And last Garnett and Stephen Marbury said they would be open to being reunited in the future — although neither seems to want to change cities.

"I don't see us bringing everybody back," said Garnett, who led Minnesota to an NBA-record 19th straight win Sunday. "I said I'll be in Minnesota as long as they want me," Garnett said after scoring 26 points and grabbing 15 rebounds in the Wolves' victory over the New York Knicks. "I don't think I can take another one of these rebuilding things.

It's been a frustrating season for both Garnett and Marbury, who were traded to Minnesota together after an unhappier Marbury for a trade in 1999. Despite the league's highest payroll, the Knicks are one of the worst teams. And the Wolves will likely miss the play-

Chicago center Tyson Chandler blocks the shot of Boston swingman Paul Pierce during the Bulls' 103-97 win Sunday.

offs for the second consecutive year after playing in the Western Conference Finals in 2004.

"I'd think he would like to play with his former point guard," Garnett said. "I have no beef with Steph. I've never had a problem with Steph on the court."

"You ask him, 'Can you play with me?'

"Before the game, reporters asked Marbury about reuniting with Garnett.

"In New York? That'd be great," he said.

What about in Minnesota?

Sunday's game was a typical one for Minnesota this season, save for the victory. The Wolves led by as many as 25 points through three quarters, only to be outscored 33-18 in the fourth.

Garnett had 21 points through three quarters and, with the Wolves leading by 19 heading into the final period, looked like he might get the fourth off.

Bulls 101, Celts 97

With Ben Gordon and Tyson Chandler coming off the bench, the Chicago Bulls are starting to recreate their formula from last season.

Luol Deng scored 20 points, Gordon added 13 of his 17 in the fourth quarter, and the Bulls rallied to beat the Boston Celtics Sunday.

"The last two games have been very similar to a lot of wins we had last year where we're not playing our best but we keep battling, day in day out, make big plays in the end," Chicago coach Scott Skiles said.

The win, coupled with Philadelphia's loss to Indiana, pulled Chicago with 1-2/3 games of the 76ers for the right and final Eastern Conference Finals spot.

The Bulls trailed 78-68 after three quarters, but outscored the Celtics 33-19 in the fourth to win their second straight after a three-game skid.

It was the Bulls' sixth win this season when trailing at the start of the fourth quarter. They won 10 such games last year to make the playoffs for the first time since Michael Jordan retired in 1998.

Chicago improved to 2-0 since Skiles took Gordon and Chandler out of the starting lineup to help create a spark off the bench.

Gordon scored 25 points, Chandler had 21, and the Bulls outscored New Orleans 27-17 in the fourth quarter Friday en route to a 96-82 win.

"Coach was trying to shake it up," said Chandler, who had 10 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots — including three in the fourth quarter. "He need- ed some guys to shake things up, and the last couple of games we've been able to provide that."

Cavaliers forward LeBron James shoots over Rockets center Yao Ming. Cleveland beat Houston 104-102 in overtime Sunday.

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- Los Angeles at Vancouver, 10:30 p.m. OLN

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**NBA**

- Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m. NBATV

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**IN BRIEF**

**Dolphins show interest in Vince Young**

DAVIE, Fla. — Even though the Miami Dolphins now have Daunte Culpepper, they're still interested in Vince Young.

The University of Texas quarterback is scheduled to pay the Dolphins a visit April 9-10.

Young is among some 20 to 25 draft prospects expected to visit Miami. The Dolphins are in the market for a young quarterback to groom while serving as an understudy to Culpepper, acquired from the Minnesota Vikings in a trade March 14.

With the 16th overall pick, Miami would likely need to trade up to obtain Young, touted as the potential No. 1 choice. Should Young slide in the draft, there will likely be plenty of competition for him. Every NFL team except Washington was on hand when he worked out Wednesday in Austin, Texas.

**Ames wins The Players Championship**

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — An embarrassment to Tiger Woods is in the past. A trip to the Masters might not be in his future. All that mattered to Stephen Ames was playing the best round of his life to overcome the top players in golf Sunday in The Players Championship.

A month after making fun of Woods, Ames won like him.

He hit impeccable iron shots to build a big lead on the treacherous TPC at Sawgrass, then let everyone collapse in a series of rounds around him. When he had fired at his last flag, Ames had a 5-under 67 — the first true outsider to crash the Final Four since Penn and Indiana State both got there in 1979. The Patriots, whose at-large selection was roundly criticized, celebrated after the final horn by standing on the press row table and waving their shirts to their fans.

Patriots guard Tony Skinner said coach Jim Larranaga fired up his players by telling them that UConn's players didn't even know which conference George Mason is in.

"That's a little bit of disrespect," Skinner said. "Coach told us theCAAstands for 'Connecticut Assassin Association.' "

Larranaga led one of the school's familiar chants, yelling "George!" to the crowd's "Mason!" as he waited to cut out the net. Then he climbed the ladder and worked the scissors with a smile, then waved the net high in the air to more cheers before slipping the nylon around his neck.

"I feel so good, through my own sadness, for Jim Larranaga," UConn coach Jim Calhoun said. "Playing at that level is not easy. I can only imagine the feeling they must have on that campus, in that locker room. ... It's something we probably never imagined. We've imagined it, and we've done it. They could never have imagined it."
ACC champion North Carolina edges past Boilermakers

North Carolina players celebrate their 70-68 win over Purdue Sunday. The Tar Heels move to the Elite Eight where they will play the No. 2-seed Lady Volunteers.

"I don't know if we have played a team this year that was harder to play than Georgia was in every area of the game."

Geno Auriemma

Huskies coach

"I've only dunked in one game."

Ivory Latta

"She's a winner," Tar Heels coach Sylvia Hatchell said of Latta. "She's just a tough little kid and she finds a way to win."

Sylvia Hatchell

Tar Heels coach

"I was crying too hard," she said with an ice pack on her jaw.

Ivory Latta

"When I went up for the shot I thought I'd get blocked."

Ivory Latta

"I was cramping so bad."

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"I've only dunked in one game."

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"I was feeling it, huh?"

Ivory Latta

"It's going to take a lot to knock me out of a game."

Ivory Latta

"Ivy Latta is a tough little kid and she finds a way to win."

Sylvia Hatchell

Tar Heels coach

Currie was one of six Blue Devils in double figures. Alaine Bales, Duke's career blocks leader dominated inside and gave the Spartans (24-10) few second chances. Seven of her eight rebounds were on the defensive end and helped get the Blue Devils' transition offense back on track after a slow start.

North Carolina moved on in the postseason. The Scarlet Knights (17-14) were harder to play than Georgia was in the Round of 32.

"Never in my basketball career have I had the opportunity that I just had with the ball in my hands with the game on the line and to be able to make the shot," Turner said. "There is no better feeling in the world."

A tashia Scott, Indiana's regional final appearance.

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Florida knocks off top-seed Villanova 75-62

No. 3-seed Gators face George Mason in Final Four in Indianapolis

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Joakim Noah and the rest of Florida's sophomores were simply too strong for the last No. 1 seed standing. With a 75-62 win over top-seeded Villanova in the Minneapolis Regional on Sunday, the young Gators are going to the Final Four a lot sooner than anyone would have thought.

Noah had 21 points, 15 rebounds and five blocks to lead the third-seeded Gators. Fellow sophomore Al Horford added 12 points and 15 rebounds and Taurean Green scored 19 points for the Gators (31-6).

Florida will play No. 11 seed George Mason next Saturday in the national semifinals in Indianapolis. This marks the first time since the field was expanded to 64 teams in 1985 that no top-seeded team advanced to the Final Four, and the second time in tournament history.

Villanova star Randy Foye fouled out with 28.9 seconds left and walked slowly to the bench to hug his coaches and teammates with tears streaming down his face.

He carried the Wildcats (28-5) for the second time in three days, without any help from fellow senior Allan Ray.

Foye had 25 points. Ray scored 11 points, on 5-for-19 shooting.

This was Florida's eighth straight trip to the NCAA tournament under coach Billy Donovan, but so many of his previous teams — minus the national runner-up in 2000 — failed to fulfill their potential in the postseason.

This tight group of sophomores, led by the fiery, pony-tailed Noah, vowed to change that after bonding during their first few weeks on campus.

Despite a second-round loss in the tournament last year to Villanova, the Gators are a nation-best 15-1 in March over the last two years.

Florida players celebrate their 75-62 win over top-seeded Villanova Sunday in Minneapolis. The Gators advanced to the Final Four in Indianapolis April 1 against George Mason.

Noah and Horford were too tough for the Wildcats to use much of the flashy, four-guard attack for which they are known. Foul trouble made it impossible in the second half, as Foye drew his third at the 18-minute mark.

Kyle Lowry picked up his fourth with 14 minutes left and Ray's third came soon after.

A smooth, sweeping layup across the lane by Ray cut the Gators' lead to 54-47 with 7 1/2 minutes to go.

But after a foul by Will Sheridan, a timeout, and two more free throws by Noah, it was a nine-point edge for Florida.

The cap came when Horford, slowly backing down with the ball in the post as if he were Charles Barkley, spun and dropped an easy pass on the baseline to Noah — who powered up and dunked it for a 66-54 lead with less than 3 1/2 minutes left.

Before that, every time the Gators opened up a healthy lead the Wildcats came right back.

Ray picked up an early technical foul during a brief tiff for holding the ball in the face of Florida's Walter Hodge.

And the Wildcats lost some energy after that — falling behind by as many as 12.

A foul by Ray a little later in the half sent him to the bench, and put Green on the line for three shots.

Green made two of them to give the Gators a 31-21 lead with 5:46 left before halftime.

Despite shooting 21 percent from the field (8-for-38), Villanova refused to limp into the locker room with a double-digit deficit — as it did two days before in a third-round win over Boston College.

Florida became a bit careless, starting from a 14-point lead, and missed a double-digit lead in the second round against the Wildcats used their full-court zone press with Mike Nardi pressuring Lee Humphrey at the top.
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He got his new ride by bringing
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The weather is what it is and
we can’t change it. “I can’t wait to get started
with our team and have a lot of fun this season,”
Dana said.

No one could have predicted
what happened, happened. But
there was no problem with com-
munication.”

The Irish rowers placed second
in the San Diego Cup, and there was
no serious accident in the race.

“Dana was strolling through
the paddock, giving autographs.
I want to prove to every­
body that I can help them
sell their cars,” Dana said.

The wreck might have been
the result of a rookie mis­
understanding.

The winning margin of
three seconds, including the
final 20 laps and the spectacular
finish. The crowd was on its feet for the
nearly full speed racing. The yellow lights
were called immediately after the 10:03 a.m. crash.

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**WTA**

Mauresmo, Craybas, face off in No. 2 Clijsters

*No. 2 Clijsters' birthday* WTA champion Kim Clijsters, but it quite as monumental as her row, sweeping No. 27 Klara Sunday.

Craybas knocked off a seeded opponent for the second day in a row, sweeping No. 27 Klara Koukalova 6-1, 6-2. That wasn't quite as monumental as her upset Saturday of defending champ Kim Clijsters, but it was pretty sweet for a 31-year-old tour veteran with one career title.

While the 5-foot-3 Rhode Island native is still standing, fellow Americans Serena and Venus Williams and Lindsay Davenport withdrew before the tournament. Two-time champion Martina Hingis was beaten Sunday by Svetlana Kuznetsova, and No. 2-seeded Clijsters and No. 3-seeded Henin-Hardenne lost their opening matches. The depleted draw leaves Mauresmo as a heavy favorite to reach the final for the first time. "I'm aware that Kim and Justine are out, but I'm really focusing on myself and what I have to do," Mauresmo said.

Also avoiding the upset trend was No. 4 Maria Sharapova, who erased eight set points in the second set and beat Maria Elena Camerin 6-2, 7-6 (12)."

**Men's Swimming**

Diver competes in NCAAs

Freshman Bulfin lone Irish team member to dive at Nationals

By CHRIS HINE

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**Track & Field**

3 Irish athletes qualify for NCAA Regionals

10 others earn berth to Big East Championship

By CHRIS HINE

Three Notre Dame competitors recorded NCAA Regional qualifying marks, while ten earned Big East Conference Championship qualifying spots at the NCAA Midwest Regional Saturday in Faison, Ariz.

Franklin finished third in the 200-meter dash with a Big East qualifying time of 22.44 seconds.

Regional qualifier Laura Harkes, a senior who holds the school record in the javelin, finished sixth in the pole vault.

The Observer could not contact Irish coach Joe Piane Sunday.

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**SPORTS**

**NHL**

Samsonov propels Oilers

Edmonton beats the Rockies in tiebreaker to garner two points

Associated Press

DENVER — Not even a muted shot on a shorthanded power play by the Rockies could ruin the spirits of Edmonton's Ryan Smyth.

Sergei Samsonov scored the lone shootout goal on the first attempt in the tiebreaker to help the Oilers beat Colorado 4-3 on Sunday night, leaving the Avalanche tied for first place in the Northwest Division.

After Samsonov scored, Edmonton's Michael Peca and Smyth failed to get the puck past Avalanche goalie Peter Budaj.

"We needed this one badly," Smyth said. "Right now two points are better than one."

Jarret Stoll and Steve Staiger also scored in regulation for the Oilers, third in the division two points behind Colorado and Calgary.

"We all know what's going on here and we maintain getting points, especially teams that are right there with us," said Smyth, who scored the first goal of the game for Edmonton. "We had our chances and we still won in a shootout."

The Oilers' Dwayne Roloson stopped Antti Laaksonen, Milan Hejduk and Joe Sakic in the shootout after making 31 saves in regulation and overtime. Oilers coach Craig MacTavish pondered using another goalie a day after Edmonton had beaten Vancouver 3-2.

"My mindset all along with Roloson was that I was going to take my reads from last night's game and determine how many shots he faced, what the result was, and his makeup coming through that," MacTavish said. "After last night's game, I knew I was going to play him tonight."

The Avalanche had much more to stew about missing a chance to move past Calgary for first place in the division.

"It's tough when you don't need a lot of goals to win and don't," Colorado coach Joel Quenneville said. "But we did get three out of four points this weekend, and we're tied for first place."

Hejduk, Andrew Brunette and Jim Dowd scored goals for the Avalanche.

Stoll broke a 2-2 tie at 3:51 of the third period, deflecting a shot from Rolfe Torres between Budaj's pads. Dowd tied it at 3 with his fifth season, scoring off a cross ice pass from Brad May.

"It was just one of those things you just keep going," Dowd said. "This is a pressure type team they want to go without giving up on the defensive side."

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**SMC TENNIS**

Belles win conference match, fall to Aquinas

Saint Mary's beats Adrian 9-0 in second league match of year

By GREG ARBOGAST

Saint Mary's split two match­es this weekend, defeating con­ference foe Adrian but falling to Aquinas College in a back­and­forth match.

The Belles dominated Adrian from start to finish Saturday, winning all nine matches while never allowing the Saints to win more than three games in any set. In the 9-0 win, Saint Mary's won seven singles matches 6-0, 6-0.

But the Belles fell to cap­i­tal­ization on their momentum from the morning, as Saint Mary's lost a close match to Aquinas 5-4.

Four of the six singles match­es went to three sets — and the overall outcome came down to a tiebreaker in the No. 3 doubles match.

Ultimately, Campbell and Tara O'Brien fell short in a tiebreaker, losing 9-8 (7-4) to Karri Nantansky and Kelly Magee.

Saint Mary's won two of three doubles matches but captured just two of six singles points.

Picking up wins for the Belles in singles were Kristen Palombo and Campbell. The teams of Kelly McAvitt and Calie Mulcahy, and Palombo and Gordon won the doubles matches.

Saint Mary's record for the season stands at 6-4-0 on the season.

The Belles fell to 2-6-0 in conference play, as the Belles prepare for this defeat.

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**NBA**

Foyle and Dunleavy lead Warriors to win

Sacramento has slim chance to get back in thick of playoff race

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — This was the first time the Golden State Warriors have looked like a Northern California rival.

As usual, the Warriors are still playing splendidly now that their near­annual midseason slide is over. Last season, Golden State finished 14 of its final 18 games after Baron Davis arrived in a deadline trade.

But this win put last-place Golden State in 11th place in the Western Conference, just four games behind eighth­place Sacramento with two games in hand. Sure, it's a long shot — but after 11 straight seasons out of the playoffs, the Warriors will tell themselves just about anything.

"We're still hoping," Richardson said. "The Kings have got the playoff spot we want. We know we've pretty much got to run the table from here on out.

Davis sat out his fifth straight game with a sprained ankle that's limited him for several weeks, but the Warriors got several big shots from Derek Fisher, who scored 16 of his 17 points in the second half. Foyle and Gordon carried Golden State through the first three quarters, but Fisher and Richardson made the final big baskets.

"There's still a possibility, and that's what we're playing for," Fisher said of the postseason.

"This game felt really good. This was some of the best balance we've had in a long time. It's nice to win one of these games with two or three guys having to score 99 points."

Shareef Abdur-Rahim scored 24 points for the Kings, who had­n't lost at home since Jan. 8 against Indiana, pounding most of their opponents during their midseason resurgence into a playoff spot. They were 10-0 at home and are 3-0 in the Arena with Ron Artest, but the star forward's erratic 4­for­20 shooting was a big reason for this defeat.

"We just have to see what we did back then, and see what we're doing now," Artest said of the Kings' slump. "We're going to have to finish the last game off strong. I felt pretty good out there. Right now we're not playing both ends of the floor each game, only sometimes."

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**MEN’S LACROSSE**

Fifth-ranked Hofstra upends eleventh-ranked Notre Dame

6-0 Pride run puts away Irish in third

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hung tough with No. 5 Hofstra for two quarters Saturday, but a 6-0 third-quarter run by the Pride put the game out of reach for the No. 11 Irish.

The Irish were looking to snap Hofstra’s four game winning streak but couldn’t recover from Hofstra’s late surge and lost 13-6. Hofstra also scored the game’s final four goals.

“Just talked about how they’re a streaky team,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “We’ve played some good teams, but they’re playing very well,” Corrigan said, including ball handling mistakes that accounted for seven failed clears of Notre Dame’s 21 attempts — a performance not emblematic of the team’s .798 average on the year.

Amid failed clears and lost face-offs, the Irish spent most of the game on defense, as the Pride offensive players responded like a top-5 team, beating Notre Dame 6-1, 5-7, 1-0 (10-5) victory at Shuart Stadium — the biggest home game after three straight losses.

“I think Hofstra is playing their best tennis,” said freshman Katie Potts, who has missed the last three matches due to an injury.

Notre Dame was the No. 29 duo of senior Kelcy Tefft and junior Kayla Berry, who came back after losing the No. 12 Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn.

The last two wins for the Irish came from Stastny and Potts at Nos. 5 and 6. Stastny defeated Dowlin 6-3, 6-1 and Potts toppled Merzel Beelen 6-1, 6-2.

“I just went into the match with a confidence and found an early rhythm during the match,” Potts said.

Despite the challenges the Hawkeyes gave the Irish during the contest, the Irish were just glad to be playing at Eck.

“It was just nice having a home match after being away for 11 days (during spring break),” Tefft said.

The Irish head back to the road Thursday when the No. 12 Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn.

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**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

Irish remain unbeaten after win against Iowa

Juniors Christian and Catrina Thompson propel Notre Dame as team has yet to lose a doubles point this spring

By DAN TAPITALLO
Sports Writer

The No. 2 Irish dominated another opponent Saturday at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, defeating No. 39 Iowa 6-1 to improve to 16-0 on the season — the best start in the program’s history. Notre Dame is only one of three Division-I teams that remain unbeaten.

“It is definitely exciting to be playing our first season in college for a team that is doing so well,” freshman Katie Potts said. “Every one has really played their best tennis.”

Notre Dame claimed the doubles point for the 16th time in as many matches. The first team to win for the Irish was the No. 3 pairing of juniors Christian and Catrina Thompson. The All-American juniors downed the Hawkeyes’ Jacqueline Lee and Racette 8-2 at No. 1.

Playing at No. 2 for Notre Dame was the No. 29 duo of sophomore Bruck Buck and freshman Kely Keef. The two-some defeated Kayla Berry and Lauren Connell fell to the pairing of Kristy Clagett and Milica Veselinovic after forsaking a tiebreaker.

“We’ve played well in every match,” Tefft said.

In singles, No. 30 Catrina Thompson recorded her 11th victory of the season, defeating No. 1 with a 6-1, 6-3 win over No. 33 Racette.

No. 12 Christian Thompson began the match by dropping just one point to Mintz in the first set, but she needed a super-tiebreaker to secure the 6-1, 7-1, 10-5 victory at No. 2.

Following at No. 3 was Buck who came back after losing her first set to top Veselinovic 2-6, 6-4, 10-4 (10-3).

“I’m definitely excited to be playing our first (season) in college for a team that is doing so well,” Katie Potts Irish freshman

Iowa claimed its only point during the contest with a 6-4, 7-5 win from Lee over Tefft.

“She hit the ball hard and played her heart out,” Tefft said.

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SMC SOFTBALL
Belles take sweep of doubleheader in rain
Team dominates Rose-
Hulman in two games
Saturday afternoon
By DEIDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Forced to play in less than comfortable weather condi­
tions, the Belles were able to both physically and mentally outplay Rose-Hulman Saturday in Terre Haute, Ind., as Saint Mary's kept the Engineers in a doubleheader on the road.

"We went in knowing that the team who was mentally tougher would be the one who was going to come of with a win," said Saint Mary's head coach Lady Bridget Grall.

Grall led the Belles from the mound in their dominating 10-1 win over Rose-Hulman Saturday.

Margaret Kelly brought in the sub run for the Engineers in the bottom of the second off Megan Messer's fly-out to right field.

The Belles' ability to keep their minds on the game allowed them to turn in strong offensive performances, Grall said.

The weather varied through­
out the day, but Grall said the

Belles focused better than their opponents. One minute both teams were dealing with the cold and the next dealing with the hot sun. Grall said there was no one who wanted to lose and the Belles' win, since everyone delivered impressive performances across the board.

"Our offense was key," Grall said. "They helped the confidence of our pitchers to get out and get the job done."

Freshman Kristin Amram brought heat from the mound as she helped Saint Mary's garner a 15-1 win in the sec­ond game. Amram, last week's athlete of the week at Saint Mary's, grabbed her fourth career win at Terre Haute. Her success on the mound was met by stellar offensive perfor­mance from the Belles.

High scoring marked the fourth inning for the Belles. Forward Sarah Meisler homered, driving in two runs. Laura Heline also collected two RBIs, according to the Saint Mary's Belles secured that inning.

Coach Jessifithickam used her team for its ability to con­
tinue on a successful run.

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team's defensive tenacity after Notre Dame's 21-12 loss to Northwestern March 18.

"One of the things we really wanted to work on in this game was extending our limits," Coyne said. "I definitely think we did that with the interceptions and raising those turnovers on defense."

Coyne said the offense matched the defensive level of play.

It was the team's third highest goal total on the season, but in neither of the top two goal-scoring games was it so dominant, Coyne said.

The difference was evident as the team utilized a more risk-taking style of attack that it lacked against Northwestern.

"I was definitely pleased with the attack today. We were taking a lot more risks, and really thinking outside the box," Coyne said.

"We did that with our North Carolina game, which was shut down for most of the game, contributing only one goal in the second half. That one goal was the 123rd of her career, moving her ahead of Lael O'Shaughnessy as the second-leading scorer in Irish history.

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Kaki Orr
Irish attack

Murphy was one of 10 Notre Dame scorers, including four Irish players with multiple goals. Orr's four goals led all scorers, followed by three from both Murphy and attack Callin McKinley, and attack Jill Byers added two.

Notre Dame midfielder Crysti Foote, the team's leading scorer, was shut down for most of the game, contributing only one goal in the second half. But that one goal was the 123rd of her career, moving her ahead of Lael O'Shaughnessy as the second-leading scorer in Irish history.

Orr said a major reason for Notre Dame's win was its method of practices, which focuses more on itself than on opponents.

"All week in practice, we worked on how we could complicate our offense, doing things like feeding the ball in the middle and running different offensive sets," Orr said. "It was more important for us to know what we had to improve on than to know what our opponents might do — and that definitely helped us win."

Next up for the Irish is a challenging five-game road swing, as Notre Dame travels to No. 2 Duke, No. 11 Georgetown and No. 13 Syracuse all in the next month.

"The level of talent in our next few games is much higher than it has been," Orr said. "The Canisius game was a good building block, but there are still a lot of tough games coming up that we can win."

The Irish begin the road stretch Friday at 1 p.m. against Connecticut.

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and James will get some looks at kickoff return," Weis said. "We've got a whole bunch of guys with return ability that are coming in the door."

Aldridge, a 6-foot-1, 215-pound running back, and West, a 6-foot-4, 172-pound receiver, are settling in to spring practice well, Weis said.

"I think they're going through a little bit of a transition [in a faster pace]," he said.

Weis said competition in special teams will be important after Notre Dame averaged just 19 yards per return last year on kickoffs. Rising sophomore receivers D.J. Hard and David Grimes were the main return men for the Irish at the end of last season.

"Let's see if we can't get the [best] returners back there — whether it's David or D.J. or ... George West," Weis said. "I don't care who it is, we need to start getting the ball past the 30 when it's not a touchback."

On Friday, Irish safety and punt returner Tom Zbikowski said his expressed desire to participate on kickoff returns is subordinate to his need to improve on defense.

"I've got to stick to getting better and worrying about the secondary right now," he said. "I'll try to step into his office, maybe. I don't know.

A day later, Weis said he was opposed to the idea.

"He wants to play quarterback — you're backing up the wrong tree," Weis said. "Any time he can touch the ball, he likes to touch the ball."

Weis said the competition for kickoff returns will be similar to the competition at almost every other position. He said he has reminded all the returning players that 25 incoming freshmen will arrive in August to compete for starting jobs as motivation for the team.

"I think that our competition will be better this year because we will have more quality athletes competing for the same jobs," Weis said.

Weis said he is most focused on the competition between potential starters at the linebacker position and is looking for improvement at the other defensive positions.

He said the first three days of practice went well in evaluating talent at linebacker.

"We're getting a legitimate look at all of the contender because they're getting a lot of action," he said.

Defensive coordinator Rick Minter said he was watching the contest for the starting role closely.

"The new guys have got to step up," Minter said. "It's going to be fun and challenging and scary all at the same time to see who those three are going to be — who's going to be starting at linebacker for the spring game."

While the linebacker spot has garnered the most attention, Weis said a lack of depth on the offensive line has forced him to alter his practice setup.

"When you don't have two complete offensive lines ... it forces [changes]," Weis said. "We have the same number of reps we normally have but it's broken up so much more so people aren't dropping out on you."

Practice resumes today at 4 p.m. at the Loftus Center. Weis said practices will remain indoors until the grass on Cartier Field grows thick enough to avoid injuries.

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Texas 6, Notre Dame 1

The Irish fell to No. 5 Texas on Saturday in a difficult match against top-flight competition.

"Texas just spanked us," Bayliss said. "They showed us why they are a top-five team and they played very well. We were in a lot of the matches but they were the better team and deserved to win." In doubles, the Irish lost all three matches. Bass and King were first off the courts, falling 8-3. They were followed by Keckley and Parbhoo, who lost 8-2 at No. 1. Although the point was clinched, the Longhorns added a victory at No. 2, winning 8-4 over Langenkamp and Roth.

In singles, Keckley lost 6-1, 6-2 at No. 4 to put Texas up 2-0. Parbhoo pulled the Irish within with a 6-4, 6-1 victory over No. 20 Callum Beale at No. 2, but the rest of the outcomes would be dismal for Notre Dame.

At No. 3, Hegelsson lost 6-4, 6-3 to Longhorn star Roger Gubser and Eric Langenkamp lost 6-3, 6-4 at No. 6 to clinch the match for the Longhorns. After the final point, King lost 6-4, 6-1 at No. 5 and Bass lost to No. 20 Travis Hegelsson 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 in the top spot.

Although the team was frustrated by its loss, Bayliss pointed out that playing against elite competition puts the Irish in the best position for the postseason.

"The reason we try to play the best teams is to play ourselves into a position so that at NCAA tournament time, we know what it's like and what we know about what areas we have to improve to be at that level," Bayliss said. The Irish next play April 8 at home in a 5 p.m. against Southern Methodist.

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**S M C L A C R O S S**

**Golden goals**

Irish dominate Golden Griffins to rebound from their first loss

*By J A Y F I T Z P A T R I C K*  
Sports Writer

Kaki Orr’s two quick goals in the first half put Notre Dame on top of Canisius early, and the Irish never looked back en route to an 18-2 victory Saturday at Moose Krause Stadium.

The Golden Griffins struck first on a Whitney Card goal less than 20 seconds into the game, but Orr retaliated quickly, scoring her first of four goals only seconds later. She would score an unassisted second goal within five minutes to give the Irish a lead they would not relinquish.

After surrendering the early goal to Canisius, the Irish defense stepped up and stopped any attempts on goal by the Griffins. Canisius had only four shots total in the game, none of which were taken in the second half.

The Notre Dame defense was also important in starting the attack, forcing 34 turnovers.

The tough defense impressed Irish coach Mainieri, who has compiled 500-204-3 record in 12 seasons.

Irish attack Kaki Orr races for the ball during Notre Dame’s 18-12 victory over Canisius Saturday. Orr scored four goals against the Golden Griffins.

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**M E N ’ S T E N N I S**

Deep in the heart, Notre Dame falters

*Sheeva Parbhoo is lone star for Irish on trip to Texas*

*By K A T E G A L E S*  
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish battled back from an early deficit in Sunday’s match against Texas A&M, but it was too little, too late for Notre Dame, which finished the weekend 0-2 after a loss at Texas Saturday. The No. 15 Irish (13-7) fell 6-1 to No. 5 Texas and lost 5-1 to the No. 22 Aggies in a match that was cloaked in unknowns.

“After playing absolutely miserably in doubles and starting very slowly in most of the singles matches, our guys fought back and I’m very proud of them,” Irish coach Bobby Bayliss said. Sheeva Parbhoo was the lone star for Notre Dame in Texas, accounting for two of the Irish points.

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**F O O T B A L L**

Mainieri collects 500th win as team takes two of three

*By C H R I S K H O R E Y*  
Associate Sports Editor

Head coach Paul Mainieri earned his 500th victory at Notre Dame, and the Irish got their Big East schedule off to a strong start by taking two of three games from Georgetown this weekend in Bethesda, Md.

Mainieri, who has compiled a 500-204-3 record in 12 seasons in South Bend, downplayed his achievement. “It has nothing to do with me,” he said. “It’s all about the kids we’ve had and the staff over the years.”

The coach saw his reign as conference champion end when Irish drop the first game of a doubleheader Saturday 8-3 against the Hoyas. Mainieri’s team lost 6-3 Sunday. The Irish moved to 12-2 and capped the weekend with a 12-8 victory over Canisius this afternoon.

The Irish got a lot of offensive production out of their eighth and ninth place hitters, respectively.

“[Rizzo] and Lopez have not hit for high average in their careers, but I guess their adrenaline gets pumping because they always seem to come through in the clutch,” Mainieri said. “If our bottom of the order has that kind of production and we can get the middle of the order to do the same, we’ll have a great offensive team.”

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**B E A S T B A S K E T B A L L**

Fuemmeler and Booth combine for no-hitter

*By D A N M U R P H Y*  
Sports Writer

Solid pitching combined with timely hitting led to two wins for the Irish as Notre Dame opened up regional play this weekend.

After rain in Kalamazoo Saturday delayed the start of a three-game set against the Golden Grizzlies, Notre Dame falters in Sunday’s match against Texas Saturday. The No. 15 Irish (13-7) fell 6-1 to No. 5 Texas and lost 5-1 to the No. 22 Aggies in a match that was cloaked in unknowns.

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**N B A**

The Patriots continued their magical run, beating the top-seeded Huskies.

*The Philadelphia 76ers and Miami Heat meet for a third time in the NBA Finals, with the 76ers leading 2-1.*

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**R E T U R N S**

Irish receiver George West practices Friday. Head coach Charlie Weis said West will compete for a spot on kick return.

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**S O R T S**

**A T A G L A N C E**

**SMC SOFTBALL**

The Bells swept a doubleheader amidst driving rain Saturday, beating Rose-Hulman 10-1 and 15-1.

**ND WOMEN’S TENNIS**

Notre Dame 6

Iowa 1

The Thompson twins won their doubles match as the Irish remained unbeaten.

**SCMC TENNIS**

Saint Mary’s captured a league contest against Adrian but lost to Aquinas College this weekend.

**NBA**

Warriors 90

Kings 83

Adonal Foyle scored 38 and Mike Dunleavy added 17 in the win for Golden State.

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

George Mason 86

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The Patriots continued their magical run, beating the top-seeded Huskies.

**Cleveland 104

Houston 102 (OT)**

LeBron James scored 36 points as the Cavaliers won their fifth straight game.

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**F O O T B A L L**

New faces may return for Weis

Weis says West and Aldridge will compete for kickoff return job

*By K E N F O W L E R*  
Sports Editor

Early-enrollee freshmen James Aldridge and George West will compete for the kickoff return job during spring practice, Irish head coach Charlie Weis said Saturday. "George, on the one hand, He's been a great player his whole career, but I guess his adrenaline gets pumping because they always seem to come through in the clutch," Mainieri said. "If our bottom of the order has that kind of production and we can get the middle of the order to do the same, we'll have a great offensive team."